

Notice of Council



Date: Tuesday, 25 March 2025 at 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth BH2 6DY

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Cllr C Rigby
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Cllr J Salmon
Cllr P Sidaway
Cllr P Slade
Cllr T Slade
Cllr V Slade
Cllr M Tarling
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Cllr C Weight
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17 March 2025

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Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

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Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

2. Declarations of Interests

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 26 February 2025.

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4. Announcements and Introductions from the Chairman

To receive any announcements from the Chairman.

5. Public Issues

To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution. Further information on the requirements for submitting these is available to view at the following link: -

<https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

The deadline for the submission of public questions is mid-day Wednesday 19 March 2025 (12 noon, 3 clear working days before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day Monday 24 March 2025 (mid-day the working day before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Tuesday 11 March 2025 (10 working days before the meeting).

6. Petition: Protect Christchurch Harbour

Council is advised that a petition with 2000+ valid signatures has been received from Councillor Vanessa Ricketts, requesting that:

"We the undersigned petition the council to produce and adopt a Christchurch Harbour Protect Policy now!"

Christchurch Harbour is dying! The salt marsh is disappearing and fish numbers are dwindling due to excessive pollution from the Stour and Avon. Pollution, including phosphate and nitrate levels are off the scale. We desperately need a Christchurch Harbour Protection Policy now, similar to that which protects Poole Harbour, in order to prevent the demise of this beautiful, natural estuary.

In accordance with the Constitution a petition with 2,000 + signatures will be referred for debate at a meeting of full Council. Council is asked to consider the petition and to determine the next steps.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| 7. | <p>Audit and Governance Committee 27 February 2025 - Minute No. 78 - Financial Regulations - Annual evolution for the financial year 2025/26</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that the Financial Regulations as shown in Appendix A with the minor amendments reported and approved by the Committee be referred to Council for adoption with an operational ‘go live’ date of 1 April 2025.</p> <p>In agreeing the above recommendation, the Committee noted that it may be necessary, at the discretion of the Procurement and Contract Management Team (PCM), to operationally implement some of the changes from 24 February 2025, which was the date new legislative requirements ‘go live’.</p> | 31 - 100 |
| 8. | <p>Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 125 - Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that: -</p> <p>the Community Governance Review Task and Finish Group draft recommendations, as set out in the schedules within the attached report be approved for publication and consultation with interested parties.</p> | 101 - 704 |
| 9. | <p>Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 128 - Our Place and Environment: Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme 2025/26</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Recommends to Council approval of the 2025/26 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme as set out in Appendix A and delegates the delivery to the Director of Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy and Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations (b) Delegates the delivery of the Active Travel Fund 5 grant to the Director of Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy and Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations (c) Recommends to Council approval of the indicative 2026/27 and 2027/28 Highways Maintenance Programmes as set out in Appendix B | 705 - 714 |
| 10. | <p>Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 129 - Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)</p> <p>It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommends that Council: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Agree the spending priorities for Strategic CIL set out in Option 2 over the period 2024/25 to 2029/30 provided CIL income is as | 715 - 762 |

forecast; and

- (b) Annually update this report for Cabinet and Council.

11. Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 130 - Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)

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RECOMMENDED that: -

- (a) Cabinet recommends to Council acceptance of the £5.722m Bus Service Improvement Plan funding for 2025/26 from the Department for Transport
- (b) Cabinet recommends to Council to Delegate delivery of the BSIP programme, developed in conjunction with the Enhanced Partnership Board, to the Service Director for Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Mitigation, Energy and Environment
- (c) Cabinet agrees and recommends to Council a full review of all subsidised local bus service contracts ahead of the planned commencement of the withdrawal of the Bus Subsidy budget starting in 2026/27

12. Cabinet 5 March 2025 - Minute No. 133 - Children's Services Capital Strategy 2025/26-2027/28

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RECOMMENDED that Council agree the capital programme as set out in the report, including the budget allocations set against the capital funding available for the period 2025/26 – 2026/27.

13. Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10

Rebirth of Youth Services

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor P Cooper and seconded by Councillor S Carr-Brown

This Council Notes That

- 1. The Government announced in November 2024 the development of a National Youth Strategy to give young people the opportunity to co-produce the strategy to support services, facilities and opportunities they need outside the school gates to benefit their lives and future.
- 2. Local Authority spending on youth provision has reduced by 73% since 2010 which equates to £1 billion less being spent on young people each year.
- 3. A distinction should be made between youth work as a professional relationship-based approach that empowers young people, and simply working with young people, which may not centre their needs, voices, or long-term development.

This Council Believes That:

- 1. A strong, strategically funded youth service is essential for the well-

being, safety, and future opportunities of young people in BCP.

2. Youth voice must be embedded across all decision-making structures to ensure policies reflect the lived experiences, needs, and aspirations of young people.
3. A clear distinction between youth work and working with young people must be understood and upheld in policy and practice, ensuring that youth work is valued as a professional, developmental process.

This Council Resolves To:

- a) **Publicise the Government's national survey which asks young people to respond by 9 April 2025.**
- b) **Develop a BCP strategic plan for the rebirth of youth services, ensuring that youth work is recognised, funded, and properly resourced.**
- c) **Establish a Youth Futures Hub, in line with the Government's strategy, to directly engage young people in shaping local policies and decisions, ensuring meaningful representation at all levels of governance.**
- d) **To ask the Children's Overview & Scrutiny Committee to conduct a review of existing current youth provision, identifying gaps and opportunities for investment in professional youth work, detached youth work, and community-based youth services.**

14. Questions from Councillors

The deadline for questions to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer is Monday 17 March 2025.

15. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

To consider any urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr L Dedman – Chairman

Cllr S Bull – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr C Adams, Cllr S Aitkenhead, Cllr M Andrews, Cllr S Armstrong, Cllr S Bartlett, Cllr J Beesley, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr D Brown, Cllr O Brown, Cllr R Burton, Cllr P Canavan, Cllr S Carr-Brown, Cllr J Challinor, Cllr A Chapmanlaw, Cllr B Chick, Cllr J Clements, Cllr E Connolly, Cllr P Cooper, Cllr M Cox, Cllr D d'Orton-Gibson, Cllr B Dove, Cllr M Dower, Cllr M Earl, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr G Farquhar, Cllr D Farr, Cllr A Filer, Cllr D A Flagg, Cllr M Gillett, Cllr C Goodall, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr J Hanna, Cllr E Harman, Cllr R Herrett, Cllr B Hitchcock, Cllr M Howell, Cllr A Keddie, Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr S Mackrow, Cllr A Martin, Cllr D Martin, Cllr J Martin, Cllr S McCormack, Cllr A-M Moriarty, Cllr B Nanovo, Cllr L Northover, Cllr M Phipps, Cllr K Rampton, Cllr Dr F Rice, Cllr C Rigby, Cllr K Salmon, Cllr J Salmon, Cllr P Sidaway, Cllr P Slade, Cllr T Slade, Cllr M Tarling, Cllr T Trent, Cllr O Walters, Cllr C Weight, Cllr K Wilson and Cllr G Wright

69. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hazel Allen, Julie Bagwell, Judes Butt, Paul Hilliard, Gillian Martin, Chris Matthews, Sandra Moore, Rachel Pattinson-West, Judy Richardson, Vanessa Ricketts and Vikki Slade.

It was confirmed that Councillor Bobbie Dove was due to join partway through the meeting.

70. Declarations of Interests

None.

71. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: - That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2025 be approved as a correct record.

Voting: Agreed with no dissent

72. Announcements and Introductions from the Chairman

The Chairman updated Council on her activity since the meeting held on 10 December 2024, which included attendance at the following events:

- Celebration of the Marriott Hotel refurbishment;

- Opening Southbourne on the Green Christmas lights;
- Sorptomist Christmas celebration;
- Entertaining Glenmoor and Winton School pupils;
- Hall and Woodhouse Community Chest distribution;
- Holocaust Memorial Day at the Lighthouse;
- Holocaust Memorial Day in the BCP chamber;
- Business Awards;
- Stained Glass Launch in Highcliffe Castle.

The Vice Chairman updated Council on his activity since the meeting held on 10 December 2024, which included attendance at a celebration for the Vice-Chancellor of Arts University Bournemouth.

73. Public Issues

Public Questions

Public Question from Clive Block

Can the Council clarify what plans are in place to replace the signs for Poole's lifting bridges? Furthermore, could the Council provide a clear timescale for when this will be completed?

Response by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

Thank you Mr Block for your question, which I understand you have also asked via your MP, and the Engineering team have already answered.

The team responsible for the bridge signs have been working over several years to try and rectify the malfunctions with the signs which have not been straightforward to resolve, as there has often been no single identifiable cause. I have also myself noticed incorrect information as I have crossed the bridge, from time to time, and have advised the bridge operators of the issue.

We apologise for the negative impact these malfunctions have had on the public, including yourself.

We have identified a way forward and plan, (subject to financial approvals and successful procurement), to replace the current rotating prism signs with modern LED alternatives in the coming financial year.

Public Question from Susan Stockwell

I am advised by White Ribbon that a council which has received their accreditation, is expected to be working towards a licensing policy on strip clubs with a presumption against licensing. Furthermore, BCP's first sex establishment licensing policy was quashed by Judicial Review, following the unlawful failure to consider complaints by women of harassment by strip club customers. Will this council now be apologising to those women?

If it can be arranged for both the cabinet member for diversity and the member for regulatory services to answer this, I would be grateful. It is not clear where responsibility for the decision making which led to the above Judicial Review lies between the two functions.

Response by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regulatory Services, Councillor Kieron Wilson

Thank you for your question, Susan. When forming the previous sexual entertainment policy, Licensing Committee members considered all responses and consulted with the community safety colleagues and Dorset Police to assess the evidence of issues linked to the sexual establishment venues. These inquiries did not support the feedback received with little evidence of incidences.

To say that the Council disregarded women who said they were victims of harassment by strip club clients is incorrect. The consultation feedback focused on feelings of safety in the area which is busy in the nighttime economy location. The judicial review found the documented consideration of the feedback received was not prescriptive enough to outline why these views did not form a larger part of policy considerations. It does not mean that these views were disregarded. They were considered and the evidence did not support it. It was recognised at the conclusion of the judicial review as it was reached with some reluctance because BCP had taken an otherwise diligent and extensive consultation.

The judgement against our previous sexual entertainment policy does not have any impact on our ability to enforce breaches of licences in place and their conditions. Since the judgement we have renewed licences and continue to apply stringent conditions to protect both patrons and performers within these licensed premises. We are undertaking member training to empower the Licensing Committee to support decision making around sexual entertainment venue licensing which will include when licences can be refused on the grounds that it would be inappropriate having regard to the character of the relevant locality or to the use of any premises within the vicinity. There is no legal requirement to have a sexual entertainment policy and we are working with White Ribbon on our action plan and the extensive wider work that we do to keep women and girls safe. Thank you once again for your question.

Public Question from Alex Harman

Firstly, I'd like to thank the council for your response from the 10th December Council meeting which outlined some of the Environment & Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee's considerations regarding increased plant-based options in council-controlled food services, limiting unsustainable food advertising, and launching public education campaigns. These are positive steps.

However, given the urgency of the climate crisis, which is affecting lives around the world, with clear scientific evidence about the impact of our food systems, decisive action is crucial.

Could you please share what decisions the committee has made regarding these considerations, including any timelines for implementation if possible? We count on you to demonstrate the necessary leadership on this critical issue. The Plant Based Treaty team offers their full support and resources to aid in this process.

Furthermore, to highlight these important internal ongoing efforts, will the council finally endorse the Plant Based Treaty?

Response by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

Alex, thank you for your question.

The Place and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee continue to explore the most significant impacts of humans accelerating climate change, and how we reduce our impact. They are about to review our annual report for progress on Climate mitigation.

Global food supply accounts for around 30% of Carbon Emissions, and about 20% of that relates to international transport of food, including fruit and vegetables.

There is no doubt that the footprint of meat eating is a significant multiplier, and that a low meat, vegetarian or vegan diet is beneficial in terms of carbon footprint. So is eating locally produced and seasonal food, and this together with reducing processing and packaging all contribute to improving the Carbon footprint.

The OSC is not a decision making body, but make recommendations to Cabinet. We are grateful for the offer of support from your group.

In a democracy we need to advise people, give them opportunities, but ultimately to respect that people will choose what they eat and why.

Public Question from Julia Burg

This year will be the first year we will exceed the 1.5 degrees global temperature increase, a limit set by the Paris agreement. This is not a political target, this is a physical limit of the planet. Action must be taken to ensure we achieve a stable climate. The Food system is one of the leading causes of the climate crisis. We are aware that the issue of diets is something that affects our culture and daily lives.

Will the Council Endorse the Plant Based Treaty, and be transparent with the public and local community, to address and explain environmental and health consequences of animal agriculture and products on the population, to educate children and the next generation in the community about the climate emergency, and support a transition to a plant-based food system?

Response by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

Julia, thank you for your question.

It is indeed a rising challenge that there has been inadequate clear leadership and education nationally and internationally on the climate crisis facing our planetary home.

The biggest contributions that individuals and the Council can make to reducing our carbon footprint are around how we heat our homes and other spaces, how and where we choose to travel, and whether we are prepared to reduce our consumption of all things, not just food.

Reducing consumption of meat, and any food products which are imported, highly processed or otherwise stored out of season are all good steps to reduce environmental damage.

I agree that Education, particularly for the next generation, about the Climate Emergency and what individuals can do to reduce their footprint is important. They will be the ones to inherit what we leave behind.

We are ensuring that plant-based options are available and promoted in Council run outlets, and that we support a transition to a plant-based food system.

Public Question from Sarah Abbott

The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), is telling us that our food system has to move from being a source of emissions, to being a carbon sink.

Cities and councils are absolutely essential in climate solutions. A few changes, even at a local level, can have a huge broader impact on other councils and can influence change at a national level.

Cities such as Amsterdam and Edinburgh have endorsed the Plant Based Treaty, followed by impact assessments, action plans and implementations, such as increased plant-based options in public institutions, reducing advertising of environmentally harmful products, and introducing more plant-based options in schools, even having one day a week 'Earth days' where 100% plant-based options are offered.

Is there any reason why the BCP Council cannot endorse the Plant Based Treaty like so many other councils are doing?

Response by the Lead Members for Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations, Councillor Richard Herrett

Sarah, thank you for your question. The Council are seeking to introduce more plant based options around our own catering outlets, which are mostly on the seafront. In that setting, there is direct competition with private catering organisations, and in order to retain customers, and maintain income that helps fund vital Council services, we need to balance our offer.

The principal demand is for ice-cream and coffee, and whilst we do have vegan offers, and are looking at how we can promote these, it ultimately requires customers to choose them.

If a plant based offer is engaging, tasty and wanted, then it could not only increase overall sales, it would also shift the balance to a larger proportion of sales being plant based. This would be an outcome that provides a win win scenario.

As I said at the beginning, we are working to increase options for plant based products, but this does take time. We are also reviewing the carbon footprint of our packaging, supply chain and waste streams alongside this other work. These are also important mitigation matters

We are not, as a council in a position to mandate to schools their menus, or curriculum. Thank you again.

Public Question from Brian Knight

Did Councillors ever discuss the implementation of the second home levy by way of a graduated introduction over, say, a 3-to-5-year period from 1 April 2025 for Senior Citizens, because this is a significant level of increase, and why was there no process encompassing adequate consultation, with a referendum, which would have been a more fair and democratic process?

Graduating payment would assist pensioners to financially plan for the future and pending health care costs. It would also reduce the stress and anxiety yet to be managed on looming inflationary pressures related to utility bills, food, insurance, etc.

Our experience of communications, including the validation process of the recording of second home ownership, has fallen short. There appears to have been little regard given to the consequences and outcomes of billing double council tax (plus 5% increase) in this way.

Response by the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Councillor Mike Cox

Councillors discussed the implementation of the second homes premium in June 2022, July 2023 and when the final determination was made by Full Council in January 2024.

The process has been fully compliant with the provisions of the relevant legislation namely the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. In fact, the council has gone further than actually required and the approach of numerous other councils, by writing to all the people it believes will be liable to the premium in the summer of 2024.

Please bear in mind there is limited local discretion as to how council tax legislation can be applied. Council Tax is based on the band of the property and the occupants age is not relevant. It should be emphasised the purpose of the second homes premium is to help councils address the impact on local communities from people deciding to own more than one home.

Public Question from Steve Harper

Have the council's planning officers reviewed all the relevant documents regarding the Canford incinerator, particularly the health assessment by Gair Consulting Ltd, which altered child weight parameters to 20kg, and the now-removed Calderdale Council peer review by Bureau Veritas UK Ltd?

Additionally, have officers assessed the omission of key water treatment plants—Longham Lakes Reservoir (2.55km from the proposed incinerator), Longham Water Treatment Works (2.91km from the proposed incinerator), and Bournemouth Water Treatment Plant (1.8km from the proposed incinerator)—from the application documentation?

Finally, have officers received Bournemouth's catchment risk assessment from the water companies, particularly regarding trade effluent, wastewater discharges, and industry, in line with the Drinking Water Inspectorate's August 2024 PFAS monitoring and risk assessment guidance? If so, will these documents be shared with the planning committee and the public before they make a decision?

Response by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Millie Earl

Thank you, Mr. Harper. As required by legislation, the recommendation will be made in accordance with the development plan and planning policy, unless there are material considerations that indicate otherwise. If the planning officer considers that additional information is needed, this will be raised with the applicant who will then need to provide further information on the impact of development and the operation of an incinerator and to merit a recommendation to approve the development plan. The applicant will need to demonstrate to the council as the local planning authority that it meets planning requirements.

The Environment Agency is currently undertaking surveillance of PFASs or forever chemicals, such as part of their groundwater quality monitoring network and water companies are also monitoring for a range of these in raw water. The August 2024 document is guidance from the drinking water inspector to water companies. If the water companies or the environmental agency consider that the proposal increases these concerns, then we expect them to raise this with us as part of their representations and provide supporting documentation such as the risk assessment you've mentioned. Thank you.

Public Statements

Public Statement from Nicholas West

Question: Why implement a 20mph limit in residential areas? Answer: To enhance road safety. However, this approach may not lead to the desired outcomes. Why is that? It could result in significant congestion at roundabouts and traffic lights as evidenced by traffic from certain directions approaching Cooper Dean, causing added pollution. According to the 'Drivers Awareness Scheme', the main cause of collisions is lack of driver and pedestrian attention. Many other issues contribute, including distractions, fatigue, substance use, and the challenges posed by e-scooters and cyclists who often lack proper lighting.

I also asked a Councillor about the concept of 15-minute cities only to hear that it was not on the agenda. Thus the underlying motive behind speed restrictions appears to create chaos, with the proposed solution being the implementation of 15-minute cities. So we must advocate thoughtful effective measures that truly enhance safety without compromising the flow of traffic.

Public Statement from Dolores Wallace

Thank you for allowing me to speak today.

My son, Tommy, was a kind, loving young man with his whole life ahead of him. He was taken from us in a senseless act of violence by someone who should never have been here—someone who had already taken lives before and yet was allowed to enter our country.

We have been told there were missed warnings and failed systems. But knowing this does not bring my son back. It only leaves painful questions: How was this allowed to happen? Who failed to protect us?

The government has rightly ordered a public inquiry into the Southport murders. But justice must not be selective. The same failures that led to those deaths failed my son too. His murder must be included in the inquiry.

I ask you to support Councillor Salmon's motion and demand full accountability.

Public Statement from Patrick King

The perilous condition of roads and many defects concerns all users.

Especially for cyclists, and other two wheelers much more vulnerable to the external hazardous influences and subsequent consequences.

Beryls electric scooters are extremely vulnerable as small wheels exponential exacerbate any road defects.

Even with cycle route networks it still necessitates utilising narrow urban routes whereby avoidance of defects are precluded without exposure to incremental personal risk.

Example. Fiveways to Richmond Hill littered with innumerable defects and hazards of all types to be negotiated and is not to be undertaken where perceived risk exceeds any benefits. Cars suffer suspension, wheel and other damage.

These additional distractions for ALL road users, on occasions necessitating action, especially two wheelers, may contribute to increased incidents.

Liability rests individually and collectively in this chamber and is incumbent to ensure safe passage and comfort of road users by more rapid, efficient highways maintenance.

Public Statement from Nick Greenwood

The 150-word limit statement may be intended to streamline discussions, but it raises concerns about the depth of engagement with the public especially given the BCP's poor history of consultation. This approach undermines democratic values and hinders progress. By limiting discussions around key projects, such as your adherence to Agenda 2030, it appears BCP focus lies more with international agendas than with the concerns of local residents.

It's crucial to engage the public fully, particularly on significant initiatives related to costly Net Zero projects which are met with widespread skepticism from legitimate scientific information. Are you claiming the public is well-informed regarding proposed 15-minute city ambitions? While phrases like "convenience" are appealing, they mask the Orwellian reality of potential movement restrictions and demands to ask permission to leave designated areas. This is fostered by dubious climate change claims used as a trojan horse, driven by misplaced ideology.

Public Statement from Elizabeth Glass

Democracy at its best. Said after the devolution debate. Residents not consulted. True democracy flows from the people to government not the other way round.

Replacing perfectly serviceable council vehicles with EVs to achieve UK100 ambitious net zero targets ahead of the government's legal target plus council's own pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030.

As reported in the Echo, cost to the taxpayer nearly 20 million loan for the EVs plus potentially 3 million per year for not reaching said targets; and how much more?

Just 2 examples to illustrate that we are paying a high price both financially and to the detriment of services. This is without providing any evidence of the necessity for the pursuit of these goals and without a mandate from us. Democracy at its best? No council, no democracy at all.

Public Statement from Alex McKinstry

Thursday's Audit and Governance Committee should endorse the suggested investigation into Carter's Quay. Issues include the whirlwind romance conducted between the Council and Inland Homes, including the latter's email to Planning on 24 August 2021: "*The agreement it will be built for BCP Council has now been confirmed*". At that point the proposals hadn't even been before Cabinet - let alone full Council, which was three weeks away.

We need to know, too, what credit checks were carried out on the actual development company, Inland Partnerships Ltd, which had been trading at a seven-figure loss for two years running. Drew Mellor told full Council, 14 September 2021, that the scheme carried "no risks". Since then, Inland Partnerships and its parent company, Inland Homes (guarantor of the scheme) have both entered administration, and the Council has effectively paid £15,300,000 for extensive piling on land it does not own.

74. Petition: Stop the closure of Redhill Paddling Pool

Consideration was given to a petition calling for BCP Council to continue funding of the Redhill Paddling Pool.

The petition organiser, Ms Joscelyn Holbrook, provided Council with background relating to the submitted petition.

Members thanked the petition organiser for bringing the petition to Council, and Councillor T Slade moved the following motion:

"Ask Overview and Scrutiny to commission a new Task and Finish Group to investigate how we arrived at this situation, propose a long-term financial plan within council resources, and report back to Full Council at a later date."

Councillor C Adams seconded the motion.

Council debated the motion, and Councillor C Rigby moved an amendment to the motion, to delete words so that the motion read:

“Ask Overview and Scrutiny to ~~commission a new Task and Finish Group to investigate how we arrived at this situation, propose a long-term financial plan within council resources, and investigate ways to keep the paddling pool open~~ and report back to Full Council at a later date.”

The proposed amendment to the motion was accepted by Councillor T Slade and Council unanimously voted to approve the amendment.

Council debated the substantive motion and this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: - That Council ask Overview and Scrutiny to investigate how we arrived at this situation, and investigate ways to keep the paddling pool open and report back to full Council.

Voting: Agreed with no dissent

Councillor B Dove joined the meeting at 19:44.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES

The Chairman confirmed that, as set out in correspondence from Democratic Services, agenda items 7 & 9 had been added to the agenda in error. These items had been resolved at the Council meeting held on 10 December 2024 and had therefore been withdrawn.

The Chairman agreed to vary the order of the agenda to take item 11 first, followed by item 8, as these items were linked.

75. (Duplicated in error, resolved at Council 10 December 2024)

The item was added to the agenda in error and was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

76. Recommendations from Audit and Governance Committee 27 January 2025 - Minute No. 64 - Increased Borrowing - Hawkwood Road and Housing Delivery Council Newbuild Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS)

The Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee, Councillor M Andrews presented the report on the Hawkwood Road and Housing Delivery Council Newbuild Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS) and outlined the revised recommendations circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: - That Council agrees the

- (a) **Approval of an increase of £9.3m in the authorised borrowing limit of the Council to accommodate in the HRA £6.1m for social rent/shared ownership and £3.2m in the general fund of prudential borrowing for Option 1 of this scheme and the proposal in the business cases for the financing of this debt; OR**
- (b) **Approval of an increase of £6.9m in the authorised borrowing limit of the Council in the HRA for social rent/shared ownership**

of prudential borrowing for Option 2 of this scheme and the proposal of the business cases for the financing of this debt if Option 1 cannot be delivered.

Voting: Agreed with no dissent

77. Recommendations from Cabinet 10 December 2024 - Minute No. 90 - Hawkwood Road Phase 2

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regulatory Services, Councillor K Wilson presented the report on Hawkwood Road Phase 2 and outlined the recommendations as set out on the agenda.

RESOLVED that Council: -

- (a) approve option 1 for the Hawkwood Road development scheme for 68 units and a clinical facility at a total scheme cost of £28.7m (preferred option);**
- (b) approve option 2 (fully residential) to be delivered at total scheme cost of £26.6m in the event we are unable to deliver Option 1 (the mixed-use scheme which includes the clinical facility);**
- (c) approve the financial strategy for the scheme for both options inclusive of borrowing level over 50 years from both Housing Revenue Account and the General Fund;**
- (d) approve the procurement of construction works of Hawkwood Road Ph2 through an open and competitive tender for the preferred option, subject to securing Homes England Affordable Housing Grant and a viable HRA business plan;**
- (e) approve of the delegation to the Chief Operations Officer in conjunction with the Director of Finance and the Director of Law & Governance authority to enter contracts for building works, the Memorandum of Understanding with the NHS Dorset and the lease for the Clinical Facility, providing all key parameters (including delivery within approved capital budget) are met;**
- (f) Approval of the appropriation of part of the main Hawkwood Road south site for housing purposes under section 19 of the Housing Act 1985 following its appropriation for planning purposes, once the required car parking area has been formally closed; and**
- (g) Approval of the transfer of land to be held for housing purposes from the general fund (GF) to the Housing revenue Account (HRA) for an appropriate certified financial consideration.**

Voting: Agreed with no dissent

78. (Duplicated in error, resolved at Council 10 December 2024)
Recommendations from Cabinet 10 December 2024 - Minute No. 94 -
Transforming Urgent and Emergency Care Services

The item was added to the agenda in error and was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

79. Recommendations from Licensing Committee 12 December 2024 -
Consideration of revised Scrap Metal Dealer Policy 2025-2030

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee, Councillor D Flagg presented the report on the revised Scrap Metal Dealer Policy and outlined the recommendations as set out on the agenda.

RESOLVED: - That the Scrap Metal Dealer Policy 2025-2030 be approved.

Voting: Agreed with no dissent

80. Recommendations from Cabinet 5 February 2025 - Minute No. 115 - Phase
2 - Council Sustainable Fleet Management Strategy and Fleet Replacement
Programme

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment & Energy, Councillor A Hadley presented the report on Phase 2 - Council Sustainable Fleet Management Strategy and Fleet Replacement Programme and outlined the recommendations as set out on the agenda.

RESOLVED that Council: -

- (d) Approve the phase two fleet replacement programme of £19.857m over 3 years;**
- (e) Approve the use of £18.692m new prudential borrowing for the Fleet Replacement Plan and the capital investment necessary in increasing associated EV charging infrastructure recognising the impact of this on the annual revenue budget requirement; and**
- (f) Approve use of capital receipts from the sales of vehicles of £1.165m to fund part of the phase 2 fleet replacement plan.**

Voting: For: 50, Against: 1 (12 abstentions)

Note: resolutions a) to c) were resolved matters by Cabinet.

81. Appointment to Outside Bodies

The Leader of the Council, Councillor M Earl, presented the report on appointments to Outside Bodies, and outlined the recommendations as set out on the agenda. The amended appointments found in the supplementary appendix were highlighted.

It was agreed that members would forward any further amendments to Democratic Services for review.

RESOLVED that Council:-

- (a) approves the appointment of individual Councillors to the external bodies as set out Appendix 1 of this report; and**
- (b) Council delegates the appointment of any listed vacancies or any individual changes to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Leader and appropriate Group Leaders**

Voting: Agreed with no dissent

Councillor C Goodall left the meeting at 21:01.

Councillor C Goodall returned to the meeting at 21:05.

Council adjourned at 21:05.

Councillors J Challinor, A Filer, D Flagg, B Hitchcock, M Phipps and C Weight left the meeting.

Council reconvened at 21:15.

Councillor A Martin returned to the meeting at 21:24.

82. Questions from Councillors

Question from Councillor Gavin Wright

Owing to the growing controversy in the local newspaper and on social media regarding the traffic wands on Wimborne Road, Poole. As well as the unwanted difficulties these impediments cause to the residents where the wands have been installed.

I would like to ask what consultation process had been carried out specifically regarding the wands. How were the residents directly affected consulted, before the wands were installed. If more of these wands are going to be installed around BCP how the council consult and engage with the residence that are going to be affected.

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

Councillor Wright. Thank you for your question.

As Ward Councillor for the area, I understand that residents at 8 properties along this road complained about the location of the wands outside their homes. The positioning was reviewed and adjusted by the team as a result. That does not constitute a controversy on this topic, and there have been no further concerns raised in the last 7 weeks.

The Councillor knows very well that there was an in-person consultation with the public, he was at the meeting and gave me his view on the scheme at some length. In addition, there were online materials and multiple letter-drops to the residents along the road. The letter was sent on 7th September 2023.

The design was adjusted to reduce the risk of flooding into residents gardens and homes.

A few people continue to park inside the wands, across the cycleway and pavement. This is illegal. Double yellow line restrictions apply to the back of the highway boundary.

Given the increasing width of vehicles, and the manner of driving by some, the use of measures like wands to protect schoolchildren in particular, is an important tool, and where officers recommend their use, they will form part of the consultation process on future schemes.

Wands are a cost-effective measure of installing some form of physical barrier to protect vulnerable road users. Re-aligning kerbs and drainage is preferable, but more expensive.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Gavin Wright

As you mentioned about vehicles using their cycle lanes, I'd like to know what the correct procedure is, or advice for cars, vans and lorries delivering to the addresses along Wimbledon Road. There's now no room to stop on the highway as it's too narrow so that packages from cars, vans and lorries can't safely be delivered. Are delivery vehicles supposed to negotiate their way down the cycle lane which they wouldn't be able to do in the case of lorries anyway because the bollards are too close together? Or are they supposed to stop in the driving lane which would block it completely on one side? This is a particular problem for building materials as has been mentioned by a couple of residents as they're delivered by HIAPs, lorry mounted cranes. They can't reach over the cycle lane and path to their houses and probably shouldn't be parking on the cycle lane. It would seem that these bollards have not been sufficiently thought through and should be removed and replaced with less obstructive solutions such as white lines or cats eyes. Any advice would be welcome so I can pass it on to transport managers who have asked me or sat in their offices scratching their heads at this what the correct procedure is for delivering to Wimbledon Road where these bollards are. Thank you.

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

A written response will follow once I have consulted with the relevant officers.

This response has now been provided and is set out below.

There are three schools in the vicinity of the Wimborne Road scheme, and if you travel the route at times when the schools are active, you will see the pavements and lanes being well used. Encouraging trips by walking and cycling is good for reducing traffic congestion for all, and we have a responsibility to make that safe, especially for children and those with limited mobility.

Delivery vans can either stop on driveways which remain fully accessible, or stop in the road to load/unload, or on side roads and walk the final few metres to complete their deliveries. Emergency vehicles including ambulances can again stop in the road, or on driveways.

Prior to the wands being installed delivery vehicles would straddle the pavement and cycle lane forcing vulnerable highway users into the carriageway putting them at greater risk of being struck by a passing

vehicle. The wands not only provide better protection for cyclists but also keep the footway clear for pedestrians. This is especially beneficial for people with disabilities, or parents with pushchairs.

Wands were selected for this route to overcome drainage related challenges that would have been created if a stepped cycle track had been pursued. If a stepped cycle track had been pursued it would have likely been complemented with wands to prevent vehicles mounting it. Most properties have driveways and/or rear accesses along Wimborne Road and can therefore be served by deliveries - builder's merchants have smaller vehicles i.e., Transit flatbeds that can deliver items onto driveways and to properties with tight accesses. Delivery vehicles can also park along nearby side roads (which were surveyed for capacity prior to the delivery of the scheme) and walk deliveries to properties – if items are too heavy, they could use a sack trolley. They could of course also deliver goods by bike or cargo bike. If being close to the property is necessary, then a vehicle could stop in the road outside of the wands treating it like any other 2-way road with double yellow lines. The double yellow lines universally apply to the back of the public highway ie to the back of the footway.

Wands are not new; they are commonplace across the country. If any residents are struggling with specific issues, they can of course contact the Council.

Question from Councillor Patrick Canavan

The Labour Government has given BCP Council £9.2m to help prevent homelessness and support rough sleepers. An additional £509,000 has been awarded for this financial year specifically to support those who are at risk of sleeping on the street.

Could the Portfolio Holder outline details of how this money will be spent, what recovery intervention work will be delivered, what additional accommodation will be acquired, and what actions will be taken to deliver long term housing options for those at risk or experiencing homelessness?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regulatory Services, Councillor Kieron Wilson

Thank you, Councillor Canavan, for your question.

We are grateful to the government for the grant they have allocated BCP to support local homelessness and rough sleeping services. The additional grant represents over a £1 million uplift in the grant received in this financial year. Like the majority of councils across the country, this grant provides critical support to subsidise the cost of almost all types of temporary accommodation.

We have around 500 households in temporary accommodation across BCP, because caps on housing benefits subsidy remain inadequate to cover the true cost of temporary housing. The grant also resources around half of our officers in our Housing Options team who deliver the council's statutory responsibilities to prevent and relieve homelessness. A service which has seen a 13% increase in demand in the past year, whilst improving the rate in which we've prevented homelessness for residents by

30%. The most tangible impact being our recent achievement in assuring no families and children in BNB.

This week, last year, there were 93. The grant has also used commission a number of supported housing providers to deliver housing and support to people who find themselves homeless and require additional support. In particular, our successful Housing First service, which we can now continue for a further year. The additional grant specifically received this year has been critical in providing an increase in outreach workers for St. Mungo's, increase in our homeless social work team capacity, and provided more best spaces in hotel rooms to provide additional support workers to help people move on from our silted supported housing system.

I'm pleased to confirm this has resulted in a 38% reduction in single night rough sleeping count from the previous month for January, and the lowest recorded count in almost two years. We are keen, where the additional resources have demonstrated positive outcomes, that these are continued into the following financial year. We look forward to the government confirming a multi-year settlement for ring-fenced events grants as part of the forthcoming spending review. And this will give us great protection to our workforce and also our long-term vision for ending homelessness.

In summary, our priority will be to continue to fund what works to prevent homelessness, ensure good quality and appropriate temporary accommodation is available when needed, and protect local services that support people's long-term recovery from homelessness. Our local priorities will be reviewed as part of our strategic review with an updated homelessness strategy due to be published early next year.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Patrick Canavan

Can I just ask if, and you don't necessarily need to do it now, but if you could respond to the point about recovery intervention, because that whole aspect of health and recovery for rough sleepers, I think is something which we need to address specifically. Thank you

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regulatory Services, Councillor Kieron Wilson

Yes, I'm happy to answer you now. In terms of that, that is something we're looking at. There are partners across the conurbation who provide services in terms of providing health to those who are suffering from homelessness or rough sleeping. We have still a little bit of grant to be allocated, so we're having a review meeting in the next week with officers to establish where that goes. So I think I'll take that point on board in terms of where the allocation goes, thank you.

Question from Councillor Peter Cooper

Could you confirm that funding for the replacement of the malfunctioning bridge signs has been fully secured, as stated in the officers' reply to residents' enquiries? Additionally, can you provide a clear timeline for when the new LED signs will be installed, given that Blandford Road is a main arterial route and must be treated as a high priority? Residents in Hamworthy are at the end of their tether with the ongoing issues.

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

Councillor Cooper, thank you for your query, which relates to a question the resident asked earlier.

I have only very recently had sight of the response to the resident, but that answer clearly states that the work is intended to be completed in the 2025/26 financial year “subject to financial approvals and successful procurement”. This needs to go through due process.

The Transport budget attempts to respond to many high priority items. We hope to commence the procurement early in the coming financial year.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Peter Cooper

Can I ask what is the commitment and where are we going to get the money from?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

It does depend on a couple of things. So, we haven't agreed our strategic CIL as yet. That is one potential source to tie in with the works that need to be done on the bridges themselves. And if not that, then the local transport plan would be the route. So those are the two routes that we're looking at for funding, which of those it will be does depend on decisions that are yet to be made. Thank you.

Question from Councillor Michelle Dower

I have received 15 complaints in the past 10 days from various residents of Brooke Road and Cartwright Close who feel that their road has been abandoned and forgotten by BCP. Many of the issues raised impact the residents of West Howe and Kinson because this road is used to access Kinson Road from East Howe Lane.

The issues raised are:

1. Rat Run; The road is being used as a rat run, causing concern for children's safety due to speeding traffic.
2. Neglected Road Surface; The road surface is severely neglected with multiple potholes, making it resemble a farm track rather than a regular cut-through.
3. Litter; Despite a recent ticket raised for litter clearance, it remains a recurring issue, exacerbated by litter being released from bins during emptying.
4. Unauthorized Car Business; A resident is running a car business from their privately owned home, resulting in multiple cars parked along the roads and in the residents' flats car park.
5. Overgrown Shrubbery; Neglected and overgrown shrubbery is obscuring visibility for drivers, particularly at the junction of Brook Road and East Howe Lane, making it difficult and dangerous to turn right.

Additionally, there is a BCP pathway at the side of 60 Brook Road that has not been maintained in the memory of the residents. It appears to have been forgotten due to its hidden location. A BCP Homes resident had to privately pay to cut back overgrown trees that damaged her cable, and to pay to cut back overgrown bushes. The ground is slippery from moss, and there is no lighting at all. One of the residents regularly sweeps and jet washes the public path to clear the moss and leaves buildup.

Would the Portfolio Holder commit to looking at these issues and providing me with a timetable for resolving them that I can share with the residents to ensure their safety and well-being?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

Councillor Dower. Thank you for your question.

You highlight the challenges we face with increasing traffic flows on many of our minor routes that were not built to take the number of vehicles attempting to use them.

I am happy to look at the issues you raise. Some of them are likely to be more intractable than others.

I have made enquiries since receipt of this question at the weekend.

Both roads are subject to annual highway safety inspections with the last ones completed on 19th February 2025. Two locations for safety repairs were identified for repair on Brooke Road.

On planned maintenance and resurfacing, our Unclassified Roads are subject to a SCANNER survey on a 4 yearly rota and the results used to help form a forward programme of works.

Brook Road was last subjected to SCANNER on the 13 January 2023, It is already deemed beyond a stage where a simple surface treatment would be an appropriate solution although that may still be practical for Cartwright Close.

Regarding the footways, they were last subject to a Footway Maintenance Survey on the 24 November 2022, following the same 4 yearly rota regime as the carriageways. Both sites, given a moderate presence of minor defects – mostly from utility reinstatements, seem suitable for a future footway slurry scheme within the next 5 years.

I am grateful to the residents who are sweeping and looking after the path.

I note that in addition to the overgrown pavement issues that you raise, there is part of the road with no pavement at all on one side. I have asked the team to attend to the vegetation, and they have advised that this is underway.

We would encourage all residents and fellow Councillors to use the BCP Report-it tool to raise issues requiring attention, as this is the most streamlined way to get them logged and acted upon.

I am always receptive to Councillors bringing unresolved matters to my attention. This is however, a very detailed and localised query to be raising

at full council. I will attempt to get you further answers outside of the meeting.

Question from Councillor Sharon Carr-Brown

Like many of my colleagues, I've been contacted by several residents asking about delays in the renewal of blue badges. This is a vital service we carry out for some of our most vulnerable citizens and is the difference between their being able to get out and about and carry on their lives, and not.

In October 2024, the Overview and Scrutiny Board looked at this service and found that we were missing our 12-week processing target and the average time was 14 weeks. This is as a result of an entirely predictable spike in renewals three years after the pandemic. We were told that service improvements were underway to improve this situation. BCP's website currently says that new badges are being processed in 12 weeks and renewals in 9; yet the phone line says all badges are taking 14-16 weeks.

- So, which is correct?
- What measures have been taken, such as staff recruitment or training, to improve the service?
- What measures are still to be taken?
- When will we reach our 12-week target and then progress to the 6-8 weeks that was the medium-term goal?
- Are we now consistently informing people of the 3-month grace period for BCP parking for people whose renewal is delayed? I can't find this information on our website. How do we inform them?

The grace period is only of limited use. As one of my residents put it to me; "It helps a little, but of course not with hospital and doctor appointments or places like Castlepoint or Littledown where I go to the gym." But it's no use at all if we don't inform people and, of course, it only applies to renewals.

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Customer, Communications and Culture, Councillor Andy Martin

Thank you to the Councillor for her question.

I am as aware as anyone of the worry and frustration caused by delays in the Blue Service having dealt directly with a number of residents from across BCP and of course our own ward. Indeed, only this afternoon I visited a resident aged 90 to collect her form and assist her as she cares for her elderly husband, in fact a former Christchurch councillor.

Since we discussed the Blue Badge service at Scrutiny late last year, I have been receiving weekly reports on renewal and new application times and regular updates on staffing levels.

In order to drive progress on processing times, additional staff have been redirected from within the wider customer service team to assist the Blue Badge service, and a streamlined assessment process has been adopted for renewal applications.

This has led to a significant improvement in decision times, currently 8 weeks for new applications, and 7 weeks for renewals, as you will be aware, both well within the Department of Transport guideline of up to 12 weeks.

The additional staff that are supporting the improvement currently taking place will nevertheless have to return to their core function of Council tax and benefit customer enquiries for the month of March to provide support when the new Council tax bills are issued.

However, to mitigate the impact of this an apprentice has been recruited to work alongside the team and started in post on the 10 February.

The existing Blue Badge team have also been undertaking extra hours to work through applications which will continue where possible.

Work also continues reviewing our processes, including visiting neighbouring authorities to understand how they operate and what we can learn from them.

The current grace period where expired badges are not enforced for 3 months is not widely advertised, as it is not a permanent arrangement and only applies to council operated car parks and roadside parking.

The website and the council's telephone line has been providing notice to applicants that processing times were more than 12 weeks but given recent improvements that is no longer necessary. Consequently, messaging has now been updated.

I would like to thank the Blue Badge team and wider customer services for their efforts.

Question from Councillor Peter Cooper

Can the Council provide a full breakdown of where our recycled waste is sent, including which companies or organisations it is outsourced to?

Additionally, do we have full traceability of what happens to the materials further up the chain, including their final destinations and carbon footprint? If this information is not currently available, will the Council commit to investigating and providing a full report on the end-to-end journey of our recycling?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

I will need to provide you with a written response.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Peter Cooper

Can you confirm the number of contractors we are working with?

Response from the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy, Councillor Andy Hadley

This will be included in my written response.

83. Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10

Council was advised that three motions had been received on this occasion.

Motion to expand the scope of the public enquiry into failings leading to violent crimes

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules was proposed by Councillor J Salmon and seconded by Councillor S Armstrong.

Council debated the motion and it was:

RESOLVED that Council resolves to request that the Leader of the Council write to the Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, asking him to ensure that the public enquiry is comprehensive and covers all failures to ensure that future safeguards are put in place to prevent similar tragedies from occurring, and urging him to widen the scope of the public inquiry into systemic failings in the UK's handling of violent offenders to:-

- (a) **Include the case of Thomas Roberts and other similar cases where institutional failings played a significant role in how events unfolded;**
- (b) **Ensure that any review or inquiry examines the processes that allowed Abdulrahimzai to enter the country undetected, the adequacy of police responses to prior warnings about his behaviour, the adequacy of children's services responses to prior warnings about his behaviour and the wider implications for border security and asylum vetting procedures.**

Voting: For: 55, Against: 0 (2 abstentions)

Motion for support for the Safer Phones Bill and local policy development

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules was proposed by Councillor J Salmon and seconded by Councillor A Keddie.

In moving the motion Councillor J Salmon amended the motion to remove reference to the Bill's banning of phones, as this was not factual.

Cllr Burton moved an amendment so that the proposed resolution read:

"This Council resolves to:

1. Instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation, and Technology, urging them to support and champion the Safer Phones Bill.
2. Request that the Leader of the Council also writes to the head teachers of all ~~local~~ schools within BCP to ~~encourage discussion on the implementation of stronger smartphone policies.~~ recognise the efforts that they have already made to protect their students from the

potential harm of smartphone usage and ask schools to review their phone policies to ensure that they are in line with the Bill.

3. ~~Establish a local task force, in collaboration with schools, parents, and relevant stakeholders,~~ Request the Portfolio holder for Children, Young People, Education and Skills to
 - discuss the requirements of the Bill at the next appropriate Headteachers Breakfast Meeting, to help to develop a suitably consistent, conurbation-wide policy on smartphone use in educational settings, ensuring best practices are shared and implemented.
 - and seek the views of the youth parliament ensuring that they are considered when forming any policy.”

Council agreement was sought to confirm the amendment as the substantive motion which was subsequently carried without dissent.

Council proceeded to debate the substantive motion, where it was:

RESOLVED:- that this Council resolves to:

1. **Instruct the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation, and Technology, urging them to support and champion the Safer Phones Bill.**
2. **Request that the Leader of the Council also writes to the head teachers of all schools within BCP to recognise the efforts that they have already made to protect their students from the potential harm of smartphone usage and ask schools to review their phone policies to ensure that they are in line with the Bill.**
3. **Request the Portfolio holder for Children, Young People, Education and Skills to**
 - **discuss the requirements of the Bill at the next appropriate Headteachers Breakfast Meeting, to help develop a suitably consistent, conurbation-wide policy on smartphone use in educational settings, ensuring best practices are shared and implemented; and**
 - **seek the views of the youth parliament ensuring that they are considered when forming any policy.**

Voting: For: 45, Against: 3 (7 abstentions)

Motion to strengthen building standards through Local Authority control

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules was proposed by Councillor P Cooper and seconded by Councillor P Canavan.

Councillor D Brown proposed an amendment to add the following to the proposed resolution:

“d) Refer the motion to the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for recommendation of the Council’s policy position on this matter.”

Council agreement was sought to confirm the amendment as the substantive motion which was subsequently carried without dissent.

Council proceeded to debate the substantive motion, where it was:

RESOLVED that:-

Council therefore resolves that the Leader of the Council writes to the relevant Secretary of State to:-

- (a) Express this Council’s support to restore Local Authority Control over building inspections, reintroducing legislation that makes Local Authorities the primary enforcers of building safety and standards;**
- (b) Establish proper investment and resources for Local Authority Building Control teams, enabling them to carry out thorough, independent inspections and enforce compliance effectively;**
- (c) End Developer-Selected Inspections, ensuring that inspection processes are impartial, transparent, and free from financial conflicts of interest; and**
- (d) Refer the motion to the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for recommendation of the Council’s policy position on this matter.**

Vote For: 50, Against: 3 (1 Abstention)

Councillors C Adams and D Farr left 22:06

Councillor T Slade left 22:36

Councillor R Herrett left 22:51

Councillor R Herrett returned 22:54

84. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

The Chief Executive advised Council that one urgent decision had been taken since the previous meeting, to appoint Executive Directors to the Tricuro board.

The meeting ended at 11.09 pm

CHAIRMAN

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AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE



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Meeting date	27 February 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>Evolutionary changes to the Council's Financial Regulations are summarised in this report and shown in red text throughout the Financial Regulations document which is shown at Appendix A.</p> <p>No material changes have been made to sections A to F and H of Financial Regulations. Some minor changes have been made in a small number of places to clarify existing arrangements and to make expectations explicitly clear.</p> <p>Three changes have been made to Appendix 1, the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EX13 Special severance payments, additional wording added to explicitly state each approver must ensure they follow statutory guidance in reaching a decision. • New EX14 Approving any expenditure on external legal services – must be approved by the Monitoring Officer (or delegate). • EA4 Accepting external funding, amended to ensure thresholds align to other parts of the Financial Regulations most notably CV1 capital virements. <p>It has been necessary to materially and substantially update Part G, Procurement and Contract Procedures of the Financial Regulations for 25/26, to reflect changes resulting from procurement regulations reform. The Council has very limited discretion or choice on the changes necessary. Changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3h – clarification of the term 'turnover' in contracts for concessions. • 5 - Procurement Decision Records (PDR's), cornerstone of good governance to explain decisions made during the procurement process. • 6 – Pipeline, Procurement and Contract Management Team (PCM) to publish the Council's pipeline in the public domain. • 9 – Preliminary Market Engagement, conflict of interest declarations must be made. • 18 – Specifications, contracts over £5M must have at least 3 pre-defined key performance indicators.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22e – Competition requirements, between £30,000 and relevant threshold, local Financial Regulations should specify clearly the Council's 'normal expected' arrangements across the various categories of expenditure type, notwithstanding such arrangements may be varied by the PCM for good reason. This is instead of just a regulation that stated that the PCM will determine the most appropriate route to market. • 22e and 22f – Competition requirements & public notices, PCM to publish opportunities in Find a Tender service via the Council's procurement system. • 26 - Award notification, link to PDR and communication with successful and unsuccessful bidders. • 27 - Contract register public domain information, stricter format, PCM to ensure compliance. • 32 - Contract & Supplier Relationship Management, enhanced performance management expectations including compliance with key performance indicators and performance notices. • 34 - Contract Termination, contract termination (ending) notices need to be made on Find a Tender service. <p>The PCM will determine, in the period between 24 February 2025 and 1 April 2025, whether legislation supersedes the current version of Financial Regulations, and any new wording, expectations and activity needs to apply.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that Audit & Governance Committee:</p> <p>1. Approve the Financial Regulations as shown in Appendix A before referral to Council for adoption. The operational go live date will be 1 April 2025.</p> <p>It should be noted however that it may be necessary, at the discretion of the Procurement and Contract Management Team (PCM), to operationally implement some of the changes from 24 February 2025, which is the date new legislative requirements go live.</p>
Reason for recommendations	The Council's Financial Regulations are subject to annual evolution to align to the start of each financial year, or as close as is reasonably possible subject to how Council meetings fall.
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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Recommendation Approval

Background

1. BCP Council's Financial Regulations currently form Part 5 of The Constitution.
2. Council agreed that the Financial Regulations (the Regulations) will be subject to a business as usual 'annual evolution' so they remain up-to-date and receptive to the rapidly changing internal and external environment in which the Council operates. Such 'annual evolution' will be approved by Council.
3. As far as is practical, subject to when (full) Council meetings fall, the evolution of the Regulations will align to as close to the start of the financial year as possible. For 2025/26 (full) Council meets on 25 March 2025 so this evolution of Financial Regulations will be operationally live from 1 April 2025.
4. Evolutionary changes are shown in red text; this method transparently highlights the changes and negates the need for a page turn comparison to find out what has changed. Only the latest evolution is shown in red text, changes from previous year revert to standard black text.
5. BCP Council colleagues are now generally well versed in the annual evolution of Financial Regulations. Nevertheless a communication, training and awareness process will take place to ensure all colleagues, and particularly new colleagues, are aware of the annual evolution.
6. The Chief Finance Officer (CFO) is responsible for maintaining and updating the Regulations and the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations, which is Appendix 1 of the Regulations. The CFO has delegated authority from Council to make in-year amendments and editing changes which may be occasionally necessary, such as in cases of new or revised legislation or UK law or to correct errors, ambiguity or where unintended interpretation matters arise. This delegation will also be used if any officer designations (job or role names) need changing, for example as a result of any restructuring, most likely within Appendix 1.
7. This annual evolution is formally known as BCP Financial Regulations EVO25.v1, where 25 stands for the financial year and v1 stands for the version agreed by Council. If the CFO makes any delegated amendments as per paragraph 5 above then this will be shown as v2, v3 and so on, as required.

Changes in BCP Financial Regulations EVO25.v1 – Part A to F, and H, Glossary and Appendices

8. No material changes have been made to these sections of Financial Regulations. Some minor changes have been made in a small number of places to clarify existing arrangements and to make expectations explicitly clear.
9. Three changes have been made within Appendix 1 Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations.
 - EX13 Special Severance payments, additional wording added to explicitly state each approver must ensure they follow statutory guidance in reaching a decision.
 - New EX14 Approving any expenditure on external legal services, must be approved by the Monitoring Officer (or delegate).

- EA4 Accepting external funding, amended to ensure thresholds align to other parts of the Financial Regulations most notably CV1 capital virements.

Changes in BCP Financial Regulations EVO25.v1 - Part G PROCUREMENT & CONTRACT PROCEDURES changes

10. It has been necessary to materially and substantially update Part G of the Financial Regulations for 25/26 to reflect changes resulting from procurement regulations reform. The Council has very limited discretion or choice on the changes necessary.
11. The changes derive from the secondary legislation (statutory instrument), The Procurement Regulations 2024 (PR24), which sits below the primary legislation The Procurement Act 2023 (PA23). Most of these changes were explained in some detail to the Audit & Governance Committee on 5 September 2024 during the Procurement Arrangements deeper dive presentation.
12. Some more minor changes, such as the renaming of the Procurement & Contract Management team (PCM), from the Strategic Procurement team (SPT) have also been incorporated.
13. The list of bullet points below summarises some of the more significant changes to Part G:
 - 3h – clarification of the term ‘turnover’ in contracts for concessions.
 - 5 - Procurement Decision Records (PDR's), cornerstone of good governance to explain decisions made during the procurement process.
 - 6 – Pipeline, PCM to publish the Council's pipeline in the public domain.
 - 9 – Preliminary Market Engagement, conflict of interest declarations must be made.
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 - 32 - Contract & Supplier Relationship Management, enhanced performance management expectations including compliance with key performance indicators and performance notices.
 - 34 - Contract Termination, contract termination (ending) notices need to be made on Find a Tender service.
14. The Procurement Act 2023 and Procurement Regulations 2024 go live on 24 February 2025 for local authorities. It will therefore be necessary to operationally implement the relevant changes to the Council's Financial Regulations from this date for any new procurement activity.

15. The PCM will determine, in the period between 24 February 2025 and 1 April 2025, whether legislation supersedes the current version of Financial Regulations, and any new wording, expectations and activity needs to apply.

BCP Council Debt Management Policy

16. The Financial Regulations, Part F, Financial Systems and Procedures, Income, provides the strategic framework for debt collection and debt management within BCP Council. The BCP Debt Management Policy contains the operational detail and procedures to supplement the Regulations.
17. This detailed operational policy is also subject to annual evolution to ensure it remains up-to-date and is approved by the Corporate Management Board for the 2025/26 financial year. Some very minor operational changes have been made.

Options Appraisal

18. The Council could choose to evolve the Financial Regulations on a less frequent basis than annually. There is an inherent and obvious risk with such an approach that the Financial Regulations could become out of date and fail to keep pace with the rapidly changing internal and external environment in which the Council operates.

Summary of financial implications

19. The Financial Regulations provide the governance framework for managing the Council's financial affairs. 'How to' guidance and procedures are in place to compliment the specific requirements of the Regulations.

Summary of legal implications

20. The Financial Regulations are Part 5 of the Council's Constitution and apply to every councillor and officer acting behalf of the Council.
21. The Local Government Act 1972 (Section 151) makes the Chief Finance Officer responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs. The Regulations are issued pursuant to these responsibilities.

Summary of human resources implications

22. The Financial Regulations apply to every councillor and officer acting for or on behalf of the Council.

Summary of sustainability impact

23. Part G of the Financial Regulations includes requirements for commissioning officers and the Strategic Procurement Team (SPT) to follow to ensure the Council considers environmental sustainability when procuring works, goods and services.
24. A requirement to obtain local supplier quotes wherever possible (BH, DT and SO postcodes) is included in Financial Regulations.

Summary of public health implications

25. There are no direct public health implications from this report.

Summary of equality implications

26. There are no direct equality implications from this report.

Summary of risk assessment

27. Lack of compliance and awareness is the most significant and impactful risk in a Financial Regulations context. A continuous and evolving training, supporting and promoting programme exist utilising a range of activities including formal training, one-off bespoke awareness sessions, blogs and staff communications.

Background papers

None

Appendices

Appendix A - BCP Financial Regulations EVO25.v1

PART 5

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE (BCP) COUNCIL



FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

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Within these Regulations **Chief Finance Officer (CFO)** means:

- Officer with statutory responsibility for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs in accordance with S151 of the Local Government Act 1972, i.e. Chief Operating Officer.
- Or those officers authorised to act on their behalf. (in accordance with Financial Services Scheme of Delegation)

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PART A STATUS OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

PURPOSE

- 1 These Financial Regulations (Regulations) provide the governance framework for managing the Council's financial affairs.

STATUTE

- 2 The Local Government Act 1972 (Section 151) makes the Chief Finance Officer (CFO) responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs. These Regulations are issued pursuant to these responsibilities and form part of the Council's Constitution (part 5).

SCOPE

- 3 The Regulations set out the Council's requirements in respect of:
 - Financial management roles and responsibilities
 - Financial planning and budgeting
 - Financial monitoring and control
 - Internal control, audit and risk
 - Financial systems and procedures
 - Procurement activity
 - External arrangements
- 4 The Regulations apply to the control of both the General Fund finances (including BCP maintained schools) and the Housing Revenue Account (including any neighbourhood accounts therein). Wholly owned companies of BCP Council will adhere to the Regulations unless exceptions are agreed by their respective Boards.
- 5 Appendix 1 to the Regulations comprises the 'Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations' which sets out the approved financial limits within which officers and councillors may conduct the Council's business. This schedule does not apply to BCP maintained schools who will operate their own schemes of delegation and other processes such as procurement decisions and waiver sign off of Part G to these Regulations vary accordingly.
- 6 The Regulations are supported by a series of financial procedures and strategies which provide more detailed direction on the arrangements in respect of:
 - Anti-fraud and corruption policy (including money laundering guidance and reporting)
 - Risk management strategy
 - Financial document retention
 - Income collection and local debt recovery systems
 - Asset management including disposals and acquisitions
 - Procurement strategy and code

COMPLIANCE

- 7 These Regulations, and the appendices, apply to every councillor and officer of the Council and to anyone acting on its behalf, including agencies and partnerships with whom the Council does business and for whom the Council is the relevant accounting body.
- 8 All councillors and officers have a general responsibility for taking reasonable action to provide for the security of assets under their control and for ensuring that the use of these resources is undertaken in accordance with the law, properly authorised, and achieves value for money. In doing so, proper consideration must be given at all times

to matters of probity and propriety in managing the assets, income and expenditure of the Council.

- 9 Failure to comply with any part of these Regulations may constitute misconduct and lead to formal disciplinary action.
- 10 The term 'Manager' used throughout the Regulations refers to members of the Council's extended management team including the Chief Executive, Corporate Directors, Service Directors, Heads of Service and Team Managers as appropriate and as they relate to the specific matters set out within these Regulations. For maintained schools the Governing Body is defined as the 'Manager' for the purposes of these Regulations.
- 11 If decisions have been formally delegated to others, such as to The Head Teacher or to individuals as specified in Service Schemes of Delegation, reference to the term 'manager' in these Regulations should be read as referring to them.

MAINTAINING AND UPHOLDING THE REGULATIONS

- 12 The CFO is responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining and updating these Regulations and the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations. Minor amendments and editing changes, including in year changes necessary to align with new or revised legislation or UK law, are logged on page 61.
 - b. Ensuring that any revisions affecting the powers of councillors are approved by Council on the recommendation of the Council Leader and in consultation with the Monitoring Officer (MO).
 - c. Reviewing and reissuing the financial procedures as necessary to support the effective operation of these Regulations.
 - d. Reporting, where appropriate, any breaches of these Regulations to councillors on at least an annual basis.
 - e. Interpreting and/or arbitrating should any uncertainty or dispute arise pursuant to these Regulations in consultation with the MO.
- 13 The Regulations are subject to an annual 'evolution' which will be approved by Council and will incorporate:
 - a. Minor amendments and editing changes, described at 12a above, into the relevant section of the Regulations.
 - b. Changes of a more fundamental nature, as identified by a proportionate officer working group made up from representatives of Services and Schools.
- 14 For transparency purposes all changes in the annual 'evolution' will be flagged using red text, this will enable both experienced and inexperienced users of the Regulations to clearly identify where changes have occurred year on year. Changes from previous years 'evolution' will be incorporated into standard colour text, only the latest 'evolution' is shown in red text.

PART B FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

PRINCIPLES

- 1 A transparent framework of financial management responsibilities and decision making is essential to the effective management of the Council's financial affairs.
- 2 All councillors and officers have a common duty to abide by the highest standards of integrity and propriety when making decisions about the use of public monies.

COUNCILLORS

- 3 Councillors' responsibilities for the overall management of the Council's financial affairs are exercised through:
 - **Council**, which is responsible for approving the Council's Key Policy Framework as defined within the Constitution and for setting the budget.
 - **The Leader and Cabinet – “the Executive”**, which is responsible for recommending the key policy framework and budget to Council; making decisions in respect of the executive functions of the Council in accordance with the Key Policy Framework and Budget approved by Council. Executive decision making can be delegated to a formally constituted committee of the Cabinet, an individual cabinet member, an officer or a joint committee in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation as set out in the Council's Constitution.
 - **The Audit & Governance Committee**, which is responsible for maintaining a continuous review of the Council's regulatory framework, approving the Annual Statement of Accounts for publication, oversight of audit, governance, counter fraud and corruption, risk management and treasury management activity. This Committee's full functions and responsibilities are set out in Appendix 2.
 - **The Standards Committee**, which is responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct amongst councillors. In particular, it is responsible for advising the Council on the adoption and revision of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, and for monitoring the operation of the Code.

OFFICERS

- 4 Officer responsibilities for the overall management of the Council's financial affairs are variously set out by legislation, the provisions of the Council's Constitution and the Council's Corporate and Service Schemes of Delegation.
- 5 Certain legislation requires the Council to designate particular officers as the 'appropriate officer' for the performance of certain functions. 'Appropriate Officer' functions include the responsibilities of the Head of Paid Service (HPS), the Monitoring Officer (MO) and Chief Finance Officer (CFO) in managing the overall financial affairs of the Council. Formal recognition is also given to the particular responsibilities and functions of the Council's Chief Internal Auditor (CIA) in accordance with best practice advice and guidance. The role of the CIA is set out in CIPFA's 'The Role of The Head of Internal Audit'.

THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE (HPS)

- 6 The HPS is designated as the Chief Executive and is responsible for the corporate and strategic management of the Council. The HPS is responsible for establishing the management style, direction and leadership of the organisation including overall staff management arrangements, monitoring performance and achievement. The HPS is responsible, together with the MO, for the system of record keeping in relation to Councils' decisions.

THE MONITORING OFFICER (MO)

- 7 The MO is responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards of financial conduct and provides support to the Standards Committee. The MO is also specifically responsible for:
- Reporting any actual or potential breaches of the law or maladministration to Council and/or to Cabinet.
 - Ensuring that procedures for recording and reporting key decisions are operating effectively.
 - Ensuring that Cabinet decisions and the reasons for them are made public.
 - Ensuring that all councillors are aware of decisions made by the Cabinet and of those made by cabinet member, officers, or a joint committee which has delegated Cabinet responsibility.
 - Advising all councillors and officers about who has authority to take a particular decision.
 - Maintaining an up-to-date Constitution and reporting any proposed changes to Council for approval.

THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (CFO)

- 8 The CFO has statutory and delegated duties in relation to the financial administration and stewardship of the Council. The statutory responsibilities cannot be overridden and arise from:
- Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972
 - The Local Government Finance Act 1988
 - The Local Government and Housing Act 1989
 - The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (and as amended)
 - The Local Authorities Goods and Services Act 1970
 - The Local Government Acts 2000 and 2003
 - The Localism Act 2011
- 9 The CFO's responsibilities include:
- The proper administration of the Council's financial affairs including all arrangements concerning financial planning, financial control, accounting, taxation, income, debt management, insurances, investments, banking, bonds, loans, leasing, borrowing, trust and pension funds, and the payment of creditors, salaries, wages and pensions.
 - Determining the contents of Financial Procedures and ensuring compliance with these and Financial Regulations.
 - Preparing the Revenue Budget and reporting to the Council on the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves.

- d. Preparing the Capital Programme, ensuring effective forward planning and sound financial management in its compilation.
 - e. Ensuring that accurate and timely financial information is available to enable effective budget monitoring and reporting and taking action if overspends or shortfalls in income emerge.
 - f. Reporting to Council if it is likely that any proposed action or decision will lead to unbudgeted or unlawful expenditure or activity.
 - g. Advising on the systems of internal control necessary for sound financial management and decision making, and to ensure that public funds are properly safeguarded and used economically, efficiently, and effectively.
 - h. Maintaining an adequate and effective internal audit function and effective counter theft, fraud and corruption arrangements.
 - i. Preparing the Council's risk management strategy and advising on the management of strategic, financial and operational risks.
 - j. Determining the accounting procedures and records for the Council and ensuring that they are applied consistently.
 - k. Preparing and publishing the Council's annual statement of accounts and governance statement for approval by Audit & Governance Committee in accordance with all applicable codes of practice on local authority accounting.
 - l. Making proper arrangements for the audit of the Council's accounts in accordance with statutory and legislative provisions.
 - m. Preparing and implementing an effective treasury management strategy and effecting all investments and borrowings within the limits imposed by the Council.
 - n. Advising on, monitoring and reporting on performance in relation to Prudential Indicators set by the Council for capital expenditure, external debt and treasury management.
 - o. Ensuring that effective asset management arrangements are in place.
 - p. Advising on the risks and financial implications associated with joint working, external funding and trading opportunities.
- 10 The CFO may allocate their day-to-day responsibilities to an appropriate representative in accordance with the Financial Services Scheme of Delegated Authority to Officers and/or the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations.

THE CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR (CIA)

- 11 The CIA is designated by the CFO as part of the Service Scheme of Delegation further to Part 3 (Schedule 1) of the Council's Constitution and plays a key role in providing assurance to the councillors, the CFO, the HPS and Corporate Management Board about the probity, practical deployment and effectiveness of financial management at the Council.
- 12 The CIA has rights of access to all **Council premises and property, and to** information and data held by officers or councillors of the Council at all reasonable times and is responsible for the overall co-ordination and deployment of external and internal audit resources at the Council. The CIA also has the right to report on any relevant matter of concern to senior management and councillors outside normal line management arrangements should they deem this necessary in protecting the interests of the Council and/or local taxpayers.

MANAGERS

- 13 Whilst the CFO has overall responsibility for the finances of the Council, managers are responsible for the day-to-day management of their respective Unit's finances. Their responsibilities in relation to financial management include:
- a. Promoting and ensuring compliance with these Regulations and associated Financial Procedures and taking corrective action in the event of any non-compliance.
 - b. Preparing annual Revenue Budget estimates and Capital Programme estimates in accordance with the guidance issued by the CFO.
 - c. Ensuring that the financial implications of all proposals, or any matter which is liable to materially affect the resources of the Council, are agreed with the CFO or their nominated representative in advance of any decision making report to councillors.
 - d. Managing service delivery and containing expenditure within the agreed revenue and capital budgets.
 - e. Maintaining sound systems of internal control and implementing agreed internal and external audit recommendations.
 - f. Complying with the Council's counter theft, fraud and corruption policy and reporting suspected fraud and financial irregularities immediately to internal audit for investigation.
 - g. Complying with the Council's risk management strategy and notifying the CFO immediately of significant risks to the Council's financial position.
 - h. Ensuring that all financial transactions are recorded through the main accounting system.
 - i. Assisting cash flow through timely billing of income due and minimising advance payments wherever possible.
 - j. Ensuring that all expenditure incurred complies with the requirements of these Regulations, the procurement code and has the necessary budgetary approval.
 - k. Controlling resources and containing staff numbers within approved establishment and budget levels and ensuring that all employee appointments and payments are properly authorised in compliance with the Council's policies.
 - l. Ensuring that all claims for funds, including grants, are compiled and submitted by the due dates.
 - m. Ensuring the proper security and safe custody of all assets under their control.
 - n. Ensuring that the risks and financial implications associated with joint working, external funding and trading opportunities are properly evaluated, and that no such arrangements are entered into without the prior approval of the CFO.
 - o. Ensuring that financial authorities are operated in accordance with the limits contained within the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations (Appendix 1), and that a written record of authorised officers is maintained.

ALL EMPLOYEES

- 14 In addition to the specific responsibilities set out above the Council expects all employees to:
- a. Act in good faith, adopting the highest standards of integrity, propriety and impartiality in accordance with the 'Nolan principles' (7 principles of public life which apply to all people appointed to work in local government).

1. Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

2. Integrity

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

3. Objectivity

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

4. Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

5. Openness

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

6. Honesty

Holders of public office should be truthful.

7. Leadership

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

- b. Exercise due care in relation to all resources, assets, income and expenditure within their care or control.
- c. Ensure that proper records and documentation are maintained of the Council's assets and financial transactions in accordance with advice and requirements of the CFO.
- d. Comply with these Regulations, the associated financial procedures and any additional guidance issued to ensure the effective control of the Council's resources.
- e. Co-operate in audits of the Council's financial systems.
- f. Report any suspected financial irregularities for investigation to the Chief Internal Auditor.

PRINCIPLES

- 1 The purpose of financial planning and budgeting is to set out and communicate the Council's objectives, resource allocations and related performance targets, and to provide an agreed basis for subsequent management control, accountability and reporting.
- 2 Budgets are needed so that the Council can plan, authorise, monitor and control the way money is allocated and spent. The Budget is the financial expression of the Council's ambitions and priorities. The budget process must ensure that resources are:
 - Required in accordance with the law and properly authorised.
 - Used only for the purpose of achieving approved policies, objectives and service priorities.
 - Held securely for use when required.
 - Used appropriately to avoid waste, inefficiency and/or loss.

It is unlawful for the Council to budget for a deficit.

- 3 As such the Budget sets agreed parameters around the annual resource allocations, activities and functions of Services and is constructed within the context of a medium term financial plan (MTFP). The MTFP represents a multi-year forecast (usually 3 or more years) to identify and address those issues which have medium to long term implications for the Council.
- 4 The Capital Programme sets out the resource allocations to be made to capital schemes. Capital expenditure involves acquiring or enhancing fixed assets with a long-term value to the organisation, such as land, buildings, and major items of plant, equipment and vehicles.
- 5 To enable councillors to make informed decisions, all Council, Cabinet and Committee reports must incorporate a separate section on 'financial implications'. Reports must show the costs or savings of proposals together with any approved budget provision, future commitments, potential risks, tax implications, and any other financial consequences which may arise from the options and recommendations and must be produced in consultation with the CFO or their nominated representative.

COUNCILLORS

- 6 Councillors' responsibilities for financial planning and budgeting are exercised through:
 - **Council**, which is responsible for approving the Council's key policy framework and for setting the Budget. This approval encompasses:
 - All the plans and strategies making up the Policy Framework, including the Council's corporate plan/strategy.
 - The MTFP.
 - The revenue budget (The Budget), proposed by the Cabinet to Council for approval on the advice of the CFO. The Budget will include details of proposals for local taxation levels, contingency funds and use of and levels of all reserves.
 - The capital budget (The Capital Programme).

Council may amend the Budget and the Capital Programme or ask the Cabinet to reconsider it before approving in exceptional circumstances in consultation with the CFO. Any councillor or group of councillors who wish to submit alternative budget proposals must do so no less than 3 clear working days before the Budget setting meeting. The CFO will only support alternative proposals which deliver a balanced budget to be taken forward to the Council for consideration.

- **The Cabinet** is responsible for proposing the key policy framework and budget to Council. Cabinet is also responsible for monitoring performance against revenue and capital budgets and taking executive decisions to deliver priorities, within the Budget and key policy framework agreed by the Council. It is responsible for issuing guidance on the detail of the Budget in consultation with the CFO as soon as possible following the Budget's approval by Council.

REVENUE BUDGET (THE BUDGET)

7 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Advising the Council on the Cabinet's budget proposals in accordance with their responsibilities under S151 of the Local Government Act 1972. (Council may amend the Revenue Budget or ask the Cabinet, in consultation with the CFO, to reconsider it before approving)
- b. Ensuring that an annual Revenue Budget and Council Tax Report are prepared in the context of a medium term financial plan for consideration by Cabinet and approval by Council.
- c. Maintaining a resource allocation process that properly reflects the Council's policy framework, ambitions and priorities.
- d. Advising the Cabinet on the format of the budget and its responsibility for issuing guidance on budget preparation taking due account of:
 - legal requirements
 - medium-term planning prospects and known issues
 - the corporate strategy and Council priorities
 - available resources
 - spending pressures
 - government initiatives and public policy requirements
 - internal policy directives
- e. Advising the Cabinet and Council on a prudent level of reserves and any appropriate contingency provisions.
- f. Undertaking the statutory consultation with NDR payers.
- g. Issuing detailed procedures to managers on the preparation of Revenue Budget estimates.

8 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Preparing annual Revenue Budget estimates in accordance with the guidance issued by Cabinet and the detailed procedures issued by the CFO, ensuring that these are a realistic reflection of agreed priorities, and advising cabinet members on service implications. (see d. above)
- b. Establishing detailed budgets for each service area in advance of the financial year (along with indicative estimates for the two years thereafter) and requiring such budgets to be properly managed by responsible named budget holders.
- c. Integrating financial and budget plans with service planning.
- d. Ensuring that any earmarked reserves held are applied to their intended purposes.
- e. Giving due and proper regard to the asset management concerns of the wider organisation in planning service delivery, consulting in advance with the Corporate

Property Officer (CPO) in any financial planning or budgeting decision to be made relating to the use of Council land and property.

CAPITAL BUDGET (THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME)

9 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that a multi-year rolling Capital Programme (usually 3,4 or 5 years) is prepared for consideration by the Cabinet for recommendation to Council for approval as part of the MTFP and annual budget setting process.
- b. Issuing strategic guidance on capital schemes and controls and defining what will be regarded as capital having proper regard to Government regulations and accounting conventions.
- c. Issuing detailed guidelines which take account of legal, regulatory and code of practice requirements, medium-term planning prospects, affordability and whole life costing.
- d. Ensuring that the revenue implications of the Capital Programme are contained within the Revenue Budget and MTFP.
- e. Ensuring that all schemes relying on the use of prudential borrowing powers are properly appraised and provide value for money.
- f. Reporting to Cabinet on the overall position and the availability of resources to support the Capital Programme.
- g. Issuing detailed procedures to managers on the preparation of capital budget estimates.
- h. Ensuring that sources of funding (general fund, capital grants, self-financing, etc.) are identified for the entire Capital Programme.

10 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Complying with the guidance issued by the CFO regarding capital schemes and controls and in the preparation of the Capital Programme.
- b. Ensuring that all capital schemes put forward for consideration have been properly appraised and that each scheme and estimate includes a project plan, progress targets, and sets out the funding sources including all associated revenue expenditure.
- c. Undertaking a comprehensive annual review of the Capital Programme and consequential revenue expenditure, for inclusion in the MTFP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DECISIONS

11 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Issuing guidance in relation to the presentation of financial implications within the Council's decision making processes.
- b. Ensuring the adequacy of the financial implications information presented within individual decision making reports and for appropriate sign-off.

12 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that all decision making reports properly set out the financial implications of the proposed actions in accordance with guidance issued by the CFO.
- b. Arranging for all financial implications to be validated and formally signed-off by the CFO, or their nominated representative, prior to their progression through the approval process.
- c. Consulting with relevant parties where there may be financial implications for other cabinet members, committees or services.

PRINCIPLES

- 1 To ensure the Council does not exceed its overall budget, Services (and appropriate corporate projects and programmes where relevant) are required to manage their own income and expenditure within the cash limited budgets allocated to them to be spent on agreed service activities and functions.
- 2 Any forecasted revenue overspends, or income shortfalls should be mitigated through a compensating underspend or over-achievement of income elsewhere. Any under-spending or over-achievement of income cannot be carried forward from one year to the next without the approval of the CFO and should generally be restricted to specific items of a 'one off' nature where monies will be spent for an identified purpose in the following financial year.
- 3 No expenditure may be incurred on a capital project unless the project has been approved in accordance with the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations (Appendix 1) or as part of the annual Council approval of the Capital Programme. Any forecast overspending must be contained within the overall Capital Programme and reported to the approved senior officer Capital Programme Board. Similarly, variations to the approved budgets for capital schemes and re-phasing or slippage between years must be reported to the approved senior officer Capital Programme Board and approved in accordance with the limits set out in the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations (Appendix 1).
- 4 The term virement refers to transfers of budgets between or within cost centres. Virement may only be used in the very specific circumstances set out in the Regulations and the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations (Appendix 1).

CONTROL OF REVENUE BUDGETS

- 5 The CFO is responsible for:
 - a. Establishing and maintaining a robust framework of budget management and control which ensures that:
 - Budget management is exercised within annual cash limits and the MTFP.
 - Appropriate, accurate and timely information is available to Corporate Management Board, managers and budget holders that enable budgets to be monitored and controlled effectively.
 - Revenue expenditure is recorded on the Council's financial systems and is committed only against approved budget headings and associated structure of detailed cost centres.
 - All officers responsible for committing expenditure comply with these Regulations.
 - Each cost centre is allocated to a named budget holder determined by the relevant manager.
 - Significant variances from budget are investigated and reported by budget holders on a regular basis.
 - b. Monitoring and controlling the quantum of income and expenditure against budget allocations overall. They must ensure monitoring reports are prepared for Corporate Management Board and councillors' consideration on a regular basis

throughout the financial year (to be determined and advised by the CFO) and a report after the year end setting out the revenue outturn.

- c. Ensuring that budget monitoring reports include:
- Sufficient information and explanatory notes to allow cabinet members to fully exercise their duties in respect of the resources for which they have portfolio responsibilities.
 - Explanations of all variations to cost centres which are projected to be in excess of £100,000.
 - Information which summarises the delivery of any savings programmes.
 - Information which summarises available contingencies, balances and reserves.

6 Managers are responsible for:

- Ensuring that effective budgetary control arrangements exist and are observed within their respective Service, or in respect of any projects or programmes for which they are responsible in accordance with these Regulations.
- Ensuring spending remains within the relevant cash limits by controlling income and expenditure, monitoring performance and taking corrective action where variations from budget are forecast.
- Ensuring that expenditure is coded correctly and committed only against approved budget headings.
- Supporting the regular reporting of financial performance, variances, and forecasts within the areas of their responsibility to Cabinet by the CFO.
- Reporting to Cabinet and Council as necessary the financial implications of any new in-year proposal or amendment that will:
 - Create financial commitments in future years;
 - Change existing policies, initiate new policies or result in existing policies ceasing to operate;
 - Materially extend or reduce the Council's services.

CONTROL OF CAPITAL BUDGETS

7 The CFO is responsible for:

- Ensuring that governance arrangements are in place to regularly review progress against the Capital Programme.
- Maintaining a record of the current capital budget and expenditure on the Council's financial systems and ensuring compliance with financial reporting standards.
- Reporting to Cabinet the financial position against the approved Capital Programme.
- Ensuring that governance arrangements are in place, via an approved senior officer Capital Programme Board, to review proposed changes to the Capital Programme before subsequent approval by Cabinet.

8 Managers are responsible for:

- Ensuring that no expenditure is incurred on a capital project prior to its agreed inclusion within the Capital Programme and until a financial report has been approved by Cabinet. Equally, no scheme requiring Government or other body sanction and/or funding either in full or part may begin until the sanction and/or funding has been officially confirmed.
- Support the monitoring and reporting of capital expenditure and receipts against approved capital budgets, on project slippage and variations, and on any changes in projected expenditure.

- c. Reporting to Cabinet if proposed sources of funding are not secured.
- d. Ensuring that adequate records and audit trails are maintained in respect of all capital contracts.

VIREMENT

- 9 The term virement refers to transfers of resources between or within approved cost centres or budget headings and Service/Business Plans for both revenue and capital purposes. A virement does not create any net additional budget. Instead the virement mechanism exists to enable the Cabinet, Managers and their staff to manage their budgets with a degree of flexibility within the overall Policy Framework and Budget set by Council, thereby optimising the use of resources throughout the financial year. The virement schemes for revenue and capital do not exist as a means of remedying poor budgetary control or financial planning for known commitments and service priorities, or otherwise excuse Managers and budget holders from the need to manage their budgets prudently and responsibly. Nor may virements be affected after the year end to retrospectively fund over or under spending unless approved in advance by the CFO.
- 10 The CFO is responsible for:
 - a. Controlling and administering the virement mechanism in accordance with guidance and limits set out in the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations, Appendix 1.
 - b. Recording approved virements in the Council's financial systems and reflecting the impact of these in budget monitoring reports to the Cabinet.
- 11 Managers are responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring all proposed virements complies with the limits and approval requirements set out in the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations, Appendix 1.
 - b. Notifying all proposed virements in writing to the CFO or their representative.
- 12 Council shall approve allocations of resources from approved contingencies and reserves in excess of the approved contingencies and reserves recommended by Cabinet.
- 13 Cabinet shall approve allocations of resources from approved contingencies and reserves.

REVENUE CARRY FORWARDS (VIREMENTS) BETWEEN YEARS

- 14 Medium term financial planning (usually between 3 to 5 years) allows the Council to think beyond the constraints of any given financial year and annual budget and prepare for future events. In doing so it is important to ensure a suitable mechanism to allow for the carry forward of in-year budget under or overspends - in effect a virement of resources between accounting years – as deemed necessary by the CFO for MTFP purposes. The ability to choose to do so can serve to:
 - Empower budget holders to think beyond immediate service needs and plan over longer time frames to achieve significant changes and improvements and make best use of resources.
 - Hold budget holders to account for their budget management performance in so far as budget overspends will not be written down at the end of each financial year but will have to be dealt with on an on-going basis.

- 15 Carry forwards (virements) between years are not 'automatic' and will not be routinely determined. Where they are determined to be necessary by the CFO, in the context of the MTFP, and are subsequently approved by the Cabinet:
- Carry forward (previous year) overspending will constitute a first call on in year service budgets.
 - Carry forward (previous year) underspending must normally be spent in year on one-off proposals/projects usually of an 'invest to save' nature aimed at reducing on-going service pressures in future.
- 16 All internal surpluses arising from in-house trading activities/business units shall be retained for the benefit of the Council subject to any provision to do otherwise set out in the MTFP.
- 17 BCP maintained schools' balances will be treated in accordance with the provisions set out in the DfE Framework.as agreed and applied locally in the Scheme for Financing Schools.

PART E INTERNAL CONTROL, AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT (including prevention of theft, fraud and corruption)

PRINCIPLES

- 1 Sound systems of internal control are essential to the proper economic, efficient and effective use of resources, the achievement of objectives, and the safeguarding of public funds.
- 2 Audit is a key management tool that councillors and senior officers should rely on to provide an independent and objective assessment of the probity, legality and value for money of Council arrangements.
- 3 Legislation requires that the Council provides for both internal and external audit.

External audit provides an independent assessment of the Council's financial statements and the adequacy of its arrangements for securing value for money.

Internal audit evaluates and reports on the adequacy of the Council's control systems in securing the proper, economic, efficient and effective use of resources.

- 4 There is a basic expectation that councillors and all officers will act with integrity and with due regard to matters of probity and propriety, and comply with all relevant rules, regulations, procedures and codes of conduct, including those in relation to receipt of gifts and hospitality and declaration of conflicts of interest.
- 5 The Council will not tolerate fraud or corruption in the administration of its responsibilities, whether perpetrated by councillors, employees, customers of its services, third party organisations contracting with it, or other agencies or individuals with which it has any business dealings.
- 6 Risk management is an integral part of effective management and planning. It is concerned with identifying and managing key obstacles to the achievement of objectives.

COUNCILLORS

- 7 Councillors' responsibilities for internal control, audit and risk management are exercised through:
 - **Council**, which has formal responsibility for upholding proper practice and the good governance of the Council as a whole.
 - **The Cabinet**, which is responsible for ensuring effective systems of management and financial control are exercised across the organisation.
 - **The Audit & Governance Committee**, which is responsible for keeping under review all aspects of the Council's audit and governance arrangements, risk management framework and internal control environment. A full list of the Audit & Governance Committee's responsibilities can be found at Appendix 2.
- 8 Councillors have a role to support and promote a zero-tolerance culture towards theft, fraud and corruption.

INTERNAL CONTROL

9 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Advising on effective systems of internal control to ensure that public funds are properly safeguarded and used economically, efficiently, and in accordance with statutes, regulations and other relevant statements of best practice.
- b. Conducting an annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and publishing the results of this within the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for inclusion in the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts.

10 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Implementing effective systems of internal control including adequate separation of duties, clear authorisation levels, and appropriate arrangements for supervision and performance monitoring.
- b. Complying with the controls set down in these Regulations and any financial procedures.
- c. Taking corrective action in respect of any non-compliance by staff with relevant rules, regulations, procedures and codes of conduct.
- d. Planning, appraising, authorising and controlling their operations in order to achieve continuous improvement, economy, efficiency and effectiveness and for achieving their objectives, standards and targets.

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT (and other inspections)

11 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Maintaining an adequate and effective internal audit service in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations Act 2015 and further to Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- b. Ensuring that the rights and powers of internal and external auditors and fraud investigators are upheld at all times across the organisation.
- c. Ensuring that the statutory requirements for external audit are complied with and that the external auditor is able to effectively scrutinise the Council's records.
- d. Ensuring that audit plans and resulting activities are reported to the Audit & Governance Committee.

12 The CIA is responsible for:

- a. Notifying the External Auditors of any matter that they would rightly expect to be informed of in order to support the function of an effective and robust external audit service.
- b. Ensuring effective liaison between internal and external audit functions.
- c. Overseeing the management, planning, reporting and conduct of all internal audits and counter fraud work.
- d. Preparing an annual report and opinion for councillors' consideration.

13 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that auditors (internal and external) have access to all **Council premises, property**, documents and records for the purposes of the audit and are afforded all facilities, co-operation and explanation deemed necessary.

- b. Cooperating in the production of annual audit plans by highlighting any areas of risk that may benefit from audit review.
 - c. Implementing audit recommendations within agreed timescales.
- 14 The Council may be subject to audit, inspection or investigation by external bodies such as HM Revenues & Customs, and various other Inspectors of service at any time, all councillors and officers of the Council will cooperate fully with such inspections as necessary.

PREVENTION OF THEFT, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION (including Bribery)

- 15 The CFO is responsible for:
- a. Developing, maintaining and implementing an Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy (and in conjunction with Human Resources a Whistleblowing Policy) that stipulates the arrangements to be followed for preventing, detecting, reporting and investigating suspected fraud and irregularity.
 - b. Advising on the controls required for fraud prevention and detection.
 - c. Appointing a Money Laundering Reporting Officer and Deputy to ensure that systems are in place to counter opportunities for money laundering and that appropriate reports are made.
 - d. Ensuring that effective preventative measures are in place to reduce the opportunity for bribery occurring in accordance with statutory requirements of the Bribery Act 2010. *(or as updated)*
- 16 The Chief Internal Auditor (CIA) has the right to:
- a. Determine the nature of any investigation work required in respect of any allegation of wrongdoing, and/or any other action required.
 - b. Require any councillor or staff of the Council to provide any information or explanation needed in the course of an investigation subject to the lawful limits set out in relevant legislation.
 - c. Refer investigations to the Police in consultation with the CFO and MO; under normal circumstances the relevant service manager would also be consulted.
 - d. Access all Council premises and property, all data, records, documents, and correspondence relating to any financial matter or any other activity of the Council.
 - e. Refer cases directly to the Police, in consultation with the CFO and MO, if it is believed an internal enquiry would compromise the integrity of the investigation and /or otherwise prejudice the interests of the Council or the general public.
- 17 Managers are responsible for:
- a. Complying with the Council's Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy.
 - b. Ensuring that there are sound systems of internal control within their respective service areas for fraud prevention and detection.
 - c. Reporting cases of suspected theft, fraud or irregularity to the Chief Internal Auditor immediately for investigation and complying with the Council's Whistleblowing Policy.
 - d. Reporting any vulnerabilities or suspicions of money laundering in accordance with guidance issued by the Money Laundering Reporting Officer.
 - e. Maintaining local staff registers of interest, gifts and hospitality within their service areas.

- 18 All employees are responsible for:
- a. Complying with the Council's Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy.
 - b. Reporting cases of suspected theft, fraud or irregularity immediately for investigation, if needs be via the Council's Whistleblowing Policy.
 - c. Reporting any vulnerabilities or suspicions of money laundering in accordance with guidance issued by the Money Laundering Reporting Officer.
 - d. Ensuring that they are familiar with the Employee Code of Conduct, or relevant local school's Code of Conduct, for school employees, and requirements to declare personal interests and record offers of gifts and hospitality.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- 19 The CFO is responsible for preparing the Council's Risk Management Strategy and its promotion throughout the Council and for advising on the management of strategic, financial and operational risks.
- 20 Managers are responsible for:
- a. Implementing the Council's Risk Management Strategy.
 - b. Integrating risk management within business planning and performance management arrangements.
 - c. Mitigating, monitoring and reporting on risks.
 - d. Maintaining and testing business continuity plans.
 - e. Giving due regard to specialist advice in areas such as health and safety, insurance, crime and fire prevention.

PRINCIPLES

- 1 Good systems and procedures are essential to the effective management and administration of the Council's financial affairs. A financial system is defined as any system (computerised or not) and associated procedures used for making and recording the financial transactions of the Council. This includes:
 - **Accounting**-The main accounting system provides the prime source of financial data for management accounts, statutory accounts and government returns. It is essential that this system complies with legislation and proper accounting practice and that all information is recorded accurately, completely and in a timely manner, and that any errors are detected promptly and rectified. Financial information recorded in the main accounting system should require a minimum amount of manipulation in order to create management accounts, returns and budget reports.
 - **Income**-Effective systems are necessary to ensure that all income due is collected, receipted, recorded and banked properly. Where possible income should be collected in advance to improve cash flow and avoid costs of debt collection. All reasonable efforts will be made to collect monies owed to the Council and debts will only be written off once all reasonable actions to pursue the debt have been exhausted or where it would prove uneconomical to pursue. The CFO agreed corporate system must be used unless agreed. **All refunds should be made to the original source / bank account unless agreed by the CFO.**
 - **Expenditure on works, goods and services**-Expenditure may only be incurred where budgetary provision is available. Payment should be made through the corporate ordering and invoicing process, using a corporately approved purchasing card, by entering into a formal contract arrangement or through raising a purchase order. Exceptionally a payment requisition may be raised.
 - **Expenditure on salaries, wages, allowances and expenses**-Expenditure may be incurred where budgetary provision is available and where payment is made through the Council's combined human resource and payroll system.
 - **Banking**-All transactions through the Council's bank accounts must be properly processed, recorded and reconciled. Reconciliations must be subject to management review and sign off in a timely manner.
 - **Treasury management, financing and leasing**-Decisions relating to the management of the Council's investments, cash flows, borrowing and leasing must be in accordance with the annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement.
 - **Taxation**-Effective systems must be in place to ensure that all tax liabilities and obligations are properly reported and accounted for, and that losses, fines and penalties are avoided. Procedures must be in place to ensure that taxation issues are properly considered during the options appraisal stage of projects.
 - **Asset management**-The Council's assets must be properly recorded, safeguarded from loss/harm and utilised effectively, and any acquisitions/disposals undertaken in accordance with the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations, Appendix 1.
 - **Insurance**-Appropriate insurance cover is necessary to indemnify the Council against the possibility of financial costs which may arise from certain unplanned events and claims such as damage to its property, injury to employees or to the public.
 - **Recharges and internal trading accounts**-Where required for financial reporting purposes, back office costs should be allocated to services using a relevant basis of apportionment and in accordance with accounting codes of practice. Where

relevant and strictly necessary, internal charges between services should be accounted for on a timely basis using CFO agreed recharge mechanisms.

ACCOUNTING

2 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Determining the Council's main accounting (and budgeting) system for the preparation of the Council's accounts and for monitoring all income and expenditure.
- b. Determining any other financial systems which may sit outside of the main accounting system and ensuring that these are sound and properly integrated and interfaced. It is a requirement that the options appraisal for new systems should include ease of integration and interfacing with the main accounting system. Any such interface must require little or no manual intervention.
- c. Issuing guidance on the use and maintenance of the main accounting system and related financial systems and ensuring that supporting records and documents are retained.
- d. Ensuring that regular balance sheet and holding account reconciliations are undertaken.
- e. Preparing the Council's consolidated accounts, balance sheet and Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for audit and publication and issuing guidance (including a detailed timetable and plan) to ensure achievement of the statutory deadline.
- f. Ensuring all relevant staff are trained and competent in the use of the main accounting system and any subsidiary finance systems managed under the CFO's control.
- g. Ensuring there is a documented and tested disaster recovery plan as part of an agreed business resilience strategy for the Council's main accounting system and any subsidiary finance systems.

3 Managers are responsible for:

- a. The financial management of services, cost centres, projects or programmes for which they are responsible, further ensuring that proper accounting and financial systems exist incorporating adequate internal controls to safeguard against waste, loss or fraud.
- b. Ensuring that the main accounting system is used to accurately record financial transactions in accordance with guidance issued by the CFO.
- c. Ensuring an adequate audit trail of financial information and compliance with the Council's policies in respect of the retention of documents.
- d. Ensuring that the use of any service specific financial system (and changes to existing, including upgrades/new versions) has the express approval of the CFO, and is adequately documented, tested and interfaced with the main accounting system and all relevant staff have been properly trained in its use. It is a requirement that the option appraisal for new systems should include ease of integration and interfacing with the main accounting system, and that automatic interfaces that require no manual intervention are required.
- e. Complying with the timetables required by the CFO to enable the production of consolidated accounts, budgets and statutory information.
- f. Ensuring staff are aware of and have access to these Regulations and any supplementary advice and guidance issued by the CFO.
- g. Ensuring there is a documented and tested disaster recovery plan as part of an agreed business resilience strategy for any service specific financial system.

4 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Providing all necessary corporate systems for the administering of invoicing, credit notes, income collection and debt recovery.
- b. Approving any local Service specific procedures, systems and documentation used where for whatever good reason corporate systems cannot be used.
- c. Ensuring that claims for Government grants and other monies are made properly and promptly.
- d. Ensuring that all monies received are properly receipted and recorded and banked promptly.
- e. Administering the process for writing off irrecoverable debts and monitoring and reporting on write off levels.
- f. Issuing advice and guidance on the detailed procedures to be followed in writing off bad debts from the accounts.
- g. Recommending and implementing the Council's debt management policy in consultation with Corporate Management Board.

5 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Using the CFO approved corporate systems for invoicing, income collection and debt recovery.
- b. Administering any local systems for invoicing, income collection and debt recovery as approved by the CFO which must properly segregate duties between staff raising accounts and those responsible for income collection. (where the CFO has agreed that compliance with 5a. is not possible or in the Council's best interest).
- c. Ensuring that fees and charges for the supply of goods and services are reviewed at least annually, consulting with the CFO and cabinet member on the financial effect of the review and obtaining Cabinet approval for any proposal to introduce new charges. (For managers in BCP maintained schools consultation/approval is instead required from the Chair of Governors)
- d. Collecting all income from within the budgets for which they are responsible.
- e. Collecting payment at point of sale wherever possible, to improve cash flow, using the system provided by the CFO.
- f. Timely initiation of 'sales invoices' in respect of all fees and charges due using the system provided by the CFO.
- g. Complying with the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations, Appendix 1, when writing off debts, when waiving, suspending or refunding fees, charges or contributions and maintaining appropriate records of those decisions.
Once raised on the accounting system, no bona fide debt can be cancelled except by full payment or by being formally written off in the accounts. Cancellations/Credit notes can only be issued to correct a factual inaccuracy or administrative error in the calculation and/or billing of the original debt and must not be used for any other purpose.
- h. Ensuring that refunds are only made to the original source/bank account. Any refunds not to the original source/bank account must be authorised by the CFO or their appointed representative.
- i. Providing operational data and information to ensure that claims for Government grants and other monies due are made properly and promptly.
- j. Issuing official receipts for all cash and cheque income and maintaining all other documentation for income collection purposes and ensuring controlled stationery is securely stored. (except in BCP maintained schools where the Chair of Governors can agree proportionate arrangements)
- k. Keeping all income received in secure storage prior to banking and ensuring cash holdings do not exceed insurance limits.
- l. Ensuring that cash income is never used to cash personal cheques or used to make any other payments.

- m. Ensuring that where post, likely to contain money, is opened locally at least two staff are present to properly identify, record and safeguard. (It is accepted this may not always be practical, in such cases managers must agree alternative arrangements with the CFO).
- n. Ensuring all income received is paid in fully and promptly in the form in which it was received into an approved Council bank account, income kiosk or cash office, also ensuring all details are properly recorded on paying in slips which are retained for audit purposes.
- o. Reporting immediately, to the Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO) (the Chief Internal Auditor), all instances of attempts by customers to pay for works, goods or services in cash:
 - that are in excess of £5,000 but lower than £10,000;
 - that are suspicious in any way such as, but not limited to, multiple use of high denomination notes, multiple and frequent disaggregation of payment of a higher value outstanding debt;

In such instances the Manager must accept the cash and not make any further enquiries into the matter themselves or share the information with anyone except the MLRO and their respective Service Director. Under no circumstance should the customer handing over the cash be told of the reporting to the MLRO nor should a formal record on any personal file of the reporting to the MLRO be made otherwise a criminal offence may be committed.

- p. Any cash payment in excess of £10,000 must be refused.

EXPENDITURE ON WORKS, GOODS AND SERVICES

6 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that an effective overarching Procurement Strategy is in place (Purpose, Principles and Priorities).
- b. Ensuring that effective Procurement Regulations (Part G) are in place, and which are supported by detailed procurement guidance on the ordering, certification and payment for all works, goods and services. (The Procurement Code).
- c. Agreeing any exceptions to the normal procurement process outlined in the Procurement Regulations (Part G).
- d. Providing a corporate purchase to pay system for the electronic ordering, receipt and payment for works, goods and services.
- e. Processing all payments due on receipt of a valid invoice or contract certificate which satisfies VAT regulations, and confirmation that works, goods and services have been received.
- f. Agreeing any exceptions to the requirement to raise purchase orders for all works, goods and services outside of the Council's main purchasing/ordering system.
- g. Agreeing the use and administering the issuing of p-cards and processing of resulting payments.
- h. Agreeing the use of all pre-loaded payment cards.
- i. Approving any payment in advance for goods or services exceeding £30,000 (inclusive of VAT) or in excess of 6 months if the amount exceeds £1,000.
- j. Approving any payments in advance for works.

7 Managers incurring expenditure on works, goods and services are responsible for:

- a. Complying with the requirements of the Council's Procurement arrangements set out in Part G of these Regulations.
- b. Ensuring that all purchase orders are raised using the Council's corporate purchasing system prior to any works, goods and services being received or paid for. The Council has a "No Purchase Order, No Pay Policy" except for the following circumstances where a purchase order is not required for:
 - payments made on the basis of a formal stage payment contract
 - payments made on the basis of a formal periodic payment contract (the periodic payment may be fixed or variable in value)

- statutory or legislative charges, levies or fines (including those for taxation, pension fund)
 - purchases appropriately made through p-card (procurement /payment cards) or pre-loaded card
 - continuous charges for utilities supply
 - periodic payments such as rents or rates
 - treasury management payments
 - payments to volunteers
 - payments made from CFO approved interfaced Council database systems (such as Children's and Adult Social Care systems and Libraries)
 - exceptions agreed with the CFO (for BCP maintained schools the Chair of Governors may agree other circumstances where purchase orders are not required)
- c. Ensuring that no purchase orders are placed without the proper approvals and financial authorities set out in the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations (Appendix1).
- d. Receipting all works, goods and services on the corporate purchasing system.
- e. Ensuring the proper completion and authorisation of payment certification vouchers, including confirming that the invoice has not previously been paid.

1 BCP maintained schools may use alternative purchase order systems

2 In exceptional circumstances, to be agreed by the CFO, verbal, email or in person orders may need to be raised retrospectively in the Council's corporate purchasing system using the 'Confirmation order' facility

- f. Ensuring that payments are made only where works, goods and services have been received to the correct price, quantity and quality standards.
- g. Gaining CFO approval for any payments in advance for goods or services exceeding £30,000 (inclusive of VAT) or in excess of 6 months if the amount exceeds £1,000.
- h. Gaining CFO approval for any payments in advance for works.
- i. Gaining CFO approval for the use of p-cards and pre-loaded cards.
- j. Ensuring that all p-cards and pre-loaded cards are appropriately controlled, that transactions are reviewed and authorised by the relevant line manager, are for proper business purposes and are supported by receipts which must be stored electronically on the 'receipt imaging' function.
- k. Reporting any lost or stolen p-cards or pre-loaded cards immediately to the Chief Internal Auditor.

EXPENDITURE ON SALARIES, WAGES, ALLOWANCES & EXPENSES (including making 'on-payroll' payments for non-salaries as directed in law by HMRC)

- 8 Council is responsible for determining how officer support for executive and non-executive roles within the Council will be organised. The Head of Paid Services/Chief Executive Officer is responsible for overall staff management arrangements including ensuring that proper systems of evaluation are used in determining remuneration.
- 9 The CFO is responsible for ensuring that the Head of Human Resources (HHR) operates sound arrangements for the payment of salaries, pensions and expenses to officers and councillors.
- 10 The HHR is responsible for:
- a. Providing a corporate payroll system for recording all payroll data and generating payments to employees and councillors, including payment of pensions and expenses.
 - b. Ensuring the corporate payroll system properly and efficiently interfaces with the main accounting system and that any chart of accounts held within the payroll system is kept up to date.

- c. The proper calculation of all pay and allowances, National Insurance and pension contributions, income tax and other deductions.
- d. Completing all HM Revenues & Customs (HMRC) returns regarding PAYE and providing advice and guidance on employment related taxation.
- e. Maintaining an accurate and up to date record of the Council's establishment.
- f. Agreeing with BCP maintained schools the use of any local payroll arrangements having been adequately assured that the alternative system is well controlled, managed and resulting in the correct payments being made to the correct staff.
- g. Agreeing with managers all circumstances where a wage or salary is to be paid outside of the main HR/payroll system.
- h. Agreeing all 'on payroll' arrangements, required by HMRC, for payments to individuals not directly employed by the Council (e.g. IR35 tax).
- i. Agreeing the use of the corporate payroll system for recording payroll data and generating payments to employees of third-party organisations (and where a fee or charge is applied agreeing this with CFO).

11 Managers incurring expenditure on salaries, wages, allowances and expenses are responsible for:

- a. Controlling resources and containing staff numbers within approved establishment and budget levels.
- b. Ensuring that all employee appointments, including temporary staff, are made in compliance with the Council's policies.
- c. Ensuring that the HR/Payroll system is updated promptly of starters and leavers, and all information relating to employees pay and expenses.
- d. Ensuring that all payments made to employees are properly authorised in compliance with the requirements and financial limits set out in the Council's human resources policies.
- e. Ensuring that any overpayment (error) is recovered. Managers do not have delegated authority to write-off any overpayment.
- f. Ensuring that all expenses claims are reviewed and authorised by the relevant line manager prior to payment. Staff subsistence should never be paid or reimbursed using p-cards or pre-loaded cards, the Council's HR/payroll system must be used to reimburse staff expenses in all such cases.
- g. Ensuring that all persons employed by the Council are paid through the Council's corporate payroll system.
- h. Ensuring that any proposal to engage a person via a contract of service* (rather than a contract of employment) is assessed by the HHR for compliance with relevant legislation to determine if payments need to be 'on payroll' or 'off payroll' via invoice. This includes engagements via Employment Agencies and Single Person Companies or Partnerships.
*Where a Contract of Service is proposed see Appendix 1 section EX9 for required approval route
- i. Managers in BCP maintained schools must have the approval of the HHR if they wish to use their own alternative payroll arrangements.

BANKING (including 'Client Cash Floats' and local Bank Accounts)

12 It is the responsibility of Cabinet to approve the banking arrangements of the Council.

13 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Managing the Cabinet approved banking contract on a day-to-day basis.
- b. Managing and operating all the Council's bank accounts and ensuring that all payment methods, whether physical or electronic, have the appropriate authorisations, approvals and signatures.
- c. Ensuring that adequate controls are in place for the control of payment methods (including cheques) covering access, ordering, custody, preparation, signing and despatch as appropriate.

- d. Ensuring regular reconciliations are carried out between all bank accounts and the financial records of the Council.
- e. Approving the operation of any 'client cash floats' for disbursement of cash to clients.
- f. The Council will not operate petty cash accounts and therefore no cash payments will be made to purchase works, goods or services.
- g. Approving the operation of any local bank accounts in Services.

14 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that no bank accounts are opened in the name of the Council other than with the express written authority of the CFO.
- b. Reporting to the CFO on the nature and state of any bank accounts for which they are responsible. Reconciliations must be subject to management review and sign off in a timely manner.
- c. The proper administration of any 'client cash floats' or local bank accounts including record keeping, document retention, paying in income, reconciliation and control of cheques including ordering, custody and security, preparation, signing and despatch.
- d. Using 'client cash floats' for client cash disbursements only and ensuring such floats are not used to purchase works, goods or services or to reimburse staff expenses.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT, FINANCING AND LEASING

15 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Preparing and presenting an annual Treasury Management Strategy to Audit & Governance Committee and/or Cabinet prior to submission to Council for approval.
- b. Implementing, reviewing and reporting on the progress and performance of the strategy and recommending any changes to Audit & Governance Committee on a quarterly basis.
- c. Effecting all investments and arranging borrowings within the limits imposed by the Council and reporting on the funding methods used.
- d. Advising on any proposal for leases, borrowings, credit arrangements, and hire purchase arrangements to Council for approval.
- e. Advising on any proposals to set up or acquire interest in a company, joint company, joint venture or partnership to Council for approval.
- f. Ensuring that the use of any financial derivatives is intra vires and properly risk assessed and monitored.
- g. Ensuring compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and codes of practice relating to treasury management and capital finance including the registration of all Council owned stocks, bonds, mortgages and loans.
- h. Ensuring that cash flow forecasting and monitoring systems are in place.

16 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Assisting cash flow through timely billing of income due, due consideration of contracts payment terms and minimising advance payments wherever possible.
- b. Supporting cash flow forecasting and notifying the treasury team in advance of any high value receipts or payments that may impact on investments and borrowings.
- c. Ensuring no loans or guarantees are given to third parties and that interest in companies, joint ventures or other enterprises are not acquired without the approval of Council and following advice from the CFO.

- d. Ensuring that no leases, borrowings, credit arrangements or hire purchase arrangements are entered into without the approval of Council and following advice from the CFO.
- e. Arranging for all trust funds to be held in the name of the Council wherever possible and ensuring that trust funds operate within the law and the specific requirements for each trust. All officers acting as trustees by virtue of their position with the Council shall deposit securities relating to the trust to the custody of the CFO unless the deeds specifically require otherwise.
- f. Arranging the secure administration of funds held on behalf of third parties and ensuring that the systems and controls for administering such funds are approved by the CFO and subject to regular audit.

TAXATION

17 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that transactions comply with relevant statutory requirements and authorities.
- b. Approving the systems for all PAYE returns to HM Revenues & Customs (HMRC).
- c. Completing a monthly return of VAT inputs and outputs to HMRC, ensuring prompt recovery of sums due, and reconciliation of tax records to the main accounting system.
- d. Making monthly Construction Industry Scheme returns to HMRC.
- e. Managing the Council's partial exemption position.
- f. Preparing and submitting Voluntary Disclosure Notices to HMRC and recovery of any revenues due.
- g. Providing advice and guidance on taxation issues.

18 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that the correct VAT liability is attached to all income due and that all VAT recoverable on purchases complies with HMRC regulations.
- b. Seeking advice on the potential tax implication of any new initiatives for the delivery of Council activity and services.
- c. Ensuring that the taxation implications of proposed land and building acquisitions and sales and proposed capital schemes are properly identified and considered at the planning stage.
- d. Ensuring that contractors fulfil the necessary construction industry tax deduction scheme requirements where construction and maintenance works are undertaken.
- e. Ensuring that advice and guidance on taxation issued by the CFO is followed and adhered to by staff in their service, project or programme.
- f. Ensuring that all persons employed by the Council are added to the Council's payroll and tax deductions forms part of payments made to them. (with approved exceptions agreed by the CFO and HHR where individuals concerned are bona fide self-employed or are employed by a recognised agency)

ASSET MANAGEMENT

19 The CFO is responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that asset registers are maintained in the appropriate format for accounting purposes for all fixed assets valued in excess of the limit set out in the Schedule of Financial Delegations to Officers, and that valuations are made in accordance with the local authority accounting code of practice.
- b. Establishing an asset management plan that details short, medium and long term use of assets, and establishes arrangements for monitoring and reporting asset performance.

- c. Ensuring that all asset acquisitions and disposals are properly recorded within asset records by the CPO.
- d. Arranging for all assets to be adequately insured.
- e. Prescribing the records to be maintained for any stocks and stores and for inventories of moveable assets.
- f. Approving the write off of deficiencies in any stocks, stores and inventory items subject to the limits set out in the Schedule of Financial Delegation to Officers.

20 The Corporate Property Officer (CPO) is responsible for:

- a. Maintaining up to date records of all land and buildings, including values and plans, for inclusion in the corporate fixed asset register, and of the Council's housing stock in the format prescribed by the CFO and at least on an annual basis.
- b. Arranging for the regular valuation of assets for accounting purposes to meet the requirements specified by the CFO.
- c. Ensuring that all land and buildings are maintained so as to best protect and safeguard the Council's interests.
- d. Arranging the disposal of surplus assets in compliance with any approved asset management strategy/plan(s) that apply and subject to the necessary approvals.
- e. The acquisition of land and buildings on behalf of the Council in accordance with any asset management strategy/plan(s) that apply, Capital Programme and medium term financial plan, and subject to the necessary approvals.
- f. Notifying the CFO of acquisitions and disposals so that the accounting records can be updated.
- g. Ensuring all rents, charges or fees due in respect of investment land and buildings are raised and all income is collected and accounted for in the Council's accounting systems.
- h. Ensuring all lessees and other prospective occupiers of Council land or buildings are not allowed to occupy the property until a lease or agreement in a form approved by the Monitoring Officer has been completed.
- i. Ensuring all title deeds are passed to Legal Services who act as custodian for all title deeds for Council properties and land.

21 The Head of ICT & Customer Support is responsible for:

- a. Maintaining up to date records of all ICT equipment, including values, for inclusion in the corporate fixed asset register in the format prescribed by the CFO.
- b. Purchasing, maintenance and disposal of all ICT equipment.

22 Managers are responsible for:

- a. Providing the Corporate Property Officer (CPO) with all relevant information and documentation for the purposes of maintaining an up to date and complete fixed asset register.
- b. Ensuring the proper security and safe custody of assets under their day-to-day operational control and reporting any assets that are lost, stolen or destroyed to the insurance team, facilities management and internal audit as appropriate.
- c. Complying with guidance issued by the CFO on the disposal of assets including selling, gifting, swapping or donating the asset subject to the limits set out in the Schedule of Financial Delegations to Officers.
- d. Ensuring all rents, charges or fees due in respect of operational land and buildings, under their day-to-day service control, are raised and all income is collected and accounted for in the Council's accounting systems.
- e. Complying with guidance issued by the Head of ICT & Customer Support including the purchase, maintenance and security, maintenance of ICT asset registers and disposal of ICT equipment.

- f. Maintaining local inventories of moveable assets (non-ICT) for all items with a purchase price exceeding £1,000 (and for determining a lower £ value if deemed appropriate, such as for desirable items e.g. digital cameras).
- g. Ensuring that stocks, stores and inventory items are held securely and kept to a minimum, proportionate to the needs of the service.
- h. Ensuring that any cash holdings are kept to a minimum, within insurance limits and held securely.
- i. Seeking approval to write off deficiencies in any stocks, stores, or inventory items, subject to the limits set out in the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations (Appendix 1).
- j. Ensuring that assets are used only in the course of the Council's business unless specific permission has been given otherwise by a designated officer as shown in the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations (AM10).

INSURANCE

- 23 The CFO is responsible for:
 - a. Determining the nature and level of insurance cover to be effected.
 - b. Effecting insurance cover and processing and settlement of all claims.
- 24 Managers are responsible for notifying the CFO promptly of:
 - a. All new risks, properties or vehicles which require to be insured.
 - b. Any alterations affecting insurance arrangements.
 - c. Any loss, damage or claim.
- 25 Managers must not effect any local insurance arrangements without the approval of the CFO.

RECHARGES AND INTERNAL TRADING ACCOUNTS

- 26 The CFO is responsible for:
 - a. Maintaining an appropriate system of internal recharges which ensures that the full cost of each service is identified in accordance with reporting requirements.
 - b. Where relevant and strictly necessary all internal charges and recharges should be processed in a regular and timely basis using relevant bases of apportionment, allocation or recharging mechanisms.
 - c. Advising on the operation of internal trading accounts.
- 27 Managers are responsible for:
 - a. Agreeing the basis of internal charges/recharges in advance of the financial year as part of the budget setting process.
 - b. Maintaining appropriate systems to calculate recharges or justify their apportionment.
 - c. Providing data to enable recharges to be processed on a regular and timely basis and responding in the event of any disputed charges.
 - d. Complying with guidance issued by the CFO in relation to the operation of trading accounts.

PART G PROCUREMENT & CONTRACT PROCEDURES

BCP maintained schools should augment this section of Financial Regulations with Buying Procedures and Procurement Law for Schools guidance issued by the DfE. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/buying-procedures-and-procurement-law-for-schools>. If specific DfE guidance content differs to Part G, BCP Council requirements, then DfE guidance content applies. **BCP Council's internal governance arrangements and requirements in these Regulations for Procurement Decisions Records do not apply to BCP maintained schools**

PRINCIPLES

1. Goods, services, works and concessions must be procured in a way that is lawful, ensures transparency, integrity and accountability, covering all funding sources (Revenue, Capital, Grant or Partner Funding, HRA), represents value for money (VFM), maximises public benefit and serves to deter fraud and corruption.
2. All procurement and contractual commitments made by the Council must:
 - a. Follow locally agreed 'expenditure control' instructions.
 - b. Ensure when calculating the estimated value of a contract it must be inclusive of VAT.
 - c. Involve the **Procurement and Contract Management (PCM) team** in all procurement **activity** where the whole life contract value is over £30,000 (VAT inclusive).
 - d. Ensure standard tender processes or documentation cannot be changed without the approval of the Head of Strategic Procurement.
 - e. Comply with all relevant statutory provisions including the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR15), Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 (CCR16) **and Procurement Regulations 2024 (PR24)** (or as amended).
 - f. Ensure goods, services, works and concessions are procured by the most efficient, transparent processes, by sustainable and ethical means, ensuring accountability, achieving value for money and deriving maximum benefit to support BCP Council's corporate strategies and plans.
 - g. Cover the whole life value, from the initial definition of the business need through to the end of the useful life of the asset or service contract including any licensing upgrades, maintenance, parts, recycling, staffing costs and disposals.
 - h. Offer best value and protect the Council from any loss arising from the failure of a contractor to perform the contract.
 - i. Ensure that the Council pays a fair and proper price (or receives a fair and proper price in the case of concessions).
 - j. **Follow procurement advice published on the Council's "How Do I" intranet pages.**
 - k. **Plan activities sufficiently early to enable** orderly transitions to new contract arrangements, whether extending, re-tendering.

STANDARDS

3. The following standards must be adopted:
 - a. The highest standards of probity and ethical governance are always maintained and adhered to.
 - b. All Officers and Councillors must declare any personal interest or conflict of interest during the whole life in any procurement or contract, failure to do so could be deemed to be either corrupt practice or maladministration or could not withstand public scrutiny.
 - c. All suppliers are treated equally, and procurement takes place in an open and transparent manner which does not favour unfairly one supplier over another.

- d. Legal, Finance, IT, Human Resources, Property, **Climate** Team, Insurance and other professional advice appropriate to the individual procurement exercise will be obtained.
- e. **Managers will work with Finance and Procurement to understand their spend and, where relevant, work to migrate spend from spot-purchasing (normally reserved for urgent needs, one-time purchases, or when the market conditions dictate) to buying against a compliantly procured contract with suppliers on pre-negotiated terms and conditions.**
- f. **Ensure that contract opportunities** are as accessible as possible to **Small Medium Enterprise (SME) / Voluntary Community & Social Enterprise (VCSE)** suppliers.
- g. **Estimation of** contract value of goods, services and works, for the purposes of determining the **applicable** threshold, is an aggregation of the whole life value from award and includes implementation prior to live service and extends to contract **termination**, not just annual, including any optional extensions and including VAT (where applicable). Consideration should also be given to costs related to, but not limited to, delivery, licensing, implementation, upgrades, maintenance, parts, recycling, staffing costs, decommissioning and disposals.
- h. **The estimated value of a concession is calculated based on the total turnover of the concessionaire generated over the duration of the contract, net of VAT, as estimated by the contracting authority, in consideration for the works and services that are the object of the concession as well as for the supplies required for such works and services. Turnover is defined as equivalent to revenue or sales (net of discounts and sales taxes) i.e. total money in (not net of expenditure).**
- i. No goods will be delivered, nor services or works begun without a proper contractual commitment and/or purchase order being in place.
- j. All contracts must have a clearly defined duration, including extensions where required, provision(s) for modifications and termination and must not have a provision to automatically renew.
- k. Industry and/or Council standard contracts/terms/conditions must be used wherever possible as approved by Legal Services.
- l. Where bespoke advice or drafting of contracts is required, the MO must approve the document prior to tendering or obtaining quotes and in any event before any contract is executed and any terms and conditions must not be held against the best interests of the Council.
- m. The general principle is that unlimited liability is not permitted because it is disproportionate, can have the effect of deterring bidders, raising prices due to the inclusion of large risk premiums and it runs contrary to government policy on growth and supporting business.
- n. All tender processes over £30,000 will be undertaken using the Council's **procurement system unless otherwise** agreed by the Head of Procurement (e.g., for a collaborative procurement where BCP Council is not the lead, or a Framework requires otherwise).
- o. When appointing interim staff or consultancy services (contract of employment or contract for service) refer also to the Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations in Appendix 1 (EX9, 10 & 11).
- p. The Procurement & Contracts Board has oversight over all planned spend decisions across the entire Council and has the authority to require any Manager to attend a meeting and provide information and/or explanation as required by the Board.
- q. **Managers delegating responsibility for leading a procurement will ensure that allocated staff receive adequate support to achieve time and quality requirements.**

BREACHES

4. Breaches of Financial Regulations (Part G) are extremely serious matters and will be fully investigated and reported on following referral or discovery. Any breach of these Regulations could lead to disciplinary action being taken against the individual(s) concerned.
 - a. Where it is evident that any part of Part G has not been followed then a breach has occurred.
 - b. Service Directors and managers are responsible for reporting all known or discovered breaches of these Regulations to the CFO as soon as they become aware of such instances.
 - c. Service Directors may be required to supplement the CFO's annual report on breaches to the Audit & Governance Committee with a more detailed report explaining the circumstances of the breach and the remedial action taken or planned by way of remedy.

PROCUREMENT DECISION RECORDS (PDRs) – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

5. Managers will engage with PCM as required and input into the completion and approval of Procurement Decision Records (PDRs). Managers should note:
 - a. PDRs will be used to record the following reportable circumstances:
 - i. Standard competition requirements not followed as they would likely cause harm to health or property.
 - ii. A particular supplier is required because competition is absent for technical reasons
 - iii. Payments in advance for goods, services or works
 - iv. Spot-purchase (i.e. off-contract) when buying against a compliantly procured contract was an option.
 - b. PDRs will not be granted retrospectively unless under emergency requirements (Section 7) and any such requests will be treated seriously and constitute a breach.
 - c. PDRs will not be considered approved until approved by all relevant signatories which include Lead Client Officer, Lead Procurement Officer, Accountant, Director, Head of Procurement, Chief Financial Officer. PDRs for IT subject matter will also need to be approved by IT.
 - d. The CFO will produce an annual report on relevant PDRs and submit this report to the Audit & Governance Committee for scrutiny and potential follow up action.

PIPELINE

6. PCM will prepare and maintain the Council's organisational pipeline of recurrent contracts and planned new contracts.
 - a. The pipeline must look ahead a minimum of 18 months to support procurement resourcing and bidder planning as well as service preparation and planning. Estimated contract values must be shared with PCM.
 - b. Managers must engage with PCM on a regular basis to share information and data on their forward plan of procurements, including extensions, for the forward-looking period specified by PCM.

- c. PCM will publish the Council's pipeline in the public domain in the required Pipeline Notice format. This includes the Council's forward plan of procurements with estimated values above £2M, including extensions. The forward plan must extend for a minimum of 18 months.

EMERGENCIES

7. Emergencies (serious risk to life or serious and immediate risk of loss or damage), only applies to extreme major incidents or unforeseen events such as a natural disaster and does not allow for accelerated procurement due to urgency, in which case the PDR process applies.
 - a. In the case of an extreme emergency where there is immediate danger to the safety of persons or serious risk of immediate loss or damage to the Council's assets or interests, or the interests of another party, the Chief Executive, Corporate Director, CFO, MO or Service Director, may place such emergency contracts/orders as necessary by means that are reasonable under the circumstances.
 - b. The Chief Executive, Corporate Director, CFO, MO or Service Director may delegate another officer of the Council to place such emergency contracts/orders but remains accountable for any resulting expenditure or activity.
 - c. The CFO and appropriate Cabinet Member must be advised of any emergency contract/order within five working days.
 - d. In such an event, the Head of Procurement shall be advised of the use of the procedure and an emergency PDR be sent as soon as reasonably practicable for all procurements of any value.

USE OF CORPORATE CONTRACTS AND FRAMEWORKS

8. At all levels of spend, where an appropriate organisation-wide contract exists, including compliantly-procured framework agreements, it must be used.
 - a. If a corporate contract is deemed unsuitable by PCM, then a written justification must be recorded in the PDR, describing the reason why such a corporate contract cannot deliver the Council's requirements/specifications and alternative VFM must be demonstrated.
 - b. Where a corporate contract does not exist, the service(s) will consult PCM who will:
 - i. select the most appropriate procurement route to market and tender processes.
 - ii. identify if similar contracts are being let, or due to be let, with a view to aggregating requirements and/or modifying existing contracts.
 - c. Although such contracts may be available to them, this is not a requirement for BCP maintained schools.

PRELIMINARY MARKET ENGAGEMENT (PME)

9. Proportionate PME should be undertaken to inform the development, deliverability and affordability of requirements including the feasibility of alternative options that could help better deliver services. For contracts over £30,000 PCM must be consulted and involved before undertaking any PME.

- a. **PME** must be conducted in a fair and transparent manner and must not to be treated as a call for competition and a contract must not be awarded.
- b. **PME** can be conducted with a view to informing suppliers of procurement plans, requirements and informing the **Council's** Pipeline.
- c. **Steps must be taken to ensure that participating suppliers are not unfairly advantaged.**
- d. **At the commencement of each specific planned procurement, Conflict of Interest declarations / assessments must be completed by all individuals that could influence a decision made by or on behalf of BCP Council.**

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND COUNCIL POLICY OBJECTIVES

10. Legal obligations and Council policy objectives must be considered in all procurement processes and where relevant and proportionate, incorporated into the specification, evaluation process and the terms and conditions of the contract.
 - a. Legal obligations and Council policy objectives that must be met as a minimum are:
 - i. Risk Assessment and Business Continuity Impact Assessment
 - ii. Sustainability Decision Impact Assessment
 - iii. Social Value Considerations (The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012)
 - iv. Equality Impact Assessment
 - v. UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
 - vi. Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (TUPE)

PROCUREMENT TIMELINE

11. **PCM** will determine minimum & maximum procurement timeline(s) depending on the proportionality and complexity of the requirements against procurement legislation, which must be set out in the tender documents.

CONTRACT LENGTH

12. **PCM and** the manager will decide the length of a contract, consideration should be given to the complexity of the requirement, as well as the resources and investment required. The timeframe should be realistic and sufficient for both sides to perform their contractual obligations.

FRAMEWORKS

13. The access to and use of any **3rd party framework or dynamic market is subject to PCM due diligence and** must be **approved** by the Head of Procurement before use.

PROCURING WHEN FUNDED BY EXTERNAL GRANTS

14. Managers must, in advance of undertaking any procurement activity, ensure **PCM** has full access to any relevant paperwork and guidance to ensure **the Council is** fully conversant and compliant with all the requirements of the relevant funding bodies.

LIGHT TOUCH REGIME

15. Only Light Touch service contracts defined under **Schedule 3 of PCR15 or Schedule 1 of PR24** can use this process. All procurement processes covered by the Light Touch Regime must be agreed with and run by **PCM**.

PROVIDER SELECTION REGIME (PSR)

16. All procurement processes of any value covered by The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 must be agreed with and run by **PCM**.

CONCESSIONS

17. Where a manager is considering entering into a Concession Contract of any value, the process must be agreed with and run by **PCM**.

SPECIFICATIONS

18. Within technical specifications the words “*or equivalent*” must immediately follow every reference to a specific make or source of a product.
 - a. Under £30,000 - The manager is responsible for ensuring a specification is created that describes the Council’s requirements in sufficient detail including the considerations required in Legal obligations and Council policy objectives, to enable the submission of equal and transparent competitive bids.
 - b. Over £30,000 - The manager must consult the **PCM** to ensure a specification is created that describes the Council’s requirements in sufficient detail including the considerations required in Legal obligations and Council policy objectives, to enable the submission of equal and transparent competitive bids.
 - c. **Specifications for contracts with estimated values above £5M must include at least three key performance indicators. This does not apply to frameworks, concessions or light touch contracts.**

PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

19. The Manager is responsible for ensuring approval for a payment in advance is made in accordance with Part F (7) (g) & (h). Examples that may apply include, but are not limited to, lease arrangements, ICT software licensing and support agreements, subscriptions, maintenance agreements, works, goods or services received from utility companies **and market research**.
 - a. Requirements of such must be included in the relevant specifications and T&Cs and the payment in advance is limited to the actual requirement of the T&Cs and no more.
 - b. **Where CFO approval is required in accordance with Part F (7) (g) & (h), such approval will be sought in the format of a PDR.**

PERFORMANCE BONDS AND PARENT COMPANY GUARANTEES

20. The manager is responsible for ensuring:

- a. In a contract for the execution of works the requirements for any performance bond or guarantee are as follows:

i. £0 to £500,000	Consider the requirement, or not, for and value of performance bond or parent company guarantee further to their risk assessment.
ii. £500,000 up to PCR15 works threshold	Consult the CFO and MO to consider the requirement, or not, for and value of performance bond or parent company guarantee further to their joint risk assessment.
iii. Over PCR15 works threshold	Bond or parent company guarantee is normally required, the terms to be approved by the MO. The CFO must agree the value or percentage value of the contract of such a bond or guarantee.

- b. The risk assessment considers other ongoing contracts with the same contractor and the aggregate contract values in determining the need for a performance bond or guarantee.
- c. Such bonds or guarantees be taken up by the contractor with an insurance company, bank or other financial institution or body approved by the CFO. (Except for 'schedule of rates' contracts or any other contract exception agreed by the MO and CFO).
- d. Where the works contract has been let via an available Framework Agreement, then any retention or performance bond requirements of that framework agreement must prevail.

EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING MATRIX

21. **PCM will ensure** that a scoring matrix is prepared for all tenders **above** £30,000 against **assessment** criteria derived from the requirements in the specification and price elements. The evaluation criteria, weightings and price elements must be issued with the tender and **be** clear and transparent to bidders.

- a. Invitations to tender will include relevant and proportionate evaluation criteria, derived from the elements defined under Legal obligations and Council policy objectives that might improve and secure improvement in respect of the economic, social and environmental well-being of the relevant area.
- b. Where relevant and **proportionate**, tenders are to be assessed with a minimum of 10% of the quality score being allocated to economic, social and environmental **(i.e. social value)** considerations.

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

22. Competition Requirements

- a. Local Suppliers must be used wherever possible under £30,000. A local supplier is defined, for this purpose, as operating within the BH, DT and SO postcode regions.
- b. All requirements of any value relating to the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) and Concessions must go through **PCM**.

c. Competition Requirements: £0 - £5,000

Procurement Decision Record – Not required (unless circumstances at 5a apply)

Responsibility: Manager

- i. Obtain at least **one written, value for money quote**.
- ii. Ensure verbal quotes are retrospectively followed up by a written quote (by email if preferred) before placing the order.
- iii. The quote should, where possible, be from a local supplier prior to placing order.

d. Competition Requirements: £5,000 - £30,000

Procurement Decision Record is required

Responsibility: Manager and **PCM**

- i. **Consult PCM beforehand to develop a solution if a manager considers it appropriate to advertise under £30,000.**
- ii. Invite sufficient suppliers by e-mail to ensure **a minimum of three comparative written quotations** are received back (to be declared in the PDR if less than three). **Invitations must adhere to the principles of transparency and equal treatment.**
- iii. For BCP maintained schools the Department for Education statutory guidance in respect of schemes for financing schools (normally updated annually) requires three quotes to be obtained for all spend to exceed £10,000 in any one year.
- iv. Ensure at least one of these quotes, where possible, is from a local supplier.
- v. Provide the same specification, evaluation criteria (where not price only) and the Council's standard terms and conditions to suppliers.
- vi. Set a quotation return date and time and evaluate accordingly.
- vii. If the estimated value was under £30,000 and all of the subsequent quotes received were above £30,000, then **consult PCM**.
- viii. Ensure a PDR has been approved prior to awarding contract / issuing a PO.

e. Competition Requirements: Regulated Below Threshold (i.e. £30,000 to Threshold) including PSR or Concessions.

Procurement Decision Record is required

Responsibility: **Manager** and **PCM**

- i. **The manager must involve PCM from the outset of the procurement process.**
- ii. **PCM will trigger conflict assessments which will be kept under review, revised and mitigated as necessary.**
- iii. **PCM will determine the most appropriate route to market and invite bid(s) in compliance with PR24:**
 - a. **PCM are not required to openly advertise any below threshold opportunity.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. PCM may at its discretion elect to openly advertise any below threshold opportunity. c. Where an opportunity is advertised generally in the public domain, including where targeted at any specific class of supplier, it shall initially be advertised on the relevant national opportunity platform. d. An opportunity shall not be considered advertised where it is made available to a number of particular suppliers who have been selected for that purpose regardless of how PCM draws the opportunity to the attention of those suppliers. e. Where an opportunity is made available to a number of particular suppliers for <u>Goods or Services</u>, PCM will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Invite a minimum of 5 quotes (where possible) up to £100,000. In exceptional circumstances PCM are permitted to reduce this requirement. ii. Advertise in the public domain above £100,000. f. Where an opportunity is made available to a number of particular suppliers for <u>Works</u>, PCM will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Invite a minimum of 5 quotes (where possible) up to £1,000,000. In exceptional circumstances PCM are permitted to reduce this requirement. ii. Advertise in the public domain above £1,000,000. g. Where an opportunity is made available to a number of particular suppliers for <u>Light Touch Regime</u> services, PCM will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Invite a minimum of 5 quotes (where possible) up to £200,000 unless grounds for direct award are approved by PCM. In exceptional circumstances PCM are permitted to reduce this requirement. ii. Advertise in the public domain above £200,000 unless grounds for direct award are approved by PCM. h. Where an opportunity is made available to a number of particular suppliers for <u>Concessions</u>, PCM will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Invite a minimum of 5 quotes (where possible) up to £100,000. ii. Advertise in the public domain above £100,000. iv. PCM will identify if similar contracts are being let, or due to be let, with a view to aggregating requirements, creating corporate contracts and/or modifying existing contracts. v. PCM will ensure, where relevant, the appropriate notice(s) are published on Find a Tender Service via the Council's procurement system. vi. PCM will ensure that clarification questions (direct or public), received during the tender period are answered within the set tender period and appropriate responses provided by the Service are published via the procurement system.

f. Competition Requirements: Above Threshold including PSR or Concessions.

Procurement Decision Record is required
Responsibility: Manager and PCM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The manager must involve PCM from the outset of the procurement process. ii. PCM will trigger conflicts assessments which will be kept under review, revised and mitigated as necessary. iii. PCM will select the most appropriate route to market and tender process. iv. PCM will identify if similar contracts are being let, or due to be let, with a view to aggregating requirements, creating corporate contracts and/or modifying existing contracts.

- v. **PCM** will ensure, where relevant, the appropriate **notice(s)** are published on Find a Tender Service via the Council's **procurement system**.
- vi. **PCM will ensure** that clarification questions (direct or public), received during the tender period are answered within the set tender period and appropriate responses provided by the Service are **published** via the **procurement system**.

EVALUATIONS

23. The evaluation criteria, weightings and price elements for procurements must be scored against the score guide **described within** the tender documents, where applied.
 - a. **PCM will ensure:**
 - i. Compliance and due diligence checks are undertaken before evaluation begins.
 - ii. Evaluators are provided with the compliant tender(s) and scorecards with instructions for individual evaluation purposes.
 - iii. A date and time are agreed with the evaluators for the return of all **completed evaluation scorecards. Evaluators will record concise whole sentence responses/comments against all criteria to support audit and transparency.**
 - iv. Appropriate moderation **will be led by PCM with all evaluators present.**
 - v. Evaluation of price and quality is completed in accordance with the tender documents and that evaluator scores are based on the question asked against the requirement (specification) and not a predefined opinion or experience.

ABNORMALLY LOW BIDS

24. Abnormally Low Bids will be reviewed by **PCM** in accordance with **PCM's standard operating procedures**.

FINANCIAL APPRAISALS

25. The Council has a responsibility to assure ourselves of the solvency and competency of suppliers that bid for our contracts. The key principle is to safeguard the delivery of public services, while being proportionate, fair and not overly risk averse.
 - a. **PCM** and Accountancy are responsible for ensuring:
 - i. A financial appraisal risk assessment is completed on procurements valued over £30,000 to determine the level of financial checking required on a supplier as part of the procurement process.
 - ii. The appropriate financial appraisal as determined by the financial appraisal risk assessment is completed on the preferred supplier prior to notification of the procurement outcome to bidders.
 - iii. The method for each level of financial appraisal has been determined and agreed by the CFO.
 - iv. any risks identified through the financial appraisal of a preferred supplier are notified to the Head of Procurement prior to the notification of the outcome to bidders. The Head of Procurement will be responsible for the making the decision as to whether to continue with contract award.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

26. Award Notification

- a. Below the £30,000 threshold the Manager will notify bidders of successful and unsuccessful bid status, and award of contract / issuing of a PO. Such communication / notification must be after the PDR has been approved.
- b. Above the £30,000 threshold PCM will notify bidders and the wider market of the award of contract and issue successful and unsuccessful letter(s)
- c. PCM will notify bidders and the wider market of award of contract and issue successful and unsuccessful letter(s) for PSR and/or concession contracts at any value.
- d. With the exception PCM and/or Legal Services, Managers will not communicate with suppliers during any standstill period.

CONTRACT REGISTER RECORDS BETWEEN £5,000 and £30,000

27. Contract Register records between £5,000 and £30,000

- a. Managers must ensure that PCM are informed in a timely manner to enable records of contracts valued between £5,000 and £30,000 to be published in the public domain at the start of the contract.
- b. PCM will ensure a record of the contract is published in the public domain on the Council's Contracts Register.

CONTRACT COMPLETION

28. PCM will collate the documents that form the contract (derived from the original tender process).
29. Above threshold contracts must be drawn up and completed in a timely manner to enable the publication of the Contract Details Notice.

CONTRACT IMPLEMENTATION

30. Immediately following contract award and prior to the contract start date, contract implementation is a key phase in setting up a new procurement project for success:
 - a. PCM and the manager are responsible for engaging with the Contractor after the contract has been awarded to ensure the implementation requirements are delivered, activities identified, timescales are established, and expectations met as set out in the tender.
 - b. Adequate time should be set aside for mobilisation activities in the planning of a procurement to make sure that the right contract management processes and relationship can be developed prior to contract going live.

ORDERING

31. After a tender or quotation has been accepted in writing (via the Councils procurement system if over £30,000) it must have a written contract agreed and a proper Council Purchase Order, in accordance with Part F (7) and must be issued before goods are supplied, services delivered or works begin.

CONTRACT & SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT

32. Manager and PCM responsibilities:

- a. Contract management involves the oversight and administration of a contract throughout its lifecycle, including:
 - i. Ensuring day-to-day management and compliance with the specification, pricing and contract terms.
 - ii. Performance monitoring against key performance indicators (where applied) on a regular basis with any under-performance addressed.
 - iii. Regular budget monitoring and cost reconciliation of payments to ensure the contract sum is not exceeded.
 - iv. Effectively managing disputes and resolutions using appropriate contractual and non-contractual levers.
 - v. Conducting contract risk assessments.
 - vi. Carrying out annual due diligence in relation to evidence of insurances and other compliance certificates that feature end dates.
 - vii. Carrying out annual due diligence in relation to financial stability of strategically significant suppliers.
 - viii. Consulting Legal Services if significant compliance issues emerge.
- b. In the case of Corporate Contracts / Frameworks PCM shall be responsible for the contract management with support from the key managers of the Corporate Contract / Framework.
- c. Where applicable or where key performance indicators have been set in accordance with 18(c), performance should be assessed at least once every 12 months and on termination. The Manager will inform PCM of the performance ratings in a timely manner using the same standardised rating system namely:
 - i. Good: Performance is meeting or exceeding the KPIs
 - ii. Approaching target: Performance is close to meeting the KPIs
 - iii. Requires improvement: Performance is below the KPIs
 - iv. Inadequate: Performance is significantly below the KPIs
 - v. Other: Where performance cannot be described as good, approaching target, requires improvement or inadequate
- d. Where applicable PCM will publish Contract Performance Notices in the public domain via Find a Tender Service.

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS, MODIFICATIONS & VARIATIONS

33. The Manager must consult PCM to ensure:

- a. All proposed contract extensions, modifications or variations (i.e., change to scope, price, period) are made well in advance of the requirement.
- b. No contract extension, modification or variation will be instructed without an approved PDR.
- c. Where a below threshold contract is extended, modified, varied and the value of the contract exceeds the thresholds specified in PR24 then such contract becomes covered by PR24 as if it were an above threshold contract.

CONTRACT TERMINATION - DECOMMISSIONING CONTRACTS

34. Contract Termination - Decommissioning Contracts

- a. When exiting a contract, the manager is responsible for preparing and planning for the end of the contract in advance of the expiry date and, as a minimum consider:
 - i. The notice period required for termination and to avoid any potential penalties.
 - ii. How to prevent service disruption.
 - iii. Any data needing transfer from the supplier back to the Council.
 - iv. Suppliers' equipment is returned (if applicable).
 - v. TUPE implications.
 - vi. Disposals.
- b. Where it is an above threshold contract, it is the responsibility of the Manager to inform PCM of the termination (for any reason).
- c. PCM will issue a Contract Termination Notice on Find a Tender Service.

DISPOSALS

35. Managers are responsible for:

- a. Complying with guidance issued by the CFO on the disposal of assets including selling, gifting, swapping or donating the asset subject to the limits set out in the Schedule of Financial Delegations to Officers in Appendix 1.
- b. Disposal of surplus or obsolete plant and machinery or other non-land or buildings asset (and excluding ICT equipment) – must be undertaken in consultation discussed with the PCM.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

36. PCM will ensure proportionate and relevant tender and contract management documentation for contracts valued over £30,000, including a copy of the contract, is retained throughout the life of the contract and then further retained for a minimum of 7 years after the contract end date.

PART H EXTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS

PRINCIPLES

- 1 All partnerships, shared services and joint working arrangements with outside bodies must be properly evaluated for risk before they are entered into and be supported by clear governance, accounting and audit arrangements.
- 2 External funding can prove an important source of income, but funding conditions must be carefully examined and evaluated for risk before any agreement is entered into to ensure they are compatible with the aims and objectives of the Council.
- 3 Legislation enables the Council to trade and/or to provide discretionary services to third parties including the general public, in the main through the establishment of trading companies/other delivery models. All such work must be within the legal framework and the respective risks and financial benefits associated with such work must be properly considered and a proportionate business case approved before any trading activities take place.

PARTNERSHIPS, SHARED SERVICES, POOLED BUDGETS AND JOINT WORKING

- 4 The CFO is responsible for advising on the financing, accounting and control of partnership, shared service, pooled budget and joint working arrangements including:
 - a. Financial viability in current and future years.
 - b. Risk appraisal and risk management arrangements.
 - c. Resourcing and taxation.
 - d. Audit, security and control requirements.
 - e. Carry forward arrangements (between accounting periods).
- 5 The Monitoring Officer (MO) is responsible for advising on legal and legislative arrangements and for promoting and maintaining the same high standards of conduct in such arrangements as normally apply throughout the Council.
- 6 Managers are responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring that the CFO and MO are involved in the planning for any such arrangements at an early stage.
 - b. Ensuring that any such arrangements do not impact adversely upon Council services, that risk assessments have been carried out and that appropriate approvals have been obtained before entering into any agreements.
 - c. Ensuring that agreements and arrangements are properly documented.
 - d. Maintaining local registers of partnerships entered into.
 - e. Providing appropriate information to the CFO to enable relevant entries to be made in the Council's accounts.
 - f. Ensuring that appropriate mechanisms are in place to monitor and report on performance.
 - g. Consulting with the Corporate Property Officer if there is any proposal to utilise Council land or buildings in pursuit of a partnership, shared service, pooled budget or joint working initiative.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 7 The CFO is responsible for:
- Approving bids for external funding that may be put forward by councillors or managers prior to submission of any bid.
 - Ensuring that any match funding or part funding requirements are considered prior to entering into any agreement, that future Revenue Budgets reflect these requirements, and that any longer-term sustainability costs have been properly assessed.
 - Approving bids where delegated to do so in line with the requirements of the Corporate Scheme of Financial Delegations (Appendix 1).
 - Ensuring that all external funding is received and properly recorded in the Council's accounts and in the name of the Council.
 - Maintaining a central register of external funding/grant arrangements.
 - Ensuring that all audit requirements are met.
- 8 Managers are responsible for ensuring that:
- The CFO is involved in preparing for, and approving, any bid for external funding prior to submission of such bids. (This includes joint bids where the Council is not lead body)
 - The sustainability of funding is assessed for risk; all agreements entered into are consistent with and support the Council's service priorities.
 - The necessary approvals are obtained to accept funding in line with the requirements of the Corporate Scheme of Financial Delegations (Appendix 1).
 - All claims for funds are made by the due date.
 - Work is progressed in accordance with the agreed project plan and all expenditure is properly incurred and recorded.

TRADING (including providing discretionary services to third parties and the public)

- 9 The MO is responsible for providing or obtaining all necessary legal advice to ensure that all such proposals are undertaken within the legal framework.
- 10 The CFO is responsible for:
- Issuing guidance on the assessment of trading opportunities and options.
 - Advising on and approving the financial implications of any proposed trading arrangements between the Council and third parties.
 - Advising on the establishment and operation of trading accounts to ensure that the accounting and control processes comply with Council and statutory requirements and that the results of trading operations are properly recorded and reported.
 - Ensuring appropriate insurance arrangements are in place.
- 11 Managers are responsible for:
- Identifying trading opportunities and evaluating the respective risks and financial benefits in accordance with the guidance issued by the CFO.
 - Obtaining all necessary legal advice to ensure the terms and conditions of all trading contracts are reasonable and are proportionately documented.
 - Obtaining business case approval, in line with the requirements of the Corporate Scheme of Financial Delegations (Appendix 1), before any negotiations are concluded to trade or work for third parties.
 - Maintaining a local register of all trading contracts entered into.
 - Collecting all contractual income due and ensuring the Council is not put at risk from any bad debts.

- f. Ensuring that no contract will be subsidised by the Council providing financial assistance either directly or indirectly.
- g. Ensuring that such contracts do not impact adversely impact upon services provided by the Council.
- h. Ensuring that the service has the appropriate expertise to undertake the contract.
- i. Complying with guidance issued by the CFO in relation to the operation of trading accounts and the proper recording and reporting of trading results.

Glossary of Common Terms

Budget	A plan expressed in financial terms that is an estimate of the resource required to deliver the services/priorities of the Council
Budget Heads	A main area of revenue or capital spend as defined by the Budget and/or Capital Programme
Business Plan	A plan defined for the purposes of service planning and reporting at the Council as specified by the Chief Executive
Cost centre	A budgeting level which usually reflects a whole service area, or main sub-category of a service. It encompasses a number of standard 'subjective' coding areas such as those used for staffing related costs, supplies & services, income etc.
Capital	The organisation's total assets less its liabilities
Capital expenditure	Expenditure to acquire fixed assets that will be of use for more than the year in which they are acquired, and which adds to the Council's tangible assets rather than simply maintaining existing ones
Intra Vires	Acting within the statutory powers of the organisation
Joint Venture	Collaboration between two or more economically independent organisations (in practice one of which will be from the private sector) to achieve a joint aim, either contractually (gain/share) or through setting up a separate jointly owned entity
Outsourcing	The entering into of a contract with a provider (private sector, social enterprise/third sector, mutual or joint venture) to deliver services
p-cards	A term to describe all forms of 'purchasing/payment cards' including credit cards, debit card, store cards (excludes pre-loaded card)
Revenue	Income or expenditure, arising from or spent on, day to day activities and short-lived commodities or consumables
Service plan	A plan setting out priorities and service ambitions
A service specific financial system	Any system that supplements, integrates or interfaces with the main accounting system – examples (but not limited to) HR system, social care records system, asset management systems
Shared Service	A voluntary collaboration between public sector bodies to deliver services/provide facilities
Threshold(s)	Means the financial amount(s) described within PCR15, CCR16, PR24 above and below which certain Regulations apply or do not apply
Ultra Vires	Acting beyond the statutory powers of the organisation
Value for Money (VFM)	The simple National Audit Office definition is 'Optimal use of resources to achieve intended outcomes and purpose'. The more complex Audit Commission definition is 'obtaining maximum benefit over time with the resources available, achieving the right local balance between economy, efficiency and effectiveness, or spending less, spending well and spending wisely to achieve local priorities. VFM is high when there is optimum balance between all three elements, when costs are relatively and comparatively low, productivity is high and successful outcomes have been achieved'.

Acronyms

AGS	Annual Governance Statement
CCR16	Concession Contracts Regulations 2016
CFO	The Chief Finance Officer (Director of Finance)
CIA	The Chief Internal Auditor (Head of Audit & Management Assurance)
CPO	Corporate Property Officer (the CFO)
CPV (code)	Common Procurement Vocabulary Code
CPQ	Construction Pre-qualification Questionnaire
FTS	Find a Tender Service (Replacement to OJEU as of 23:00 on 31.12.2020)
FMS	The budgeting and <u>financial management system</u> used at the Council (Dynamics F&O)
HHR	Head of Human Resources (Director of People and Culture)
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
HPS	The Head of Paid Service (designated as the Chief Executive)
ICE	Institution of Civil Engineers
ITQ	Invitation to quote
ITT	Invitation to tender
LEA	Local Education Authority
LMS	Local Management for Schools Scheme
MO	The Monitoring Officer (Director of Law & Governance)
MLRO	The Money Laundering Reporting Officer (the Chief Internal Auditor)
MTFP	Medium Term Financial Plan
NI(C)	National Insurance (contributions)
OJEU	Official Journal of the European Union – Replaced by UK e-Notification Service (Find a Tender Service - FTS) as of 23:00 on 31.12.2020
PAYE	Pay as you earn
PCR15	Public Contracts Regulations 2015
PCM	Procurement and Contract Management
PCN	Penalty Charge Notice
PR24	Procurement Regulations 2024
SOPPs	Accounting <u>Standards of Professional Practice</u> (Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting:)
SORP	Statement of Recommended Practice
SQ	Selection Questionnaire
TMS	Treasury Management Strategy
SeRCOP	Service (expenditure)Reporting Code of Practice
VFM	Value for Money
VAT	Value Added Tax

CORPORATE SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The Corporate Schedule of Financial Delegations (**this schedule**) sets out the powers and duties delegated to various senior officers in the Council. Senior officers may appoint appropriate 'authorised officers' to act on their behalf (see 3 below), these delegations must be recorded in local Service Schemes of Delegation.
- 2 **This schedule (appendix 1) does not apply to BCP maintained schools who will operate their own schemes of delegation.**
- 3 This schedule also sets out the approved financial limits within which senior officers may conduct the Council's business. Changes to the limits/values contained within this schedule may only be made with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer. Additionally, any changes to councillor's approval levels also require the approval of Council.
- 4 For those items marked * (asterisk) the relevant senior officer has discretion to appoint appropriate authorised officers to act on their behalf. In all cases the relevant senior officer remains accountable for the effective operation of the financial thresholds and authorities and must:
 - Maintain a local written record of delegations to authorised officers and post this on the Council's intranet pages.
 - Provide the MO/CFO with the local written record of delegations to authorised officers at any time they require it (if not transparently posted on the intranet).
 - Ensure that an appropriate segregation of duties is in operation, for example between ordering and paying for goods, between claiming and approving expenses.
 - Ensure compliance (from those authorised officers) with the financial limits in this schedule and any within the Financial Regulations (e.g. limits relating to extensions and variations) and HR Policies (e.g. limits relating to overtime, allowances, honoraria and expenses).

Note – If an individual has a formal 'Power to Deputise' delegation via a properly job evaluated Job Description then this schedule can be read as apply to them (i.e. without formal delegation recording requirements as per 3 above).
- 5 This schedule is not a standalone document and should be read in conjunction with the relevant section of the Council's Financial Regulations and Constitution which is shown in brackets at the top of each section within this Corporate Schedule. The 'Approver' is responsible for obtaining all appropriate advice from support services such as Human Resources (HR), Legal, Finance, ICT, Property services before making decisions to approve.
- 6 The term cabinet member, in the approver column, means the appropriate or relevant cabinet member pertaining to the decision (not any available cabinet member). Alternatively, the Leader may determine who the appropriate or relevant cabinet member is.

FINANCIAL MONITORING AND CONTROL (FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – PART D)

REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER
Revenue Virement (RV) - the term 'either individually or in aggregate for the financial year' is being used to prevent disaggregation or fragmentation of virement to circumvent the required approvals			
RV1	To approve any virement (either individually or in aggregate for the financial year).	Over £1M	Council (after advice from the CFO)
RV2	To approve any virement (either individually or in aggregate for the financial year).	Over £500k and up to £1M	Cabinet / cabinet member (after advice from the CFO)
RV3	To approve virement within or between Service/Business Plans and/or projects/programmes in their portfolio areas (either individually or in aggregate for the financial year).	Over £100k and up to £500k	Corporate Director (after advice from the CFO*)
RV4	To approve virement within their Service/Business Plans and/or within or between projects/programmes for which they are responsible (either individually or in aggregate for the financial year).	Up to £100k	Service Director* (after advice from the CFO*)
RV5	To approve virement from within existing Service/Business Plans or between Service/Business Plans, projects or programmes within their areas of responsibility into new or otherwise unplanned functions and activities if savings are available to be re-directed into the new activity.	Up to £100k	Service Director* (after advice from the CFO*)
RV6	To approve the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • correction of errors to the initial budget upload • correction of errors to an approved virement • distribution of any centrally held budgets, as presented to Council agreeing the annual budget, where there is no change to the overall net budget of the Council or the council tax requirement within the main Financial System 	Unlimited	CFO*
Revenue virement is only permissible in the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to reflect a reorganisation/restructure • to reflect a change in corporate priorities • the receipt of additional income, grant or other funding (and the associated expenditure) • the distribution or redistribution of centrally held budgets • the correction of errors to initial budget upload 			The following virement are generally not permitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • virement between capital and revenue • virement between controllable and non-controllable (recharges and capital financing) codes

FINANCIAL MONITORING AND CONTROL (FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – PART D)

REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER
<u>Capital Virement (CV)</u>			
CV1	To approve virement between individually approved schemes	Over £1M	Council (via Budget Monitoring Report after advice from the CFO)
		Over £500k and up to £1M	Cabinet / cabinet member (after advice from the CFO)
		Over £100k and up to £500k	Corporate Director (after advice from the CFO*)
		Up to £100k	Service Director * (after advice from the CFO*)
CV2	To approve re-phasing between years of individually approved schemes.	Any value	Service Director * (after advice from the CFO*)
CV3	To approve the correction of errors to initial budget load or approved virement within the main Financial System.	Any value	CFO*
<u>The Capital Programme (CP) (approving new schemes in-year and approving changes to external funding in-year)</u>			
CP1	To approve a new project, programme or scheme that is not in the Capital Programme (as approved as part of the annual budget setting process) and where a new external capital grant(s) is awarded to cover the costs of the project, programme or scheme, or it is proposed to transfer a scheme from one Council Fund to another (e.g. General Fund to HRA)	As per CV1 above	As per CV1 above
CP2	To approve a new project, programme or scheme that is not in the Capital Programme (as approved as part of the annual budget setting process) and CP1 does not apply – so new borrowing or other new external funding sources is required to cover the costs of the project, programme or scheme.	As per CV1 above	As per CV1 above
CP3	To approve a project, programme or scheme if the external funding or borrowing sources are different from the external funding or borrowing sources agreed at the original approval point. (e.g. prudential borrowing approved but borrowing required is now greater/less)	As per CV1 above	As per CV1 above

FINANCIAL SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES (FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – PART F)

INCOME			
REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER
INC1	Sundry debt write-offs (not cancellation) (Sundry debt 'cancellation' can only occur in circumstances where the original debt was raised in error, in all other circumstances this write-off procedure applies)	Up to £1k	Service Director *
		£1k to £25k	Service Director
		£25k to £100k	Corporate Director in consultation with CFO and cabinet member
		Over £100k	Head of Paid Service in consultation with the CFO and Leader
INC2	Council tax, NDR, write offs and housing benefits overpayment recovery	Up to £1k	Heads of Service in Revenues & Benefits *
		Over £1k and up to £10k	Heads of Service in Revenues & Benefits
		Over £10k	CFO
INC3	Council Housing tenant rent arrears write offs (including former tenants)	Up to £1k	Service Director (for Housing) *
		Over £1k and up to £5k	Service Director (for Housing)
		Over £5k	Service Director, CFO and MO
INC4	Fees & charges	Increase/decrease of existing	Service Director in consultation with cabinet member & CFO
		Any waiving, suspending or refunding of existing	Service Director
		Agreeing any new	Cabinet (and Council if over £1M annual value)
INC5	Any means tested or assessed financial contributions	Waiving, suspending or refunding up to £1k (aggregate not individual)	Service Director *
		Waiving, suspending or refunding over £1k (aggregate not individual)	Service Director in consultation with CFO *
INC6	Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) write offs	Unlimited	Service Director (responsible for Parking Services) *

EXPENDITURE (all approvals assume the availability of an approved budget/allocation, except EX7)			
REF	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	APPROVER
EX1	<p>Approving capital scheme details prior to the placement of any initial order/contract to start on site or commit to purchase a service.</p> <p>Such approval shall reference back to the 'three categories' of approvals agreed in the 'Annual Approval of The Capital Programme Report' or other such report where Council agreed The Capital Programme.</p> <p>The three categories of approval are Unconditional, Conditional, Requires subsequent Cabinet approval - in most cases the agreed Capital Programme is only a broad allocation of funding and not approval to proceed (unless the 'unconditional' category was approved by Council.</p>	Unconditional	Service Director *
		Conditional	Service Director and CFO to agree conditions have been met
		Requires subsequent approval	Cabinet / cabinet member
REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER
EX2	Approving placement of orders (any commitments including contract award letters) with suppliers/contractors for goods and services	Any value	Service Director *
EX3	Receiving and receipting goods, services and works	Any value	Service Director *
EX4	Approving payment of invoices or contract stage payments (where the corporate purchasing system has not been used)	Any value	Service Director *
EX5	<p>Approving expenditure on P- Cards+ Individual transaction limit</p> <p>Monthly transaction limit</p> <p>Variations to transaction limits above (individual or monthly)</p>	Up to £1000	Service Director *
		Up to £5000	Service Director *
		Any variation	CFO *
EX6	<p>Approving individual client cash floats (exceptional use) (client cash floats should not be confused with petty cash which have been abolished)</p>	Up to £500	Service Director *
		Over £500	Service Director and CFO *
EX7	<p>Approving 'Emergency expenditure' – incurring such expenditure by any means that is reasonable in the circumstances</p> <p>(in response to a major civil emergency, disaster or similar such event)</p>	Any value	<p>Any one of the following in rank order</p> <p>BCP Gold Commander, Chief Executive, any Corporate Director, CFO, MO</p>
EX8	Approving all expenditure on salaries, wages, allowances and expenses, for establishment posts, in compliance with the Council's HR policies	Any value	Service Director*

+ the term p-card means purchasing card, payment card, credit card or whatever card type BCP Council chooses to use.
EX5 does not apply to pre-loaded cards which must be approved by the CFO

REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER
EX9	<p>Appointment of Interim Staffing (contract of employment or contract for service)</p> <p>Individuals used to fill any temporary new post and existing posts, where there is a need to pay above the job evaluated rate, in circumstances where for whatever reason it is not possible and/or desirable to make a permanent appointment into the post. Such posts will generally be senior managerial or of a specialist professional nature, but where the post-holder is appointed on a temporary basis. The focus is on the individual and their specialist skills and knowledge. Interims may be considered appropriate at a time when the service or team concerned, or the wider Council is in a phase of rapid transition or when there are specific legislative or national drivers for change which need to be implemented in a defined time period. Interims may be employed directly by the Council on a fixed-term contract (including by way of the Professional Register) or via a procurement process, either as an employee, if retained through the Professional Register, or as an agency worker, or on a self-employed basis under a contract for services. In the latter case, payment is normally negotiated on a day rate as opposed to an hourly rate and must be approved by the HHR.</p> <p>Business case must include identification of previously agreed budget source</p>	Up to £30k	Service Director * Additional approval of HHR if contract for service is preferred over a contract of employment to ensure IR35 tax compliance
		Over £30k and up to £100k	Service Director to complete a business case for approval by Corporate Director Additional approval of HHR if contract for service is preferred over a contract of employment to ensure IR35 tax compliance
		Over £100k (or if the day rate is greater than £750 per day)	Corporate Director to complete a business case for approval by the Chief Executive Additional approval of HHR if contract for service is preferred over a contract of employment to ensure IR35 tax compliance
EX10	<p>Appointment of a Consultant (contract for service)</p> <p>Individuals or organisations used to provide objective advice and assistance of a specialist nature, where existing Council employees do not have the necessary relevant expertise or where in-house capacity is insufficient. Such arrangements may relate to the strategy, structure, management, or operations of the Council, or specific professional input to a project in pursuit of the Council's purposes and objectives (typically, there will be no corresponding Council post on the authorised staffing establishment). Consultancy assistance is provided outside the Council's established staffing structure and "business as usual" environment when in-house skills are not available. As a result, the use of consultants will be for a defined (and preferably short-term) period and to achieve specific outcomes.</p> <p>Business case must include identification of previously agreed budget source</p>	Up to £30k	Service Director *
		Over £30k and Up to £100k	Service Director to complete a business case for approval by Corporate Director
		Over £100k (or if the day rate is greater than £750 per day)	Corporate Director to complete a business case for approval by the Chief Executive
EX11	<p>Approving where a 'Contract for Service' is to be offered to a bona fide self-employed individual who has held employment with the Council in the last 3 years.</p>	Any value	Chief Executive (with advice from CFO and HHR)

REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER
EX12	Approving where a permanent or fixed term (exceeding 12 months) 'Contract of Employment' is to be offered to any individual made redundant (compulsory or voluntary) within the last 12 months from any role within the Council	Any Value	Corporate Director (after advice from CFO and HHR)
EX13	Special Severance Payments (any severance exceeding statutory entitlement) Including: Payments reached under a settlement agreement, write-offs of any outstanding loans, payments to employees for retraining related to their termination of employment, pay or compensation in lieu of notice where the amount of the payment is not greater than the salary due in the period of notice set out in the employee's contract, pension strain payments arising from employer discretions to enhance standard pension benefits. If such as special severance payment is to be paid to any individual who is normally on the approver list opposite, then that individual must not be involved in the approval. If a formal deputy exists, then they should act as the approver. The Approver must ensure the statutory guidance is followed : Statutory guidance on the making and disclosure of Special Severance Payments by local authorities in England - GOV.UK	Up to £20,000	Service Director, Director of People & Culture, CFO & MO
		£20,000 to £100,000	Service Director, Director of People & Culture, CFO, MO, HPS, Leader of the Council
		Over £100,000	Full Council (as per Localism Act)
EX14	Approving all expenditure on external legal services	Any Value	MO*

TREASURY MANAGEMENT, FINANCING & LEASING

REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER
TM1	Placing of treasury investments and all approvals to borrow	In line with Treasury Management Strategy (TMS) and appended policies and within any operational lower limits	CFO* as authorised to transact in accordance with TMS. Any variation from TMS requires Council sign off.
TM2	Approving all leases, credit arrangements or hire purchase arrangements	All such arrangements	CFO* to determine approval route specific to the individual circumstance
TM3	Approving any funds (and the system of administration) to be held on behalf of third parties.	All such arrangements	Service Director* and CFO*

ASSET MANAGEMENT

REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER
AM1	Writing off deficiencies in stocks, stores & inventories (limits/value/threshold is 'book' value/accounting value not estimated sales value)	Up to £1,000	Service Director *
		£1k to £50k	Service Director * and CFO
		Over £50k	Cabinet / cabinet member (after advice from CFO)

AM2	Acquisition of freehold & leasehold land & buildings. The acquisition of a freehold, leasehold, or any other interest in land or buildings subject to the purchase being no more than market value unless 'Special Purchaser' assumptions can be made.	Up to £350k (capital value)	Corporate Property Officer *
		£350k to £500k (capital value)	Cabinet / cabinet member
		Over £500k (capital value)	Council
AM3	Acquisition of freehold & leasehold land & buildings at more than market value and 'Special Purchaser' assumptions cannot be made.	Any value	Council
AM4	Disposal of freehold & leasehold land & buildings. Disposal by way of a sale, lease, licence, wayleave, easement, deed of variation, renewal, surrender, modification of covenant, or other disposal of an interest in land or buildings using any method that achieves best consideration.	Up to £350k (capital value)	Corporate Property Officer *
		£350k to £500k (capital value)	Cabinet / cabinet member
		Over £500k (capital value)	Council
AM5	Agreeing disposals of any land or building asset not to the highest bidder or where there is a difference between the estimated open market value (or best consideration) and the actual sales price. (Seek legal advice if land is open space).	Up to £350k (capital value)	Corporate Property Officer in consultation with the CFO
		£350k to £500k (capital value)	Cabinet / cabinet member
		Over £500k (capital value)	Council
AM6	Value for including items in fixed assets register	Over £10k	Service Director *
AM7	Disposal of surplus or obsolete plant and machinery or other non-land or buildings asset (and excluding ICT equipment) ** (limits/value/threshold is 'book' value/accounting value not estimated sales value)	Any disposal not to the highest bidder (or gifted at nil value)	Service Director* and CFO*
		Any disposal £0k to £100k to the highest bidder	Service Director* and CFO*
		Any disposal £100k to £500k to the highest bidder	Corporate Director* and CFO*
		Any disposal over £500k	Cabinet / cabinet member and CFO
AM8	Any acquisition of ICT equipment and ICT services	All acquisitions	By ICT services or with the approval of the Head of ICT *
AM9	Any disposal of ICT equipment including donations to schools or charities **	Any or nil value, no exceptions	All disposals through ICT Services
AM10	Approving the use of Council assets outside of normal Council business activity and after obtaining MO* and insurance advice from the CFO*	Any land or buildings	Corporate Property Officer *
		Non land or buildings (and excluding ICT equipment)	Service Director *
		ICT equipment	Head of ICT *

**Also refer to the Council's Corporate Disposals Policy

EXTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS (FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – PART H)

REF	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT / VALUE / THRESHOLD	APPROVER (after obtaining advice from the CFO, MO and HHR)
EA1	Entering the Council into partnership, shared service, pooled budget or joint working arrangements (including Memoranda of Understanding)	Any (including where a direct financial contribution is not obvious)	In accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 2, Article 12 - Decision making, Section 3 - Types of decisions).
EA2	External trading contracts, arrangements or concepts – business case approval, (providing discretionary services to a third party, including the public, in exchange for a fee)	Any contract up to £100,000	Service Director *
		New contracts between £100,000 and £0.5M	Corporate Director
		Incremental contracts between £100,000 and £0.5M	Service Director
		All Contracts over £0.5M	Cabinet / cabinet member
EA3	Submitting any bid for external funding (including joint bids where the Council is not lead body)	Any value	Service Director * with the agreement of the CFO *
EA4	Accepting external funding (BCP aggregate total including any 'match-funding' element and partner(s) share(s) if BCP is lead body or 'host')	Up to £500,000	Service Director * and CFO *
		Between £500,000 and £1.0M	Cabinet / cabinet member (with advice from the CFO)
		Over £1.0M	Council (with advice from the CFO)

For the purposes of EA2 above the following definitions apply:

- New (trading) contracts = the contract, arrangement/concept has not previously been traded
- Incremental (trading) contracts = the contract, arrangement/concept has already been approved applying the approval thresholds above, subsequent incremental trading growth through a series of additional contracts

OTHER DELEGATIONS - TAX RELIEF SCHEMES

REF	DESCRIPTION	APPROVER
TR1	To implement Central Government fully funded council tax, business rate or other tax rebate relief schemes where implementation requires the Council to use its discretionary powers under either Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 or Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.	CFO
TR2	To implement Non-Domestic Rates criteria under section 49 and section 44a of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 regarding Hardship Relief and Part Occupation Relief.	CFO in consultation with Portfolio Holder for Finance

BCP COUNCIL - FUNCTIONS OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Functions of the Audit & Governance Committee are set out below. The Audit & Governance Committee cannot delegate for a decision any issues referred to it apart from any matter that is reserved to Council.

Statement of Purpose

Our Audit & Governance Committee is a key component of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council's corporate governance. It provides an independent and high-level focus on the audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.

The purpose of our Audit & Governance Committee is to provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. It provides independent review of BCP Council's governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversees the financial reporting and annual governance processes. It oversees internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.

Governance, Risk & Control

To consider the arrangements for corporate governance including reviews of the Local Code of Corporate Governance and review and approval of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

To consider the Council's arrangements to secure value for money and review assurances and assessments on the effectiveness of these arrangements.

To consider the council's framework of assurance and ensure that it adequately addresses the risks and priorities of the Council.

To consider arrangements for risk management including the approval of the Risk Management Strategy and review of the Council's corporate risk register.

To consider arrangements for counter-fraud and corruption, including 'whistle-blowing' including approval of the Counter Theft, Fraud & Corruption Policy and the outcomes of any investigations in relation to this policy.

To review the governance and assurance arrangements for significant partnerships or collaborations.

Internal Audit

To approve the Internal Audit Charter.

To approve the risk-based Internal Audit Plan, including Internal Audit's resource requirements, the approach to using other sources of assurance and any work required to place reliance upon those other sources.

To approve significant interim changes to the risk-based Internal Audit Plan and resource requirements.

To consider reports from the Head of Internal Audit on Internal Audit's performance during the year, including the performance of external providers of internal audit services. These will include: a) updates on the work of internal audit including key findings, issues of concern and action in hand as a result of internal audit work b) regular reports on the results of the Quality Assurance Improvement Programme (QAIP) c) reports on instances where the internal audit function does not conform to the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and Local Government Application Note (LGAN), considering whether the non-conformance is significant enough that it must be included in the Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

To consider the Head of Internal Audit's annual report: a) The statement of the level of conformance with the PSIAS and LGAN and the results of the QAIP that support the statement – these will indicate the reliability of the conclusions of internal audit. b) The opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the council's framework of governance, risk management and control together with the summary of the work supporting the opinion – these will assist the committee in reviewing the AGS.

To consider summaries of specific internal audit reports as scheduled in the forward plan for the Committee or otherwise requested by Councillors.

To receive reports outlining the action taken where the Head of Internal Audit has concluded that management has accepted a level of risk that may be unacceptable to the authority or there are concerns about progress with the implementation of agreed actions.

To contribute to the QAIP and in particular to the external quality assessment of internal audit that takes place at least once every 5 years.

To commission work from the Internal Audit Service (with due regard to the resources available and the existing scope and breadth of their respective work programmes and the forward plan for the Committee).

External Audit

To support the independence of external audit through consideration of the external auditor's annual assessment of its independence and review of any issues raised by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA).

To consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports and the report to those charged with governance.

To consider all other relevant reports from the External Auditor as scheduled in the forward plan for the Committee as agreed with the External Auditor or otherwise requested by Councillors.

To comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money.

To commission work from External Audit (with due regard to the resources available and the existing scope and breadth of their respective work programmes and the forward plan for the Committee).

To liaise with the national body (currently Public Sector Audit Appointments (Ltd)) (PSAA) over the appointment of the Council's External Auditors.

To consider reports dealing with the management and performance of the External Audit function.

To consider and approve the Annual Plans of the External Auditor.

Financial Reporting

To review the annual statement of accounts. Specifically, to consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the Council.

To consider the external auditors report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts.

Accountability Arrangements

To report to full council and publish an annual report on the committee's findings, conclusions and recommendations concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of their governance, risk management and internal control frameworks, financial reporting arrangements, and internal and external audit functions.

To report to full council and publish an annual report on the committee's performance in relation to the terms of reference and the effectiveness of the committee in meeting its purpose.

Other Functions

To consider arrangements for treasury management including approving the Treasury Management Strategy and monitoring the performance of this function.

To maintain an overview of the Council's Constitution in respect of financial regulations, working protocols and codes of conduct and behaviour (not otherwise reserved to the Standards Committee).

To consider breaches and exemptions of the Financial Regulations.

To consider any relevant issue referred to it by the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer (CFO), Chief Internal Auditor (CIA), Monitoring Officer (MO) or any other Council body or cabinet member.

To consider arrangements for information governance, health and safety, fire safety, emergency planning (including business continuity).

To consider any issue of Council non-compliance with its own and other relevant published regulations, controls, operational standards and codes of practice.

To consider gifts and hospitality registers relating to officers.

MINOR AMENDMENTS AND EDITING LOG (during 2025-26)

The Chief Finance Officer (CFO) has primary responsibilities for maintaining the Financial Regulations as outlined in Part A page 5. Where changes affect the powers or responsibilities of councillors, approval of Council is required.

It is recognised there may be a need to clarify certain elements of the Financial Regulations from time to time, this may require minor amendments or editing. The CFO has delegated to the Chief Internal Auditor (CIA) and Strategic Procurement Manager (SPM) the ability to make minor amendments and editing changes. Any such changes are logged in the table below.

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FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

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CABINET



Report subject	Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations
Meeting date	5 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (Part 4) devolved power from the Secretary of State to principal councils to carry out community governance reviews and put in place or make changes to local community governance arrangements.</p> <p>The Council commenced a review following the Council decision in October 2024 at which the terms of reference and timetable were approved.</p> <p>Cabinet is asked to consider the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and to make a recommendation to Council.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommend to Council that:</p> <p>the Community Governance Review Task and Finish Group draft recommendations, as set out in the schedules within the attached report be approved for publication and consultation with interested parties.</p>
Reason for recommendations	<p>The Task and Finish Group considered the representations received during the first stage of the review process which invited representations from local stakeholders and other interested parties. The views of these representations have helped shape the draft recommendations.</p>
Portfolio Holder(s):	Not applicable
Corporate Director	Graham Farrant (Chief Executive)
Report Authors	<p>Richard Jones (Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>Councillor Oliver Walters (Chair of the Task and Finish Group)</p>
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Recommendation

Background

1. The Council, at its meeting on 15 October 2024, resolved to undertake a Community Governance Review for the whole of the BCP Council area. A politically balanced Task and Finish Group of ten councillors was appointed to oversee the review and to make draft recommendations.
2. The attached document details the outcome of those deliberations, including the review of current parish boundaries and potential consequential changes to electoral arrangements.
3. In preparing the draft proposals, the Task and Finish Group took into consideration all formal submissions received and other representations made by councillors. It is important to note that the intention of the first stage of the community governance review process is to seek initial submissions for consideration only. The level of responses was positive in comparison with previous reviews.

Community Governance Review Criteria

4. Members are reminded that a Community Governance Review offers the opportunity to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries and to remove any anomalous parish boundaries. It can consider one or more of the following:-
 - a. Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes;
 - b. The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes;
 - c. The electoral arrangements for parishes (the ordinary year of election, council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council, and parish warding); and
 - d. Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping existing parishes (if they existed).
5. The Council is required to ensure that community governance within the area under review will be reflective of the identities and interests of the community in that area; and is effective and convenient. These criteria were considered by the Task and Finish Group in reaching their recommendations and to test this further through the stage 3 consultation process.

Constraints

6. The Council may not alter the boundary of BCP Council with neighbouring principal councils; however, the Review may make consequential electoral arrangement recommendations regarding the BCP Council electoral wards where there is sufficient evidence that this would be desirable and result in more convenient electoral arrangements. Any consequential electoral arrangements will require the consent of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
7. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England look favourably on such recommendations that seek to resolve anomalies or where changes can be well argued but there is a risk that the Commission could refuse to accept final recommendations and as a consequence the final Reorganisation Order could fall as a result.

Stage 3 - Publication of Draft Recommendations - Consultation and Engagement

8. The Council is required to publish its draft recommendation and to consult and seek the views of interested parties on those draft recommendations. As with the invitation of initial submissions, the Council will seek the views of the stakeholders identified previously (e.g., existing parish and town councils, Members of Parliament, business groups, residents' and community associations, housing associations, etc.), but this is the opportunity for the wider public to respond to the draft proposals and to influence the final decision.
9. The draft recommendations report will be published on the Council's web site, public notices will be displayed, social media and press releases will be issued to promote the consultation exercise. In addition, it is proposed to notify all households of the consultation through a leaflet drop to maximise public awareness. An online consultation response form will be available to aide those wishing to make a submission but paper copies of the consultation and background information documents will be available at local libraries/hubs or by post upon request.
10. The approved terms of reference and timetable provides for a period of 12 weeks for the next stage of consultation between 31 March 2025 and 22 June 2025. The Task and Finish Group will consider all responses to the consultation received during this period and prepare the final recommendations for Council at its meeting on 14 October 2025.

Options Appraisal

11. Council approved the terms of reference for the review which set out the timetable and included the whole of the BCP Council area within the scope of the review. The Council has two options available at this stage.
12. **Stop the Review** – The Council could reject all the draft recommendations and stop the review process. This is not recommended. The Council has received a number of valid submissions for alterations to existing arrangements and for new local councils to be established. A community governance review is, by definition, to be informed by local communities and to cancel the process would prevent communities from expressing their opinions.
13. **Approve the draft recommendations with or without modification** – The Council could accept the draft recommendations as set out or with some modifications. If significant changes are agreed, there is a risk that this may delay in the commencement of the consultation period. It is recommended that the draft recommendations are supported for consultation.

Summary of financial implications

14. A budget contingency has been set aside to undertake the community governance review process. The approval of these draft recommendations and the consequence consultation process will be met from this budget allocation.

Summary of legal implications

15. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (Part 4) devolved power from the Secretary of State to principal councils to carry out community governance reviews and put in place or make changes to local community governance arrangements. The Community Governance Review will be undertaken in accordance with this Act.

16. To implement the outcome of the Review, the Council will be required to draw up a Re-organisation Order with accompanying maps, and widely publish these changes.

Summary of human resources implications

17. There are no direct human resource implications arising from this report, however, the review may include the transfer of assets and services to new or existing parish and town councils. Depending upon the scale of any such changes, these may require the transfer of BCP Council staff under the TUPE regulations. If applicable, these will be considered at the latter stages of the review.

Summary of sustainability impact

18. There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

19. There are no public health implications arising from this report.

Summary of equality implications

20. There are no equality implications arising from this report, however, the review process is subject to full consultation and any issues arising from the consultation will be drawn to Members attention. The consultation and engagement will include appropriate accessible channels.

Summary of risk assessment

21. It is vital that the Governance Review is undertaken in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the guidance produced by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Failure to adhere to these could result in the Review being open to challenge and judicial review.
22. If any new parish or town councils are established all operational costs will be borne by the relevant parish or town council through an appropriate precept.

Background papers

Published works.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Proposed Community Governance Review Draft Recommendations
Appendix 2 - Responses received to the Invitation of Initial Submissions (circulated separately)



Community Governance Review 2025

Draft Recommendations for consultation

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, at its meeting on Tuesday 15 October 2024 resolved that a Community Governance Review be conducted for the whole of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area, as defined in the published terms of reference, in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Council is required to have regard to the Guidance on Community Governance Reviews issued by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

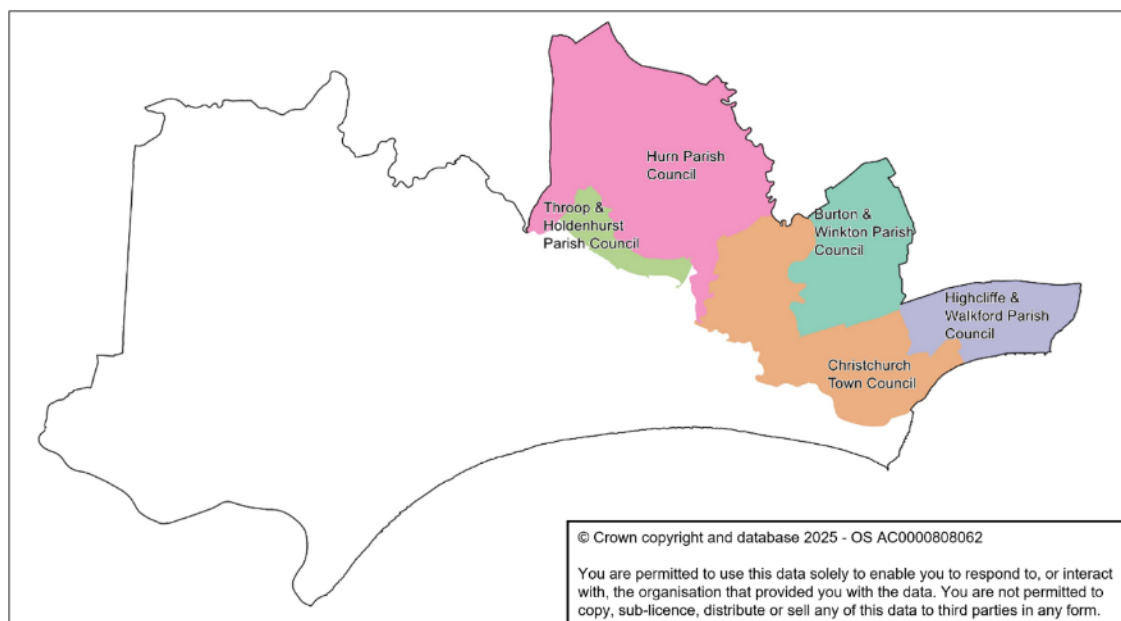
2. The Review

- 2.1 This Review commenced on 16 October 2024, when the Council published a Terms of Reference document and invited initial submissions from individuals or organisations who had an interest in the Review by way of a survey. In the Terms of Reference, the Council published a timetable for the Review.
- 2.2 The formal survey period, inviting interested parties to make initial submissions, commenced on 25 November 2024 and closed on 19 January 2025. The survey was published on the Council's web site and public notice boards, publicised through social media channels, press releases and local libraries and hubs, but more targeted engagement was sent to:-
- Existing parish council clerks;
 - Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council's Chief Executive;
 - Neighbouring councils in Dorset and Hampshire;
 - The five Members of Parliament representing the BCP Council area;
 - Individuals and local organisations registered on various mailing lists held by the Council.
- 2.3 Details of the survey were also sent to each Member of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council.
- 2.4 To oversee the community governance review and to consider representations received during the initial submission phase, the Council appointed a Community Governance Review Task and Finish Group of 10 councillors with cross-party representation.
- 2.5 In preparing these Draft Proposals, the Council has been mindful of the initial submissions that have been received, which are referenced in this document and published as a separate appendix. The Council also has the role of balancing these submissions against the wider requirements and duties that are placed upon it in the 2007 Act. In particular, the Council has a duty to ensure that community governance within its area under review reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area; and is effective and convenient.

- 2.6 In assessing this criteria, the community governance review is required to take into account:-
- (a) The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and
 - (b) The size, population and boundaries of a local community or parish.
- 2.7 The aim of the review is to bring about improved and stronger community engagement, more cohesive communities, better local democracy and more effective and convenient delivery of local services; ensuring electors across the whole area are treated equitably and fairly.

3. Existing Parish Arrangements

- 3.1 The whole of the BCP Council currently operates with two tiers of local authority, BCP Council covering the whole area, and either existing town and parish councils or charter trustees representing smaller areas, as detailed below.
- 3.2 Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council has five existing parishes of Burton and Winton, Christchurch, Hurn, Highcliffe and Walkford, and Throop and Holdenhurst in north Bournemouth, each with their own Parish or Town Council of the same name. The remainder of the area shown in white on the map below is officially unparished but served by charter trustees.

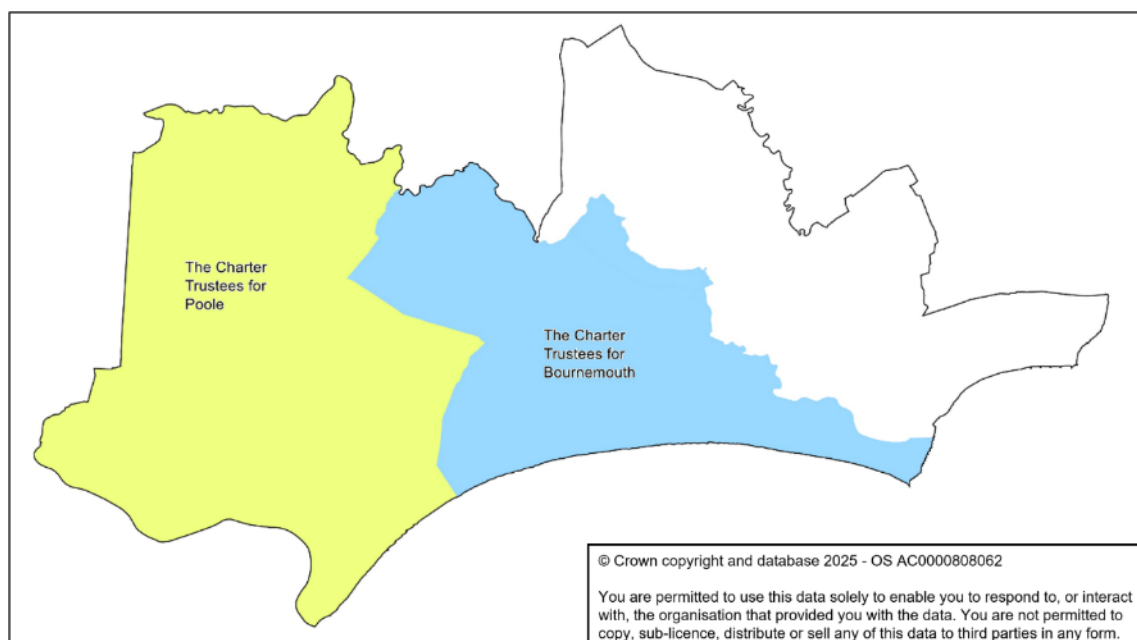


4. Charter Trustees

- 4.1 Although the majority of Bournemouth and the whole of Poole are not parished, these areas are currently served by two bodies called Charter Trustees. These were established in 2019 to maintain and promote the civic and ceremonial traditions of the former respective borough Mayors, to act as custodian of the historic charters

and maintain the civic and ceremonial assets. The Charter Trustees powers are limited to these primary functions only, which has caused some frustration amongst some Charter Trustees and Mayors who have wished to support more community-based activities and events and to provide grant funding for individuals and local organisations.

- 4.2 The Charter Trustees agree an annual precept which is collected through council tax in the same way as parish and town councils. If the whole of the area served by the Charter Trustees is included within one or more parish, the Charter Trustees, as a body, can be abolished, otherwise the Charter Trustees shall continue to co-exist alongside any new parishes and shall result in two local precepts for those within affected areas and result in three tiers of local authority rather than two in some areas.
- 4.3 For avoidance of doubt, it is not possible to abolish the Charter Trustees and to have only BCP Council as a single-tier of local authority.



5. Parish and Town Council Functions

- 5.1 The Task and Finish Group recognises the important role that parish and town councils can play at a local community level serving as a key representative voice and often acting as the eyes and ears for other upper tier local government, public agencies and other organisations to raise local concerns.
- 5.2 Councillors for parish and town councils are normally elected to office every four years on the same day as elections for BCP Council, however, if new councils are established through this review, it is likely that the elections will take place in May 2026 with the councillors elected serving an initial five-year term. Future elections will then be combined with BCP Council elections in May 2031 and then every four years thereafter. Further information on parish and town councils can be obtained from the

National Association of Local Councils website, www.nalc.gov.uk

- 5.3 Parish and town councils are a statutory consultee on planning, highways and other regulatory matters, and may deliver or support other local services. Depending upon the size, capacity, ambitions and decisions of each council, the services provided by parish and town councils can range from very few activities to wide ranging functions.
- 5.4 The table below illustrates the potential division of responsibility between BCP Council and parish and town councils should any be created. As can be seen and although not exhaustive, most services provided by town and parish councils are discretionary.

Responsibility ● Statutory ○ Discretionary	BCP Council	Parish/ Town
Abandoned Vehicles	●	
Allotments		●
Anti-social Behaviour	●	
Asylum Seekers and Refugees	●	
Benefits	●	
Bins, Recycling and Litter	●	
Births, Deaths and Ceremonies	●	
Bus Passes	●	
Bus Shelters	○	○
Car Parks	○	○
Care and Support for Adults	●	
CCTV	○	○
Cemeteries	○	○
Children and Youth Services	●	
Community Centres	○	○
Community Consultations	○	○
Community Engagement	○	○
Community Events	○	○
Community Safety Partnership	●	
Coroners Service	●	
Council Tax and Business Rates	●	
Education and Families	●	
Electoral Services	●	
Electric Charging Points	○	○
Environmental Health	●	
Flood Risk	●	
Fly Tipping	●	

Responsibility ● Statutory ○ Discretionary	BCP Council	Parish/ Town
Grants	○	○
Grass Cutting	●	
Harbours	●	
Housing and Homelessness	●	
Leisure Facilities	○	○
Libraries	●	
Licensing	●	
Local Land Charges	●	
Local Resilience Forum	●	
Memorials	○	○
Neighbourhood Plans		●
Noise and Nuisance Complaints	●	
Parking Enforcement	●	
Planning and Development	●	
Play Areas	○	○
Public Conveniences	○	○
Public Health	●	
Public Rights of Way	●	○
Public Seating	○	○
Recreation Grounds	○	○
Resilience and Emergency Planning	●	
Roads and Highways Maintenance	●	
Skateparks	○	○
Street Cleansing	●	
Street Lighting	●	
Tourist Information	○	○
Trading Standards	●	

- 5.5 The level of council tax is not a determining factor for a community governance review, however, it is acknowledged that residents will be curious to understand the likely cost if parish and town councils are established. The average Band D council tax charge for parish level precepts within Dorset and BCP in 2024/25 was £42.96 a year, with many not charging a precept and the highest charging £263.67 a year.
- 5.6 The existing charges within BCP are as follows:-

Body	Annual Band D Council Tax
Bournemouth Charter Trustees	£2.27
Burton and Winkton Parish Council	£17.25
Christchurch Town Council	£70.23
Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council	£27.46
Hurn Parish Council	£33.55
Poole Charter Trustees	£2.14
Throop and Holdenhurst Parish Council	£39.81

- 5.7 It is impossible to provide an indication of the anticipated council tax for any new councils at this stage as all the functions listed in paragraph 5.4, except for allotments, are discretionary.

6. Parish and Ward Boundary Changes

- 6.1 Reference is made in this paper to parish and parish ward boundaries being coterminous with the principal council (BCP) wards or parliamentary boundaries. Extending parish or parish ward boundaries to break the coterminous arrangements requires the creation of additional electoral arrangements which can be confusing to electors, adds complexity to election management and is not considered to be effective and convenient.
- 6.2 The alternative to breaking the coterminous relationship is to seek consent from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for a related alteration to redraw the ward boundaries of BCP Council. Regard must be had to the effect and impact of such related alterations on the electoral equality of the respective wards. Where such alterations are recommended, an assessment as to the likely success of alterations has been considered.

7. Draft Recommendations by Area

- 7.1 Since the Community Governance Review includes a review of various parts of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (including existing parishes), this document is divided into a series of sections and sub-sections relating to each parish or proposed area to assist the reader in following the proposed changes and consider their response.

- 7.2 Each section also follows a consistent structure, including a summary of the existing boundary areas, warding, and the projected five-year electorate forecasts, the total number of councillors, the ratio of electors per councillor and the variance of this ratio from the average (where warded). Details of any representations received have been referenced and an explanation for any proposed changes have also been included.
- 7.3 The electoral forecasting for each polling district has been updated using the February 2025 register of electors and used for each proposed area within this document. A revised schedule of all polling districts will be published on the web site for referencing during the stage 3 consultation.

8. Summary of Initial Representations Received

- 8.1 During Stage One of the Community Governance Review, 73 responses were received to the invitation of initial submissions which have been taken into account by the Task and Finish Group. Full details of all responses have been published as a separate document.
- 8.2 The Task and Finish Group met on six occasions to consider the initial submissions which varied in detail and scale. Due to the lack of detail of some submissions, it was not possible to progress these as an option at this time.
- 8.3 The Task and Finish Group were satisfied, however, that there was sufficient interest to support a number of the submissions received and to recommend the establishment of new or revised parish governance arrangements throughout the area and for these to be subject to public consultation.
- 8.4 In developing these draft recommendations, the Task and Finish Group analysed various modelling options and considered carefully whether to put forward proposals for the establishment of two larger town councils for the areas of Poole and Bournemouth not otherwise covered by localised submissions.
- 8.5 After careful consideration, these draft recommendations do include proposals for the establishment of two large town councils, details of which are set out in the corresponding sections later in this paper. It should be noted that there were a number of separate submissions supporting the establishment of a large town council for the whole of Poole which informed this decision.
- 8.6 Although, the submissions for a Bournemouth Town Council were not detailed, it was felt important to include this as a draft recommendation to allow the public the opportunity to express an opinion and to influence the final decision. Failure to include a town council for Bournemouth as an option at this stage would prevent it being implemented regardless of the level of public support.
- 8.7 If in the event that support is forthcoming for one, but not both, of the proposed town councils for Poole and Bournemouth, it will be necessary to alter the proposed boundary of the supported council to ensure that the whole of the respective charter trustee area is included. This will be to ensure the effective and convenient delivery

of services.

9. Next steps - Representations

- 9.1 All residents and any other persons or organisations wishing to make representations on the draft recommendations may do so by completing the online response form or completing a paper version of the form available at local libraries. Paper copies of the response form can also be sent by post upon request.
- 9.2 Completed paper forms can be delivered to local libraries or sent by post to:-
 Richard Jones
 Head of Democratic Services
 Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
 Civic Offices
 Bourne Avenue
 Bournemouth
 BH2 6DY
- 9.3 Alternatively, forms can be sent by email to cgr@bcpcouncil.gov.uk
- 9.4 If emailing, please entitle your response 'BCP Community Governance Review 2025 – Response to Draft Recommendations'.
- 9.5 Representations that are received will be taken into account by judging them against the criteria in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
- 9.6 The deadline for receipt of comments is midnight on 22 June 2025.
- 9.7 It would be helpful if you could make clear in your response whether you represent an organisation or group, and in what capacity you are responding.
- 9.8 An electronic version of this consultation paper is available to download from our web site. Visit [\[INSERT URL\]](#) or scan the QR code on the front of this paper.

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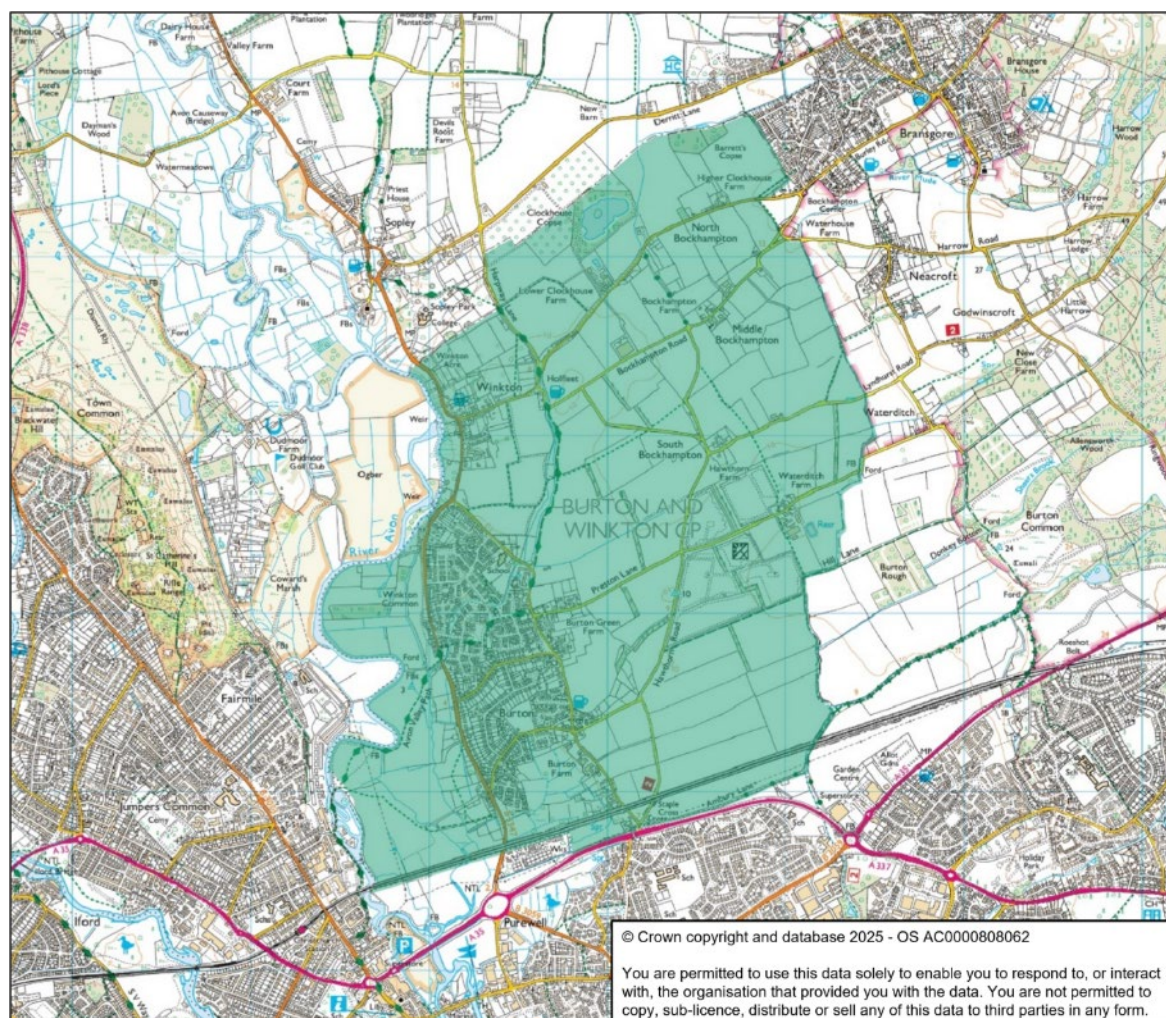
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A. BURTON AND WINKTON

1. Background

Parish	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Burton	3,360	3,378	10	338	N/A

- 1.1 Burton parish is unwarded and has 10 elected representative seats on the Council.
- 1.2 The entire parish falls wholly within the BCP electoral ward of Burton and Grange but excludes that part of the ward south of Christchurch by-pass which is within the boundary of Christchurch Town Council. The current parish boundary is shown below.



- 1.3 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 0.54%
- 1.4 Contested elections were held in Burton and Winkton in May 2019, although there were no contested elections in May 2023. The projected elector to councillor ratio is 338:1

- 1.5 Burton and Winkton Parish Council responded to the invitation of initial submissions, requesting that no changes be made to the parish area or electoral arrangements.
- 1.6 A representation (52) was received which suggested the amalgamation of the BCP Council wards of Burton and Grange, and Mudeford, Stanpit and West Highcliffe. This suggestion included the whole of the parish of Burton and Winkton, part of Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council and part of Christchurch Town Council. The Task and Finish Group considered the submission but it was felt that there was insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the proposal would lead to, or bring about, improved community engagement, cohesion or local democracy contrary to the aim of the review, and therefore dismissed the proposal.
- 1.7 Five anonymous respondents, from Ashley Cross, Broadstone, Canford Heath, Jumpers Common and Oakdale, suggested that all existing parish and town council arrangements should be abolished citing various reasons. The Task and Finish Group considered the comments, assessed them against the published guidance and concluded that there was insufficient evidence provided to justify the abolition of the Parish Council.
- 1.8 The Task and Finish Group considered the representations received and make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

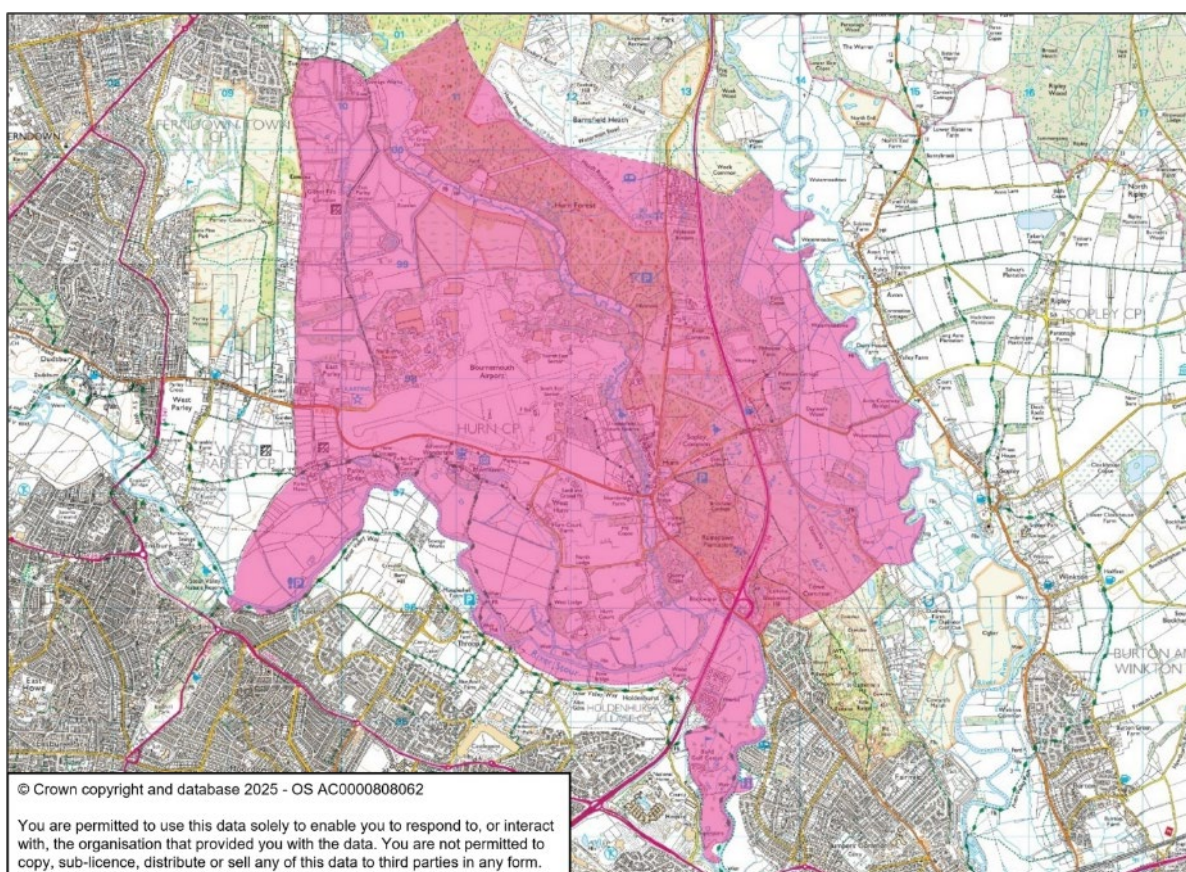
- 2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the parish of Burton and Winkton:
- 2.2 That:
 - (a) the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be abolished;
 - (b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Burton and Winkton;
 - (c) the name of the parish of Burton and Winkton should not be altered;
 - (d) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
 - (e) the name of the parish council should not be altered;
 - (f) the parish council for Burton and Winkton shall consist of 10 councillors.

B. HURN

1. Background

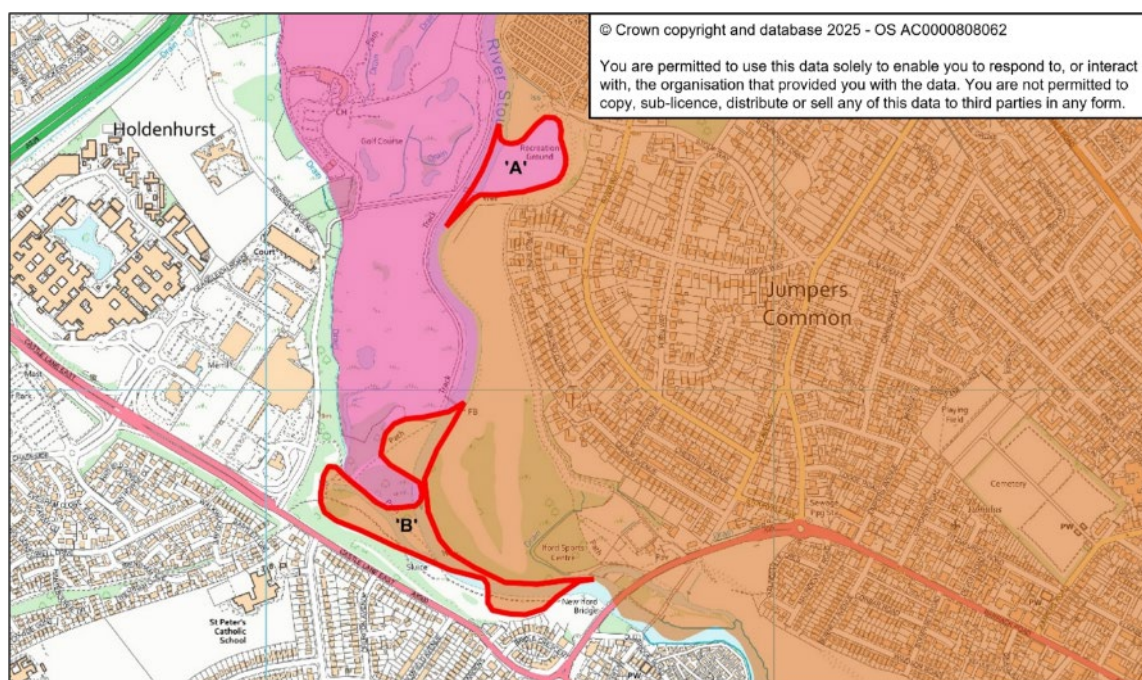
Parish	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Hurn	594	596	6	99	N/A

- 1.1 Hurn parish is unwarded and has 6 elected representative seats on the Council. The minimum number of seats permitted on a parish council is 5.
- 1.2 The entire parish falls wholly within the BCP electoral ward of Commons but excludes that part of the ward to the south-east which is within the boundary of Christchurch Town Council, and a single property known as Wood Farm which now falls within the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst. The boundary around this property was redrawn in 2020 which is accessed from the Holdenhurst. The current parish boundary is shown below.



- 1.3 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 0.34%
- 1.4 Contested elections were held in Hurn in May 2019, although there were no contested elections in May 2023. The projected elector to councillor ratio is 96:1
- 1.5 Hurn Parish Council has submitted a response to the invitation of initial submissions, requesting that no changes be made to the parish area or electoral arrangements.

- 1.6 A representation from Christchurch Town Council (70) was received which suggested a number of boundary changes with adjacent parishes. In relation the boundary line with Hurn parish, the Town Council highlighted two areas where the current boundary traverses the river and suggested that this be addressed by redrawing the boundary along the line of the river. These are shown on the map below where the area marked as 'A' would transfer from Hurn Parish to Christchurch Town and the area marked as 'B' would transfer from Christchurch Town to Hurn Parish. There are no properties within these areas and therefore no change to the electorate.



- 1.7 Hurn Parish Council was not contacted with regards to this proposal before submission, but the ward councillor has retrospectively sought the view of Hurn Parish Council and confirmed that the parish council raises no objection at this stage.
- 1.8 Five anonymous respondents, from Ashley Cross, Broadstone, Canford Heath, Jumpers Common and Oakdale, suggested that all existing parish and town council arrangements should be abolished citing various reasons. The Task and Finish Group considered the comments, assessed them against the published guidance and concluded that there was insufficient evidence provided to justify the abolition of the Parish Council.
- 1.9 The Task and Finish Group considered the representations received and make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

- 2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the parish of Hurn:

2.2 That:

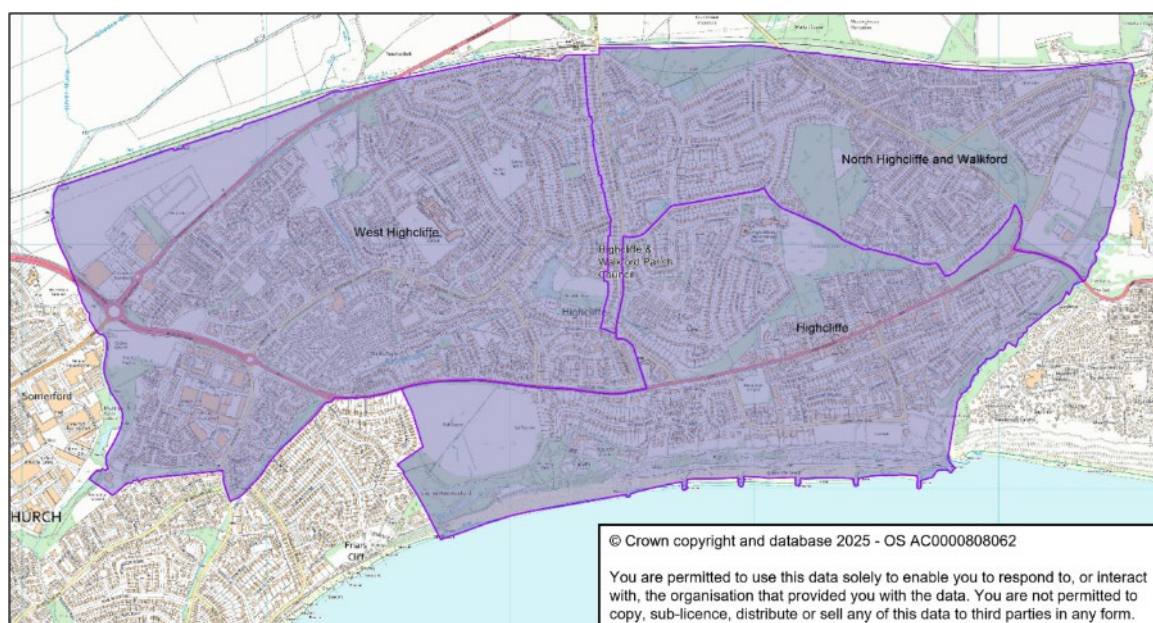
- (a) the parish of Hurn should not be abolished;
- (b) the boundary of the existing parish of Hurn be altered as shown on the plan at paragraph 1.6 above;
- (c) the name of the parish of Hurn should not be altered;
- (d) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
- (e) the name of the parish council should not be altered;
- (f) the parish council for Hurn shall consist of 6 councillors.

C. HIGHCLIFFE AND WALKFORD

1. Background

Parish Wards	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Highcliffe	3,450	3,541	3	1,180	+8.7%
North Highcliffe & Walkford	3,075	3,159	3	1,053	-3.0%
West Highcliffe	5,113	5,246	5	1,049	-3.4%

- 1.1 Highcliffe and Walkford parish is warded and has 11 elected representative seats on the Council.
- 1.2 The parish falls within the BCP electoral ward of Highcliffe and Walkford and part of the Mudeford, Stanpit and West Highcliffe ward. The Parish Council was established in 2019.



- 1.3 The projected electorate growth over 5 years for the existing area is 2.65%
- 1.4 All seats in each of the three wards were contested in Highcliffe and Walkford in May 2019, although there were no contested elections in May 2023. The projected average elector to councillor ratio is 1,086:1
- 1.5 Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council have not requested any changes to the existing arrangements.
- 1.6 A representation (52) was received which suggested the amalgamation of the BCP Council wards of Burton and Grange, and Mudeford, Stanpit and West Highcliffe. This suggestion included the whole of the parish of Burton and Winkton, part of Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council and part of Christchurch Town Council. The

Task and Finish Group considered the submission but it was felt that there was insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the proposal would lead to, or bring about, improved community engagement, cohesion or local democracy contrary to the aim of the review, and therefore dismissed the proposal.

- 1.7 Five anonymous respondents, from Ashley Cross, Broadstone, Canford Heath, Jumpers Common and Oakdale, suggested that all existing parish and town council arrangements should be abolished citing various reasons. The Task and Finish Group considered the comments, assessed them against the published guidance and concluded that there was insufficient evidence provided to justify the abolition of the Parish Council.
- 1.8 No changes are therefore recommended for the Highcliffe and Walkford Parish.
- 1.9 The Task and Finish Group considered the representations received and make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

- 2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford:
- 2.2 That:
 - (a) the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be abolished;
 - (b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Highcliffe and Walkford;
 - (c) the name of the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford should not be altered;
 - (d) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
 - (e) the name of the parish council should not be altered;
 - (f) the parish of Highcliffe and Walkford continue to be divided into three parish wards without modification and those wards named respectively:-
 - (i) Highcliffe
 - (ii) North Highcliffe and Walkford
 - (iii) West Highcliffe
 - (g) the parish council for Highcliffe and Walkford shall consist of 11 councillors;
 - (h) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:-

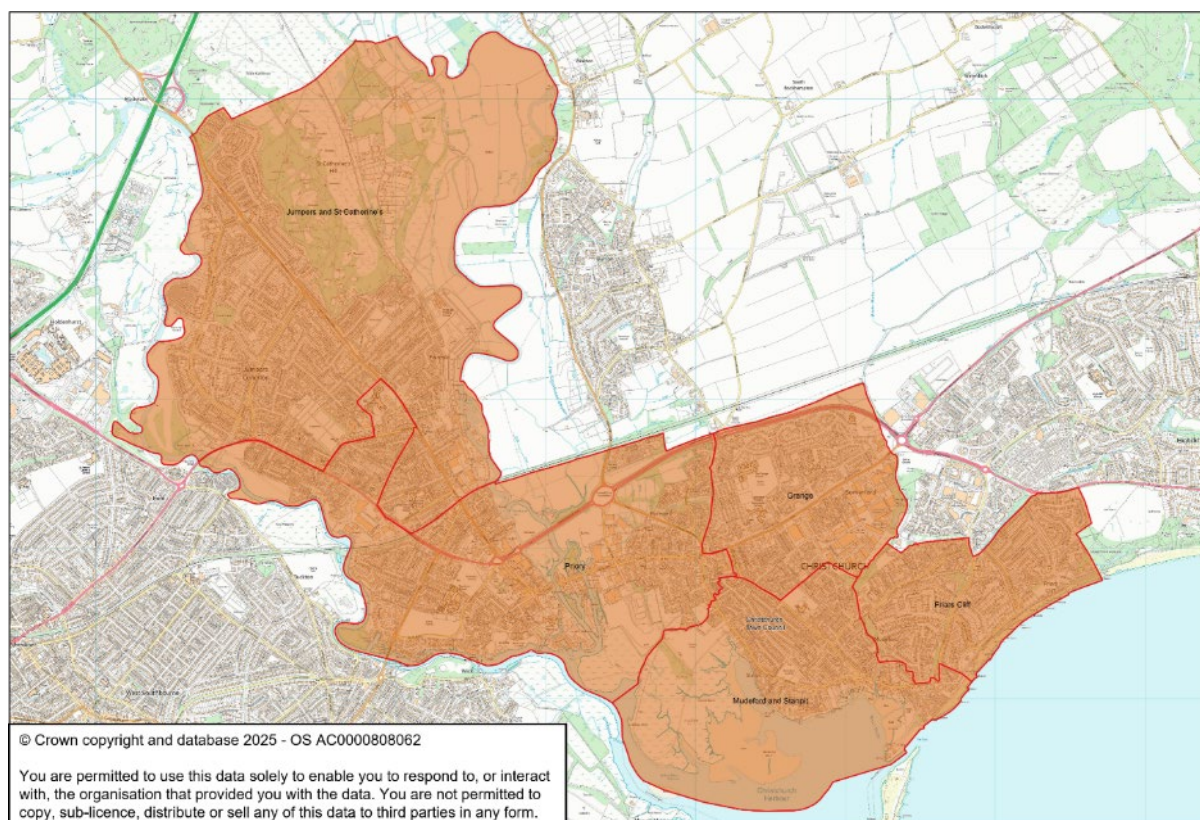
- (i) Highcliffe – 3 councillors
- (ii) North Highcliffe and Walkford – 3 councillors
- (iii) West Highcliffe – 5 councillors.

D. CHRISTCHURCH TOWN

1. Background

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Friars Cliff	2,633	2,690	2	1,345	+1.0%
Grange	3,757	3,796	3	1,265	-5.0%
Jumpers & St. Catherine's	7,890	8,009	6	1,335	+0.2%
Mudford & Stanpit	2,650	2,675	2	1,338	+0.4%
Priory	7,822	8,143	6	1,357	+1.9%

- 1.1 Christchurch parish is warded, has the alternative style of Town and has 19 elected representative seats on the Council.
- 1.2 The parish falls within the BCP electoral ward of Christchurch Town and part of the BCP wards of Commons, Burton and Grange and Mudford, Stanpit and West Highcliffe. The Town Council was established in 2019.



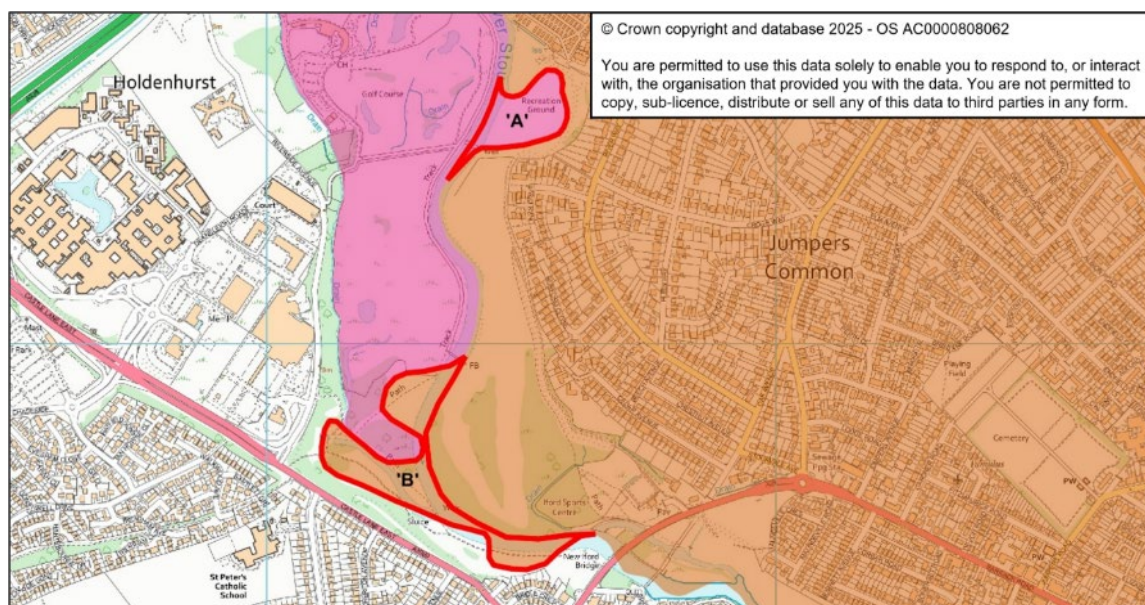
- 1.3 The projected electorate growth over 5 years for the existing area is 2.27%
- 1.4 All seats in each of the five wards were contested in Christchurch in May 2019, although there were only contested elections within the Grange ward in May 2023.

The projected average elector to councillor ratio is 1,332:1

- 1.5 A representation (52) was received which suggested the amalgamation of the BCP Council wards of Burton and Grange, and Mudeford, Stanpit and West Highcliffe. This suggestion included the whole of the parish of Burton and Winkton, part of Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council and part of Christchurch Town Council. The Task and Finish Group considered the submission but it was felt that there was insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the proposal would lead to, or bring about, improved community engagement, cohesion or local democracy contrary to the aim of the review, and therefore dismissed the proposal.
- 1.6 Five anonymous respondents, from Ashley Cross, Broadstone, Canford Heath, Jumpers Common and Oakdale, suggested that all existing parish and town council arrangements should be abolished citing various reasons. The Task and Finish Group considered the comments, assessed them against the published guidance and concluded that there was insufficient evidence provided to justify the abolition of the Town Council.
- 1.7 A representation from Christchurch Town Council (70) was received which suggested a number of boundary changes with adjacent parishes and an alteration to the internal warding arrangements. These suggestions are outlined as follows.

Boundary with Hurn

- 1.8 In relation the boundary line with Hurn parish, the Town Council highlighted two areas where the current boundary traverses the river and suggested that this be addressed by redrawing the boundary along the line of the river. These are shown on the map below where the area marked as 'A' would transfer from Hurn Parish to Christchurch Town and the area marked as 'B' would transfer from Christchurch Town to Hurn Parish. There are no properties within these areas and therefore no change to the electorate.

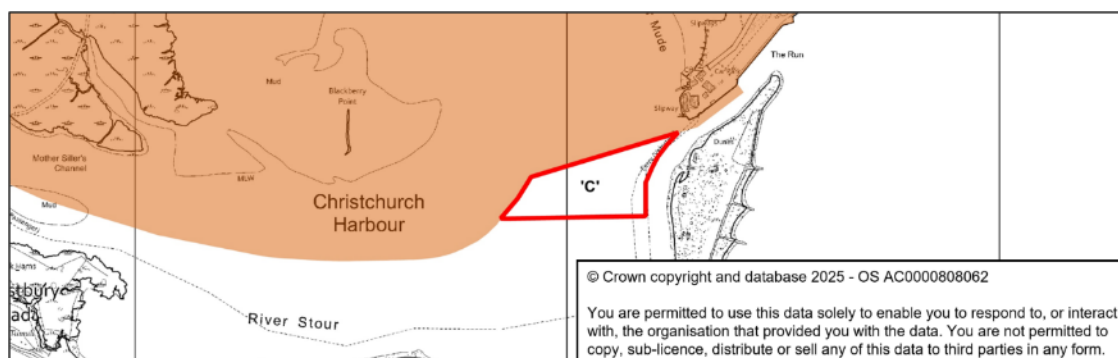


- 1.9 Hurn Parish Council was not contacted with regards to this proposal before

submission, but the ward councillor has retrospectively sought the view of Hurn Parish Council and confirmed that the parish council raises no objection at this stage.

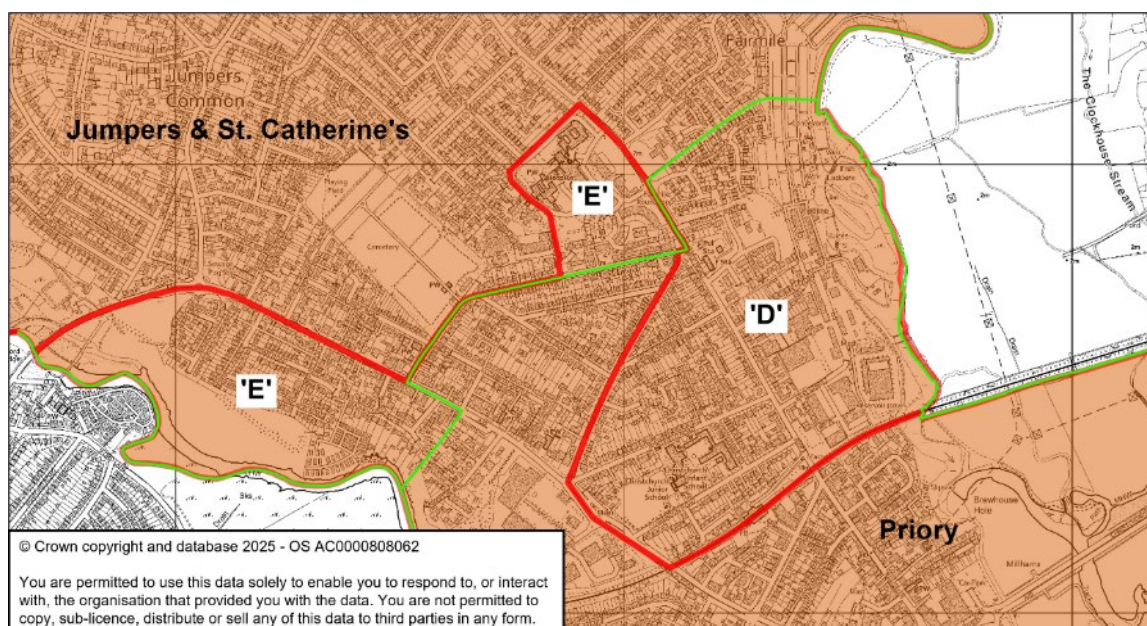
Harbour Boundary

- 1.10 The Town Council further highlighted an anomaly with the boundary within the harbour entrance. This anomaly was a result of boundary changes arising from local government re-organisation in 2019 and whilst there is no impact on the electorate, it is considered an appropriate opportunity to rectify the issue.
- 1.11 The Task and Finish Group supported the request to alter the boundary of the Town Council and the Mudeford and Stanpit ward to include the unparished area marked as 'C' on the map below. The revised boundary would be coterminous with the BCP ward boundary between the wards of Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe and East Southbourne & Tuckton.



Internal Ward Changes

- 1.12 The Town Council's final request was to alter the boundary between the parish wards of Jumpers & St. Catherine's and Priory so as to be coterminous with the BCP Council ward boundary between the wards of Christchurch Town and Commons. The map below shows the existing parish ward boundary in red, and the BCP ward boundary in green. The effect of the proposed change would be to transfer the area marked as 'D' from the Jumpers & St. Catherine's ward into the Priory ward; and to transfer the areas marked as 'E' from Priory ward into the Jumpers & St. Catherine's ward.



- 1.13 Taking into the account the internal ward boundary change between Jumpers & St. Catherine's and Priory wards the revised electorate and elector to councillor ratios are shown in the table below.
- 1.14 It is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors. Guidance suggests that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government to have significant variances in levels of representation between different parish wards. There is a risk that where one parish ward is over-represented by councillors, the residents of that parish ward (and their councillors) could be perceived as having more influence than others on the council.
- 1.15 Guidance further recommends that the elector to councillor ratio variance should be within +/-10%.
- 1.16 The revised projected elector to councillor ratio under these arrangements would be 1,332:1 with the resultant variances ranging between -5.2% to +7.3%.

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Friars Cliff	2,633	2,690	2	1,345	+1.0%
Grange	3,757	3,796	3	1,265	-5.0%
Jumpers & St. Catherine's	7,478	7,576	6	1,263	-5.2%
Mudford & Stanpit	2,650	2,675	2	1,338	+0.4%
Priory	8,234	8,576	6	1,429	+7.3%

- 1.17 The Task and Finish Group considered the representations received and make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the parish of Christchurch Town:

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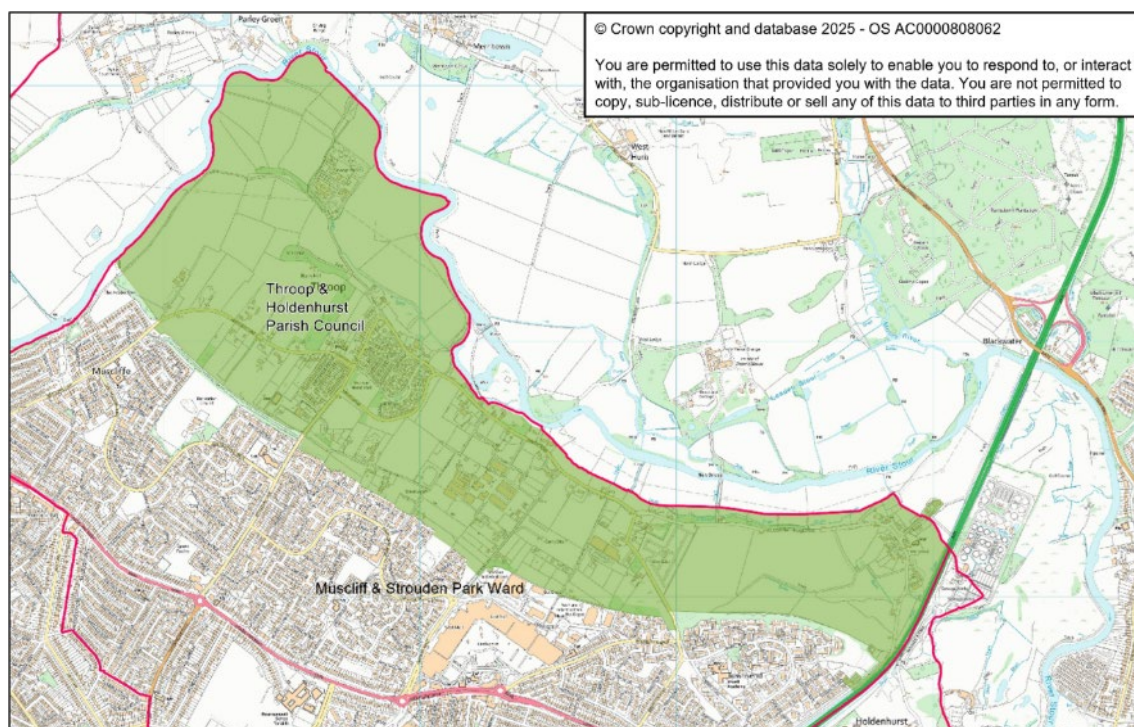
- (a) the parish of Christchurch Town should not be abolished;
- (b) the boundary of the existing parish of Christchurch Town be altered as shown on the plans at paragraph 1.8 and 1.11 above;
- (c) the name of the parish of Christchurch Town should not be altered;
- (d) the parish should continue to have a parish council in the style of a town council;
- (e) the name of the town council should not be altered;
- (f) the parish of Christchurch Town continue to be divided into five parish wards, with those areas remaining unchanged except for the changes arising from the boundary changes referred to in paragraphs 1.8, 1.11 and 1.12 and those wards named respectively:-
 - (i) Friars Cliff
 - (ii) Grange
 - (iii) Jumpers & St. Catherine's
 - (iv) Mudeford & Stanpit
 - (v) Priory
- (g) the parish council for Christchurch Town shall consist of 19 councillors;
- (h) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:-
 - (i) Friars Cliff - 2 councillors
 - (ii) Grange – 3 councillors
 - (iii) Jumpers & St. Catherine's – 6 councillors
 - (iv) Mudeford & Stanpit – 2 councillors
 - (v) Priory – 6 councillors

E. THROOP AND HOLDENHURST

1. Background

Parish	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Throop and Holdenhurst	593	595	7	85	N/A

- 1.1 Throop and Holdenhurst parish is unwarded and has 7 elected representative seats on the Council.
- 1.2 The entire parish falls almost entirely within the BCP Council electoral ward of Muscliffe & Strouden Park but excludes a single property known as Wood Farm to the north-eastern tip of the parish which falls within the Commons ward. The parish Council was established in 2021. The current parish boundary is shown below.



- 1.3 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 0.34%
- 1.4 The elections were contested in 2021 when the new parish council was established. The next elections for the parish council are scheduled for 2027. The projected elector to councillor ratio is 85:1
- 1.5 Throop and Holdenhurst Parish Council responded to the invitation of initial submissions, requesting that no changes be made to the parish area or electoral arrangements.
- 1.6 A representation (13) was received suggesting the creation of a new parish council for the Muscliffe area or an extension of the existing parish of Throop and Holdenhurst

to include Muscliff. The submission did not include a map or proposed boundary description but did indicate that a new or extended council could provide greater local control and enable greater support for local issues.

- 1.7 The Task and Finish Group considered the submission but it was felt that there was insufficient information provided to demonstrate that the proposal would lead to, or bring about, improved community engagement, cohesion or local democracy contrary to the aim of the review, and therefore dismissed the proposal.
- 1.8 Five anonymous respondents, from Ashley Cross, Broadstone, Canford Heath, Jumpers Common and Oakdale, suggested that all existing parish and town council arrangements should be abolished citing various reasons. The Task and Finish Group considered the comments, assessed them against the published guidance and concluded that there was insufficient evidence provided to justify the abolition of the Parish Council.
- 1.9 The electoral services team requested that the anomaly of Wood Farm, which falls within the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst, be rectified by making a related alteration for submission to the Boundary Commission for England. The submission seeking to alter the BCP Council ward boundary between Muscliff & Strouden Park and Commons to be redrawn to be coterminous with the parish boundary. This will form part of the final recommendations at Stage 4 as this does not alter the perishing arrangements.
- 1.10 The Task and Finish Group considered the representations received and make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

- 2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst:
- 2.2 That:
 - (a) the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be abolished;
 - (b) no change be made to the boundary of the existing parish of Throop and Holdenhurst;
 - (c) the name of the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst should not be altered;
 - (d) the parish should continue to have a parish council;
 - (e) the name of the parish council should not be altered;
 - (f) the parish council for Throop and Holdenhurst shall consist of 7 councillors.

F. BROADSTONE

1. Background

1.1 The area referred to in this section as Broadstone is unparished and comprises the polling district areas detailed in the table in paragraph 1.2 below. Maps showing the extent of all polling districts are contained in a separate annex on the Council's web site.

1.2 A summary of the polling district electorate forecast is shown in the table below:-

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
BS1 - Broadstone 1	2,435	2,477
BS2 - Broadstone 2	2,032	2,046
BS3 - Broadstone 3	1,681	1,762
BS4 - Broadstone 4	2,469	2,543
BS4-A - Broadstone 4A	132	132
Total	8,749	8,960

1.3 The polling districts form the building blocks and are therefore coterminous with the BCP Council ward of Broadstone.

1.4 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 2.41%.

1.5 There was a single but detailed submission (56) on behalf of Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum for the establishment of a parish of Broadstone with a Town Council of the same name and divided into four wards based on the polling districts, BS1 to BS3 and combining polling districts BS4 and BS4-A to form the fourth. The submission provided evidence of a strong community identity with details of activities, projects and other community-based events. Two further anonymous submissions were received from residents of Broadstone objecting to the establishment of new parishes.

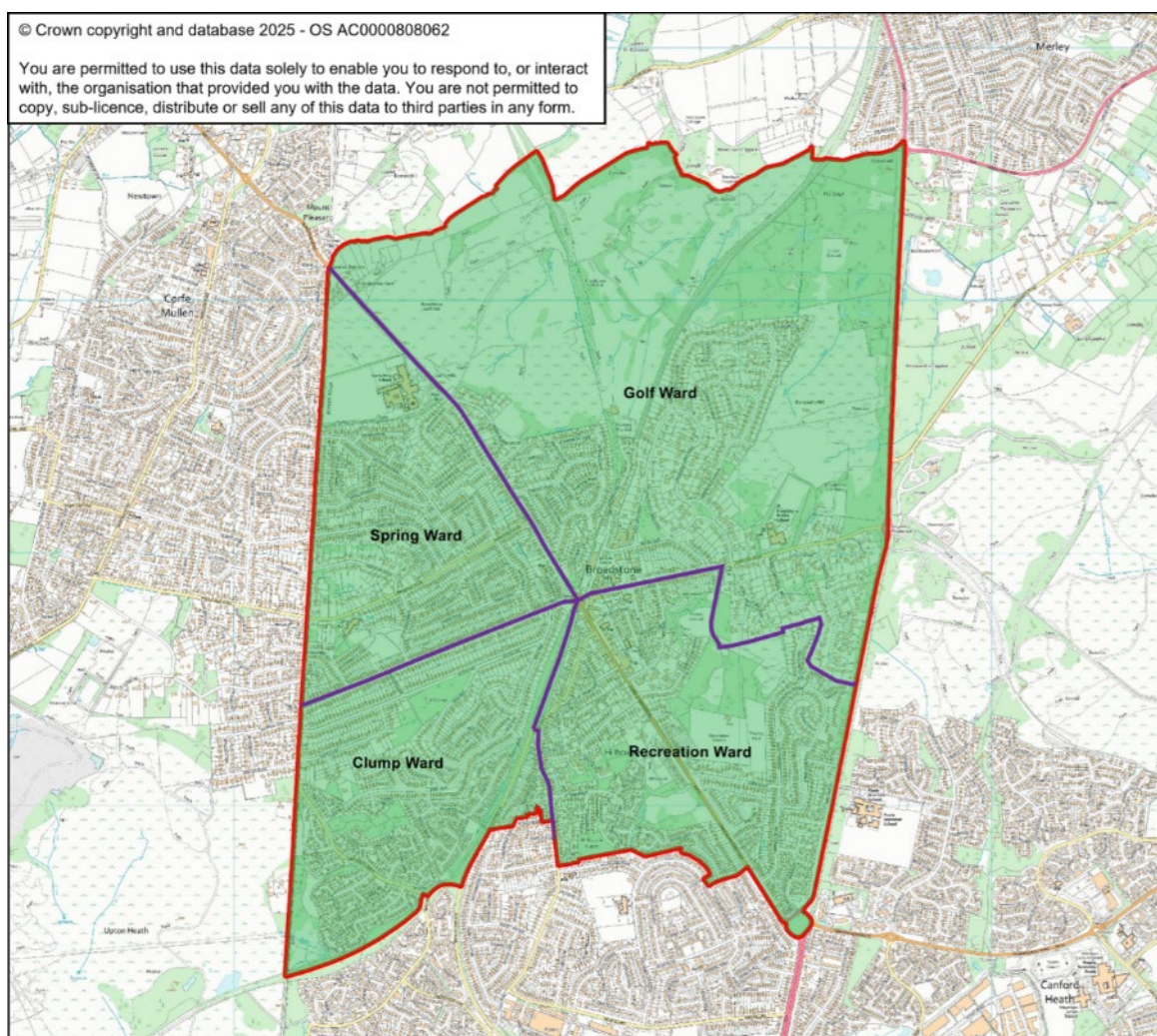
1.6 Following consideration of the representations and a number of options, the Task and Finish Group agreed that a four-warded parish for Broadstone would deliver the optimum electoral equality, be reflective of the community identities and interests and would be effective and convenient.

1.7 It is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors. Guidance suggests that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government to have significant variances in levels of representation between different parish wards. There is a risk that where one parish

ward is over-represented by councillors, the residents of that parish ward (and their councillors) could be perceived as having more influence than others on the council.

- 1.8 Guidance further recommends that the elector to councillor ratio variance should be within +/-10%.
- 1.9 The following warding pattern is recommended by the Task and Finish Group with a total of 14 elected representatives. The projected elector to councillor ratio under these arrangements would be 640:1 with the resultant variances ranging between - 8.2% to +6.6%.

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
North West (BS2)	2,032	2,046	3	682	+6.6%
North East (BS3)	1,681	1,762	3	587	-8.2%
South East (BS4)	2,469	2,543	4	636	+0.7%
South West (BS1 and BS4-A)	2,567	2,609	4	652	+1.9%
Total	8,749	8,960	14		



- 1.10 The Task and Finish Group having considered the representations received, make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

- 2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the unparished area referred to as Broadstone:

- 2.2 That:

- (a) a parish of Broadstone be established;
- (b) the boundary of the parish of Broadstone be drawn to include the existing polling districts of BS1 - Broadstone 1, BS2 - Broadstone 2, BS3 - Broadstone 3, BS4 - Broadstone 4 and BS4-A - Broadstone 4A, as outlined in red on the map in paragraph 1.9 above;
- (c) the name of the established parish be Broadstone;
- (d) the style of the parish of Broadstone be set as a town;
- (e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council;
- (f) the name of the town council should be Broadstone Town Council;
- (g) the parish of Broadstone be divided into four parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 1.9 above, and named respectively:-
 - (i) Clump
 - (ii) Golf
 - (iii) Recreation
 - (iv) Spring
- (h) the town council for Broadstone shall consist of 14 councillors;
- (i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:-
 - (i) Clump – 4 councillors
 - (ii) Golf – 3 councillors
 - (iii) Recreation – 4 councillors
 - (iv) Spring – 3 councillors

G. REDHILL AND NORTHBOURNE

1. Background

1.1 The area referred to in this section as Redhill and Northbourne is unparished and comprises the polling district areas detailed in the table in paragraph 1.2 below. Maps showing the extent of all polling districts are contained in a separate annex on the Council's web site.

1.2 A summary of the polling district electorate forecast is shown in the table below:-

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
RN1 – Redhill & Northbourne 1	2,604	2,635
RN2 – Redhill & Northbourne 2	945	997
RN3 – Redhill & Northbourne 3	2,523	2,538
RN4 – Redhill & Northbourne 4	1,553	1,564
Total	7,625	7,734

1.3 The polling districts form the building blocks for the proposed parish which are coterminous with the BCP Council ward of Redhill and Northbourne.

1.4 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 1.43%.

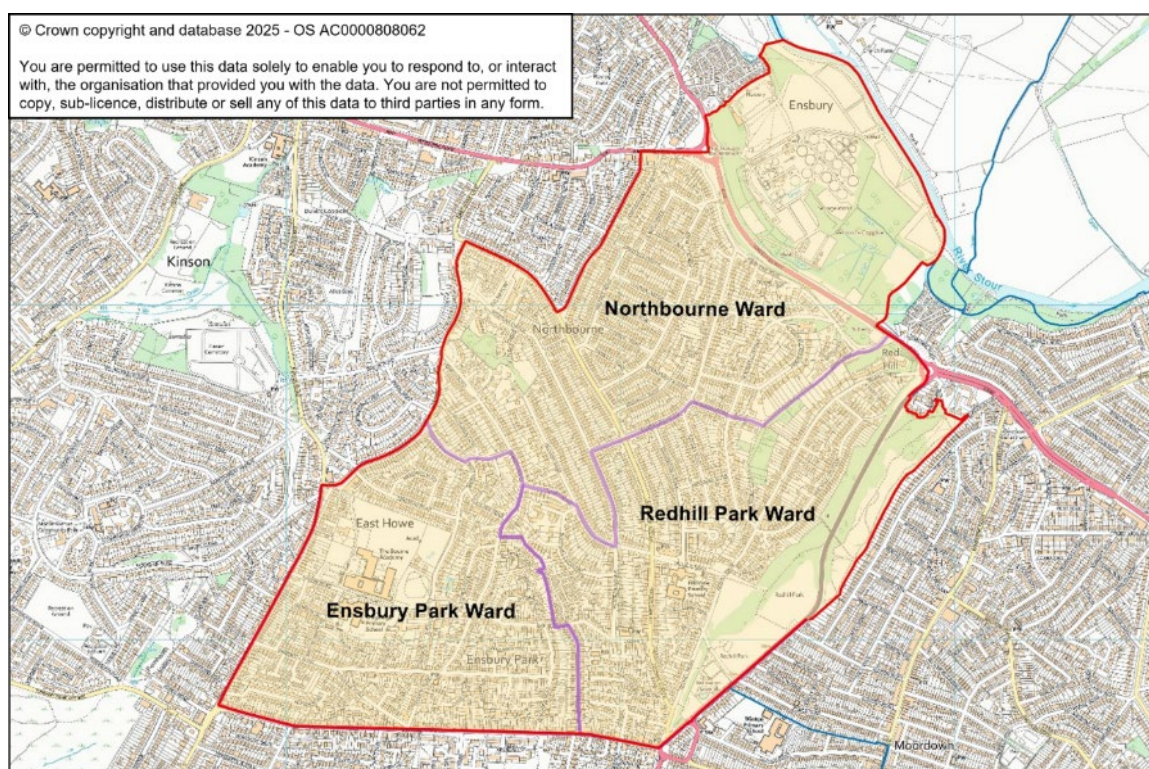
1.5 Two submissions (55) and (59) were received relating to this part of North Bournemouth, one referring to the Redhill and Northbourne ward and the second, whilst not providing a plan, suggested the boundary should be extended to include parts of Wallisdown, Winton and Moordown. Submission (38) suggested that the whole of Bournemouth, including Boscombe and Pokesdown, Southbourne and Redhill and Northbourne, should be established as a single Town Council, however, the Task and Finish Group considered that there was sufficient evidence to support this as an independent standalone proposal.

1.6 The proposal to extend the boundary to include parts of Wallisdown, Winton and Moordown was considered but disregarded by the Task and Finish Group as the description implied a dividing line between west and east Winton and Moordown through the main shopping street (Wimborne Road) and Wallisdown Road to the south.

1.7 The principle submission proposed that the boundary should be coterminous with the BCP ward and parliamentary constituency. However, this runs along Redhill Avenue effectively separating the two elements of Redhill Park which is considered to be an important facility for the Redhill and Northbourne community. The Task and Finish Group are therefore recommending that the whole of Redhill Park should be included within the proposed parish boundary as illustrated on the plan in paragraph 1.11

below. There are no properties within the extended area and therefore no impact upon the effective delivery of elections.

- 1.8 Although warding proposals were not submitted the Task and Finish Group felt that establishing 3 wards with equal councillors would be appropriate and achieve optimal electoral equality.
- 1.9 It is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors. Guidance suggests that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government to have significant variances in levels of representation between different parish wards. There is a risk that where one parish ward is over-represented by councillors, the residents of that parish ward (and their councillors) could be perceived as having more influence than others on the council.
- 1.10 Guidance further recommends that the elector to councillor ratio variance should be within +/-10%.
- 1.11 The following warding pattern is recommended by the Task and Finish Group with a total of 9 elected representatives. The projected elector to councillor ratio under these arrangements would be 859:1 with the resultant variances ranging between - 0.7% to +2.2%.



Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Ensby Park (RN1)	2,604	2,635	3	878	+2.2%
Northbourne (RN2 and RN4)	2,498	2,561	3	854	-0.7%

Redhill Park (RN3)	2,523	2,538	3	846	-1.6%
Total	7,625	7,734	9		

- 1.12 Finally, although the submission suggested a style of parish for the proposed council, the Task and Finish Group felt that a style of community would be more appropriate and consistent with the other proposed local councils elsewhere in Bournemouth.
- 1.13 The Task and Finish Group having considered the representations received, make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

- 2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the unparished area referred to as Redhill and Northbourne:

- 2.2 That:

- (a) a parish of Redhill and Northbourne be established;
- (b) the boundary of the parish of Redhill and Northbourne be drawn to include the existing polling districts of RN1 - Redhill & Northbourne 1, RN2 - Redhill & Northbourne 2, RN3 - Redhill & Northbourne 3, RN4 - Redhill & Northbourne 4, and part of MN1 – Moordown 1, as outlined in red on the map in paragraph 1.11 above;
- (c) the name of the established parish be Redhill and Northbourne;
- (d) the style of the parish of Redhill and Northbourne be set as a community;
- (e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council;
- (f) the name of the community council should be Redhill and Northbourne Community Council;
- (g) the parish of Redhill and Northbourne be divided into three parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 1.11 above, and named respectively:-
 - (i) Ensbury Park
 - (ii) Northbourne
 - (iii) Redhill Park
- (h) the community council for Redhill and Northbourne shall consist of

9 councillors;

- (i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:-

- (i) Ensbury Park – 3 councillors

- (ii) Northbourne – 3 councillors

- (iii) Redhill Park – 3 councillors

H. BOSCOMBE AND POKESDOWN

1. Background

- 1.1 The area referred to in this section as Boscombe and Pokesdown is unparished and comprises the polling district areas detailed in the table in paragraph 1.2 below. Maps showing the extent of all polling districts are contained in a separate annex on the Council's web site.
- 1.2 A summary of the polling district electorate forecast is shown in the table below:-

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
BE1 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 1	1,019	1,040
BE2 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 2	2,527	2,603
BE3 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 3	2,636	2,700
BE4 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 4	1,894	1,934
BW1 - Boscombe West 1	2,177	2,195
BW2 - Boscombe West 2	1,633	1,645
BW3 - Boscombe West 3	1,614	1,642
BW4 - Boscombe West 4	2,532	2,712
Total	16,032	16,471

- 1.3 The polling districts form the building blocks for the proposed parish which are coterminous with the BCP Council wards of Boscombe West and Boscombe East & Pokesdown.
- 1.4 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 2.74%.
- 1.5 Two submissions (63) and (67) were received relating to this part of central south Bournemouth. Both were similar in referring to Boscombe and Pokesdown, although submission (55) suggested an extension of the parish boundary north of the railway line into Kings Park. Submission (38) suggested that the whole of Bournemouth, including Boscombe and Pokesdown, Southbourne and Redhill and Northbourne, should be established as a single Town Council, however, the Task and Finish Group considered that there was sufficient evidence to support this as an independent standalone proposal.
- 1.6 The suggestion to extend the boundary north of the railway line into Kings Park falling within polling district LI2 and LI4 was considered but the Task and Finish Group did not feel there was sufficient evidence at this stage to justify this expansion. Whilst it was acknowledged that there were some historic links to Kings Park, the area in question has a wider community use. Furthermore, the railway line forms a

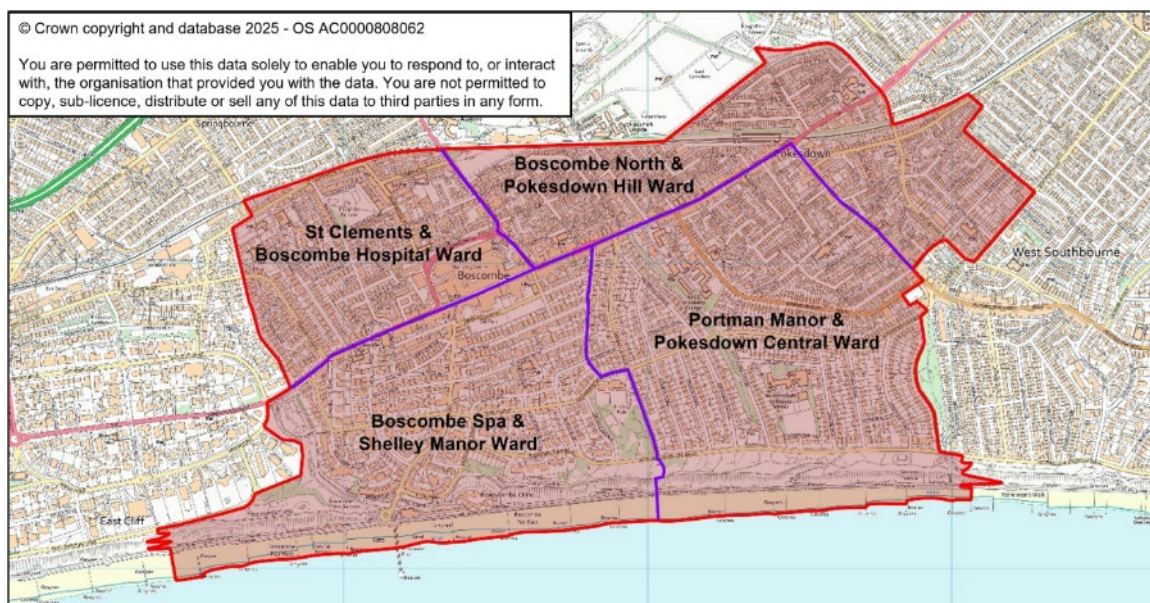
distinct and natural boundary for the proposed parish. This element was not supported at this stage.

- 1.7 The submission also suggested that the boundary to the west of Boscombe West should be extended to include Boscombe Chine Gardens which was considered to be a valuable resource to both locals and tourists accessing the Boscombe pier and beaches. The Task and Finish Group acknowledged the associated links with Boscombe Chine Gardens and that this area should be included within the parish boundary. The proposed boundary for the parish has therefore been extended accordingly to the west. There are no properties within the extended area and therefore no impact upon the effective delivery of elections.
- 1.8 Warding proposals and the number of councillors were included within the submission, and these have been supported by the Task and Finish Group. In summary it is proposed to have four wards with 14 councillors in total.
- 1.9 To the east of this proposal is Southbourne, which also had a number of submissions for a new parish which are set out in a separate section of this document. However, submissions for the two areas acknowledged the existing BCP ward boundary between Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne is artificial for electoral purposes and this will require testing through the stage 3 consultation process. However, the Task and Finish Group were minded to make some minor alterations at this stage and to redraw the boundary for inclusion in the draft recommendations. These minor alterations relate to the area known as Fisherman's Walk and the small shopping areas at Portman Terrace and Beresford Road. The area outlined in red below is therefore proposed to be included within the boundary of the Southbourne parish for the purposes of the consultation.



- 1.10 It is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors. Guidance suggests that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government to have significant variances in levels of representation between different parish wards. There is a risk that where one parish ward is over-represented by councillors, the residents of that parish ward (and their councillors) could be perceived as having more influence than others on the council.
- 1.11 Guidance further recommends that the elector to councillor ratio variance should be within +/-10%.
- 1.12 The following warding pattern is recommended by the Task and Finish Group with a total of 14 elected representatives. The projected elector to councillor ratio under these arrangements would be 1,177:1 with the resultant variances ranging between -6.9% to +4.3%.

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor (BW1 and BW4)	4,709	4,907	4	1,227	+4.3%
St Clements & Boscombe Hospital (BW2 and BW3)	3,247	3,287	3	1,096	-6.9%
Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central (BE1 and BE2)	3,546	3,643	3	1,214	+3.2%
Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill (BE3 and BE4)	4,530	4,634	4	1,159	-1.5%
Total	16,032	16,471	14		



- 1.13 The Task and Finish Group having considered the representations received, make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

- 2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the unparished area referred to as Boscombe and Pokesdown:

- 2.2 That:

- (a) a parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be established;
- (b) the boundary of the parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be drawn to include the existing polling districts of BE1 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 1, BE2 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 2, BE3 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 3, BE4 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 4, BW1 - Boscombe West 1, BW2 - Boscombe West 2, BW3 - Boscombe West 3, BW4 - Boscombe West 4, and part of EC1 - East Cliff & Springbourne 1, as outlined in red on the map in paragraph 1.12 above;
- (c) the name of the established parish be Boscombe and Pokesdown;
- (d) the style of the parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be set as a community;
- (e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council;
- (f) the name of the community council should be Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Council;
- (g) the parish of Boscombe and Pokesdown be divided into four parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 1.12 above, and named respectively:-
 - (i) Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor
 - (ii) St Clements & Boscombe Hospital
 - (iii) Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central
 - (iv) Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill
- (h) the community council for Boscombe and Pokesdown shall consist of 14 councillors;
- (i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:-

- (i) Boscombe Spa & Shelley Manor – 4 councillors
- (ii) St Clements & Boscombe Hospital – 3 councillors
- (iii) Portman Manor & Pokesdown Central – 3 councillors
- (iv) Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill – 4 councillors

I. SOUTHBOURNE

1. Background

- 1.1 The area referred to in this section as Southbourne is unparished and comprises the polling district areas detailed in the table in paragraph 1.2 below. Maps showing the extent of all polling districts are contained in a separate annex on the Council's web site.
- 1.2 A summary of the polling district electorate forecast is shown in the table below:-

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
ES1 - East Southbourne & Tuckton 1	2,363	2,430
ES2 - East Southbourne & Tuckton 2	2,700	2,725
ES3 - East Southbourne & Tuckton 3	2,348	2,380
WS1 - West Southbourne 1	2,515	2,583
WS2 - West Southbourne 2	2,681	2,704
WS3 - West Southbourne 3	2,386	2,398
Total	14,993	15,220

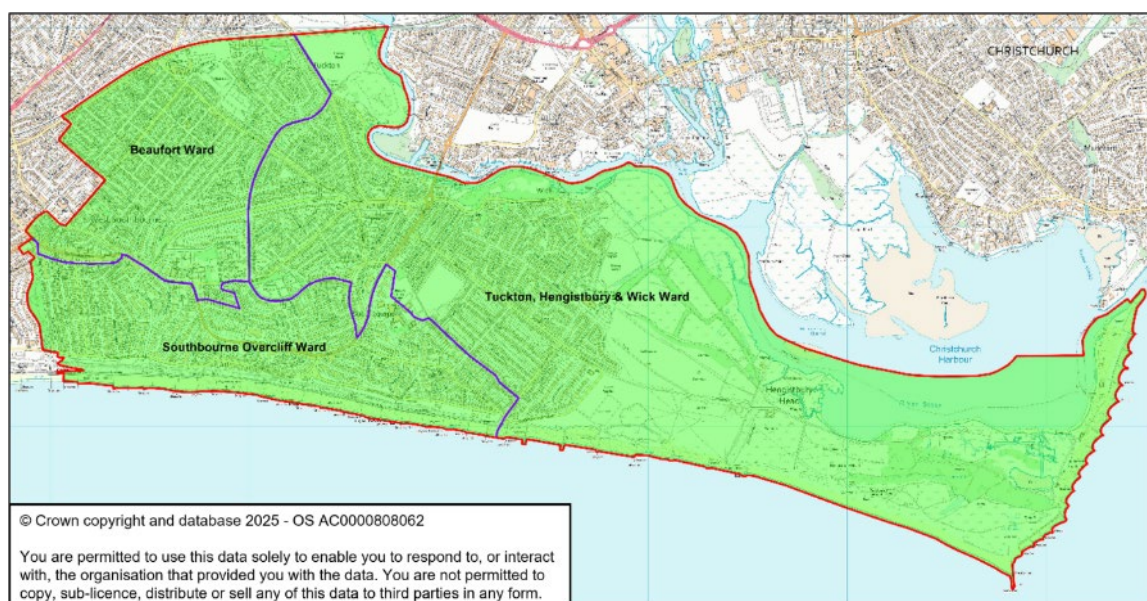
- 1.3 The polling districts form the building blocks for the proposed parish which are coterminous with the BCP Council wards of West Southbourne and East Southbourne & Tuckton.
- 1.4 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 1.51%.
- 1.5 Six submissions (36), (42), (43), (44), (48) and (54) were received relating to this part of east Bournemouth. Five were similar in support of a Southbourne parish, although submission (44) was not supportive and expressed concern about the management of the allotments site to the north of the area. Submission (38) suggested that the whole of Bournemouth, including Boscombe and Pokesdown, Southbourne and Redhill and Northbourne, should be established as a single Town Council, however, the Task and Finish Group considered that there was sufficient evidence to support this as an independent standalone proposal.
- 1.6 Although the Task and Finish Group considered the views of the Bournemouth East Allotment Society, redrawing the boundary to exclude the allotments would not be appropriate. It was further noted that there should be no reason for the operation of the allotments to be detrimentally impacted by inclusion in the parish boundary.
- 1.7 Warding proposals and the number of councillors were included within a number of the submission, and these have been largely supported by the Task and Finish Group. In summary it is proposed to have three wards with 12 councillors in total.

- 1.8 To the west of this proposal is Boscombe and Pokesdown, which also had a number of submissions for a new parish which are set out in a separate section of this document. However, submissions for the two areas acknowledged the existing BCP ward boundary between Boscombe & Pokesdown and Southbourne is artificial for electoral purposes and this will require testing through the stage 3 consultation process. However, the Task and Finish Group were minded to make some minor alterations at this stage and to redraw the boundary for inclusion in the draft recommendations. These minor alterations relate to the area known as Fisherman's Walk and the small shopping areas at Portman Terrace and Beresford Road. The area outlined in red below is therefore proposed to be included within the boundary of the Southbourne parish for the purposes of the consultation.



- 1.9 It is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors. Guidance suggests that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government to have significant variances in levels of representation between different parish wards. There is a risk that where one parish ward is over-represented by councillors, the residents of that parish ward (and their councillors) could be perceived as having more influence than others on the council.
- 1.10 Guidance further recommends that the elector to councillor ratio variance should be within +/-10%.
- 1.11 The following warding pattern is recommended by the Task and Finish Group with a total of 12 elected representatives. The projected elector to councillor ratio under these arrangements would be 1,268:1 with the resultant variances ranging between -1.2% to +0.6%.

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Beaufort (WS2 and WS3)	5,067	5,102	4	1,276	+0.6%
Southbourne Overcliff (WS1 and ES1)	4,878	5,013	4	1,253	-1.2%
Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick (ES2 and ES3)	5,048	5,105	4	1,276	+0.6%
Total	14,993	15,220	12		



- 1.12 The Task and Finish Group having considered the representations received, make the following draft recommendations.

2. Draft Recommendations

- 2.1 As part of the current Community Governance Review of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, under the terms of reference published on 16 October 2024, the Council has made the following draft recommendations in relation to the unparished area referred to as Southbourne:

- 2.2 That:

- (a) a parish of Southbourne be established;
- (b) the boundary of the parish of Southbourne be drawn to include the existing polling districts of ES1 - East Southbourne & Tuckton 1, ES2 - East Southbourne & Tuckton 2, ES3 - East Southbourne & Tuckton 3, WS1 - West Southbourne 1, WS2 - West Southbourne 2, WS3 - West Southbourne 3, and parts of BE2 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 2 and BE3 - Boscombe East & Pokesdown 3, as outlined in red on the map in paragraph 1.11 above;

- (c) the name of the established parish be Southbourne;
- (d) the style of the parish of Southbourne be set as a community;
- (e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of community council;
- (f) the name of the community council should be Southbourne Community Council;
- (g) the parish of Southbourne be divided into four parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 1.12 above, and named respectively:-
 - (i) Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick
 - (ii) Beaufort
 - (iii) Southbourne Overcliff
- (h) the community council for Southbourne shall consist of 12 councillors;
- (i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:-
 - (i) Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick – 4 councillors
 - (ii) Beaufort – 4 councillors
 - (i) Southbourne Overcliff – 4 councillors

J. POOLE TOWN

1. Background

- 1.1 The area referred to in this section as Poole is unparished and comprises the polling district areas detailed in the table in paragraph 1.4 below. Maps showing the extent of all polling districts are contained in a separate annex on the Council's web site.
- 1.2 The area is currently served by the Charter Trustees for Poole which was established in 2019 to maintain and safeguard the historic charters of Poole and to promote the civic and ceremonial traditions of the mayoralty. The Charter Trustees, which levies a precept on the Council tax, cannot be abolished unless the whole of the area covered by the Charter Trustees is replaced with town or parish councils.
- 1.3 The Charter Trustees and the Mayors for Poole since 2019 have expressed some frustration with the constraints of the current arrangements, and the limitations to support key local events, individuals or community groups with fund-raising initiatives, etc.. The establishment of a Town Council for Poole would continue to protect the historic charters, armorial bearings, civic regalia and other assets, but allow additional freedoms to support other activities throughout Poole.
- 1.4 A summary of the polling district electorate forecast is shown in the table below:-

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
AB1 - Alderney & Bourne Valley 1	2,447	2,451
AB2 - Alderney & Bourne Valley 2	1,974	1,978
AB3 - Alderney & Bourne Valley 3	1,628	1,630
AB4 - Alderney & Bourne Valley 4	2,085	2,092
AB5 - Alderney & Bourne Valley 5	1,154	1,156
AB6 - Alderney & Bourne Valley 6 (combined with AB6-A)	2,725	2,737
BM1 - Bearwood & Merley 1	1,446	1,451
BM2 - Bearwood & Merley 2	1,557	2,206
BM3 - Bearwood & Merley 3	1,784	1,796
BM4 - Bearwood & Merley 4	2,315	3,031
BM5 - Bearwood & Merley 5	1,524	1,530
BM6 - Bearwood & Merley 6	1,269	1,289
BM7 - Bearwood & Merley 7 (combined with B7-A)	1,375	1,390
CC1 - Canford Cliffs 1	1,599	1,691
CC2 - Canford Cliffs 2	1,520	1,636

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
CC3 - Canford Cliffs 3 (combined with CC3-A)	1,849	1,910
CC4 - Canford Cliffs 4	1,807	1,834
CC5 - Canford Cliffs 5	1,295	1,404
CH1 - Canford Heath 1	1,154	1,161
CH2 - Canford Heath 2	1,492	1,501
CH3 - Canford Heath 3	1,313	1,322
CH4 - Canford Heath 4	1,201	1,208
CH5 - Canford Heath 5 (combined with CH5-A)	2,238	2,251
CH6 - Canford Heath 6	1,805	1,835
CH7 - Canford Heath 7	1,545	1,554
CR1 - Creekmoor 1	1,627	1,709
CR2 - Creekmoor 2	1,681	1,883
CR3 - Creekmoor 3	1,271	1,276
CR4 - Creekmoor 4	1,511	1,518
CR5 - Creekmoor 5	1,270	1,275
HY1 - Hamworthy 1	2,378	2,387
HY2 - Hamworthy 2	1,515	1,541
HY3 - Hamworthy 3	1,492	1,503
HY4 - Hamworthy 4	1,974	1,991
HY5 - Hamworthy 5	1,417	1,579
HY6 - Hamworthy 6	1,748	1,762
NH1 - Newtown & Heatherlands 1	1,452	1,634
NH2 - Newtown & Heatherlands 2	1,840	1,873
NH3 - Newtown & Heatherlands 3	2,452	2,484
NH4 - Newtown & Heatherlands 4	1,581	1,598
NH5 - Newtown & Heatherlands 5	1,658	1,674
NH6 - Newtown & Heatherlands 6	1,979	2,068
NH6-A - Newtown & Heatherlands 6A	489	492
NH7 - Newtown & Heatherlands 7	1,848	1,875
OK1 - Oakdale 1	1,038	1,050
OK2 - Oakdale 2	1,184	1,195

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
OK3 - Oakdale 3	1,683	1,793
OK4 - Oakdale 4	2,416	2,436
OK5 - Oakdale 5	2,209	2,228
PH1 - Penn Hill 1	1,844	1,873
PH2 - Penn Hill 2	2,117	2,191
PH3 - Penn Hill 3	2,106	2,139
PH4 - Penn Hill 4	2,760	2,888
PS1 - Parkstone 1	1,394	1,549
PS2 - Parkstone 2	2,984	3,076
PS3 - Parkstone 3	2,158	2,199
PS4 - Parkstone 4	2,123	2,264
PT1 - Poole Town 1	1,458	2,276
PT2 - Poole Town 2	2,541	2,594
PT3 - Poole Town 3	1,887	1,908
PT4 - Poole Town 4	2,605	2,633
PT5 - Poole Town 5	1,602	2,066
TB1 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 1 (Part)	162	163
TB4 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 4	1,192	1,197
TB5 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 5 (Part)	829	832
TB6 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 6	972	982
WB4 - Westbourne & West Cliff 4 (Part)	114	115
Total	112,662	117,813

- 1.5 The polling districts form the building blocks for the proposed parish which are where possible coterminous with the BCP Council wards across the area.
- 1.6 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 4.57%.
- 1.7 There were a number of submissions for the Poole area, including individual proposals for separate local councils in Hamworthy, Alderney and Bourne Valley, Parkstone, and a combined area of Parkstone, Canford Cliffs and Penn Hill. A further submission was received for a Town Council covering Poole Town, Hamworthy, Creekmoor, Oakdale and Parkstone.
- 1.8 The Task and Finish Group considered the proposals which demonstrated an appetite for potential new local governance arrangements, but felt that there was

insufficient evidence to demonstrate that the proposals would lead to, or bring about, improved community engagement, cohesion or local democracy contrary to the aim of the review. In many cases the proposed boundaries sub-divided key retail areas and community facilities and as a consequence the submissions were not supported at this stage.

- 1.9 However, the Task and Finish Group was encouraged with the number of submissions supporting the principle of a town council for the whole of Poole and have agreed to recommend the establishment of a new Town Council for the area defined in this section of the report, and to seek the wider public opinion through the formal Stage 3 Consultation process.
- 1.10 If there is insufficient support for the establishment of a Town Council for Poole, the fallback position will be to continue with the Charter Trustees for the whole of the former borough of Poole, including any areas separately parished. As stated above, the Charter Trustees cannot be abolished unless the whole area is replaced by one or more parish or town councils.
- 1.11 It is important to clarify that the retention of the Charter Trustees, would result in double taxation at a parish level for those areas covered by a separate local council.
- 1.12 The submissions suggesting a whole of Poole Town Council, did provide warding proposals and a number of councillors, however, these did not provide for fair electoral equality. If the establishment of a town council for Poole is sufficiently supported, it will be necessary to refine the precise warding arrangements to secure improved electoral equality but the calculations below illustrate the current draft proposals.
- 1.13 It is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors. Guidance suggests that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government to have significant variances in levels of representation between different parish wards. There is a risk that where one parish ward is over-represented by councillors, the residents of that parish ward (and their councillors) could be perceived as having more influence than others on the council.
- 1.14 Guidance further recommends that the elector to councillor ratio variance should be within +/-10%.
- 1.15 The following warding pattern is recommended by the Task and Finish Group with a total of 41 elected representatives. The projected elector to councillor ratio under these arrangements would be 2,807:1 with the resultant variances currently ranging between -10.1% to +8.1%.



Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Alderney	5,796	5,819	2	2,910	+3.7%
Bearwood	5,108	5,850	2	2,925	+4.3%
Bourne Valley & Branksome East	8,136	8,167	3	2,722	-2.9%
Branksome West	8,133	8,278	3	2,759	-1.6%
Canford Cliffs	8,070	8,475	3	2,825	+0.7%
Canford Heath East	5,588	5,640	2	2,820	+0.5%
Canford Heath West	5,160	5,192	2	2,596	-7.5%
Creekmoor	7,360	7,661	3	2,554	-9.0%

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Hamworthy East	5,139	5,332	2	2,666	-5.0%
Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor	5,385	5,431	2	2,716	-3.2%
Longfleet & Sterte	5,268	6,153	2	3,077	+9.7%
Merley	4,787	5,453	2	2,727	-2.8%
Newtown	7,891	8,157	3	2,719	-3.1%
Oakdale	8,530	8,702	3	2,901	+3.4%
Old Town & Baiter	4,824	5,328	2	2,662	-5.1%
Parkstone	8,659	9,088	3	3,029	+8.0%
Penn Hill	8,827	9,091	3	3,030	+8.0%
Total	112,662	117,813	42		

- 1.16 If in the event that support is forthcoming for Poole Town Council but not Bournemouth Town Council, it will be necessary to alter the proposed boundary of the Poole Town Council to ensure that the whole of the charter trustee area is included. This will be to ensure the effective and convenient delivery of services.
- 1.17 The Task and Finish Group having considered the representations received, make the following draft recommendations.

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 - (b) the boundary of the parish of Poole be drawn to include the existing polling districts as listed in paragraph 1.4 and as outlined in red on the map in paragraph 1.15 above;
 - (c) the name of the established parish be Poole;
 - (d) the style of the parish of Poole be set as a town;
 - (e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council;
 - (f) the name of the town council should be Poole Town Council;

- (g) the parish of Poole be divided into seventeen parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 1.15 above, and named respectively:-
- (i) Alderney
 - (ii) Bearwood
 - (iii) Bourne Valley & Branksome East
 - (iv) Branksome West
 - (v) Canford Cliffs
 - (vi) Canford Heath East
 - (vii) Canford Heath West
 - (viii) Creekmoor
 - (ix) Hamworthy East
 - (x) Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor
 - (xi) Longfleet & Sterte
 - (xii) Merley
 - (xiii) Newtown
 - (xiv) Oakdale
 - (xv) Old Town & Baiter
 - (xvi) Parkstone
 - (xvii) Penn Hill
- (h) the town council for Poole shall consist of 41 councillors;
- (i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:-
- (i) Alderney – 2 councillors
 - (ii) Bearwood – 2 councillors
 - (iii) Bourne Valley & Branksome East – 3 councillors
 - (iv) Branksome West – 3 councillors
 - (v) Canford Cliffs – 3 councillors
 - (vi) Canford Heath East – 2 councillors
 - (vii) Canford Heath West – 2 councillors
 - (viii) Creekmoor – 3 councillors
 - (ix) Hamworthy East – 2 councillors

- (x) Hamworthy West & Turlin Moor – 2 councillors
- (xi) Longfleet & Sterte – 2 councillors
- (xii) Merley – 2 councillors
- (xiii) Newtown – 3 councillors
- (xiv) Oakdale – 3 councillors
- (xv) Old Town & Baiter – 2 councillors
- (xvi) Parkstone – 3 councillors
- (xvii) Penn Hill – 3 councillors

K. BOURNEMOUTH TOWN

1. Background

- 1.1 The area referred to in this section as Bournemouth is unparished and comprises the polling district areas detailed in the table in paragraph 1.4 below. Maps showing the extent of all polling districts are contained in a separate annex on the Council's web site.
- 1.2 The area is currently served by the Charter Trustees for Bournemouth which was established in 2019 to maintain and safeguard the historic charters of Bournemouth and to promote the civic and ceremonial traditions of the mayoralty. The Charter Trustees, which levies a precept on the Council tax, cannot be abolished unless the whole of the area covered by the Charter Trustees is replaced with town or parish councils.
- 1.3 The establishment of a Town Council for Bournemouth, if supported, would continue to protect the historic charters, armorial bearings, civic regalia and other assets, but allow additional freedoms, not available via the Charter Trustees, to support other activities throughout Bournemouth, excluding those areas where separate councils are to be created. If a Bournemouth Town Council is not created the Charter Trustees will continue their duties as present for the whole of the former Bournemouth borough area.
- 1.4 A summary of the polling district electorate forecast is shown in the table below:-

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
BC1 - Bournemouth Central 1	2,534	3,032
BC2 - Bournemouth Central 2	1,117	1,172
BC3 - Bournemouth Central 3	1,550	1,627
BC4 - Bournemouth Central 4	3,008	4,136
BC5 - Bournemouth Central 5	1,371	1,721
EC1 - East Cliff & Springbourne 1	1,668	1,684
EC2 - East Cliff & Springbourne 2	2,043	2,071
EC3 - East Cliff & Springbourne 3	2,049	2,095
EC4 - East Cliff & Springbourne 4	1,642	1,713
EC5 - East Cliff & Springbourne 5	2,402	2,456
EC6 - East Cliff & Springbourne 6	1,992	2,022

Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
KN1 - Kinson 1	2,266	2,297
KN2 - Kinson 2	1,743	1,780
KN3 - Kinson 3	1,865	1,877
KN4 - Kinson 4	1,956	1,981
KN5 - Kinson 5	2,567	2,581
KN6 - Kinson 6	2,483	2,495
LI1 - Littledown & Iford 1	1,087	1,091
LI2 - Littledown & Iford 2	2,463	2,476
LI3 - Littledown & Iford 3	2,335	2,342
LI4 - Littledown & Iford 4	1,708	1,714
MN1 - Moordown 1	1,835	1,895
MN2 - Moordown 2	1,751	1,766
MN3 - Moordown 3	1,802	1,812
MN4 - Moordown 4	2,108	2,126
MS1 - Muscliff & Strouden Park 1 (combined with MS1-A)	1,827	1,840
MS2 - Muscliff & Strouden Park 2	544	546
MS3 - Muscliff & Strouden Park 3	2,083	2,093
MS4 - Muscliff & Strouden Park 4	1,992	2,001
MS5 - Muscliff & Strouden Park 5	1,309	1,319
MS6 - Muscliff & Strouden Park 6	2,029	2,037
MS7 - Muscliff & Strouden Park 7	2,239	2,258
QP1 - Queens Park 1	2,247	2,298
QP2 - Queens Park 2	1,614	1,622
QP3 - Queens Park 3	2,667	2,734
QP4 - Queens Park 4	1,538	1,549
TB1 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 1 (part)	2,320	2,331
TB2 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 2	2,212	2,228
TB3 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 3	2,372	2,428
TB5 - Talbot & Branksome Woods 5 (part)	99	99
WB1 - Westbourne & West Cliff 1 (combined with WB1-A)	2,295	2,419
WB2 - Westbourne & West Cliff 2	2,252	2,282

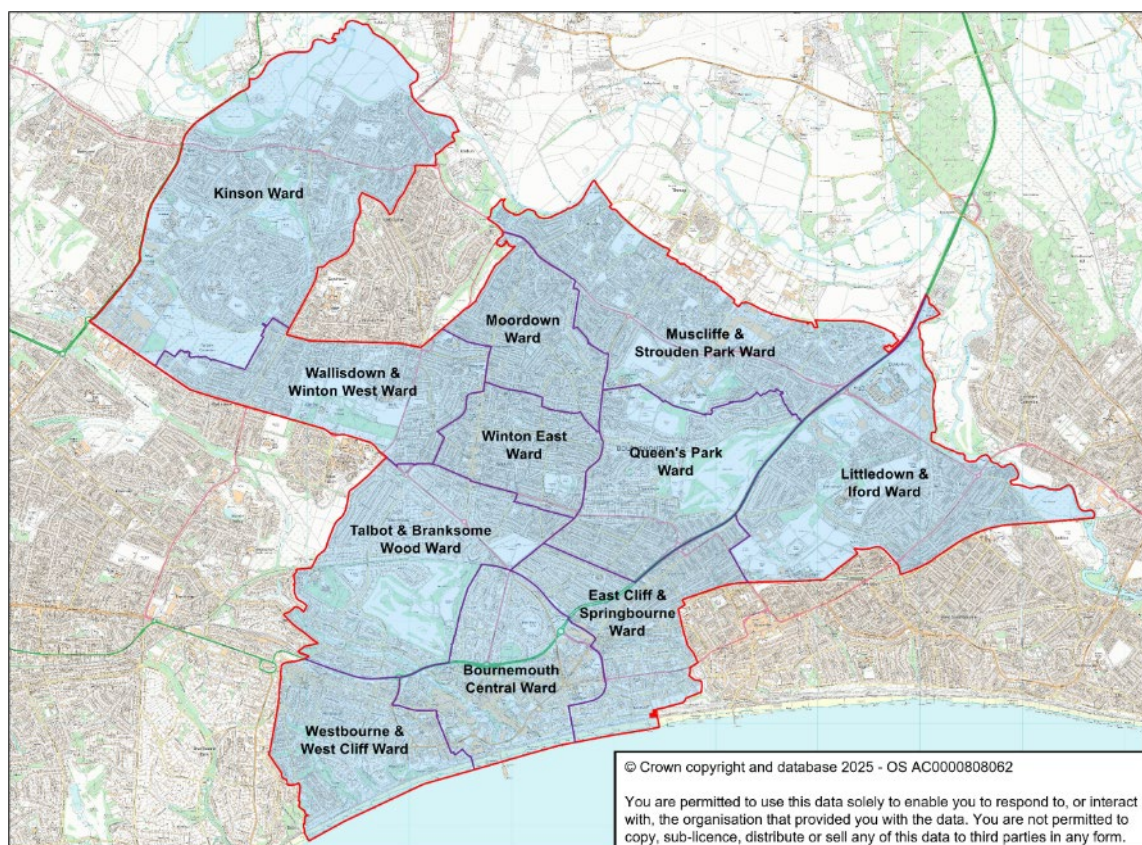
Polling Districts	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030
WB3 - Westbourne & West Cliff 3	2,477	2,598
WB4 - Westbourne & West Cliff 4 (part)	1,196	1,211
WE1 - Winton East 1	1,404	1,429
WE2 - Winton East 2	2,171	2,230
WE3 - Winton East 3	1,907	1,940
WE4 - Winton East 4	897	942
WE5 - Winton East 5	1,188	1,207
WW1 - Wallisdown & Winton West 1	2,499	2,510
WW2 - Wallisdown & Winton West 2	2,035	2,065
WW3 - Wallisdown & Winton West 3	1,623	1,637
WW4 - Wallisdown & Winton West 4	1,340	1,349
Total	99,721	103,164

- 1.5 The polling districts form the building blocks for the proposed parish which are where possible coterminous with the BCP Council wards across the area.
- 1.6 The projected electorate growth over 5 years is 3.45%.
- 1.7 There were no specific submissions proposing a new Town Council for Bournemouth as set out in this paper, although one submission (38) did suggest a whole of Bournemouth Town Council and not individual smaller councils. There were a number of representations received from councillors that a town council for the remainder of Bournemouth should be not established.
- 1.8 However, the Task and Finish Group have decided, given the existing Holdenhurst Parish Council and the Groups' recommendations for Redhill and Northbourne, Boscombe and Pokesdown, and Southbourne councils, that in the interests of fairness and equity across the whole of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area, to put forward a proposal for a new Town Council for the remainder of Bournemouth, to ensure the people of the remaining part of Bournemouth are given the chance to support a council, if desired, through the formal stage 3 consultation process.
- 1.9 If there is insufficient support for the establishment of a Town Council for Bournemouth, the fallback position will be to continue with the Charter Trustees for the whole of the former borough of Bournemouth, including any areas separately parished. As stated above, the Charter Trustees cannot be abolished unless the whole area is replaced by one or more parish or town councils.
- 1.10 If the establishment of a town council for Bournemouth is sufficiently supported, it will be necessary to refine the precise warding arrangements to secure improved

electoral equality but the calculations below illustrate the current draft proposals based on the existing warding arrangements for BCP Council.

- 1.11 It is an important democratic principle that each person's vote should be of equal weight so far as possible, having regard to other legitimate competing factors, when it comes to the election of councillors. Guidance suggests that it is not in the interests of effective and convenient local government to have significant variances in levels of representation between different parish wards. There is a risk that where one parish ward is over-represented by councillors, the residents of that parish ward (and their councillors) could be perceived as having more influence than others on the council.
- 1.12 Guidance further recommends that the elector to councillor ratio variance should be within +/-10%.
- 1.13 The following warding pattern is recommended by the Task and Finish Group with a total of 38 elected representatives. The projected elector to councillor ratio under these arrangements would be 2,715:1 with the resultant variances currently ranging between -13.0% to +11.4%. Although, the variances are outside the recommended variances, as stated in paragraph 1.10 above, this would be addressed following the consultation process.

Parish ward	Electorate 2025	Electorate 2030	Seats	Elector Ratio	Variance from average
Bournemouth Central	9,580	11,688	4	2,922	+7.6%
East Cliff & Springbourne	11,796	12,041	4	3,010	+10.9%
Kinson	12,880	13,011	5	2,602	-4.1%
Littledown & Iford	7,593	7,623	3	2,541	-6.4%
Moordown	7,496	7,599	3	2,533	-6.7%
Muscliff & Strouden Park	12,023	12,094	4	3,024	+11.4%
Queen's Park	8,066	8,203	3	2,734	+0.7%
Talbot & Branksome Woods	7,003	7,086	3	2,362	-13.0%
Wallisdown & Winton West	7,497	7,561	3	2,520	-7.2%
Westbourne & West Cliff	8,220	8,510	3	2,837	+4.5%
Winton East	7,567	7,748	3	2,583	-4.9%
Total	99,721	103,164	38		



- 1.14 If in the event that support is forthcoming for Bournemouth Town Council but not Poole Town Council, it will be necessary to alter the proposed boundary of the Bournemouth Town Council to ensure that the whole of the charter trustee area is included. This will be to ensure the effective and convenient delivery of services.
- 1.15 The Task and Finish Group having considered the representations received, make the following draft recommendations.

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 - (d) the style of the parish of Bournemouth be set as a town;

- (e) the parish should have a parish council in the style of town council;
- (f) the name of the town council should be Bournemouth Town Council;
- (g) the parish of Bournemouth be divided into eleven parish wards, comprising the area designated on the map in paragraph 1.13 above, and named respectively:-
 - (i) Bournemouth Central
 - (ii) East Cliff & Springbourne
 - (iii) Kinson
 - (iv) Littledown & Iford
 - (v) Moordown
 - (vi) Muscliff & Strouden Park
 - (vii) Queen's Park
 - (viii) Talbot & Branksome Woods
 - (ix) Wallisdown & Winton West
 - (x) Westbourne & West Cliff
 - (xi) Winton East
- (h) the town council for Bournemouth shall consist of 38 councillors;
- (i) the number of councillors elected to each of the respective wards be as follows:-
 - (i) Bournemouth Central – 4 councillors
 - (ii) East Cliff & Springbourne – 4 councillors
 - (iii) Kinson – 5 councillors
 - (iv) Littledown & Iford – 3 councillors
 - (v) Moordown – 3 councillors
 - (vi) Muscliff & Strouden Park – 4 councillors
 - (vii) Queen's Park – 3 councillors
 - (viii) Talbot & Branksome Woods – 3 councillors
 - (ix) Wallisdown & Winton West – 3 councillors
 - (x) Westbourne & West Cliff – 3 councillors
 - (xi) Winton East – 3 councillors

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23	Anonymous	131

General Support for parish and town councils but no specific detailed proposals submitted

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Broadstone

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Southbourne

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48	██████████ (Southbourne Forum (Working Group))	334
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Throop and Holdenhurst (Muscliff)

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Changes to existing arrangements in Christchurch area

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* Response includes references to multiple areas and is included in appropriate lists.

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Unique Number	1
Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Ashley Cross
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not important at all
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	Considerable costs involved in running the review, on electing local councillors, on administering a 3 tiered system if parish/town councils are decided upon. That money could be spent on delivering the services. I'm yet to be convinced that more localised decisions will create more revenue or that parishes can access more funds or run services better or more cheaply. Let's get BCP council running right before we change it again. Many services still not restructured.
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No

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b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
Uploaded Maps	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	Parish level governance should be abolished. The costs in administering should be used to improve the centralized services.

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2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
Uploaded Maps	
Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals	

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<p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	

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Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Not applicable
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	
Uploaded Maps	
Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	I feel really strongly that this is distracting and lends a further level of complexity to service delivery that we as an area can do without. We sign the

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	BCP area up to strategic values, then parishes can opt out of these and deliver a service in a different way. Examples being the way parts of Christchurch that are parished manage their sensitive habitats. Stop this process now or publish the real costs of running existing parishes and real additional benefits they bring that other unparished areas don't benefit from.
Please tell us your full postcode.	Bh14 0dq

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Charminster
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not important at all
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	You should understand from a organisation perspective how to best govern and run services. If it's not working then make the change and give the vision
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors	
Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Many people don't understand what the advantages of all the options except a very limited number of people with their own specific interests. This is too complex and the vast majority of people don't know care and just want you to review and ask for comment
Please tell us your full postcode.	Bh9 3ez

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Prefer not to say
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council website
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	Three parishes are appropriate : Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole. They may even qualify as town councils.
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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<p>1. The name of the council</p> <p>2. What the new number of councillors should be</p> <p>3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors</p>	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. What the number of wards should be</p> <p>2. What you feel the ward names should be, and;</p> <p>3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.</p>	Depends upon population densities which must have an influence
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <p>1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.</p>	Details are indicated above. Reason is to ensure local characteristics are enhanced / protected and local needs voiced to a Unitary Council keen to promote a partnership in mutual support but having too few Councillors to do the job effectively. Convenient practicality will be promoted by the enhanced focusing of opinions.
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Not at this stage, whilst we await clarification of the roles to be delegated by the Unitary Council (presumably working in collaboration with all others on the South West Peninsula) to the three parishes and their sub-divisions. If they are not adequate interest may be lacking and correction of the democratic deficit (created a few years ago) lost - ensuring the eventual collapse of a

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	Unitary Council unable to consult and thereby unable to deliver what is needed by residents. Best wishes for the required clarification work.
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Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Poole Park
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Jiggery pokery of a working system, another example of "Social Wokeness"! Sharpen up the system we have first, before "fiddling while Rome burns"!
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH14 0JP

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Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Lilliput
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	
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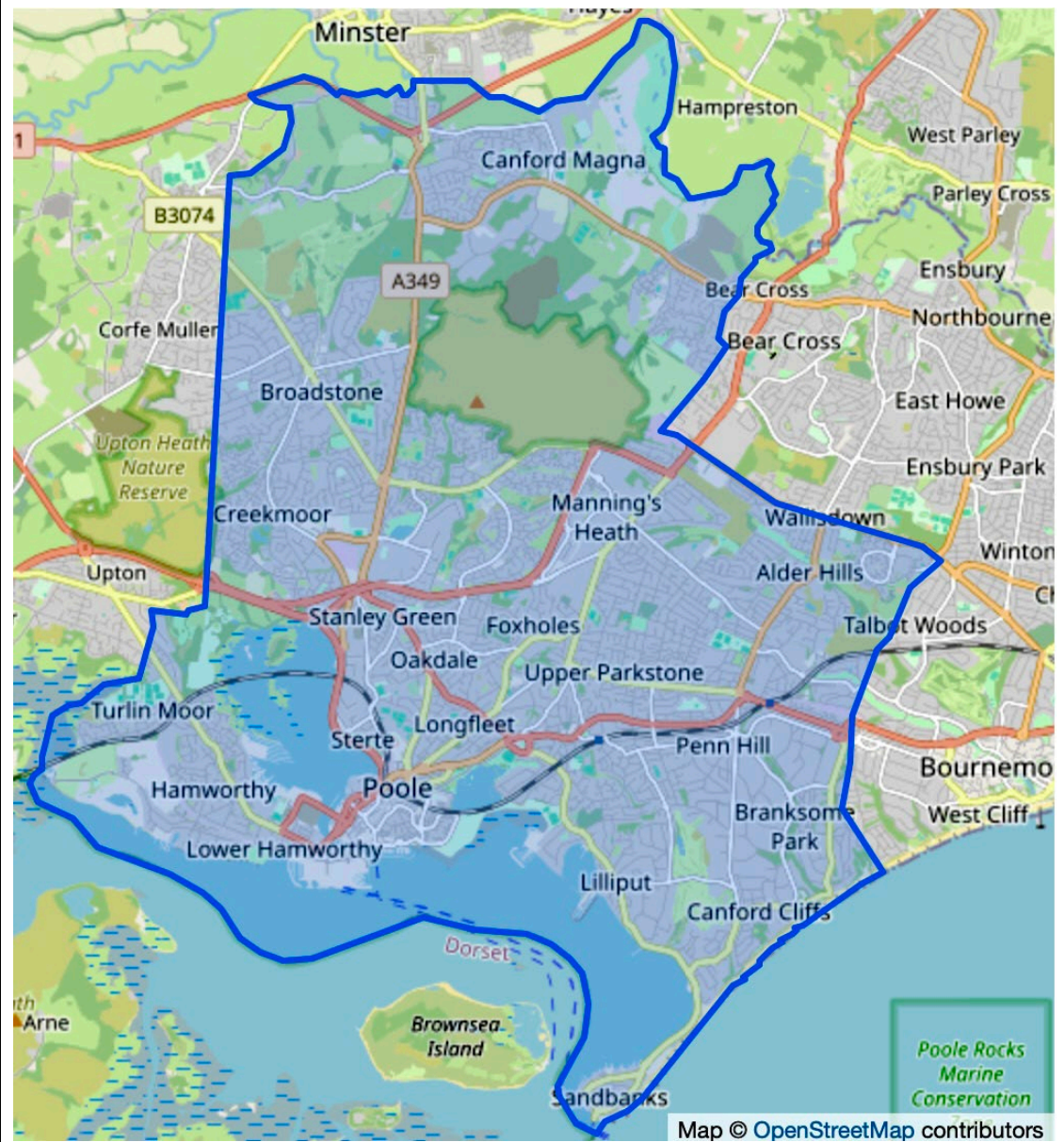
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>I propose a new parish named: Poole Borough Parish.</p> <p>My reasons are: - The Poole area is grossly under-represented by Councillors within the BCP area, Poole has a population of 154,000+ almost the size of Bournemouth 187,000 but has significantly less councillors (22 out of 76??)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I feel that the merger with Bournemouth has significantly adversely affected Poole area residents. The majority of council funds are diverted to solve Bournemouth debt and issues and as a result the Poole area gets neglected. Roads are not swept or repaired, the parks & gardens, verges, streets have started to look run-down. Investment in Poole infrastructure and jobs/businesses has fallen. - I feel that within BCP council service providers have become more remote and unresponsive. - I feel that local parish services would be more approachable and understand/deliver the local priorities better - I feel that if Poole were a Parish then it should have a council that has the authority to determine where the council funds allocated for the area should be spent - I feel that the Poole Borough parish should be located in part of the 'old' offices that were occupied by the previous Poole Borough Council - in Poole. I believe that the 'old' council buildings are iconic and represent local care and local support to local residents - I believe that Poole has a significantly different style to Bournemouth, it is centred around a beautiful harbour, has a significant port, access to channel island ferries, industries that are attracted by the harbour location. The Sandbanks area oozes style and affluence, - Poole area residents who are on the electoral register should be enabled to vote for a proportionate number of councillors that sit within the Poole Parish.

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	- Bournemouth has a different style focussed on its university and foreign students
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>The Poole area people would welcome The opportunity to exploit The advantages of access to Poole harbour and its port. Stronger links could be established between The new Parish and The Port-of-Poole Authority. The community can focus on improving provision of meaningful employment for its residents and exploiting The attraction of The area for holiday visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new Parish can focus on ensuring areas are well kept, parks and gardens look attractive and areas feel safe. - The Local services provided would be more accessible to residents, residents would know who to contact about issues about a specific service and in many cases would know who their representatives are. - It will be effective and convenient because services are provided and determined locally and represent The priorities of The Local community
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.</p>	
<p>Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	
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Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	<p>The Poole area is grossly under-representative on the BCP Council and the number of councillors for Poole should more closely represent the size of its population relative to Bournemouth. ie. at least 37% of BCP Councillors should be elected and represent the new Poole Parish area</p>

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<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	<p>10 Wards: Bearwood; Broadstone; Canford Cliffs; Canford Heath; Creekmoor; Hamworthy; Parkstone; Poole Centre; Poole Harbour; Sandbanks 3 councillors each ward</p>
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	<p>Parish Wards will help set out for each specific area the right focus... from Fishing Industry to Holiday Stays, Ship Building and Engineering to Residential, from Retail to Heathland.. and allow each area to have an appropriate voice on priorities for their ward. People in the area will be able to choose the right councillor depending on their experience to represent their interests. Someone who has been a fisherman can better represent the interests of 'that ward'. People in residential areas will want more focus on ASB and street cleaning etc</p>

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Please ensure the Review fully takes account of the requirement to keep services Local, accessible and accountable Please recognise that the Harbour/Port and Fishing Industries have different needs and priorities and different opportunities to Residential or Retail areas. Please ensure that Poole area residents and businesses have a fair proportion of representatives on the Council in-line with population (Resident) volumes ie. 37% + of all councillors
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH14 8PX

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Broadstone
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	It is important to do one if required legally but not that relevant to everyday people who just want the council functions to operate well. This introduces further complexity and move council resources away from other more pressing issues.
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	<p>I think the existing parish/es should be abolished. They are not representing the majority of local people, just a small group of vocal individuals. They create a extra layer of governance that are not relevant or easily understood by local people. They add more bureaucracy and require support from the Council which could be better focused elsewhere on delivering services.</p>

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>The current community interests are not well served by parishes who tend to be groups of busy bodies rather than representative of the whole community. It will be more effective and convenient and understandable to local people to abolish parishes. You will never get most ordinary people replying to this consultation to say that because they don't understand it.</p>
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Yes

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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	<p>The number of councilors should be reduced as far as possible. These self serving organisations are not beneficial to local communities and create more problems for the operation of the council.</p>
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	
<p>Uploaded Maps</p>	
<p>Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?</p>	<p>Please don't make any more parishes. The whole system is confusing and it is not clear what these groups actually achieve apart from promoting the interests of the small vocal majority that have the time/inclination to get involved. They do not adequately represent the views of local people. And</p>

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	waste more money and resource to operate. They are an out dated concept and the views of local people could be more efficiently gauged through the use of technology and social media. You've asked the parishes what they think so its like asking turkeys to vote for Christmas, they will want more powers for those self serving individuals.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH18 9NB

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Talbot Woods
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident A BCP Council employee
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Boscombe
How did you find out about this engagement?	Bournemouth Echo
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
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Please tell us your full postcode.	BH5 1FE

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Canford Magna
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Not sure / don't know
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Please tell us your full postcode.	BH21 3BG

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Unique Number	10
Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident A BCP Council employee
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Oakdale
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	BCP removed these smaller governance areas for a reason. This just provides opportunities for voices to disagree with strategies officers have spent ages planning for the benefit of the residents and business
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	<p>All parishes - what is the point of spending years unifying into one governance are, but still allow a few people from the old Christchurch are to be able to dictate what is right for them! It was decided, even at central government leave, that unifying the three areas was the most appropriate. If you break it up, we're going backwards!</p>

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?</p>	
<p>If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.</p>	
<p>Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?</p>	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH15

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Name / Organisation	U3A
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation* A BCP Council resident A BCP Council employee
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	U3A
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Poole Town
How did you find out about this engagement?	Word of mouth
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	BCP will do what it wants anyway
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 5. Whether the group should have a council 6. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	BCP 11 too wieldly too dictatorial

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	This is an expensive waste of time that most of the electorate are completely unaware of. It is wordy, very inaccessible, excludes most normal people and is only being done in this way to get the dictatorship it's own way - yet again
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH15 2RT

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Broadstone
How did you find out about this engagement?	Bournemouth Echo
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	The Councils merged only a few years ago, it appears the the council has yet to fully adapt to that change now you are looking to change thing again. It all seems like an yet another excuse for non delivery on objectives, and expense the council can ill afford, if we are to believe what we are told. Sort out what you have before you seek idea's on how to change it.
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No

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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	If you go ahead with this backwards step, be clear with everyone about the additional uncontrollable cost they are signing up for. In your own words the "difficulty of attracting Councillors", and the added bureaucracy where a few potentially self interested people will control the area you live in and charge you what every they like for the privilege. Going down this route is a backwards step and makes a mockery of the combing of the councils, run with

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	what you have been given stop trying to rewrite history. Move forwards not backwards, be innovative to make what we have work.
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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident A BCP Council employee
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Muscliff
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other, please specify below - through working for the council
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>I don't have the time to create and upload a map- it would have been helpful to have an interactive map to be able to do this online while completing the survey. I am interested in a parish council for the Muscliff area. I would be open to combining with Throop and Holdenhurst given it's proximity to Muscliff. I think Throop, Muscliff and Holdenhurst would be a suitable name but if a proposal were to go ahead then I would expect this to be something that was voted/consulted on. There isn't sufficient information in the document for me to understand what the difference are between a 'community, neighbourhood or village' style- is that just the name or is it a specific structure? similar to the section on electoral arrangements- what are the implications? what are the potential costs? what control does each one devolve to an area?</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>we will have more local control over the things that matter to us rather than decisions being made by Cllrs who live no where near us. We can engage locally on community priorities and use a precept to pay for the things that matter to us most.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 2. The reasons for your proposals	

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<p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	

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Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	the information document is not informative enough for us to make any reasonable decisions or recommendations- very poor.

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Hamworthy
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>Poole needs to have a Town Council as it is suffering from being part of BCP. The focus is currently Bournemouth-centric with no thought given to the needs of Poole residents, its history, its unique harbourside location and all that has to offer, local businesses and local recreation facilities. Poole Quay in particular is not recognised as a unique area that attracts tourism nor the importance to locals of having a quayside hub for events. Parking has been compromised, severely, in the push to reduce car use across the conurbation. Disabled access has also been compromised and reduced by pedestrianisation. A second area that needs to be rescued from the scourge that is reducing car use, is Hamworthy Park. Woefully inadequate parking facilities causes problems for the disabled, families with young children and clients of the businesses in the park. In addition local streets become hopelessly overcrowded with visiting cars causing access issues and illegal parking. Poole currently has no facilities for young people/teenagers but has plenty of space in which to create dedicated areas that could cater for the needs of these valuable members of our society.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals	

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<p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	<p>Poole needs its own town council. Due to the diverse range of communities within Poole there would need to be a number of wards whose representatives could address individual needs.</p>
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	

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Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	No

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Hengistbury Head
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not important at all
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	It costs money that we the residents don't have
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	BCP Only one councillor per ward

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Not applicable
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Any extra level of bureaucracy is unwelcome. We can't afford it!
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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Southbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	MP I saw no notices about the online & actual meetings held so far.
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not important at all
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	BCP has bigger problems that need addressing and resolving first! This is just spending more money that we do not have on yet another survey and consultation. It comes across as many BCP councillors feeling unable to be effective so wanting to reduce their roles by hiving off functions to community or parish organisations.
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No

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c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 	

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<p>3. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together</p> <p>2. Details of your proposals</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Making more 'community, parish or village' councils would just be adding an extra, unnecessary, layer of costly bureaucracy. BCP councillors would be better focussing their efforts on providing efficient and effective (especially cost effective) governance and administration under the existing structures.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH64AX

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Highcliffe
How did you find out about this engagement?	Town and Parish Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	Bh23 4hw

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Jumpers Common
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other, please specify below Jumpers & St Catherines Hill Your Community Matters Newsletter December 2024
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	Not confident on outcomes, and potentially just another way of increasing costs and hence Council Tax and additional Christchurch and Parish taxes
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	<p>All the Parishes in Christchurch</p> <p>- our overall Council Tax is too high driven also by the ever increasing cost of the 'Christchurch Town Council' tax which was increased by 53.7% in 2024-2025 (£45.68 in 2022-2023 to £70.23 for 2023-2024). It would appear that no Council Tax increase cap applies to them. It also appears that there is no accountability within BCP for this tax and I was told by BCP's Mr D Vickers Head of Service – Council Tax in an email that "With regards to the</p>

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	<p>Christchurch Town Council increase, you will need to contact them regarding their charge, BCP Council are not responsible for their charges, but have to include them on the Council Tax bill." so it appears that BCP have no Executive Powers over Christchurch Town Council and no doubt this will be the same with Parishes.</p>
<p>Uploaded Maps</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>We are better served by local voluntary pressure groups such as the one for Jumpers & St Catherines Hill Residents who can help hold BCP and its Councillors to account. Local Councillors should hold & represent the interests of their local communities, if not what is the point of having them?</p>
<p>Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.</p>	
<p>Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Nothing should be done that increases the tax burden on Council Tax payers. Parishes should not be put in place that require funding over and above the BCP Council Tax and are not subject to Council Tax caps

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	Parishes should not be put in place so that BCP can offload its responsibilities to Parishes that then have to raise separate additional taxes for what BCP should be funding under its Council Tax.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH23 2PJ

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Jumpers Common
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
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If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	bh23 2st

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Unique Number	20
Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Newtown
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a Poole Town Council for the area currently covered by the Charter Trustees for Poole. 2. Better representation of local issues. 3. Poole Council. 4. Should have a council. 5. Does not require an alternative style. 6. Current ward allocations to apply for electoral arrangements.
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	A Poole Town Council with locally based councillors would have a better understanding of local issues, concerns and needs. It should be able to respond in a more timely and appropriate manner than the BCP council.
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
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Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH15 3NU

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Winton
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	Bh9 1ab

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Unique Number	22
Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Merley
How did you find out about this engagement?	Local magazine delivered in late December...
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not sure / don't know
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
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Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	I have no idea about parish councils and how they work. I wonder how many other people are a similar level of 'non-knowledge'?
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH21 1UJ

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Canford Heath
How did you find out about this engagement?	None of the above
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	Burton & Winkton, Christchurch, Highcliffe & Walkford, Hurn, Throop & Holdenhurst For parity these local councils should be abolished and the overall BCP area all services run by BCP Council

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5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	Fairness across the entire area, reduce bureaucracy
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	bh17 8sy

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Winton
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Library
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not important at all
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	This is a waste of our money because you won't take any notice of what people say.
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Spend our money on cleaning up BCP. More police officers and quicker roads.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH4 9NH

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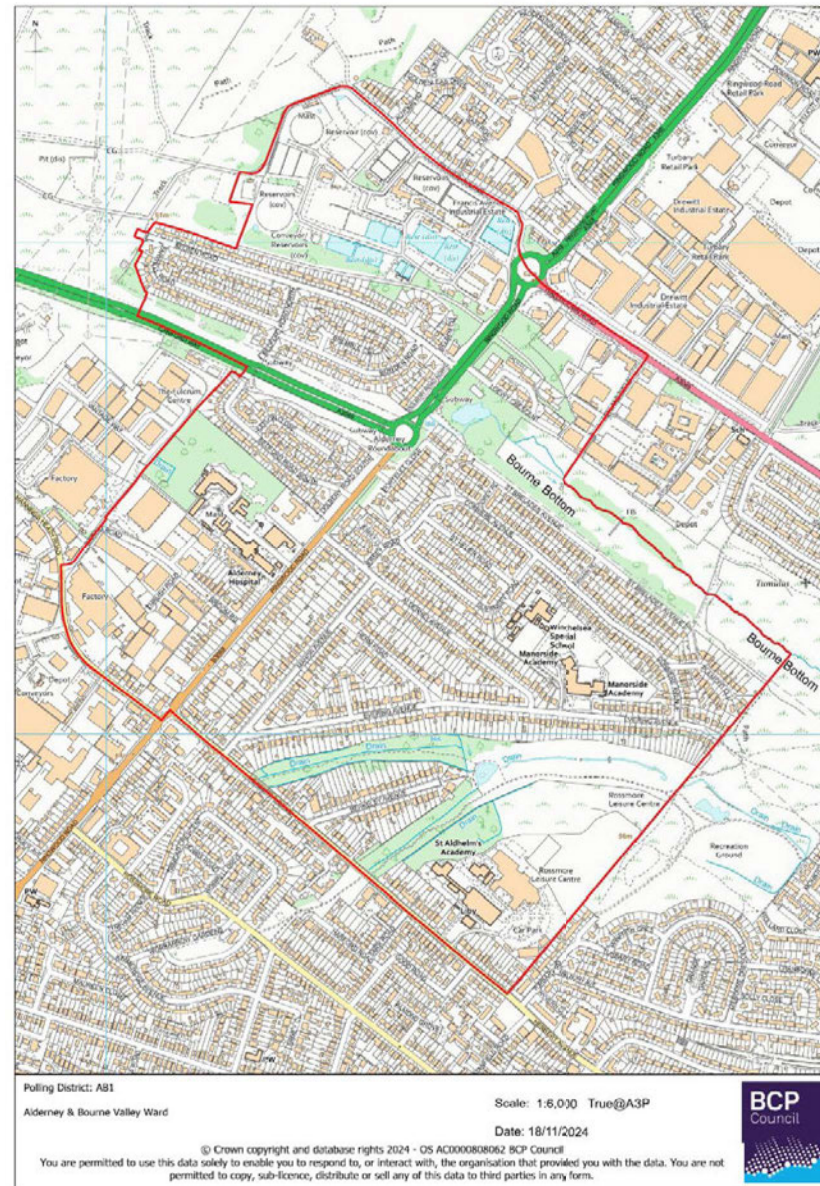
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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation* A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	I am coordinator of the Evering Avenue Area Neighbourhood Watch - but am expressing my own views in this.
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Alderney
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
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c) combining parts of existing parishes	

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>I believe that a more local council would be able to better address local issues and interests, enabling a focus upon the unique needs that each area has. I feel that the council would be able to be more approachable by residents due to the lesser responsibilities held, as opposed to the overall responsibility held by BCP. A local council would serve to provide an identity for the area, which would help with efforts to build a sense of community. A local council would be able to focus upon local issues, to the benefit of all.</p>
<p>Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?</p>	<p>No</p>
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Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together</p> <p>2. Details of your proposals</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. The name of the parish/es</p> <p>2. Details of your proposals</p> <p>3. The reasons for your proposals</p>	<p>I may have read this wrongly, but if this can be taken to be a proposed new council under this consultation, the following would hold.</p> <p>1 "Alderney & Bourne Valley"</p> <p>2 A two ward Neighbourhood Council to oversee the area defined by plan AB1</p>

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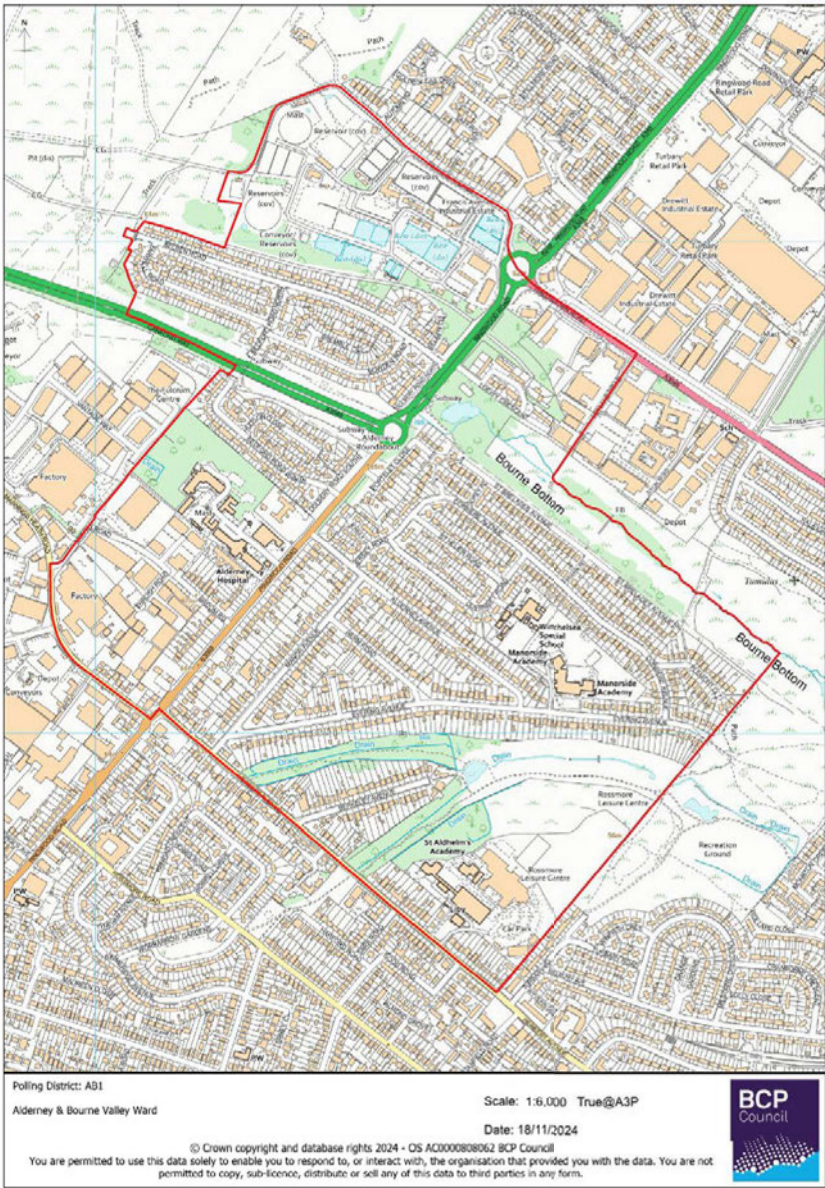
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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	<p>1 Two</p>

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<p>1. What the number of wards should be</p> <p>2. What you feel the ward names should be, and;</p> <p>3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.</p>	<p>2 Alderney, and Bourne Valley</p> <p>3 Three to each</p>
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <p>1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.</p>	<p>1 To establish an Alderney and Bourne Valley Neighbourhood Council. Plan of boundaries to coincide with AB1 as attached</p> <p>2 To enable a greater emphasis to be placed on local issues, and engender a better sense of community identity</p> <p>3 Hopefully this will encourage local people, who are known to the community, to stand for their local area, to work for the good of their neighbours. If those wishing to be elected are already active in their community, the elections will be more relevant and engaging when voters know their candidates through their daily lives.</p>

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	This was nowhere near widely enough published, and without the auspices of one of our local councillors, would have gone unnoticed by me at least, until well past the cut off date, giving people no chance to have their say. It is a laudable ambition to allow folk to participate in a consultation, but if they are unaware that there is a consultation taking place, they are unlikely to engage.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH12 4JG

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council employee
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Alderney
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other social media BCP Council website Word of mouth
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	The number of parishes does not give an appropriate representation of the BCP area at present
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	To give a more relevant voice to areas that are not currently taken into account
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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<p>Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?</p>	<p>Needs to take into account the best options for the people and not the council or councillors</p>
<p>Please tell us your full postcode.</p>	<p>BH12 4JW</p>

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Winton
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other social media
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	Because it's a complete waste of money
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	No
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH92PE

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Wallisdown
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
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d) combining two or more existing parishes	Yes

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
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	<p>NFDC dealt with the large, corporate 'stuff' and often merely checked off the minor town council decisions, rather than having to debate, scrutinize the more frequent, yet of less overall importance, work of daily council management of the region) and as a resident of Rochdale TC as part of the much more established Greater Manchester Authority. (* The management could easily be overseen by a 'Parish/Town Clerk' supported by a small admin team such as found in places such as New Milton TC)</p> <p>Further, it will make the elected more directly accountable and the entire process of governance more transparent and easier also to scrutinize.</p> <p>A ceremonial Mayor would be the ideal 'link' relationship to the UA, directly responsible to the indpt Chair of the UA (rather than the party specific 'Leader' as is the current M.O., again giving clear separation of Exec from Legislature).</p> <p>Further, given that we are blessed by a population that includes many residents with great industry/political experience whose frustration at the behemothic slowness necessary in a super authority is obvious through keyboard rantings on socmed, there may be options to 'recruit' voluntary/expenses only admin support, even 'honorary 'Parish/Town Clerk', thereby further reducing the draw on a limited and very stretched budget. This could further be visually reduced by reassigning current, mostly unused, Ward Councillor funds into the general P/T Council general funds.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>I think I covered that above</p>
<p>Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
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	seen as point and tooth-less at best, this would go a long way to improving the image, and the strength, of local government.
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Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 	Already mentioned above

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3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors	
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Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Hamworthy
How did you find out about this engagement?	Word of mouth
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	Hamworthy to form a Parish Council.
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	Hamworthy is right on the boundary of BCP and PDC. We have particular issues that are best addressed via a PC.
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	<p>Hamworthy. As stated earlier.</p>
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors	
Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH15 4QT

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Merley
How did you find out about this engagement?	None of the above Something recently in a local freebie.
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not important at all
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	Three councils have merged. Now we have a form of delegated authority being proposed.
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Not applicable
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	I do not understand, after the merging to form BCP, now the intent seems to be to delegate authority.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH21 1UJ

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Penn Hill
How did you find out about this engagement?	Word of mouth
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Yes
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Yes

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>The Wards each have their ward councillors that serve as advocate for their area. I believe the whole of the town of Poole should be one Town Council and all people work together to promote the Town, set planning guidance and, importantly ringfence services such as street cleaning and maintenance of the built and natural environment for the Town, rather than be left short of services in favour of Bournemouth. Either a Town is a Town as a whole or it is not a Town. To break it down in to small areas or 'parishes' just creates division and lack of unity. People primarily identify themselves as residents of Poole, and secondly, the part of Poole in which they live.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>The concept of a Town Council across the whole of Poole collectively encompasses all residents of Poole, who share a common interest in being a part of a large, beautiful and (previously) functioning Town. Residents move fluidly across the town to access shops, schools, health services, natural open spaces, parks, pubs, restaurants and so on. They do not isolate themselves in small pockets of the Town. In some areas Planning is a major issue and in some areas anti-social behaviour is the main issue. Working together as a Town Council helps to pool resources and target services and funding where it is needed. Have a Town Council helps ensure all people are equally served. Having small parish councils within Poole would just create a 'me, me, me' attitude and pitch residents against each other vying for money and services. It would be too divisive to have anything other than a Town Council .</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	

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2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals	

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<p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	

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Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Not applicable
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	It's interesting that existing parish councils are mainly in the old Christchurch council district. Poole has not divided itself into parishes and it would be

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	divisive and unhelpful to start now. Poole residents have always celebrated their collective cultural and maritime heritage and this sense of community and cohesion should be encouraged and built upon, not weakened because BCP council want to make it easier to govern. This survey is not easy for many people. It is onerous and lengthy. People should just simply be asked how they or where they identify themselves as being resident and how they want to be respresented at national and local level.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH14 8HH

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Name / Organisation	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Penn Hill
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media Press release Bournemouth Echo Town and Parish Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know

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c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 	All parishes abolished.

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3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	We need smaller ward districts and more councillors to raise local needs and issues, this would be far more democratic and effective, without the need of an expensive and potentially confusing new council set-up.
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Yes

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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	<p>BCP Council, need to split out the large wards with more councillors, and remove smaller councils. Perhaps almost double the existing number.</p>
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	
<p>Uploaded Maps</p>	
<p>Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?</p>	<p>Parish and Town Councils have their place, but they just add an unnecessary layer in such a built-up conurbation in BCP. Our existing wards are almost twice the size the national average, if we want a streamlined and democratic</p>

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	system we should honestly consider cutting down the existing wards rather than adding more layers that will cost a considerable fee to all households.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH14 9JN

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Name / Organisation	Poole Quays Forum
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Poole Quays Forum
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Poole Town
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>1 Your Proposals Create a new POOLE TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p>The proposed new Poole Town Council would consist of the whole of the existing BCP wards of Poole Town, Parkstone, Hamworthy Oakdale and Creekmoor. Polling districts PT1, PT2, PT3, PT4, PT5. PS1, PS2, PS3, PS4, PS5. HY1, HY2, HY3, HY4, HY5, HY6. OK1, OK2, OK3, OK4, OK5. CR1, CR2, CR3, CR4, CR5,</p> <p>2 The reasons for the PQF proposals</p> <p>A) This submission is made on behalf of Poole Quays Forum (PQF). PQF is the Neighbourhood Planning Forum for Poole Town, Poole Quay and Hamworthy East. It is a statutory consultee on planning matters. It is a charity and is non-political and is not aligned to any political party. PQF has 510 members, membership is open to anyone resident or working in its area and there are no membership fees. It was formed, in order to preserve and enhance the history and future of the area, and this will be important going forwards.</p> <p>B) It is a successful Neighbourhood Forum and is the representative body for the centre of Poole and Hamworthy, whose role might be subsumed by this reorganisation.</p> <p>C) Following its AGM held on 9th December 2024 a presentation was made about the Community Governance Review by Richard Jones, Head of Democratic Services at BCP. Following that presentation a vote was taken on whether PQF should propose that a Poole Town Council be set up. There were 72 members present, and the overwhelming majority voted in favour with only 2 of members voting against. This survey response has been circulated to all members and there has not been any negative feedback.</p> <p>D) PQF Members feel that the BCP council is remote and does not listen to them and that a new “local” council will provide better local democracy</p> <p>E) PQF Members feel that the BCP council does not provide the level of services that they require. PQF Members feel that a more “local” council</p>

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	<p>would be more likely to be effective and convenient and fulfil their requirements</p> <p>F) Poole has lost its sense of identity which is not just a suburb of Bournemouth.</p> <p>G) It appears that Christchurch with its Town Council has more effective control over services, governance and identity than Poole. All parts of the BCP area should have a similar council structure</p> <p>3 The proposed parish name - POOLE TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p>4 Whether the parish/es should have a council – YES</p> <p>5 Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style -NO</p> <p>6 What electoral arrangements should apply :The ordinary year of elections. Election arrangements to match BCP electoral arrangements</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in the area – <p>A) Poole has a long history and tradition dating back to the Charter of 1248 and the Great Charter of 1568. Poole has a distinct maritime history based on the Port of Poole and stretching back to its status as a Port of Staple in 1433, It has a very different identity to Bournemouth and a new council will be able to enhance that separate identity.</p> <p>B) The new Poole Town Council should inherit the Historic Mayoralty and Admiral of the Port of Poole, revive the traditions, and help to generate a revived pride in our town.</p> <p>C) Poole has a recognisable and distinct modern identity and “brand” internationally, especially with its maritime industries, the Port of Poole and the RNLI, Lush and Sunseeker based here, plus the speedway, sailing and Poole beaches, heathland and parks. A new Poole Town Council will be able to promote the town based on its distinct identity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be effective and convenient

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	<p>A) A new Poole Town Council would improve and strengthen community engagement. The new Poole Town Council will be able to ensure more effective and convenient delivery of local services and that the local population get the services that they want.</p> <p>B) The new Poole Town Council will take over the planning role of the Poole Quays Forum. As Consultee on planning issues, Poole Town Council would build on the excellent work of PQF in highlighting what the existing community want from development in the area</p> <p>C) Poole Town Council could negotiate to take on keeping town and district centres tidy, secure Hamworthy paddling pool and facilities in other parks, look to support Christmas lights and events in the town and district areas.</p> <p>D) It would meet in Poole, which would be more accessible and convenient for participation in democracy. As a larger parish/town council the overheads of clerk and other officers would be minimised.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
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<p>Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?</p>	No
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<p>Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?</p>	No
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Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	<p>1 Poole Town Council</p> <p>2 Details of your proposals - as stated above - The proposed new Poole Town Council would consist of the whole of the existing BCP wards of Poole Town, Parkstone, Hamworthy Oakdale and Creekmoor. Polling districts PT1, PT2, PT3, PT4, PT5. PS1, PS2, PS3, PS4, PS5. HY1, HY2, HY3, HY4, HY5, HY6. OK1, OK2, OK3, OK4, OK5. CR1, CR2, CR3, CR4, CR5,</p> <p>3 – The reasons for the PQF proposals as above</p> <p>A) This submission is made on behalf of Poole Quays Forum (PQF). PQF is the Neighbourhood Planning Forum for Poole Town, Poole Quay and Hamworthy East. It is a statutory consultee on planning matters. It is a charity and is non-political and is not aligned to any political party. PQF has 510 members, membership is open to anyone resident or working in its area and there are no membership fees. It was formed, in order to preserve and enhance the history and future of the area, and this will be important going forwards.</p> <p>B) It is a successful Neighbourhood Forum and is the representative body for the centre of Poole and Hamworthy, whose role might be subsumed by this reorganisation.</p> <p>C) Following its AGM held on 9th December 2024 a presentation was made about the Community Governance Review by Richard Jones, Head of Democratic Services at BCP. Following that presentation a vote was taken on whether PQF should propose that a Poole Town Council be set up. There were 72 members present, and the overwhelming majority voted in favour with only 2 of members voting against. This survey response has been circulated to all members and there has not been any negative feedback.</p> <p>D) PQF Members feel that the BCP council is remote and does not listen to them and that a new “local” council will provide better local democracy</p>

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	<p>E) PQF Members feel that the BCP council does not provide the level of services that they require. PQF Members feel that a more “local” council would be more likely to be effective and convenient and fulfil their requirements</p> <p>F) Poole has lost its sense of identity which is not just a suburb of Bournemouth.</p> <p>G) It appears that Christchurch with its Town Council has more effective control over services, governance and identity than Poole.</p> <p>All parts of the BCP area should have a similar council structure</p>
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>as stated above -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in the area <p>A) Poole has a long history and tradition dating back to the Charter of 1248 and the Great Charter of 1568. Poole has a distinct maritime history based on the Port of Poole and stretching back to its status as a Port of Staple in 1433, It has a very different identity to Bournemouth and a new council will be able to enhance that separate identity.</p> <p>B) The new Poole Town Council should inherit the Historic Mayoralty and Admiral of the Port of Poole, revive the traditions, and help to generate a revived pride in our town.</p> <p>C) Poole has a recognisable and distinct modern identity and “brand” internationally, especially with its maritime industries and the Port of Poole and the RNLI, Lush and Sunseeker based here, plus the speedway, sailing and Poole beaches, heathland and parks. A new Poole Town Council will be able to promote the town based on its distinct identity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be effective and convenient <p>A) A new Poole Town Council would improve and strengthen community engagement. The new Poole Town Council will be able to ensure more effective and convenient delivery of local services and that the local population get the services that they want.</p>

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	<p>B) The new Poole Town Council will take over the planning role of the Poole Quays Forum. As Consultee on planning issues, Poole Town Council would build on the excellent work of PQF in highlighting what the existing community want from development in the area</p> <p>C) Poole Town Council could negotiate to take on keeping town and district centres tidy, secure Hamworthy paddling pool and facilities in other parks, look to support Christmas lights and events in the town and district areas.</p> <p>D) It would meet in Poole, which would be more accessible and convenient for participation in democracy. As a larger parish/town council the overheads of clerk and other officers would be minimised.</p>
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<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be – 5 as the existing BCP wards 2. What you feel the ward names should be - Ward names to match the existing BCP wards

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	3 How many councillors should be elected to each ward - the same number as in the existing BCP electoral arrangements - 2 or 3 depending on size of electorate
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	<p>1 Details of your proposals</p> <p>The boundary of the new Poole Town Council would be the existing BCP wards of Poole Town, Parkstone, Hamworthy Oakdale and Creekmoor. Polling districts PT1, PT2, PT3, PT4, PT5. PS1, PS2, PS3, PS4, PS5. HY1, HY2, HY3, HY4, HY5, HY6. OK1, OK2, OK3, OK4, OK5. CR1, CR2, CR3, CR4, CR5,</p> <p>2 The reasons for your proposals – see reasons stated above</p> <p>3 How the proposals will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. - Using the existing BCP ward boundaries and ward names will keep additional costs to a minimum It will mean that the election of councillors can take place at the same time as BCP elections without confusing electors with different areas and names</p>
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	<p>The draft of this submission has been circulated to all members of PQF and there has not been any negative feedback. It has also been circulated to local councillors and organisations. All the responses that have been received have been to confirm that a Poole Town Council should be formed.</p> <p>Whilst there is overwhelming support for the principle of a Poole Town Council there is some debate over the size of the Poole Town Council area. The local Poole Town Councillors advocate a larger Poole Town Council area to match the previous Borough of Poole boundary because a larger Poole Town council would be more effective than a small council and they consider that the electorate throughout the previous Borough of Poole consider that they are part of Poole Town. They are particularly concerned about the future of the existing Poole Town Mayoralty.</p>

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	<p>On the other hand, there are some organisations that would prefer a smaller Poole Town Council with their own local area forming its own parish council. Such organisations may make their own submission to the consultation.</p> <p>There is universal concern that this consultation has been rushed through over the Christmas /New Year period and at a time when the future role of BCP council is uncertain with larger regional councils being advocated by central government. With such a restricted consultation period some local organisations will not be able to make a submission to the review. In discussions with members there is confusion caused by the impact of central government policy for larger regional authorities on the relevance of this consultation on town/Parish councils.</p>
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Name / Organisation	Mayor of Poole
Which of these best describes you?	Other, please specify below
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Mayor Of Poole
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Oakdale
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	I question whether there is extensive support for parishing amongst the public. However the Mayor and Charter Trustees of Poole exists to uphold the traditions and values of the historic Borough. We are collectively the elected representatives of that entire area. We welcome the opportunity to return some services to be managed more locally, especially those that BCP Council find themselves unable to continue
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No

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c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>1) The boundary shown as attached being that of the former Borough of Poole, comprising the whole of the existing BCP wards of Poole Town, Parkstone, Hamworthy Oakdale, Parkstone, Penn Hill, Canford Cliffs, Creekmoor, Canford Heath, Merley, Bearwood, Broadstone, Newtown and Heatherlands, Alderney and Bourne Valley, plus the TB6 area between Poole Road and Branksome Viaduct, and the TB4 area covering the two Universities.</p> <p>2) We would like to ensure that no area of Poole is left unparished. This proposal is made following an informal meeting of the Charter Trustees where options were debated, and a preference for whole Poole expressed. The Mayor and Charter Trustees of Poole exists to uphold the traditions and values of the historic Borough. Recent guidance has constrained the ability for us to undertake these functions.</p> <p>We are collectively the elected representatives of that entire area. We welcome the opportunity to return some services to be managed more locally, especially those that BCP Council find themselves unable to continue. The history of Poole as an independent County, and a longstanding part of Dorset is reflected in the landscape. County Gates, Boundary Roundabout, Border Road are all waymarks to the historic land borders. The formation of BCP does not support and promote the identity of the individual towns well.</p> <p>A new “local” Town council will provide better local democracy and the ability to return a civic pride to the 800 years of history of our place. We recognise the pressures and constraints on BCP council. It cannot support the discretionary services that our residents value, and we consider a Town Council would be more likely to be effective and convenient to fill the gaps, and not to miss out parts of the town. Poole centre is doing far better than</p>

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	<p>many towns, but BCP Council has gained a reputation as always reducing and cutting services. We would be able to work well with Poole Business Improvement District (BID) and complement their work in the High Street/Quay area, and to support events for locals and Tourists.</p> <p>We also value the district centres, and could look to support them in ways that BCP has had to draw back from.</p> <p>It seems that Christchurch with its Town Council has more effective control over universal services, governance and identity than Poole. All parts of the BCP area should have a similar council structure. Town Councils across Dorset similarly provide added value to residents in ways BCP are unable to continue with. Services in the heart of Poole are used by residents from across the area, and East Dorset. The Market Towns in Dorset are not subdivided, but recognise the value of keeping the heart and surrounding areas as a single identity.</p> <p>The former Borough of Poole is a coherent geographic unit with which most residents living within it are comfortable. It is aligned with the boundaries of the Mayoralty and would therefore protect Poole's heritage and status and continue to allow all residents to benefit from the Mayoralty. The area also consists of a diverse range of communities that would be stronger together than apart. Because of the differences in house prices from community to community, sub-division of the Borough would deliver parishes containing people of similar demographics, reducing diversity and diminishing the sense of collectiveness that was developed across many years.</p> <p>There are many centuries of history of the town of Poole, back to the Longspee charter of 1248 and way beyond to Roman and pre-historic remains. The Charter Trustees were setup as a bridging organisation, and recent restrictions on their already limited role in upholding the historic character and traditions of Poole are unsustainable. Most of the area derives from the rights of the Manor of Canford, and historically this binds the Merley and Bearwood area to the town.</p> <p>3) Parish Name : Poole Town Council</p>
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	4) Yes 5) No alternate style 6) The ordinary year of elections. Election arrangements to match BCP electoral arrangements for economy of costs.
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in the area <p>Poole has a long history and tradition dating back to the Charter of 1248 and the Great Charter of 1568. Poole has a distinct maritime history based on the Port of Poole and stretching back to its status as a Port of Staple in 1433. The new Poole Town Council should inherit the ancient mayoralty and role of Admiral of the Port of Poole, revive the traditions, and help to generate a revived pride in our town.</p> <p>Poole has a recognisable and distinct modern identity and “brand” internationally, especially with its maritime industries and the Port of Poole and the RNLI, Lush and Sunseeker based here, and two very successful universities. It has a very different leisure and tourism attracton to Bournemouth, with the speedway, sailing and Poole beaches, heathland and parks. A new Poole Town Council will be able to promote the town based on its distinct identity, whilst complimenting and supporting activities across the three Towns and into rural Dorset.</p> <p>The Tourism offer of Poole is quite distinct from that of Bournemouth. It includes the Sandbanks and Poole beaches, but also a launching point for the Southwest Coastpath, a great network of walking and cycling routes, heathland, and history, and the regionally significant artistic offers including the Poole Lighthouse and BSO, and our history as held in Poole Museum and Scaplens Court. The Town Council would be better placed to help promote the identity of Poole, and these features along with BCP Council, and the businesses, charities and other organisations in our area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be effective and convenient <p>A new Poole Town Council would improve and strengthen community engagement. The new Poole Town Council will be able to ensure more effective and convenient delivery of discretionary local services and that the local population get the services that they want.</p> <p>In proposing the new Poole Town Council, we recognise the great work of the Poole Quays Forum, Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum and the Sandbanks Neighbourhood forum. As Consultee on planning issues, Poole Town Council</p>
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	<p>would build on the excellent work of these arrangements in highlighting what the existing community want from development in the area, and throughout our area, rather than just in these localities.</p> <p>Poole Town Council could negotiate to take on keeping town and district centres tidy, working with Poole BID, the Dolphin Centre, secure Hamworthy paddling pool and facilities in other parks, look to support Christmas lights and events in the town and district areas in the way that Coastal Bid provides support to across the Bournemouth district centres. A single town council could ensure that Neighbourhood CIL funds could be spent where needed by the community. It would meet in Poole, which would be more accessible and convenient for participation in democracy. As a larger parish/town council the overheads of clerk and other officers would be minimised.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	
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Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	
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Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?	Yes

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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poole Town Council 2. As covered in question 6 3. As covered in question 7 4. 26 5. Have elections in May 26, Follow the ordinary year of elections, with election arrangements to match BCP timelines
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>The former Borough of Poole is a coherent geographic unit with which most residents living within it are comfortable. It is aligned with the boundaries of the Mayoralty and would therefore protect Poole's heritage and status and continue to allow all residents to benefit from the historic Mayoralty and Admiral of the Port. The area also consists of a diverse range of communities that would be stronger together than apart. Because of the differences in house prices from community to community, any sub-division of the Borough would deliver parishes containing people of similar demographics, reducing diversity and diminishing the sense of collectiveness that was developed historically.</p>
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>No</p>
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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Yes
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	<p>1. 13</p> <p>2. A council divided into 13 wards, largely based on the former Borough warding, with two councillors each, as this would be the simplest approach, and familiar to the public. The following arrangement roughly equates voter numbers, with Creekmoor the lowest, and Newtown & Heatherlands highest, needing some border adjustments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alderney & Bourne Valley (including TB4) • Branksome • Broadstone • Canford Cliffs (including TB5) • Canford Heath • Creekmoor • Hamworthy • Merley and Bearwood • Newtown & Heatherlands • Oakdale • Parkstone • Penn Hill • Poole Town <p>3) 2 Councillors per ward</p>
Please also tell us:	1. Former Borough of Poole boundaries. Map as attached above. The boundary of the new Poole Town Council would be the coastal strip from the mouth of Lychett Bay to the Harbour Entrance and along the seafront to

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<p>1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.</p>	<p>Branksome Dene Chine. Up on the East side of Branksome Dene Chine, to County Gates Roundabout, North to Boundary Roundabout, West along Wallisdown Road to the Mountbatten Roundabout. Then North along Ringwood Road towards Bearcross Roundabout and Longham Bridge, West up the course of the River Stour, along the boundary with Dorset Council to Lake Farm, and South on Roman Road to Creekmoor Thence South through Upton Country Park and along the Dorset Council boundary to Turlin Moor and the mouth of Lytchett Bay.</p> <p>2. Simplicity, protection of Poole's heritage and the maintenance of sense of collectiveness across Poole's urban area.</p> <p>3. By largely sticking to the existing BCP ward boundaries and ward names will keep additional costs to a minimum</p> <p>It will mean that the election of councillors can take place at the same time as BCP elections without confusing electors with different areas and names. This confusion would also be reduced between issues taken to Town or Unitary Council level, both for residents, and for Councillors of the two Authorities.</p>
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	I fear that the process, especially across the Christmas break has largely passed the public by. The emergence of the Governments Devolution process on a very similar timeline, and fears from the public about escalating costs with reducing levels of service at a time when costs across all aspects of life are escalating are very real challenges.
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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Southbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Parish Councils are of limited relevance and simply add to costs. Whilst they might usefully manage certain local infrastructure e.g. car parks, they have little meaningful input to decision making and often simply duplicate the views of locals and can sometimes represent their own interests and views whether or not those are to the benefit of individual residents.

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Name / Organisation	[REDACTED] (HENRA - Hengistbury Head Residents Associate)
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	HENRA - Hengistbury Head Residents Associate
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Hengistbury Head
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Local control will provide better services to an area that is becoming busier and has a unique community feel. Local people will have a say over what services they wish to prioritise and better ways of delivering services effectively. As Southbourne develops quickly into a busier more developed area both for residents, business owners and visitors this brings benefits and unique challenges which are better understood by local people. Southbourne residents are very community minded and engaged with the development and protection of the area.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	Southbourne - 12 councillors

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Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
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Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Lilliput
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>I would propose combining the current wards of Parkstone, Canford Cliffs, and Penn Hill to a unified Parish Council and electoral region. The name should reflect the historic wards such as "Parkstone and Canford Cliffs". If possible I would keep the same the number of elected councillors and these councillors should also form the parish council with individual members responsible for, for example, transport, business, parks/greenspaces etc. I am not in favour of having separate parish councillors in addition to the BCP councillors as this additional layer of governance will only worsen and confuse communication lines and add unnecessary bureaucracy.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>I am suggesting this region as it shares a common environment (coastal, sylvan, residential) and combines several local shopping and transport links that I feel would work well together. This are is also "15-minute city" scale with many residents already accessing shops and services across all three wards on a daily basis.</p> <p>The current Wards do not unify residents, infrastructure and services and I often find myself copying in all 6 councillors to communications affecting for example roads and schools.</p> <p>Penn Hill, my current ward, cuts awkwardly across the main transport routes, school catchments and shopping areas and, in my view, does not adequately represent a local community. This grouping would allow residents to effectively and conveniently identify their local councillor responsible for a particular area rather than scatter gunning communication to multiple councillors in the hope that one of them picks it up.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No

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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
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If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and	See previous answer.

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- be effective and convenient.	
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Name / Organisation	Patrick Canavan
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident A BCP Councillor
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Boscombe
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>There is a clear case to create a Town Council for Poole on the same basis as the existing arrangement in Chrsitchurch. This has been widely aired but the issue of the exact boundary has yet to be resolved. If a Poole Town Council is created then that leaves the question s to what should happen in Bournemouth. I think there are significant difficulties in attempting to subdivide it and to create a structure in smaller localities such as Southbourne. A way forward would therefore be to create Town Councils in both Poole and Bournemouth coverng the former Boroigh Council boundaries which would elminate the need for Charter Trustees.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>There are distinctive diferences between Poole and Bournemouth and an apparent perception by some residents in Poole that their interests are not best served within BCP or by having Charter Trustees. A level of local democracy woud go some way to giving residents a greater say. Creating a Bournemouth Town Council would serve to ensure a unity of purpose and avoid possible conflicts between smaller communities. Doing this on the former Borough boundaries would eliminate the need for Charter Trustees whilst still giving the new Council the option to have a ceremonial Mayor if they so wish.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	

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If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
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If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals	

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<p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>The boundaries are clear from previous elections and would not need to be redrawn.</p>

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Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	No
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<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	Wards should be based on the former Borough boundaries and the number of Councillors calculated on the same basis.
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	This information s already available to you from previous elections.
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	No

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Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Springbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other social media
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>Parish councils offer good robust and existing ways for local community to have a say in the decisions that matter in their area. There are many attempts to have representation in my local areas eg neighbourhood plans and community forums - a parish would better formalise this and give status to local concerns whilst making it easier for local areas to lead on the change they want to see if their area. I also believe it could contribute to better local cohesion - offering a more neutral and democratic space for people from different backgrounds to meet in.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	as above.
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>this would need greater research and local engagement to understand and get right</p>
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council employee
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Prefer not to say
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council website Word of mouth
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d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	<p>Boundary anomalies: The only anomaly that has always stood out to us all in Electoral Services is Wood Farm (CM4) - we could get rid of this polling district as only 1 property. By rights shouldn't it belong to Throop & Holdenhurst Village Council?</p> <p>Map on Aurora shows it purple as belonging there, but the boundary line cuts it off! Being part of Hurn Parish makes no sense as the property is separated by the Stour river and a major dual carriageway.</p>

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	<p>Christchurch Harbour does also have some anomalies where electoral boundaries follow different lines through the harbour with one splitting the Beach hut community.</p> <p>There are also various historical boundaries between the wards in Bournemouth and Poole, which could be tidied up within this review.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>These suggestions are just tweaking the boundaries to be more effective governance. Many of these suggestions will mean residents/electors will be properly represented rather than having vacancies/therefore no Cllr representation, or suggesting reducing the number of councillors on a parish, representing effective and convenient democracy.</p>
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
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3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Jumpers Common
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council website
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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Yes
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If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	Christchurrrh Town Council be changed to Christchurch Town Centre Town Council as this is all that CTC is interested in.
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Yes
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Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	Yes
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Christchurch Town Council needs radical reorganisation to function as the lowest organ of Democracy. It is insufficiently aligned with the wishes of Christchurch Residents - apart from the 10% of whom (at most) reside in Christchurch Town Centre. The support - at all costs - of Christchurch Town Centre has led to all other areas being neglected. This is especially apparent as CTC neglects the obvious needs of the Somerford area - which desperately needs resources.
Please tell us your full postcode.	bh23 2pz

Part 1: Reconfiguration of West Christchurch Christchurch Town Council wards (Jumpers & St. Catherine's Ward being split into 4 smaller areas)

This proposal's major thesis is to keep the general boundary of the current Christchurch Town Council (CTC) 6 member Jumpers & St. Catherine's (J+StC) ward and split it into four smaller wards: Fairmile, Jumpers, Railway (with a transfer from Priory ward), and St. Catherine's. The overall number of CTC Councillors is unchanged. However 2 Town Councillors are reassigned from the CTC Priory ward.

The main idea behind this suggestion is that the 6 member J+StC ward (mostly part of the BCP Commons ward) has far too many Councillors and is too big to validly represent the various communities of the area.

North of the railway line lie parts of the BCP Christchurch Town ward which are part of the CTC Priory ward. These are definitely not part of the Christchurch Town Centre neighbourhood (in area, appreciation, or distance) and do not share Councillors as part of the J+StC allocation. 2 Councillors are reassigned from the CTC Priory ward to better serve this area and reduce the over provisioning in the CTC Priory ward.

West and East Christchurch

This submission is primarily concerned with West Christchurch (North of the Railway line).

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Communities in the existing wards

In the Jumpers and St. Catherine's ward (BCP Commons ward)

There are four distinct communities in the existing Jumpers and St. Catherine's ward. Whilst this is mainly demographic, important factors are the major roads of Fairmile and Barack Road.

Around St. Catherine's Hill

This area of the existing J+StC ward is distinguished by large detached residences west of The Grove and retirement areas around the hill itself. It has a vibrant shopping centre, a children's play area and some ancient woodland (The Grove Copse).

In general, it has the atmosphere of being a distinct community full of highly motivated people who are interested in local affairs. Residents are fully aware of Christchurch Town Council and participate in Resident's associations. This appreciation is, therefore, radically different to other areas in the J+StC ward.

Consequently, the views of this area tend to have a large impact on the 6 J+StC ward Councillors. Nevertheless, the inhabitants do not have any strong desire to stand as candidates for CTC.

In comparison with other organisations to which the residents belong, CTC is not regarded as being sufficiently responsive to resident's local concerns democratically expressed, too concerned with major projects for the Town Centre, and exhibiting no interest in the St. Catherine's area or its residents. The area – having a large Council Tax base – regards itself as being a cash cow for Christchurch Town Centre as there has not been any investment in the locality.

The responsibility split between functions provided by BCP and CTC is confused by many vocal residents. Many concerns raised are BCP responsibilities. CTC, therefore, says 'Not Our Problem' without any adequate explanation or advice about what to do next. Hence, CTC is regarded with disdain and suspicion.

Residents are very aware of CTC meetings and minutes, and communicate with BCP and CTC Councillors on many issues. Consequently, the 6 CTC Councillors for the J+StC ward tend to take notice of St. Catherine's Hill residents.

Therefore, the St. Catherine's area has a distinct, and different, profile from the other parts of the J+StC ward. Further, the influence of this area has an overly high impact on CTC J+StC Councillors.

Around Fairmile

The Bronte estate is a combination of bungalows (elderly population) and a combination of Starter home and modern houses. This is complemented by older houses along Fairmile. In general, this area is fully residential with minimal shopping facilities – hence there is a lot of out-of-area activity.

The X1/X2 buses are the main public transport routes, with an occasional 24 going around the Bronte estate.

There is no community linkage to Christchurch Town Centre in this part of West Christchurch, so it is very democratically suitable for it's Councillors to be part of the CTC J+StC ward allocation. However, it is more logical for this area to join with other neighbourhoods in its immediate vicinity to have it's own Councillor representation and influence.

In the CTC Priory ward (BCP Christchurch Town ward and Commons ward)

Around Jumpers

Jumpers is a bit of a non-defined place: really only Jumpers Corner. Nevertheless St. George's Church has it's residence in Jumpers (in passing, it used to have a very non-existent Stourvale location).

However Barack Road, being the major road into Christchurch from Bournemouth, does bring it's own specific problems. These are arguably not addressed in any form by Christchurch Town Council. Consequently, CTC does not figure in any way as a Democratic institution in the area. Many residents don't even know of it's existence – and (sadly) there is no reason sotodo.

Barack Road, being managed by National Highways, impacts residents access and mobility. Therefore, Barack Road's influence extends up The Grove to eastern housing areas as access from these locations is strongly impacted by A35 issues.

In general, there are no shopping facilities in this part of the A35. One either goes into Bournemouth (Iford or Castle Point) or Christchurch Town Centre. Public transport is limited to a 15 minute 1a frequency, and BCP's residential parking policy has a strong impact as does the potential A35 cycle route.

It's fair to say that the A35 is the glue effecting this area. This is distinctive within the existing Priory ward, and the Councillors of the Priory ward do not appear to take any suitable interest in this area. This area is geographically very distant from the parts of CTC Priory ward (especially that part concerned with Christchurch Town Centre) and very different in outlook and prosperity.

Consequently, a CTC ward encompassing this area will ensure the Councillors do bring this differing appreciation to local parish democracy.

North of the Railway Line

The eastern part of the Fairmile community is within the BCP Christchurch Town ward but is adjacent to the large CTC J+StC ward. Consequently, there is no restriction of Parish Wards not to split over BCP wards.

It's certainly logical to obey local community neighbourhoods, so parts of the BCP Christchurch Town Centre ward comprising part of the CTC Priory ward north of the Railway line should move along with their neighbours to the existing CTC J+StC ward environment to remove artificial splits. The impact of this is to bolster the democratic influence on CTC by a transfer of 2 CTC Priory Ward Councillors for this area – leaving Priory Ward with 4.

This is an area logically different to the northern part of Fairmile road, and is a major traffic destination as it includes schools. A differentiation is made between the Fairmile Road and adjacent Barack Road; but the locality is generally the same. Consequently, it is proposed that as this area has a different locality to further north along Barack Road and Fairmile, it is proposed to have its own CTC ward.

It is the only place in West Christchurch with an industrial area and a retail park. Consequently, this area has a radically different environment to other parts of West Christchurch and, therefore, requires different representation.

Proposed rewarding for Christchurch Town Council in West Christchurch

As documented, the greater J+StC ward/area has four distinct neighbourhoods (of which three are in the CTC J+StC ward), and 6 Councillors. The proposal is to split this into 4 CTC wards with 2 Councillors each.

This effects the following BCP electoral districts: CM2, CM3, CM5, CM6, CM7, CM8, CT1, CT2

In general, the proposal is that:

(1) These BCP Electoral districts retain their 1:1 relationship between areas and a proposed CTC ward:

- CM2 (being only populated west of St. Catherine's Hill)
- CM3
- CM6
- CM7
- CM8
- CT1
- CT2

(2) These BCP Electoral districts are split between two proposed CTC wards:

- CM5

(3) The 6 Councillor CTC Jumpers & St. Catherine's ward be deleted and be replaced with 4 new Christchurch Town Council Wards with 2 Councillors each:

- **St. Catherine's** Ward: consisting of CM2 & CM3
- **Jumpers** Ward: consisting of CM7 (moved from Priory ward) & the western part of CM5
- **Fairmile** Ward: consisting of CM6, CM8 (moved from Priory ward) & the eastern part of CM5
- **Railway** Ward: consisting of CT1 (moved from Priory Ward) & CT2 (with 2 Councillors from CTC Priory ward)

(4) BCP Electoral district CM5 needs to be split for registration purposes

Fairmile, Jumpers, Railway and St. Catherine's proposed electorate

The BCP Electorate Data and Projected 5 Year Forecast for these electoral areas are:

Area	Baseline September 2024			Projected 5 year Forecast		
	Properties	Electorate	Ratio	Properties	Electorate	Ratio
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CM3	808	1525	1.9	813	1534	1.9
CM5	1177	2086	1.8	1214	2152	1.8
CM6	843	1558	1.8	848	1567	1.8
CM7	352	584	1.7	356	591	1.7
CM8	217	344	1.6	218	346	1.6
CT1	598	995	1.7	611	1017	1.7
CT2	741	1308	1.8	758	1336	1.8

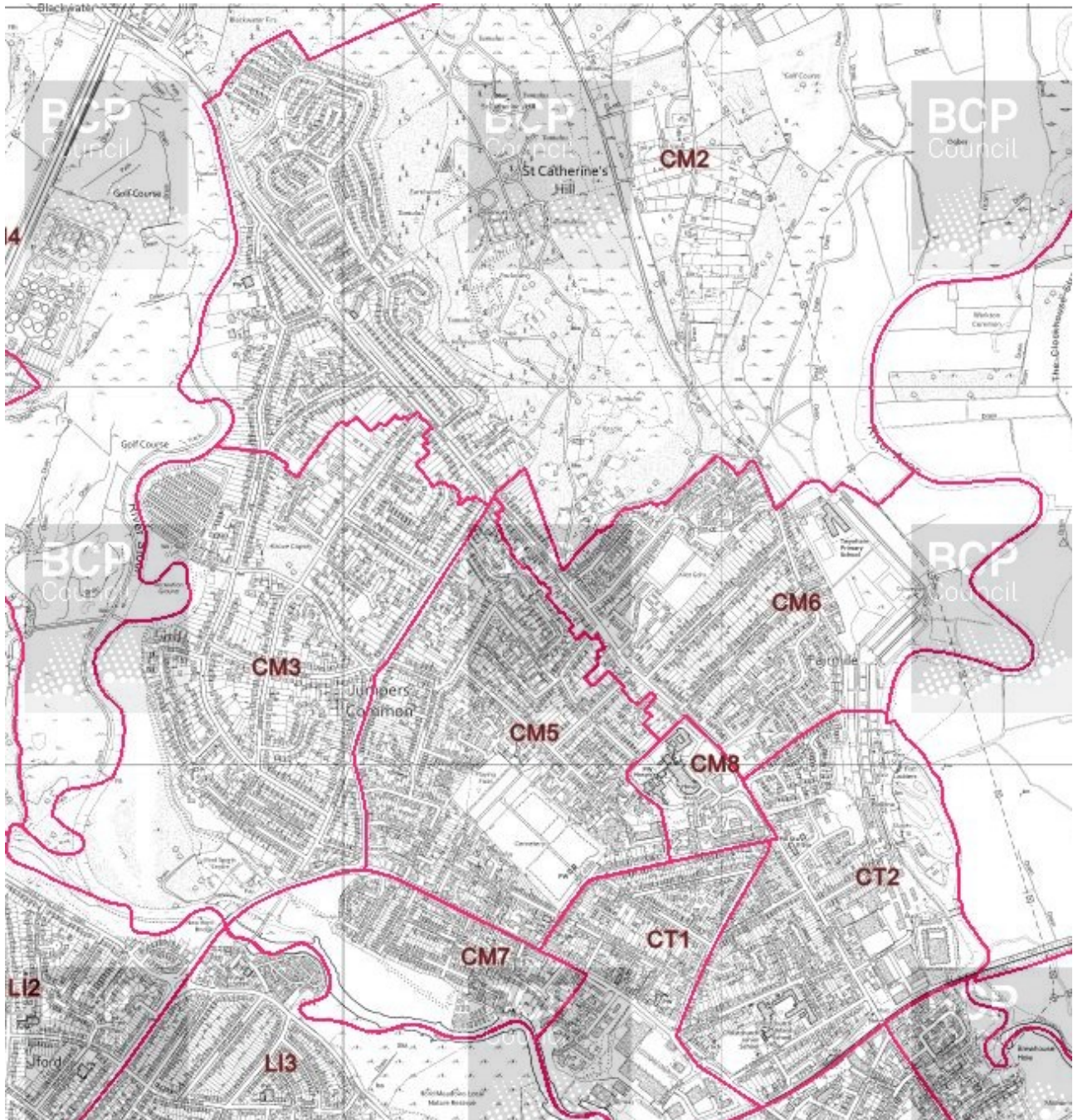
Therefore, (assuming that the split of CM5 is 70:30) the numbers for the proposed J+StC split wards and new Railway ward (removed from CTC Priory ward) are:

Ward	Area	Baseline September 2024		Projected 5 year Forecast	
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Fairmile		1413	2527	1431	2558
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	CM6	843	1558	848	1567
	CM8	217	344	218	346
Jumpers		1176	2044	1206	2097
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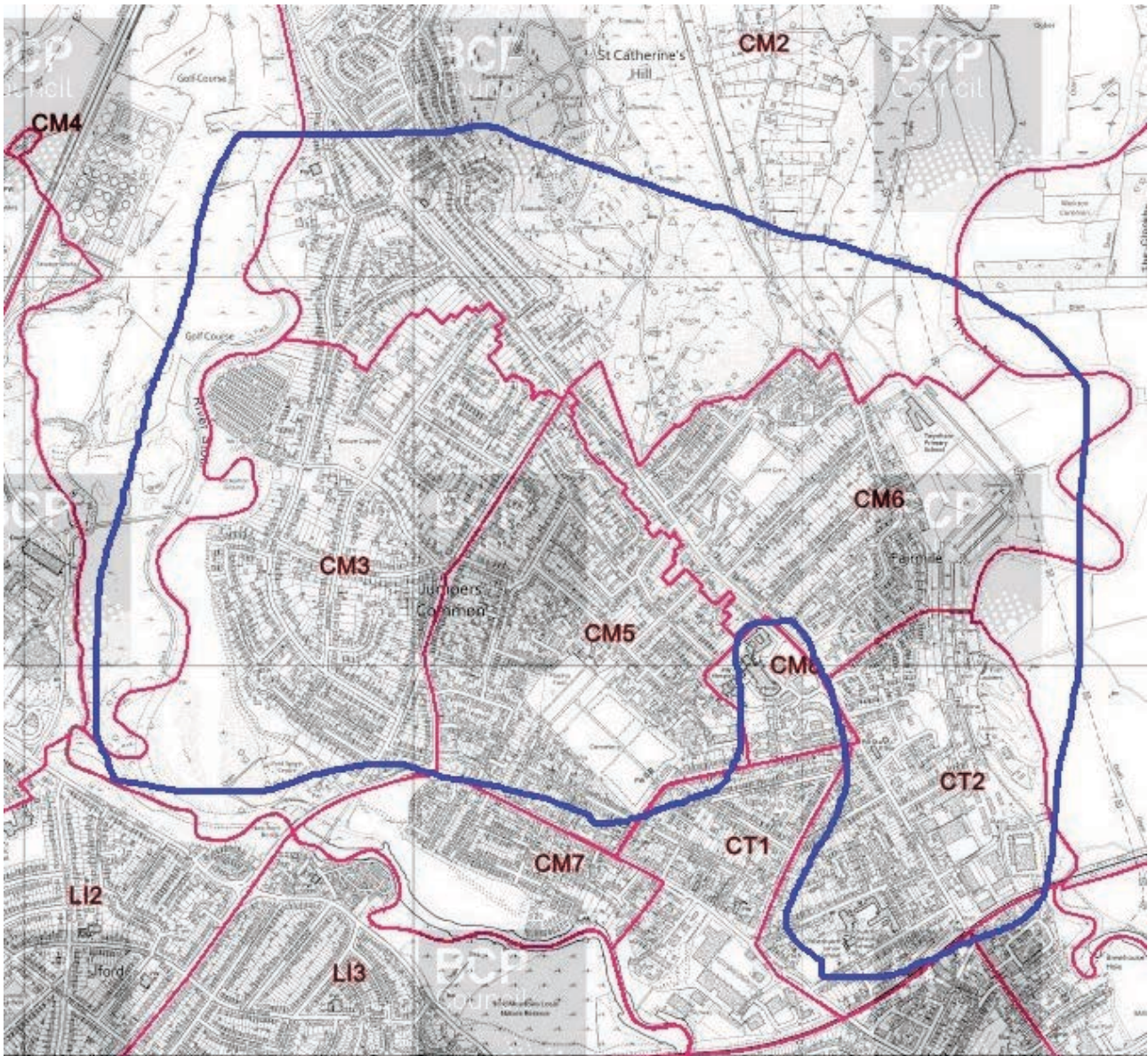
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Rewarding for Christchurch Town Council in West Christchurch Maps

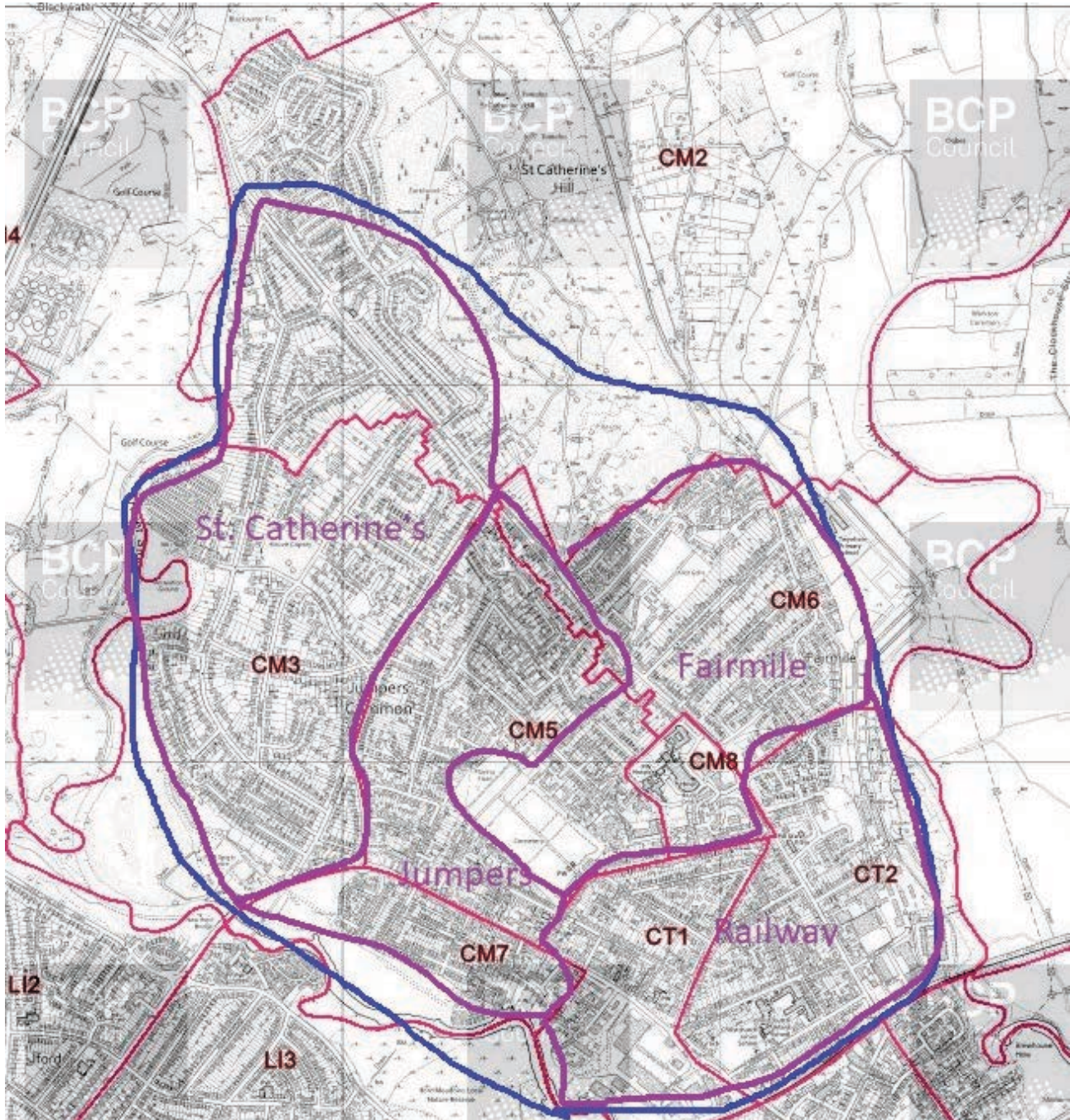
Current Jumpers and St. Catherine's CTC Ward Boundaries (CM2, CM3, CM5, CM6, CT2) and part of Priory Ward (CM7, CM8, CT1)



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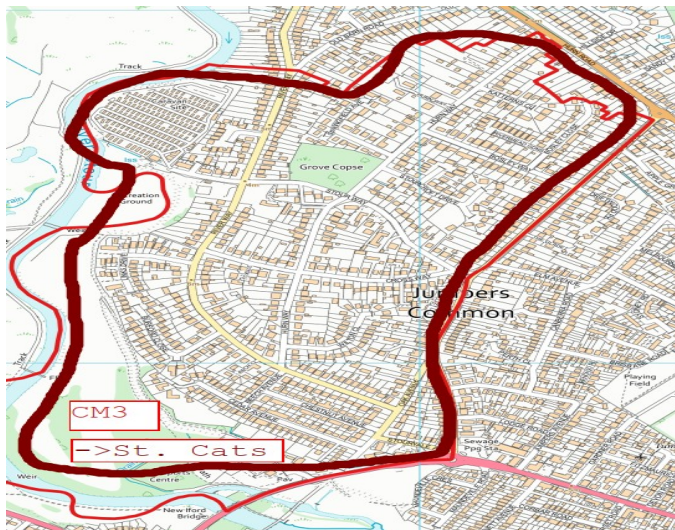


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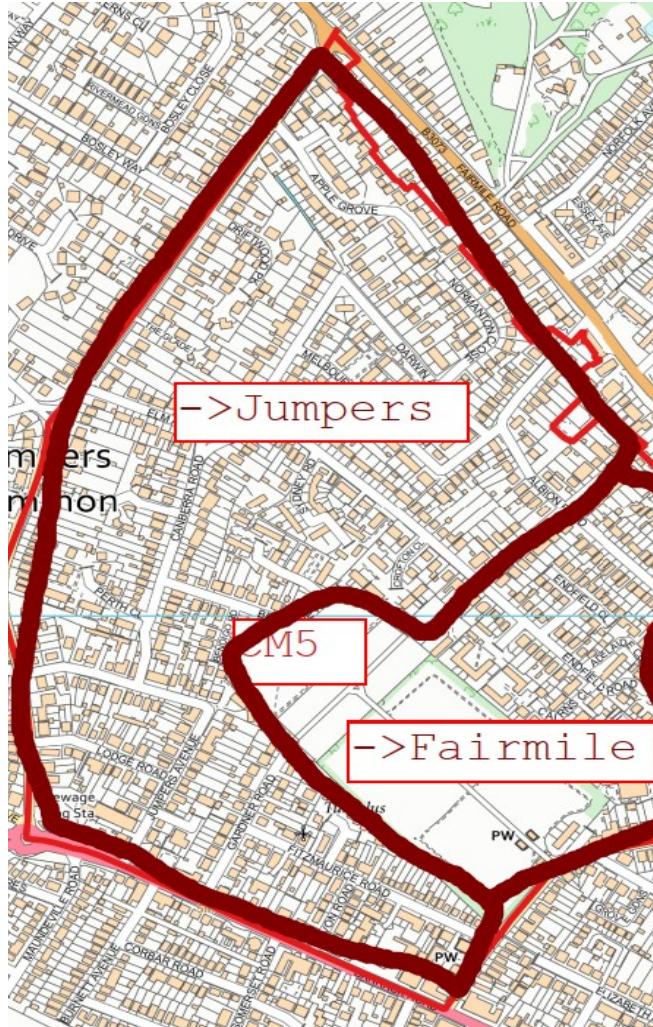
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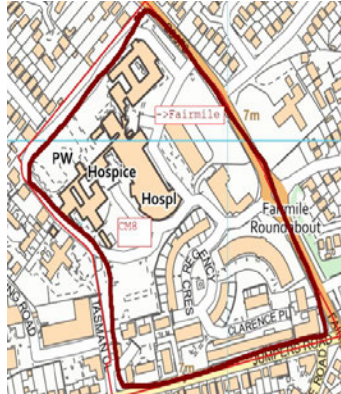
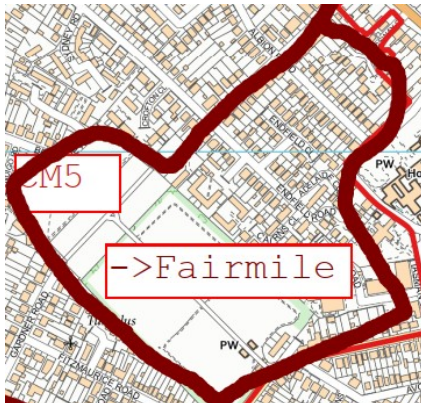
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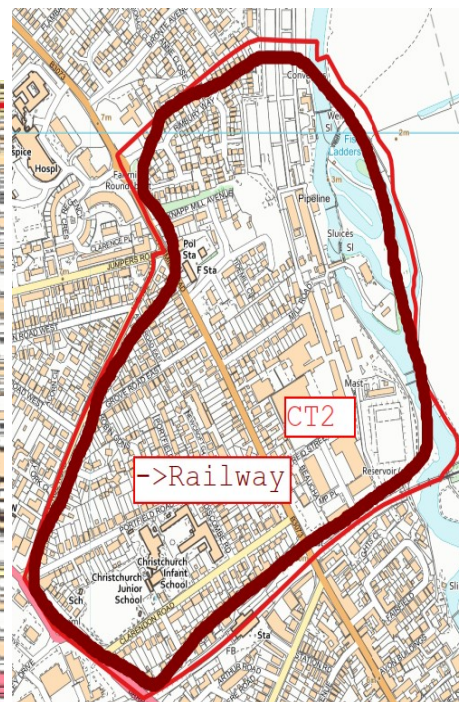
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Part 2: Creation of New Parish Council for West Christchurch

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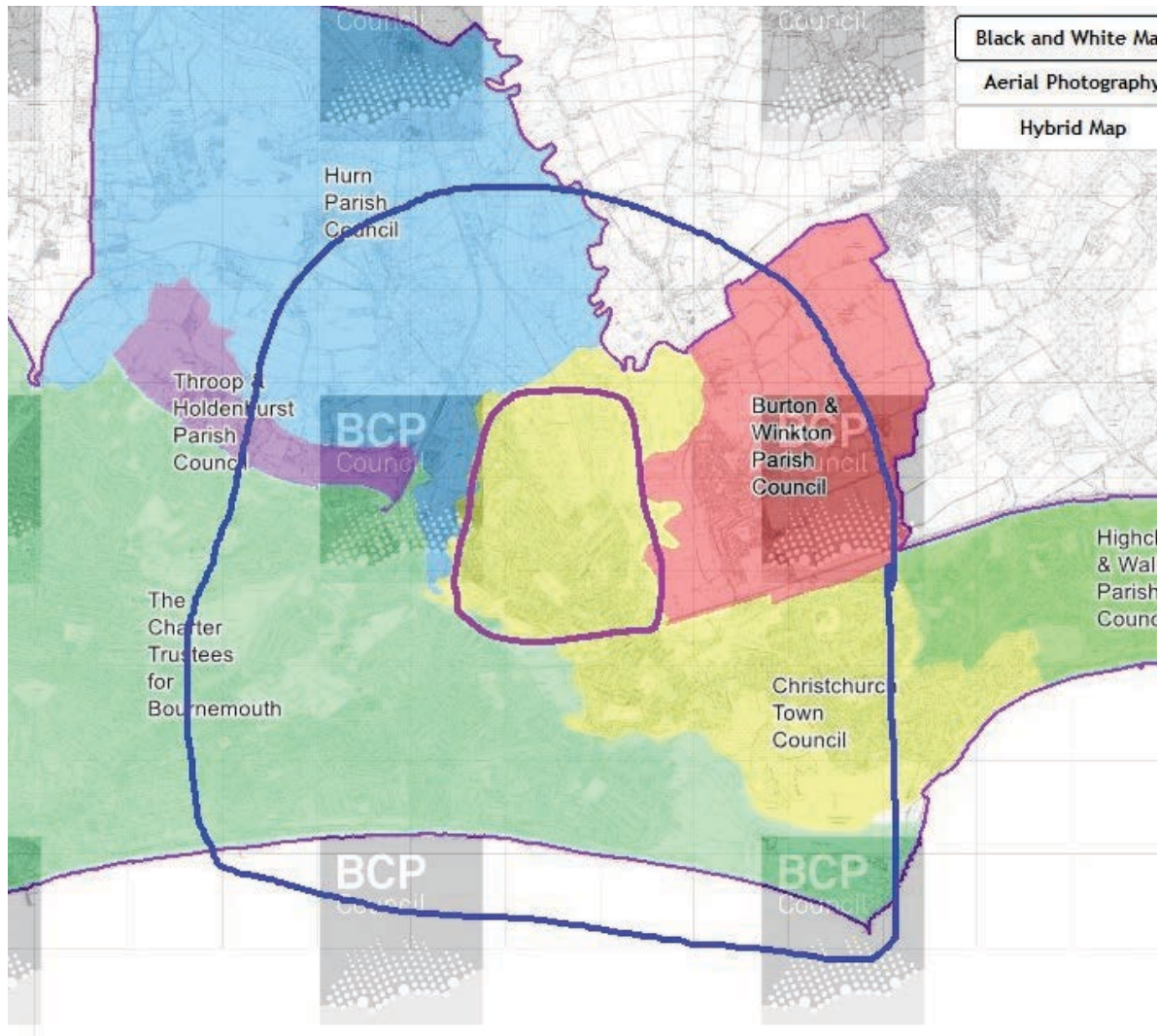
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West Christchurch Parish Council area for Councillor Eligibility

The area for Parish Councillor eligibility is 3 miles around the proposed Parish Council Boundary.

In round terms, this stretches to Hinton Admiral Station, Highcliffe Castle, Bournemouth Pier, Victoria Park, Parley Cross, and Bransgore.



West Christchurch Parish Council would have 8 Parish Councillors, two from each of the (as proposed in Part 1) Fairmile, Jumpers, Railway, and St. Catherine's wards.

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One can observe that the number of Electors for West Christchurch Parish Council wards are roughly equal, and no ward would be able to dominate the others. A part-time Parish Clerk would be required, but no other employees.

Part 3: Reconfiguration of Christchurch Town Council Priory ward (due to Jumpers & St. Catherine's Ward being split into 4 smaller areas)

Part 2 of this submission discussed the formation of an unique West Christchurch Parish Council using wards proposed in Part 1. This section discusses the impact of these West Christchurch issues South of the Railway line.

Part 1 of this submission created a clear division effecting the CTC Priory ward: North of the Railway line moved away into a West Christchurch neighbourhood. The Priory ward would, therefore, consist of 4 Councillors (2 having moved north of the Railway line).

BCP Electoral districts current serving the CTC Priory Ward moved away are:

- CM7
- CM8
- CT1

BCP Electoral districts retained for the CTC Priory Ward are:

- CT3
- CT4
- CT5

Communities in the existing ward

There are four distinct communities in the Priory ward once the area north of the Railway Line have been excluded.

Basically:

- Residential around Stour Road (CT3)
- Commercial around Bargates (North of the Bypass in CT4)
- The Town Centre (South of the Bypass in CT4)
- Mixed housing in West Somerford (CT5)

It is very difficult to create Electoral wards for these discrete areas with any sort of sharing or overlap of interest. However, it is clear the BCP Electoral area CT4 representing the Christchurch Town Centre and historic area gets most of CTC's attention to the detriment of every other part of Christchurch Town Council's area.

Around Stour Road

This is a mainly residential area with retirement and Sheltered housing. No connection to the historic parts of Christchurch.

Around North Bargates

This is primarily low-quality Commercial with flats above the premises./

The Town Centre

Very little residential, but prime tourist potential with over-hyped shopping. A Major Public Transport hub.

West Somerford

A mixture of low cost housing in a deprived area and older properties comprising the history of Christchurch. It's difficult to create any sort of cohesion between these two extremes.

Suggested East Christchurch Resolution:

A potential resolution to this issue depends upon the relationship between the CT3 area and the historic parts of the CT4 area. One area has open space for school activities, the other open space around the Priory and the Druitt Gardens in the Town Centre.

Therefore, it is proposed that the Southern Part of CT4 joins with CT3, whilst the northern part (Bargates) joins with CT5.

This is an unsatisfactory solution on geographic grounds. However, this submission is primarily concerned with areas North of the Railway line. It is obvious that all of East Christchurch would have to be reconfigured due to the change in West Christchurch. The submitter has no opinion on this change, but submits suggestions to give some idea as to the complexity of the geography.

Essentially, one would create two CTC wards: Priory (for continuity) and Two Rivers. Each each with 2 CTC Councillors.

Priory and Two Rivers electorate

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CT3	1533	2195	1.4	1629	2402	1.4
CT4	1003	1278	1.2	1041	1326	1.2
CT5	1512	2292	1.5	1529	2318	1.5

It can be seen that the Christchurch Town Centre BCP electoral area is very under-populated and with a lower density compared with its neighbouring areas.

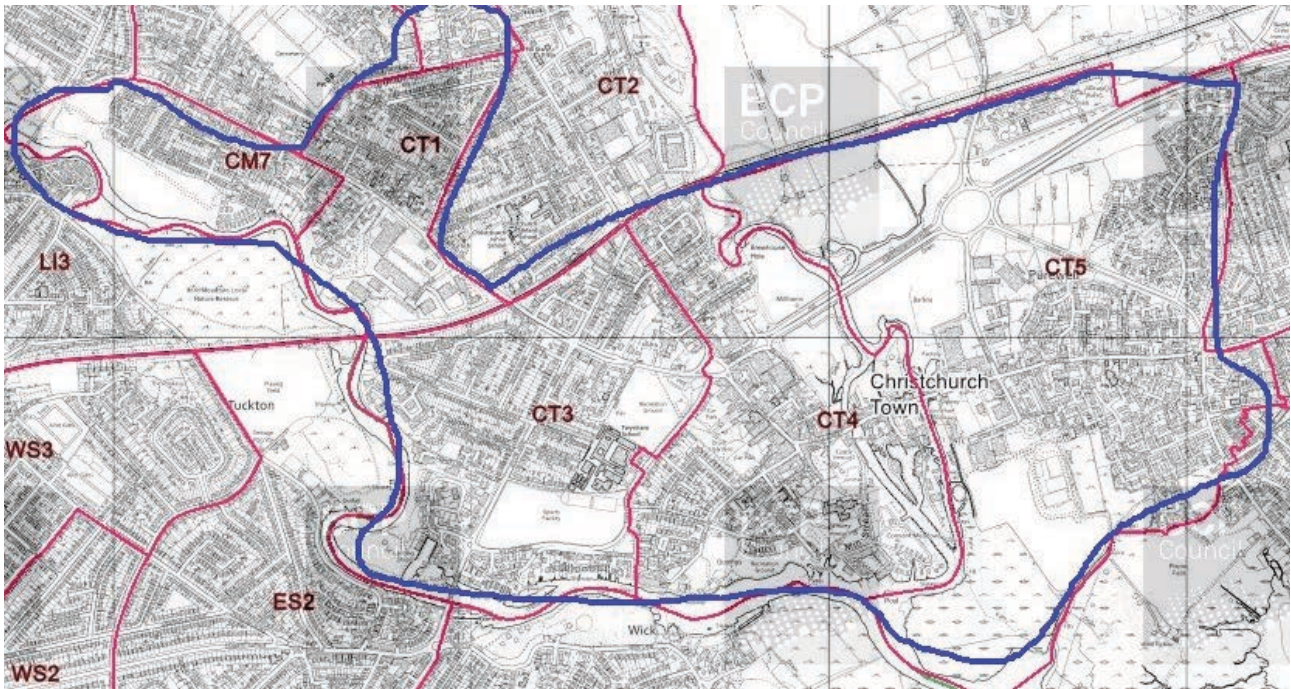
Therefore, (assuming that the split of CT4 is 50:50) the numbers for the proposed wards (from the existing from CTC Priory ward) are:

Ward	Area	Baseline September 2024		Projected 5 year Forecast	
		Properties	Electorate	Properties	Electorate
Priory		2025	2834	2149	3065
	CT3	1533	2195	1629	2402
	CT4 (50%)	502	639	520	663
Two Rivers		2014	2931	2049	2981
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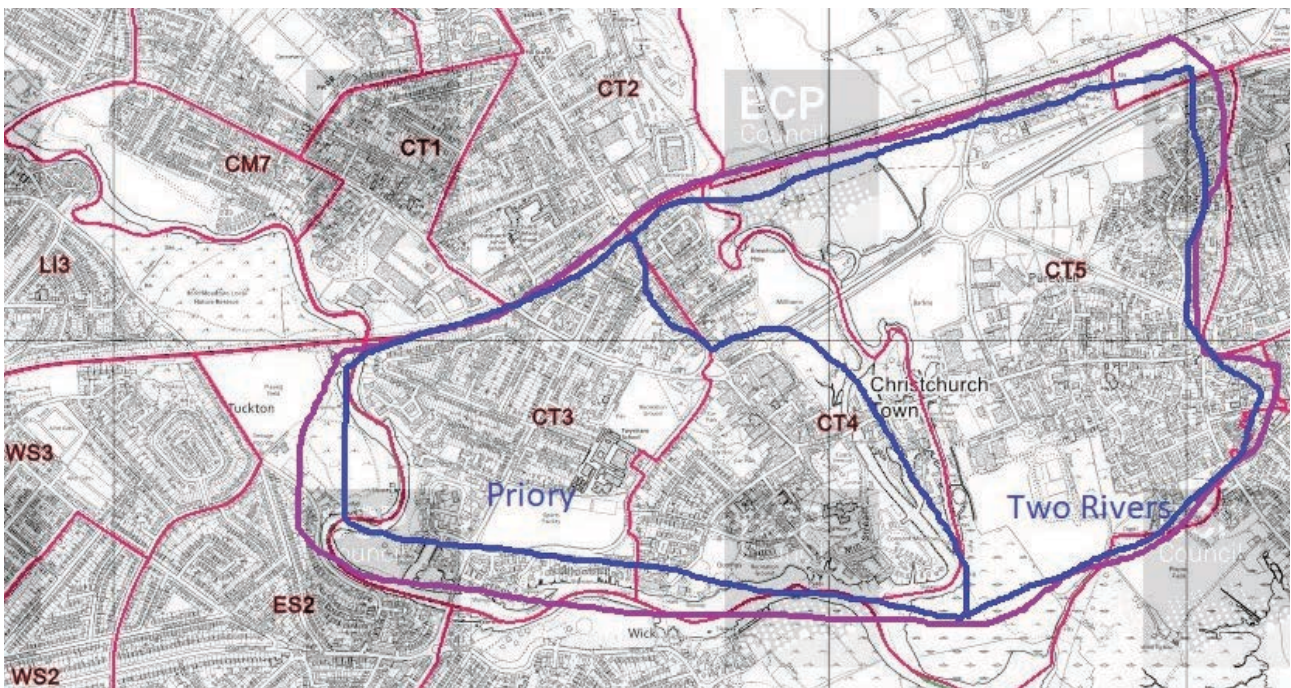
Consequently, the new Priory and Two Rivers wards seem to have too many electors for a 2 Parish ward. 3 would probably be more suitable – but the other 2 have gone to West Christchurch. Hence, more CTC Councillors may be needed (to bring each ward up to a maximum of 3).

However, with a net loss of 6 Councillors (if West Christchurch Parish Council is created according to Part 2 of this submission) there is scope for this increase to 3. Nevertheless, wards with 4 Councillors should be avoided as this is an indication of too big a ward..

Current Boundary of CTC Priory Ward (in Blue)



Suggested New Boundary of new CTC Wards: Priory and Two Rivers (in Purple)



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Name / Organisation	[REDACTED] (Southbourne Forum)
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Southbourne Forum
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Southbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	Southbourne Forum
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	
d) combining two or more existing parishes	

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>It reflects the Soutbourne community in my opinion.</p>
<p>Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?</p>	<p>No</p>
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If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
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<p>5. The number of councillors there should be</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information)</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>It will allow the community greater control over things like maintenance of parks, planning community services. With BCP so busy it seems like a no brainer to be able to focus on our own community with local volunteers heading this council.</p>
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>No</p>
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3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	<p>I think having a local council in Southbourne in particular would be fantastic. I have spoken with a number of residents from different areas and groups including the business community and a lot of people are in favor of this. For me if one were to exist the most important factors would be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement with the public to ensure they get funding allocated for what they want to see improved. 2. Working out exactly how much council tax would need to go up by to have a useful budget, 3. Ensuring the Town council does not get tied up in red tape, steers clear of owning property running things like allotments etc, but concentrates on local issues. <p>I am doing a poll currently on the SOBO Facebook group on things people want improving in the area, i've had 49 responses in the last 1hour, with things varying from litter issues, sorting out parks, better parking, markets in the summer on the high street, better parking, better facilities for kids, the list goes on....! The community is engaged and wants change.</p> <p>Thanks, Felix</p>
Please tell us your full postcode.	bh5 2ju

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Unique Number	43
Name / Organisation	██████████ (Chair Southbourne Forum & Development Lead of Southbourne Rotary Club)
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Southbourne Forum & Rotary Club of Southbourne
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Southbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
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Uploaded Maps	<p>See Appendix</p> <p>ref:0301b7d9-e5f6-4fc0-84d6-ad2952f41561:Q7</p>
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Initial consultations have suggested starting small with very few overheads, meaning a very small levy of perhaps 20p on the Council Tax of residents affected in Band D, based on analysis this would produce an income of circa £24k pa to cover running costs (admin, Insurance etc). If we started small then we can get established & look to add more in the future, perhaps tackling one local issue to show success.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Keep & enhance the identity that the area has & unite the community even more with the traders as it will be essential that representation on the Council features the strong independent business community.</p>
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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<p>1. The name of the council</p> <p>2. What the new number of councillors should be</p> <p>3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors</p>	
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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. What the number of wards should be</p> <p>2. What you feel the ward names should be, and;</p> <p>3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.</p>	<p>1. This will be explored in the first phase</p> <p>2. Beaufort Ward; Southbourne Overcliff Ward; Southbourne Grove (AKA The High Street); Tuckton Hengistbury Head & Wick (All 1)</p> <p>3. Perhaps 3-4 wards with 3-4 councillors for each ward.</p>
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <p>1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.</p>	<p>See the attached presentation Reason for arriving at this initial proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * No of volunteer Councillors being small enough for an effective council & large enough to have resilience. * Ratio of electors to councillors to ensure a reasonable chance of sufficient councillors * Ration similar to that of Christchurch & other similar councils * Ward sizes are similar in size of electors to ensure equity of votes * Having 4 per ward allows the volunteer councillors to have a Team/cross cover approach & some diversity, without being so big as to lose connection. * By elections would be smaller than having a single ward council vote.
<p>Uploaded Maps</p>	<p>See Appendix</p> <p>ref:0301b7d9-e5f6-4fc0-84d6-ad2952f41561:Q26</p>

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	The matter has now been discussed at a very high level at Southbourne Forum & outlined to the local Rotary Club members. A declaration of interest has been carried & the attendance at our meetings has increased with people wanting to be part of the future. Deadline's are tight in this & if there was any way that the deadlines could be extended that would help as the business community have been busy trading over the Christmas period, now is the time for them to get involved. There is much more work to do but both organisation I represent are keen to see this progress to the next stage. A clearer roadmap as to what happens next & any support that might be available would be valued. Particularly around the finance aspect which is likely to be the most contentious. Whilst we have had an overview from The Dorset Association for Town & Parish Councils, acknowledging this has been important it would help for them to be more formally involved in the next stage of the process.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH6 4JB



Should **Southbourne** have its' own community council?*

Briefing for Southbourne, Tuckton,
Hengistbury Head and Wick Residents
(*name to be decided).

Possible boundary: sea, stour, railway line and Fishermans' walk*
15,000 electors, population about 19,000.



*See also allotments slide

What is a *local* council?

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Can be called a town, parish, community, village or neighbourhood council.

All have same powers.

(For simplicity called a Community Council in these slides).



About 10,000 across the UK, covering about 1/3 of the population.
c160 in Dorset.



BCP has five: Christchurch, Highcliffe & Walkford, Hurn, Burton & Bransgore, Throop & Holdenhurst).



Have very flexible roles and duties, determined by the elected councillors (see next slide).



This pack is to inform discussion on whether to express an interest in having a local council for our area.



The timetable and decision making process is covered later. If supported, looking to spring 2026 start.

A simple summary of what councils *can* do

1. Voice for an area, to protect and improve.

- Consulted on changes, especially planning applications, backed up with legal powers.
- Can set up a “Community Plan” shaping an area through planning policy
- Two-way communication between residents and “powers that be”

2. Investment and a better environment

- receive and distribute grants, plus raise funds through a “precept”
- can run services (or top them up), e.g crime prevention, equipping playgrounds etc
- Some own assets for public benefit e.g. parks, allotments, community centres etc

3. Community building and civic pride in where we live.

- Support local events, and taking pride in our area
- Support and promote voluntary groups and networks of local people e.g. run websites, emails, notices, volunteer recruitment etc
- Provide a focal point to protect and celebrate what’s good in our area

Some local councils do very little...just the “voice” of the area, others are very active. It’s down to locals to decide.



Christchurch Town



Highcliffe Parish

Some local examples next....



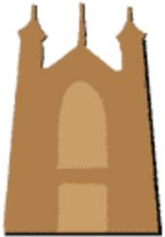
**CHRISTCHURCH
TOWN COUNCIL**

Christchurch Town Council is responsible for certain [local services and assets](#) and provides a voice to the tens of thousands of citizens that call Christchurch home.

Established 2019, but drawing on the history of the town. Role now includes:

- act as a local strategic asset manager, helping to maintain & create new public facilities & events to serve the public
- Providing representation and advice to the BCP Council in its capacity as the Local Planning Authority (LPA)
- Managing key local recreational, green space assets and statutory allotment sites.
- A key coordinator of local stakeholders, working with residents associations, local civic interest groups, business improvement districts and statutory partnerships.
- A direct democratic voice, offering opportunities for all local citizens to raise topics of concern & matters of public interest.
- Assessing opportunities to deliver improvements to public assets and the public realm
- Acting as a local centre point for Christchurch's diverse and vibrant community.

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**HIGHCLIFFE & WALKFORD
PARISH COUNCIL**

[Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council – Serving the people of Highcliffe and Walkford](#)

Set up in 2019 “To deliver a range of services on behalf of the community. The council provides allotments, sports pitches with pavilions, and owns and manages two nature reserves: Nea Meadows and Lakewood. We are in the process of taking over two play areas: Highcliffe and Bluebell Close. We also provide consultation on planning applications and grants to community organisations.”

Has developed its' Neighbourhood plan, and gets 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

There are many other Town and Parish Councils across Dorset, of all sizes, with over 1,500 councillors. Some have assets, like buildings and parks, others focus more on the “voice” for their area. Find out more:

[Home - Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils](#)

Budget estimates: Costs

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These numbers are estimates. Detailed work is needed. Highcliffe council info used pro rata to estimate “precept,” the amount added to Council Tax (CT).

The actual number of properties, council tax bands, single occupant household and second homes will affect actual financial calculations.



Council running costs: part time clerk, website, meeting room hire insurance, finance & membership fees, publicity materials etc. c£24K per year. (Based on similar sized councils).



This might cost about 20p per month, for a Band D property with two or more adults.

(CT bands vary actual amount paid, Band A: 6/9ths and band H: 18/9ths).



If the CT precept was £2 per month (Band D), this would raise £200K+ (after running costs).

100% of this would be spent in Southbourne. (There is no “top slice” to any other body).

Grants would need to follow criteria and policies e.g. if top up play park equipment then need to meet BCP safety criteria.



All funds are accounted for and published. Spend decisions are by the Town Councillors only.

(So if the public don’t like them, then they can vote them out).

Using any funds wisely: possible benefits

Once a town council is established it *could*...



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1. attract grants to the area,
(many in ways that BCP
can't or wouldn't prioritise).

2. allocate funds better,
such as Community
Infrastructure Levy (CIL),
subject to having a
neighbourhood plan.
Highcliffe = £50-70k p.a.

Longterm, if money raised
and spent well, and learning
from other councils,
perhaps Southbourne could
1 or 2 things a year to do.
Things like :

4. Invest in reducing
crime...feel safer, lower
home and car insurance?

5. make Southbourne a
better place to live...feel
good, higher house prices?

6. Support the most
vulnerable...e.g. helping the
elderly get pension credit &
winter fuel allowance
they're entitled to, and
volunteer driver scheme?

7. Make Sobo even better for
local businesses to
thrive...such as shop local,
employ local?

8. Help us be a green and
healthy community...for
better quality of life.
Or whatever the community
thinks best!

Practical issues:

The name & boundaries

How the “democratic voice” part works

Typical town council meetings.

Warding options



What's in a name?

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Could be: “Southbourne” or “Southbourne and Tuckton” or other suggestions

Could be: town, parish, neighbourhood, or community council

Cannot be Southbourne Parish Council – already exists in West Sussex!

The boundaries could change, but too small and admin costs high, too large and loses identity.

Suggested boundary of sea/stour/railway/Fishermans' walk, i.e. East Southbourne & Tuckton + West Southbourne wards. A very close match to BH6 area.

Democratic voice



Town Councillors are all volunteers - they are not paid.



They are elected for four years (*Except in 1st term, which is 5 years, to align with BCP elections).



Councillors can stand down early, and be replaced via by-election or co-option.



Assuming 12 councillors, that's about 1 cllr per 1,250 electors. Similar to Christchurch, (1:1,300) and Highcliffe 1:1,000. Exact number to be agreed.



The code of conduct for BCP Councillors would apply to town councillors to ensure probity and appropriate behaviour.



Typical town council meetings

(Based on what others typically do)

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Full council: every month or two. Main decisions.



Finance: budget, grant bidding, grant making, asset management.



Engagement : Comment on planning applications & consultations. Develop neighbourhood plan;
Communicate with residents (notice boards, leaflets, social media, emails etc);
Can lobby other bodies for changes.



Community initiatives: support, promote, co-ordinate. Huge variety across Dorset/UK, e.g. community safety, social events, organise volunteering like car drivers, litter picks, supporting local groups.



Environment: local and global. e.g climate action plans, supporting planting and bio-diversity, “in bloom” and reduce/re-use/recycle schemes etc.

Warding: options

“Warding” is when a local council area is sub divided, into wards. There are many permutations:

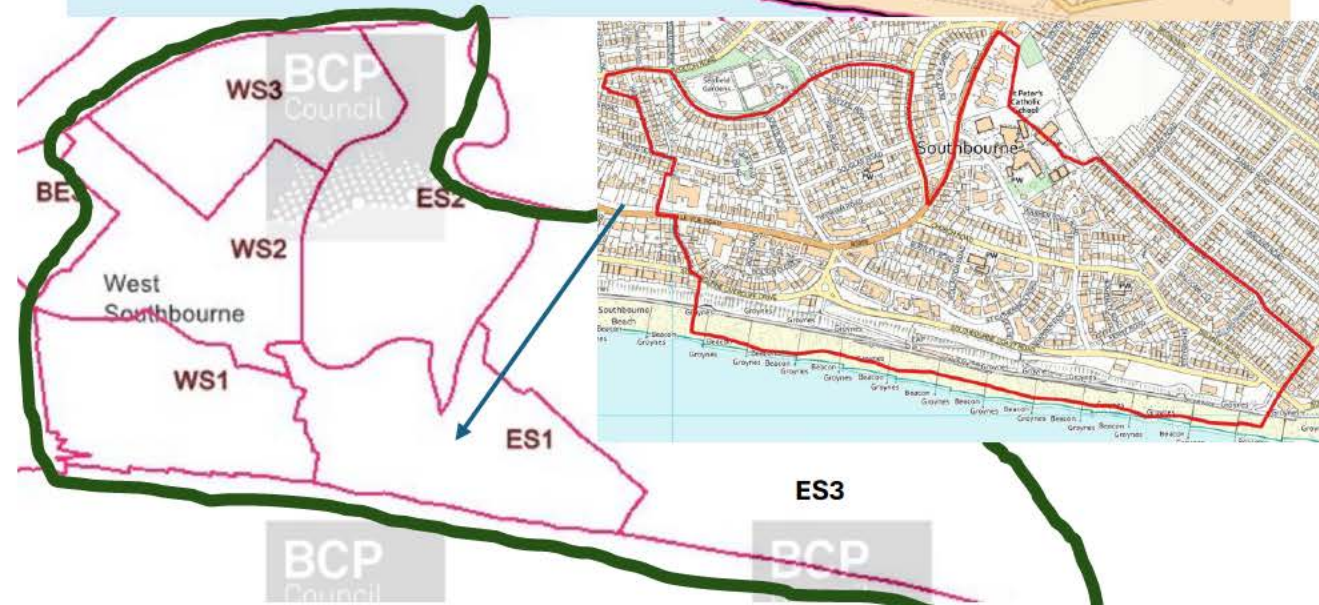
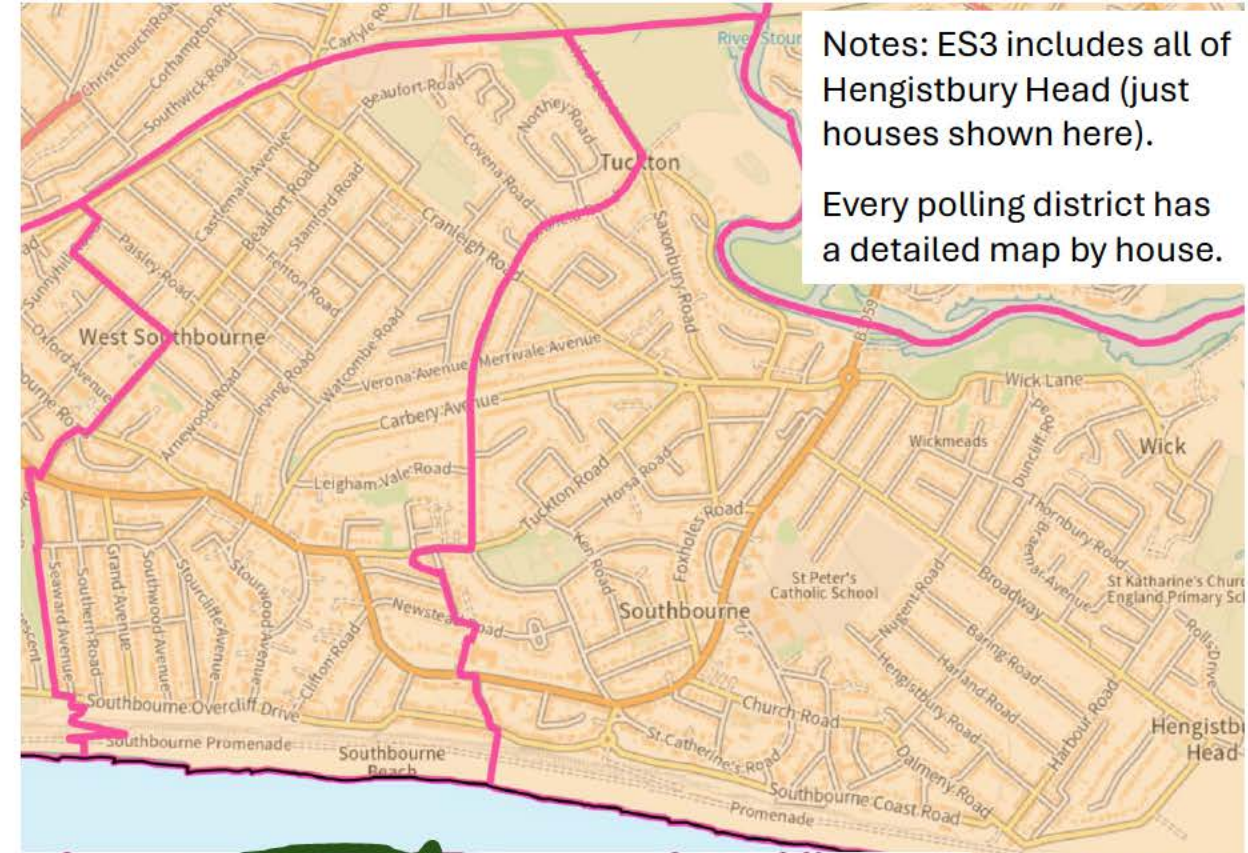
- a) Use current polling district (WS1-3, ES1-3) of about 2,500 electors each. If 12 councillors, then 2 per area. Too small?
- b) Sobo West ward, and East Southbourne & Tuckton ward, with 6 councillors each. Too big?
- c) Redraw polling districts for something different. Too complex?
- d) 3 areas, 4 councillors each: WS1+ES1 “Southbourne overcliff” WS2 & 3 “Beaufort” ES2 & 3 “Tuckton, Hengistbury & Wick”

Election maps: [Community Governance Review - Stage One Survey | Have Your Say Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole](#)

One preferred suggestion is needed for the submission.

Candidates can come from:

- anywhere in the town council or within 3 miles of the boundary
- Must be on electoral register, or work in area.
- Can stand in any ward



Warding option

Southbourne Community Council			
		households	electors
ES 2&3	Tuckton, Hengistbury Head & Wick	3,040	5,062
WS 2&3	Beaufort	2,975	5,027
ES 1 & WS 1	Southbourne Overcliff	3,664	4,938
		Average	5,009
Ratio of cllrs to electorate			
4 cllrs per ward		per cllr	
	Tuckton, HH, Wick		1,266
	Beaufort		1,257
	Southbourne Coast		1,235



Questions...

Councillors. Are there enough local, unpaid volunteers who want to do this? We need to evidence interest before setting up e.g. list of possible volunteers.

Don't we already have councillors? Yes, 76 councillors cover BCP responsibilities (£700m budget, 5,000 staff, legal duties etc). The 4 from Southbourne also have the role to champion our area in BCP, as well as our MP.

Councils. Is there overlap with BCP role? 10,000 local councils work with their “main council” (along with MPs, Mayors etc). See “what is a local council”

Would it be party political? Vast bulk of councillors on Dorset's 160 councils aren't from any party. (Perhaps local political parties could agree not to stand party candidates).

Cost. Is 20p - £2 per month range too much per household? Lowest income households get support. Need to gain views, but 20p cover core costs. £2 could raise estimated £200,000 per year, to support our community and local environment, plus any grants.

Is it value for money? Need to get views and work on a draft budget over 2025. Learning from other councils on what is good use of funds would help. Often these are very visible things, so an area feels looked after e.g play areas (see slides on using funds wisely).

BCP finances are stretched, so are we paying twice? No, as any cuts to services to balance the books are going to happen whether there's a town council or not. Some local councils *do* “top up” services (e.g. more cleaning) but that's their choice. BCP will always remain the main service provider and need to meet its' legal duties.

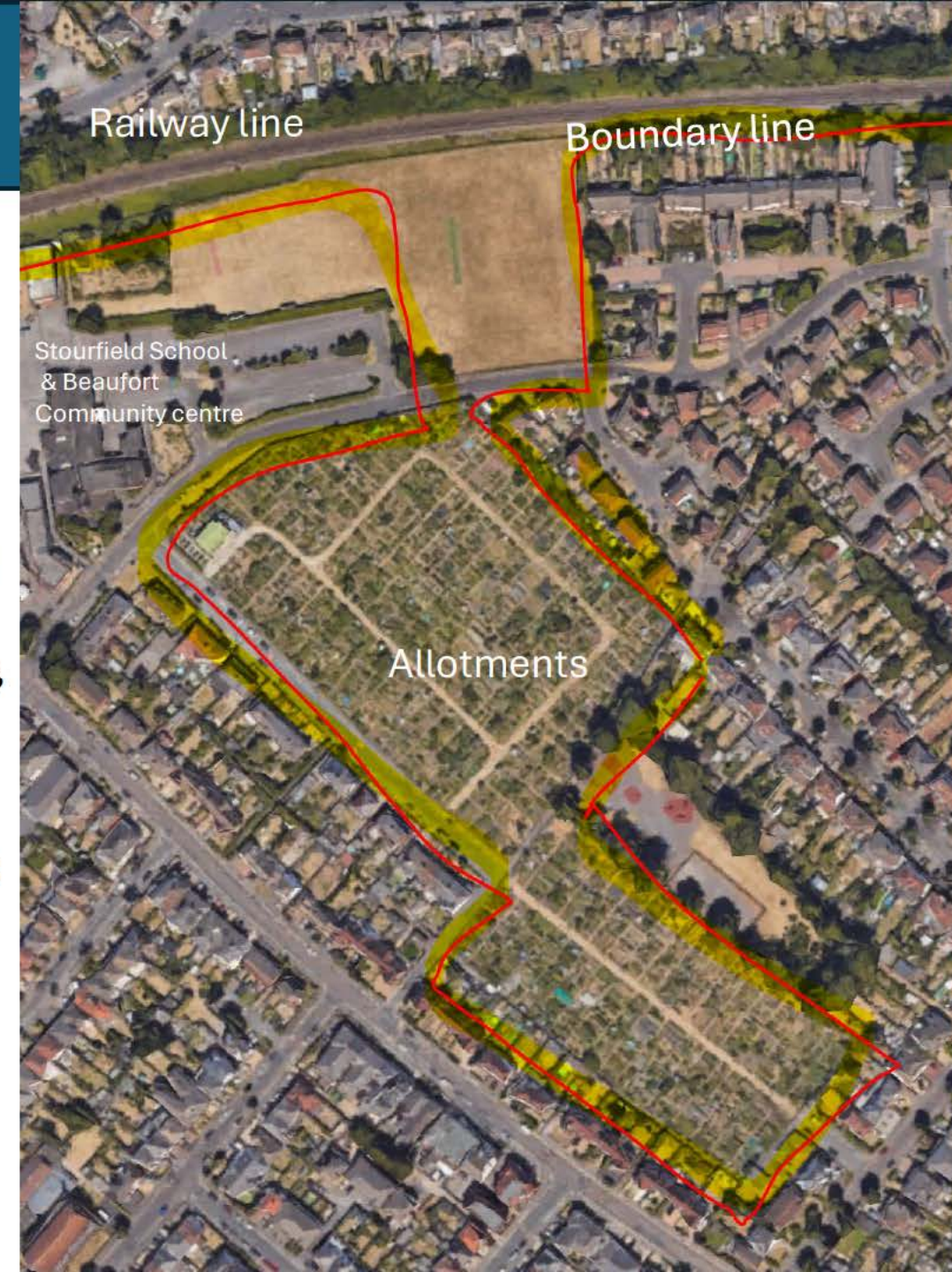
Need. There's lots of great things in Sobo already. Many are voluntary and work well without a town council. Is there a need? A town council can do unique things as a legal body, plus lots of optional things, if there's a will and focus. Learning from other councils, focusing on a small number of things that make an impact, tends to work well.

Why now? It's at least 10-15 years+ before another review and chance. So we might miss the boat...




Allotments

- Bournemouth East Allotment Society (BEAS) is a very successful, volunteer run organisation.
- BEAS leases the land from BCP. The arrangement works well.
- The legislation assumes a Parish Council would take over the landlord function of any allotment in its' boundary.
- There seems little benefit, and a lot of legal work to transfer the landlord role. It may also introduce issues like changing the allotment allocation policy.
- As the Society serves Bournemouth East, and not just Southbourne, the logic is to leave things as they are.
- Best way to achieve “no change” options need considering. The council boundary doesn't need to follow existing boundaries. As the allotments are at the edge of the proposed council, one simple idea is to draw the boundary to exclude the allotments. The re-drawn line avoids any buildings, so seems to have no practical “down sides.”
- See sketched boundary line ->
- This is for discussion. There maybe other solutions.



Timetable

Taken from BCP website



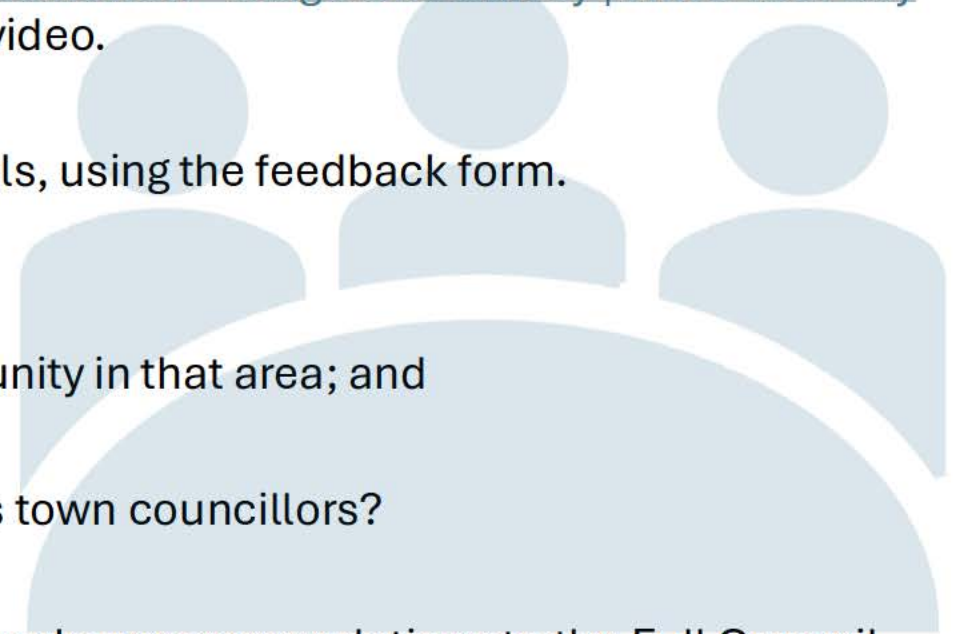
Stage One – invite initial submissions	From 25 November 2024 to 19 January 2025	Publish draft consultation document and invite initial submissions/representations
Stage Two - consider initial submissions/representations received and prepare report for Full Council	From 20 January 2025 to 25 March 2025	Consider any submissions/representations made and prepare report of draft recommendations for Full Council
Stage Three - publish draft recommendations for further public consultation	From 31 March 2025 to 22 June 2025	Publish draft recommendations as agreed by Full Council, for further consultation with: all local government electors.
Stage Four – consider consultation responses and representations and make final recommendations to Full Council	From 23 June 2025 to 14 October 2025	Consider any further submissions/representations and prepare final report of final recommendations for Full Council
Publish final recommendations as agreed by Full Council	October/November 2025	Publish final recommendations as agreed by Full Council and make necessary Orders.

Finally, how and when will the decision be made?

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- Much more information: [Community Governance Review - Stage One Survey | Have Your Say Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole](#) including video.
 - Initial submission by local groups and individuals, using the feedback form.
- Evidence needing to be gathered includes:
- Reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
 - Be effective and convenient, plus
 - are people expressing interest they may stand as town councillors?
- Evidence reviewed by BCP working group, who make recommendations to the Full Council, who vote on this in Oct/Nov 2025.
 - If approved Southbourne Town Council could start in Spring 2026, with elections in May. The first term would be five years, to align it with BCP elections, which then happen every four years.



If you do want a community council, what's next?

1. Local groups to support initial submission.
2. Individuals can write in. All before January 19th

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3. To gather a list of names of people who would consider being a town councillor (starting May 2026).
4. To propose the boundary, “warding” and council name (to be developed and consulted on over 2025).
5. To form a volunteer “working group” that BCP can liaise with, through stages 1-4



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Name / Organisation	[REDACTED] (Bournemouth East Allotment Society)
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation* A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Bournemouth East Allotment Society
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Southbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other, please specify below Southbourne Forum Committee meeting
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
Uploaded Maps	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 5. Whether the group should have a council 6. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors	
Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	There will be significant implications for our self-managed allotment site that draws tenants from across the majority of Bournemouth and for the Merrivale site that is managed by BCP council. Any new Parish/Town Council will need sufficient budget not only to employ a clerk and potentially to lease office accommodation, but also to maintain and insure BCP owned buildings that would be transferred to them. The area that has been proposed for

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	Southbourne and Tuckton is not large and already has a strong residents' association at Hengistbury Head. The boundaries between Southbourne and Pokesdown, Boscombe East and Boscombe Manor are likely to divide Fisherman's Walk and Seabourne Road (and maybe others). This could cause neighbourhead divisions and maintenance issues. BEAS members are as yet unclear about the benefits to smaller community organisations. We would need to be clear about the vision/purpose and strategy for a new Parish Council before giving the idea our support.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH6 5LA

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Friars Cliff
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	<p>These opinions are based on experience to date, of life in Christchurch, following Christchurch Borough Council's CGR in 2018, when four parishes were created (Two of them being new), in what was a hurriedly organised Plan B, following the collapse of councillors' efforts to stop the inevitable merger with Bournemouth & Poole and the creation of BCP Council.</p> <p>The good news is... Something has been learned from the last LGR experience & Christchurch's CGR. Either that or better-quality people are making the decisions because, this time around, it's being accepted fairly readily that you can't swim against the tide.</p> <p>So, Wessex it is then for our third layer of local government and, on the CGR front, a year is being allowed for newly formed parish & Town councils to settle down before coping with an election year. A far better situation than it was for Christchurch.</p>

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	<p>On devolution, whilst putting a structure in place, to reduce the number of people approaching central government directly, by giving the leaders of the newly formed devolved territories, access to the top-tier of government on an organised basis, sounds great.... For the grand plan to work, central government's assumptions on the quality of officers & Council members at the other two levels, regarding their decision-making ability & motivation is largely unproven. At Town Council & Parish level safeguards should be put in place to ensure that the democratic process is not being destroyed, through lack of control of the sector. Whilst it might be acceptable for small Parish Councils to have uncontested elections every 4 years, urban Town Councils like Christchurch, with 30-40K constituents should not be seeing this happen. Feedback from just over 200 residents was used as justification for the formation of the four 'parishes' in Christchurch. If properly advertised, three of those four would have been supported by residents but the flagship, the namesake 'Christchurch Town' would have been much more contentious. So 'Not that important' stems from an ever-increasing precept with little to justify it from our Council, coupled with a serious lack of results and transparency.</p> <p>Should large Town Councils be on the agenda for Bournemouth & Poole, please ensure they are supported & requested by the people. This process should be about enhancing & developing local communities. It should not be seen as an opportunity to recreate the old two-tier system on a smaller scale for self-serving Councillors.</p> <p>Town Councils with 30-40+K constituents, should not be used to create a political base for 'Independent' parties. It would be dangerous if this process were to provide a catalyst for the formation of a Bournemouth Independents party & a Poole Independents party to emulate Christchurch.</p> <p>In the long-term Town Councils of this size, dominated by re-badged Councillors, cannot be the way forward. Urban Town Councils appear to benefit from a cross-party membership. Whilst it is often the norm for small rural Parish Councils to have uncontested elections, it is unusual for urban</p>
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	<p>Town Councils. In May 2023, Christchurch had only one of five wards contested, which is an abysmal failure of the system.</p> <p>I have lived in Friars Cliff for over 40 years, like many residents I was completely unaware of the 2018 Christchurch Borough Council CGR. The information was brought to my attention in May 2024, in response to another matter. Until the summer of 2024 I had no idea of the difference between a Borough and a Town Council and had never heard of the word 'Precept'. Thank goodness we have Google to keep us informed....</p> <p>For the sake of all other constituents in BCP, I certainly hope that more effort will be made to engage and educate the public than was made in Christchurch. If the people not the politicians are calling for change, then it's a 'flyer', no problem, but where the initiative has been taken by Councillors....</p>
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	
d) combining two or more existing parishes	
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply	
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
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- be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	

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<p>2. Details of your proposals</p> <p>3. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s</p> <p>5. The number of councillors there should be</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information)</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. The name of the council</p> <p>2. What the new number of councillors should be</p> <p>3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors</p>	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	
<p>Uploaded Maps</p>	
<p>Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?</p>	<p>Just get it right....</p> <p>It is the people who are going to have to pay for the 'privilege' of having more say in what happens in their communities, at a local level.</p> <p>Ensure this is what actually happens! If it can be achieved, it's a great outcome!</p>
<p>Please tell us your full postcode.</p>	<p>BH23 4ER</p>

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident A BCP Councillor
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Canford Heath
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media BCP Council website Press release BCP Library Bournemouth Echo Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes

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b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	
d) combining two or more existing parishes	
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	i would like to express an interest in joining with neighbouring Poole wards to form a Poole Town Council.
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	a Poole Town Council would be able to reflect the identity and interests of residents living in Poole based wards. The Town Council would be able to reflect and protect the interests of Poole residents.
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals	

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<p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	Not sure / don't know
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Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	This is just an expression of interest for the formation of a Poole Town Council. i would like further information before an formal vote was taken.

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Please tell us your full postcode.

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Unique Number	47
Name / Organisation	Zero Carbon Dorset
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Zero Carbon Dorset
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Prefer not to say
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>It would be helpful to have the full BCP area covered by a Parish / Town Council.</p> <p>Our experience in working with groups across the whole of Dorset is that where Town or Parish Councils exist, local residents are more likely to be directly involved with the Council on matters relating to the local area.</p> <p>This is particularly important with respect to addressing the Climate and Ecological Emergency as, research is clear, this will need the majority of citizens to undertake a significant change in society and lifestyle. Where decisions are taken remotely (as BCP Council is perceived by many) engagement is much more difficult to achieve. While this is our area of interest, it is of course not the only aspect and, for many reasons, the need for community cohesion and resilience is a key requirement for quality of life issues; these could be enhanced with more local democracy, even accepting the limited financial scope of parish councils.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>There should not be a need for a council in every area (e.g. ward) as many share a sense of neighbourhood that is wider than typical council boundaries. However, they should be small enough not to be recognisable as a locality that residents can identify with (e.g. the old Poole Council area would be too large for a Town Council and should be separated into smaller units)</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	

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Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
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<p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	Yes
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	More Town and Parish Councils will be even more important if the larger regional changes planned come to fruition if "local" democracy is to be genuinely practiced.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH18 8JE

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Unique Number	48
Name / Organisation	[REDACTED] (Southbourne Forum (Working Group))
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Southbourne Community Forum
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Uploaded Maps	<p>See Appendix</p> <p>ref:e282eecd-a761-4ff1-881d-135fb16e7afd:Q7</p>

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>The populations size (15,000 electors, 19,000 residents) means this is a large and diverse community.</p> <p>Effective: The community council's capacity to support local groups, enhance the environment, and be a voice for the areas would be about the right size for being local enough to know the area, but large enough to be effective and convenient. Residents groups (eg HENRA) could continue to operate for their areas.</p> <p>The size also means legal duties and overhead costs of the council should be modest and manageable. Estimate to be developed at next stage, but 20p per month, per Band D Household, should amply cover £24k p.a. running costs.</p> <p>Anything in the precept above this would be for spending in the local community, above and beyond anything BCP does. This core cost assumes a part time clerk, insurance, membership of DATPC, website and mailing lists, elections and the means to engage with residents on an effective, convenient and sustainable basis. This capacity could then support the many community groups and associations, e.g. help with advertising events and membership.</p>
<p>Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?</p>	<p>No</p>
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Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
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Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish: Southbourne 2. Details of your proposals: See attached slide deck 3. The reasons for your proposals: See Q 7 and attached slide 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council: Southbourne Community Council 5. The number of councillors there should be: 12 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue: As per the proposal in the community governance review i.e. initial term of 5 years, (2026-31), then four yearly, to coincide with the BCP elections.
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	See Q7 above
Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	

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<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	<p>A short list is in the attached slides. The options (a-d), and others need exploring in the consultation phase. The initial proposal is 3 wards, each with 4 councillors (total 12).</p> <p>The three wards having an identity, with reasonable and recognisable boundaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Beaufort Ward. Has Beaufort Road through the middle, and Beaufort community centre. It is bounded by Seafield Road, Southbourne Grove (high street), and railway line. o Tuckton, Hengistbury Head and Wick ward. Self-explanatory with reasonably defined local areas. o Southbourne Overcliff Ward, crosses the two existing BCP wards, but shares Southbourne Overcliff Drive. Southbourne Grove defines the north boundary, then the remainder being the line of the current ES1 polling district. This is to some extent arbitrary, but does balance the ward sizes. If part of Boscombe East ward, self identifies as Southbourne, and wants to join, this could be an extra ward with perhaps with 1-2 councillors, or could lead to slight re-jig of the the above suggested boundaries.
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	<p>See Maps attached and ward sizes, in slide deck Reasoning for arriving at this initial proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of volunteer councillors being small enough for an effective council, and large enough to have resilience. DATPC advises around 12 is functional number. • Ratio of electors to cllrs to ensure a reasonable chance of a sufficient councillors (1: 1,200).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ratio of electors to councillors being similar to Christchurch, and other similar councils. • The ward sizes being very similar in size of electors, to ensure equity of votes (within 0.985) • Having 4 cllrs per ward allows the volunteer councillors to have a team / cross cover approach, and some diversity, without being so big as to lose local connection. • Any by-elections would be smaller, rather than having council wide ward having to vote.
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	<p>The initial stage, requesting expressions of interest, fell over the Christmas and New Year period. This curtailed the ability to engage and discuss the options. It would be helpful for the deadline to be extended. Therefore, this response should be read in the light that much more work will be required in the next stage to undertake engagement. We hope that context will be considered.</p> <p>A clearer roadmap as to what happens in the next stage, and any support that might be made available would be useful. In particular help with estimating the precept, and assessing the running costs would aid this aspect of the preparation. Advice on the allotments and boundaries would also be useful. The information on electoral maps etc was useful, as was signposting to information.</p> <p>The Dorset Association for Town and Parish Councils has been very useful, and it would be helpful for them to be more formally involved in the next stage of work.</p> <p>The Southbourne Forum met before Christmas and c20 people attended the meeting. There was a vote in favour (no against, 4 abstention). A working groups of c10 people has been set up, in preparation of the next stage in the process.</p>

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Please tell us your full postcode.

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Should **Southbourne** have its' own community council?*

Briefing for Southbourne, Tuckton,
Hengistbury Head and Wick Residents
(*name to be decided).

Possible boundary: sea, stour, railway line and Fishermans' walk*
15,000 electors, population about 19,000.



*See later slides for details

What is a *local* council?

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Can be called a town, parish, community, village or neighbourhood council.

All have same powers.

(For simplicity called a Community Council in these slides).



About 10,000 across the UK, covering about 1/3 of the population.
c160 in Dorset.



BCP has five: Christchurch, Highcliffe & Walkford, Hurn, Burton & Bransgore, Throop & Holdenhurst).



Have very flexible roles and duties, determined by the elected councillors (see next slide).



This pack is to inform discussion on whether to express an interest in having a local council for our area.



The timetable and decision making process is covered later. If supported, looking to spring 2026 start.

A simple summary of what councils *can* do

1. Voice for an area, to protect and improve.

- Consulted on changes, especially planning applications, backed up with legal powers.
- Can set up a “Community Plan” shaping an area through planning policy
- Two-way communication between residents and “powers that be”

2. Investment and a better environment

- receive and distribute grants, plus raise funds through a “precept”
- can run services (or top them up), e.g crime prevention, equipping playgrounds etc
- Some own assets for public benefit e.g. parks, allotments, community centres etc

3. Community building and civic pride in where we live.

- Support local events, and taking pride in our area
- Support and promote voluntary groups and networks of local people e.g. run websites, emails, notices, volunteer recruitment etc
- Provide a focal point to protect and celebrate what’s good in our area

Some local councils do very little...just the “voice” of the area, others are very active. It’s down to locals to decide.



Some local examples next....



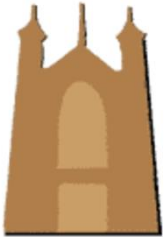
**CHRISTCHURCH
TOWN COUNCIL**

Christchurch Town Council is responsible for certain [local services and assets](#) and provides a voice to the tens of thousands of citizens that call Christchurch home.

Established 2019, but drawing on the history of the town. Role now includes:

- act as a local strategic asset manager, helping to maintain & create new public facilities & events to serve the public
- Providing representation and advice to the BCP Council in its capacity as the Local Planning Authority (LPA)
- Managing key local recreational, green space assets and statutory allotment sites.
- A key coordinator of local stakeholders, working with residents associations, local civic interest groups, business improvement districts and statutory partnerships.
- A direct democratic voice, offering opportunities for all local citizens to raise topics of concern & matters of public interest.
- Assessing opportunities to deliver improvements to public assets and the public realm
- Acting as a local centre point for Christchurch's diverse and vibrant community.

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**HIGHCLIFFE & WALKFORD
PARISH COUNCIL**

[Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council – Serving the people of Highcliffe and Walkford](#)

Set up in 2019 “To deliver a range of services on behalf of the community. The council provides allotments, sports pitches with pavilions, and owns and manages two nature reserves: Nea Meadows and Lakewood. We are in the process of taking over two play areas: Highcliffe and Bluebell Close. We also provide consultation on planning applications and grants to community organisations.”

Has developed its' Neighbourhood plan, and gets 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

There are many other Town and Parish Councils across Dorset, of all sizes, with over 1,500 councillors. Some have assets, like buildings and parks, others focus more on the “voice” for their area. Find out more:

[Home - Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils](#)

Budget estimates: Costs

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These numbers are estimates. Detailed work is needed. Highcliffe council info used pro rata to estimate “precept,” the amount added to Council Tax (CT).

The actual number of properties, council tax bands, single occupant household and second homes will affect actual financial calculations.



Council running costs: part time clerk, website, meeting room hire insurance, finance & membership fees, publicity materials etc. c£24K per year. (Based on similar sized councils).



This might cost about 20p per month, for a Band D property with two or more adults.

(CT bands vary actual amount paid, Band A: 6/9ths and band H: 18/9ths).



If the CT precept was £2 per month (Band D), this would raise £200K+ (after running costs).

100% of this would be spent in Southbourne. (There is no “top slice” to any other body).

Grants would need to follow criteria and policies e.g. if top up play park equipment then need to meet BCP safety criteria.



All funds are accounted for and published. Spend decisions are by the Town Councillors only.

(So if the public don’t like them, then they can vote them out).

Using any funds wisely: possible benefits

Once a town council is established it *could*...



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1. attract grants to the area,
(many in ways that BCP
can't or wouldn't prioritise).

2. allocate funds better,
such as Community
Infrastructure Levy (CIL),
subject to having a
neighbourhood plan.
Highcliffe = £50-70k p.a.

Longterm, if money raised
and spent well, and learning
from other councils,
perhaps Southbourne could
1 or 2 things a year to do.
Things like :

4. Invest in reducing
crime...feel safer, lower
home and car insurance?

5. make Southbourne a
better place to live...feel
good, higher house prices?

6. Support the most
vulnerable...e.g. helping the
elderly get pension credit &
winter fuel allowance
they're entitled to, and
volunteer driver scheme?

7. Make Sobo even better for
local businesses to
thrive...such as shop local,
employ local?

8. Help us be a green and
healthy community...for
better quality of life.
Or whatever the community
thinks best!

Practical issues:

The name & boundaries

How the “democratic voice” part works

Typical town council meetings.

Warding options



What's in a name?

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Could be: “Southbourne” or “Southbourne and Tuckton” or other suggestions

Could be: town, parish, neighbourhood, or community council

Cannot be Southbourne Parish Council – already exists in West Sussex!

The boundaries could change, but too small and admin costs high, too large and loses identity.

Suggested boundary of sea/stour/railway/Fishermans' walk, i.e. East Southbourne & Tuckton + West Southbourne wards. A very close match to BH6 area.

Democratic voice



Town Councillors are all volunteers - they are not paid.



They are elected for four years (*Except in 1st term, which is 5 years, to align with BCP elections).



Councillors can stand down early, and be replaced via by-election or co-option.



Assuming 12 councillors, that's about 1 cllr per 1,250 electors. Similar to Christchurch, (1:1,300) and Highcliffe 1:1,000. Exact number to be agreed.



The code of conduct for BCP Councillors would apply to town councillors to ensure probity and appropriate behaviour.



Typical town council meetings

(Based on what others typically do)

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Full council: every month or two. Main decisions.



Finance: budget, grant bidding, grant making, asset management.



Engagement : Comment on planning applications & consultations. Develop neighbourhood plan;
Communicate with residents (notice boards, leaflets, social media, emails etc);
Can lobby other bodies for changes.



Community initiatives: support, promote, co-ordinate. Huge variety across Dorset/UK, e.g. community safety, social events, organise volunteering like car drivers, litter picks, supporting local groups.



Environment: local and global. e.g climate action plans, supporting planting and bio-diversity, “in bloom” and reduce/re-use/recycle schemes etc.

Warding: options

“Warding” is when a local council area is sub divided, into wards. There are many permutations:

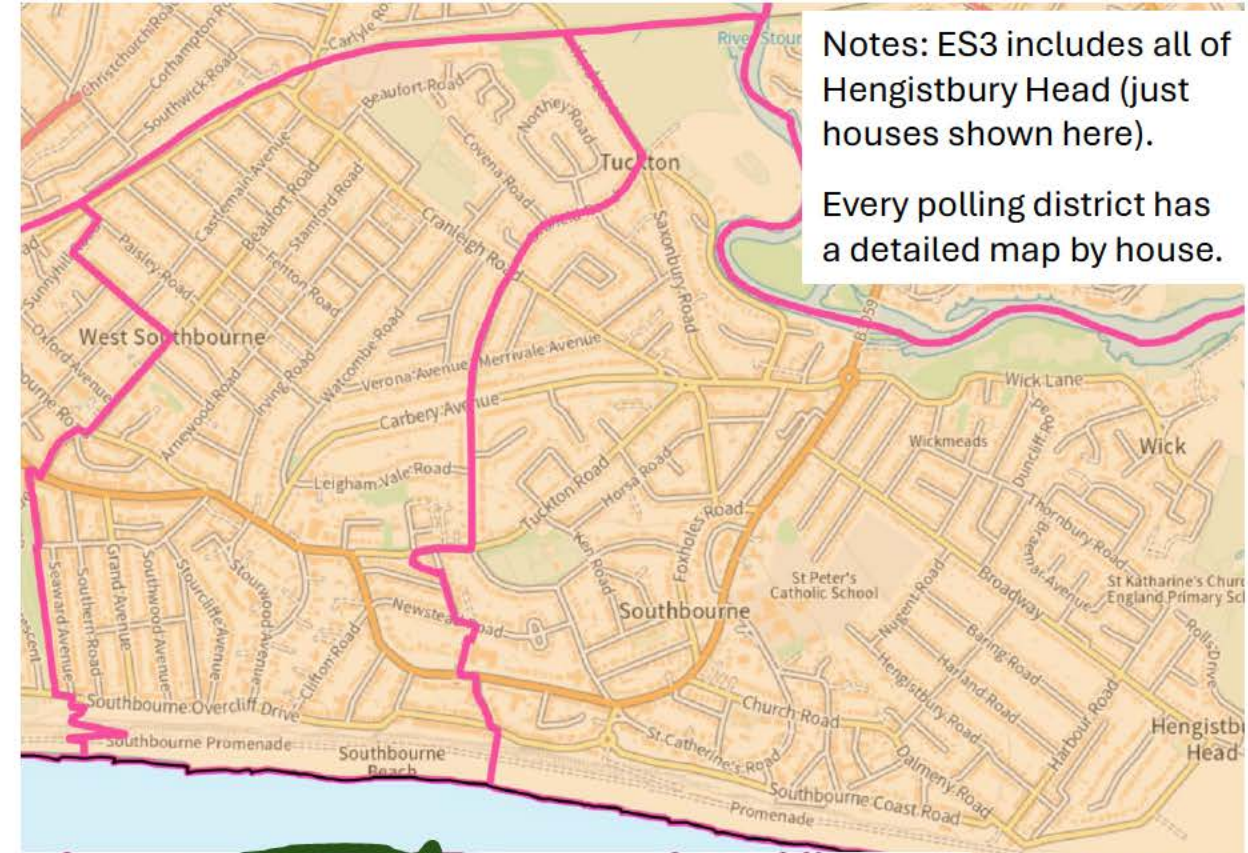
- a) Use current polling district (WS1-3, ES1-3) of about 2,500 electors each. If 12 councillors, then 2 per area. Too small?
- b) Sobo West ward, and East Southbourne & Tuckton ward, with 6 councillors each. Too big?
- c) Redraw polling districts for something different. Too complex?
- d) 3 areas, 4 councillors each: WS1+ES1 “Southbourne overcliff” WS2 & 3 “Beaufort” ES2 & 3 “Tuckton, Hengistbury & Wick”

Election maps: [Community Governance Review - Stage One Survey | Have Your Say Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole](#)

One preferred suggestion is needed for the submission.

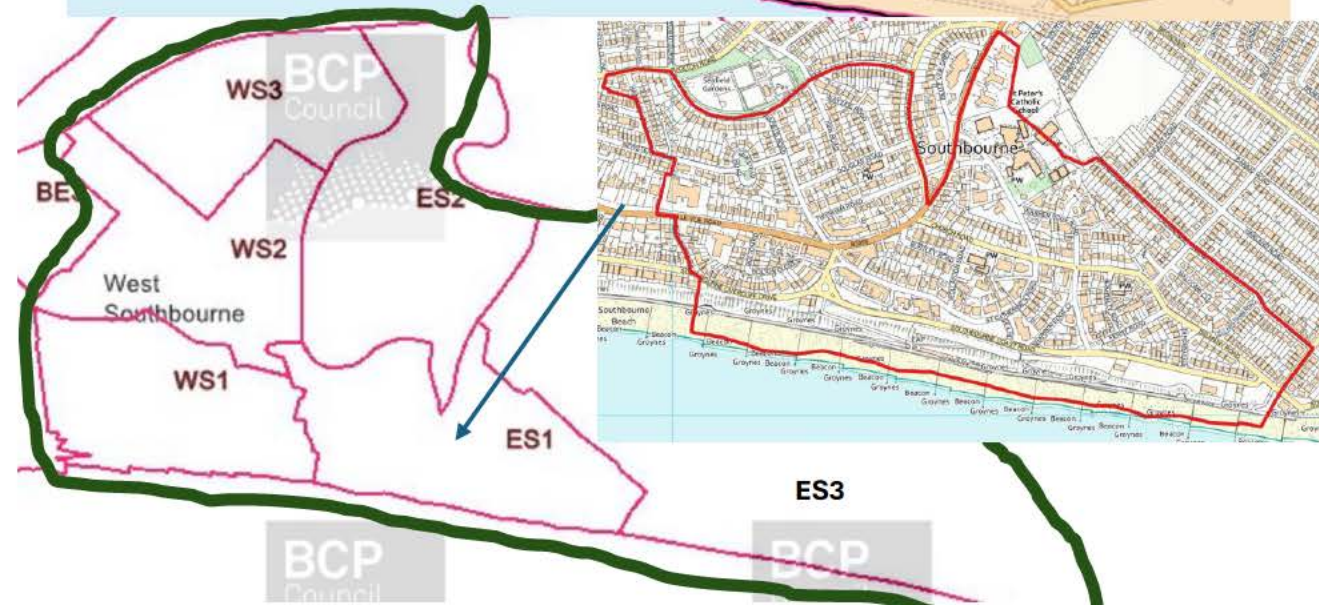
Candidates can come from:

- anywhere in the town council or within 3 miles of the boundary
- Must be on electoral register, or work in area.
- Can stand in any ward



Notes: ES3 includes all of Hengistbury Head (just houses shown here).

Every polling district has a detailed map by house.



Warding option

Southbourne Community Council			
		households	electors
ES 2&3	Tuckton, Hengistbury Head & Wick	3,040	5,062
WS 2&3	Beaufort	2,975	5,027
ES 1 & WS 1	Southbourne Overcliff	3,664	4,938
		Average	5,009
Ratio of cllrs to electorate			
4 cllrs per ward		per cllr	
	Tuckton, HH, Wick		1,266
	Beaufort		1,257
	Southbourne Coast		1,235



Discussion point: Boundaries are very clear for vast bulk of the map. However residents in parts of Boscombe East & Pokesdown ward, often refer to themselves as living in Southbourne. During future engagement stage, they could be asked whether joining is desirable. However for simplicity the assumption is they are not included.

Questions...

Councillors. Are there enough local, unpaid volunteers who want to do this? We need to evidence interest before setting up e.g. list of possible volunteers.

Don't we already have councillors? Yes, 76 councillors cover BCP responsibilities (£700m budget, 5,000 staff, legal duties etc). The 4 from Southbourne also have the role to champion our area in BCP, as well as our MP.

Councils. Is there overlap with BCP role? 10,000 local councils work with their “main council” (along with MPs, Mayors etc). See “what is a local council”

Would it be party political? Vast bulk of councillors on Dorset's 160 councils aren't from any party. (Perhaps local political parties could agree not to stand party candidates).

Cost. Is 20p - £2 per month range too much per household? Lowest income households get support. Need to gain views, but 20p cover core costs. £2 could raise estimated £200,000 per year, to support our community and local environment, plus any grants.

Is it value for money? Need to get views and work on a draft budget over 2025. Learning from other councils on what is good use of funds would help. Often these are very visible things, so an area feels looked after e.g play areas (see slides on using funds wisely).

BCP finances are stretched, so are we paying twice? No, as any cuts to services to balance the books are going to happen whether there's a town council or not. Some local councils *do* “top up” services (e.g. more cleaning) but that's their choice. BCP will always remain the main service provider and need to meet its' legal duties.

Need. There's lots of great things in Sobo already. Many are voluntary and work well without a town council. Is there a need? A town council can do unique things as a legal body, plus lots of optional things, if there's a will and focus. Learning from other councils, focusing on a small number of things that make an impact, tends to work well.

Why now? It's at least 10-15 years+ before another review and chance. So we might miss the boat...



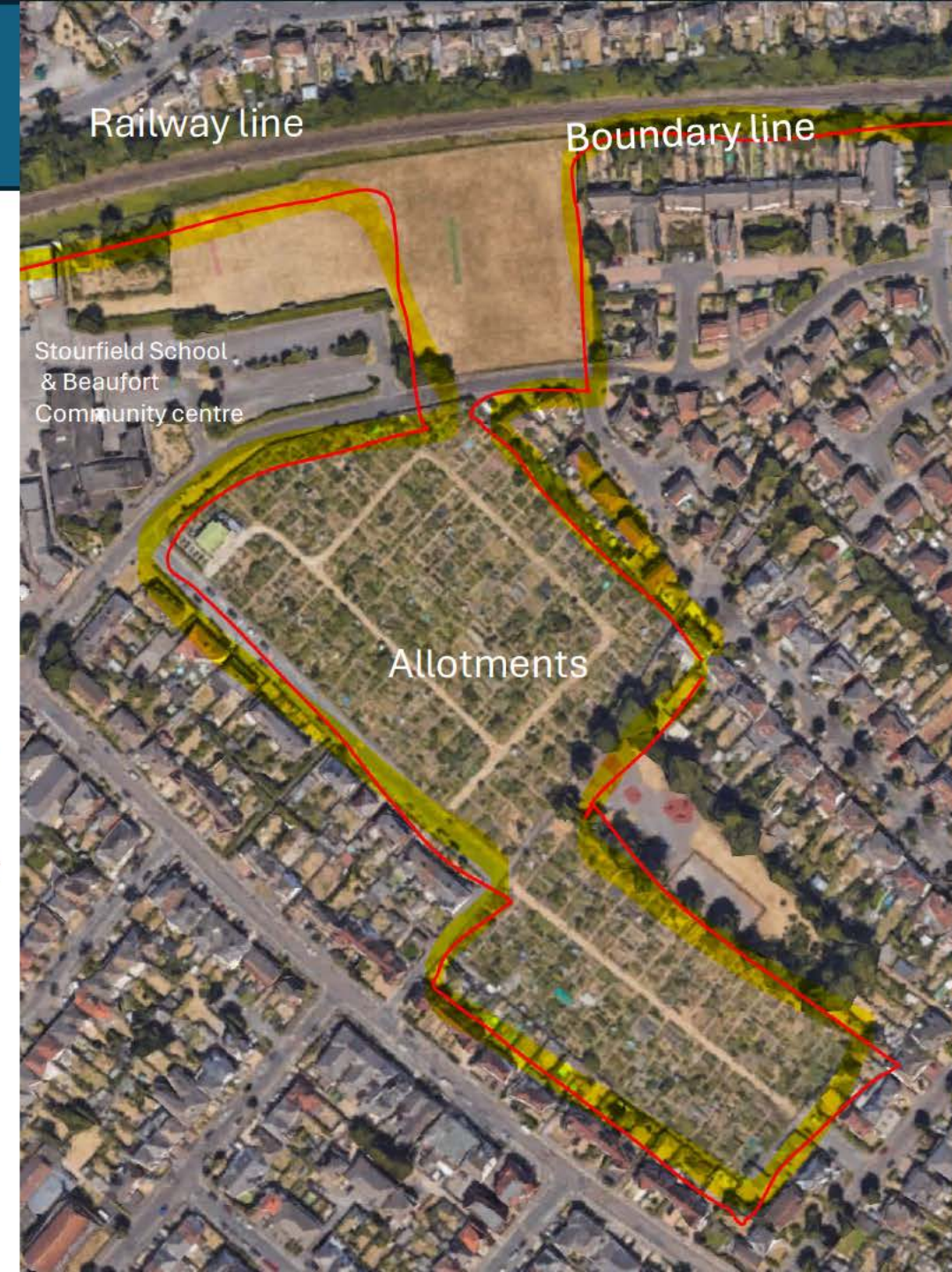
Allotments

- The legislation assumes a Parish Council would take over the landlord function of any allotment in its' boundary.
- Bournemouth East Allotment Society (BEAS) is a very successful, volunteer run organisation. BEAS leases the land from BCP. The arrangement works well. There is also a much smaller allotment at Merrivale.
- There seems little benefit, and a lot of legal work to transfer the landlord role. It creates issues like allotment allocation policy (as the Society serves Bournemouth East, and not just Southbourne).

Options


1. transfer land from BCP to Council, with BCP shifting resources and expertise to handle this, and cover any liabilities.
2. Draw the boundaries to exclude the BEAS area (see map). Then just to focus on Merrivale solution.
3. Community Council takes the landlord role, then immediately hands it back to BCP, to achieve status quo.

This is for discussion. There maybe other solutions.



Timetable

Taken from BCP website



Stage One – invite initial submissions	From 25 November 2024 to 19 January 2025	Publish draft consultation document and invite initial submissions/representations
Stage Two - consider initial submissions/representations received and prepare report for Full Council	From 20 January 2025 to 25 March 2025	Consider any submissions/representations made and prepare report of draft recommendations for Full Council
Stage Three - publish draft recommendations for further public consultation	From 31 March 2025 to 22 June 2025	Publish draft recommendations as agreed by Full Council, for further consultation with: all local government electors.
Stage Four – consider consultation responses and representations and make final recommendations to Full Council	From 23 June 2025 to 14 October 2025	Consider any further submissions/representations and prepare final report of final recommendations for Full Council
Publish final recommendations as agreed by Full Council	October/November 2025	Publish final recommendations as agreed by Full Council and make necessary Orders.

Finally, how and when will the decision be made?

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- Much more information: [Community Governance Review - Stage One Survey | Have Your Say Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole](#) including video.

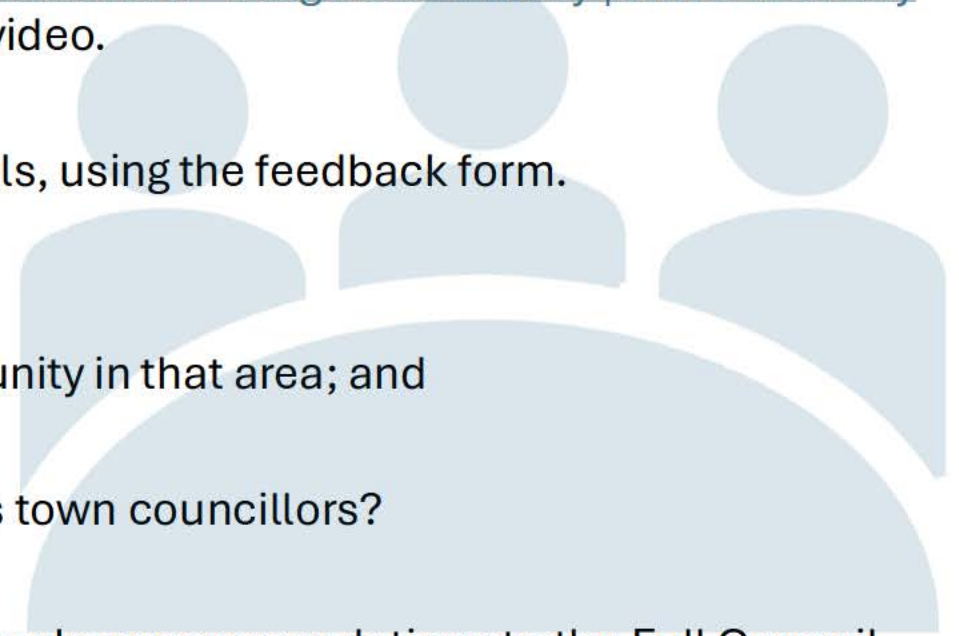
- Initial submission by local groups and individuals, using the feedback form.

Evidence needing to be gathered includes:

- Reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and
- Be effective and convenient, plus
- are people expressing interest they may stand as town councillors?

- Evidence reviewed by BCP working group, who make recommendations to the Full Council, who vote on this in Oct/Nov 2025.

- If approved Southbourne Town Council could start in Spring 2026, with elections in May. The first term would be five years, to align it with BCP elections, which then happen every four years.



If you do want a community council, what's next?

1. Local groups to support initial submission.
2. ⁵¹⁷ Individuals can write in. All before January 19th

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3. To gather a list of names of people who would consider being a town councillor (starting May 2026).
4. To propose the boundary, “warding” and council name (to be developed and consulted on over 2025).
5. To form a volunteer “working group” that BCP can liaise with, through stages 1-4



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Unique Number	49
Name / Organisation	Viewpoint Residents' Association & Neighbourhood Watch (VPRA)
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Viewpoint Residents' Association & Neighbourhood Watch (VPRA)
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Parkstone
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council website Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
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Uploaded Maps	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Parkstone has a long history, distinctive character, and was for many years a separate village, not joined with Poole. This can be evidenced from The Parkstone Reminder, 'Looking Back' by Iris Morris and 'Parkstone-on-Sea' by Jeremy Waters. The proposed area covers most of the ecclesiastical Parish of St. Peter's Parkstone.</p> <p>With regard to being effective and convenient, a Parish Council would:</p>

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	<p>a) improve and strengthen community engagement. It would be able to ensure more effective and convenient delivery of local services for the residents</p> <p>b) as a consultee on planning issues, Parkstone Parish Council would be better placed to advise BCP Council on proposed developments more suitable for local residents, and which would not just become second homes for 'out-of-towners'</p> <p>c) Parkstone Parish Council would negotiate on keeping public areas clean and tidy, and foster community activities on Ashley Cross Green, Whitecliff and Baiter Park</p> <p>d) It would preserve the central Conservation area of Ashley Cross, and</p> <p>e) it would promote the transition of the North Road Playing Fields into a Local Nature Reserve.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
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Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parkstone Parish Council 2. See Q6 - 1 above 2. See Q6 - 2 above 3. Parkstone Parish Council 4. 9 (2 per polling district and 1 for the Conservation area) 5. See Q6 - 6 above
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	See Q7 above See Q7 above
Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	

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<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	
<p>Uploaded Maps</p>	
<p>Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?</p>	<p>Viewpoint Residents Association has canvassed our members (60/70 households within the PS1 and PS2 polling districts), plus other residents outside the VPRA area and we have received considerable support to pursue this application. We have also involved our Parkstone Councillors, Emily Harman and Crispin Goodall, Dorset Lakes Community which is on our boundary, South Poole Chairs Liaison Group and Poole Quays Forum. We have also contacted other BCP local Councilors and residents' associations for their input/comments.</p>
<p>Please tell us your full postcode.</p>	BH14 0PD

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Wallisdown
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other, please specify below newsletter from libdems
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	Split the bcp,so poole town council is separate and has its own power.
Uploaded Maps	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	As it is poole does not have enough power in the decision making process.
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	I just want poole to be separated from Bournemouth an Christchurch. And poole to have it's own power.

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	Poole will make it's own decisions as it used to do for the people.
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	Poole should be a parish and have it own power.
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	It will help get things done quicker in Poole If it's seperate.
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	The BCP should be disbanded and each have there own power and make there own decisions.
Please tell us your full postcode.	Bh125dr

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Kings Park
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other, please specify below Area Forum
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	You've not carried one out for a long time, beyond what is required. Therefore I imagine it's not that important
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	If you are going to make new parishes, please consider the impact on those who live at the edges. Using the centre of main roads as a boundary doesn't make sense to communities. Instead, draw boundaries through the middle of green spaces, or through low residential density areas. This way you won't split natural communities. This is particularly important in places currently on town boundaries such as Wallisdown Road, or Wimborne Road.

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Friars Cliff
How did you find out about this engagement?	Word of mouth
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Yes
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Yes
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Yes

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>BCP is an artificial construct with ward, parliamentary constituency and parish boundaries that don't reflect how people live and which cut across each other. This review is an important opportunity to remedy some of this. I'd like to see the Charter Trust areas broken up into 'parishes' (I'd favour calling these Community Councils) built around urban centre like high streets and public facilities so that they have a geographic heart and can develop an identity of their own.</p> <p>In areas with historic parish boundaries these should be reshaped to create communities, again with a heart and feeling of being a place. Ideally these Community Councils should be roughly similar in populations and reflect the natural communities that we already have.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Combining Burton and Grange with Mudeford, Stanpit and West Highcliffe wards would create a community of approx. 19500 population which could become a coherent community with cooperation between councilors and inhabitants.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	<p>Yes, see previous comments.</p>

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5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	The parishes no longer have relevance to the way we live. Mudeford church is a ruin.
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Yes
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	Get inhabitants to suggest and debate names for the new Community Council
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	<p>I'd like to see an entirely new structure of community councils, with the emphasis on creating communities with a sense of place that people can identify with.</p>
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	<p>BCP, reduce councillors to ≈ 25.</p>

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<p>1. The name of the council</p> <p>2. What the new number of councillors should be</p> <p>3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors</p>	Community Councils in total ≈ 60.
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. What the number of wards should be</p> <p>2. What you feel the ward names should be, and;</p> <p>3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.</p>	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <p>1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.</p>	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	<p>This is a huge opportunity to reshape BCP into a series of communities with their own identities that can become neighbourhoods people can identify with and have a greater feeling of belonging. Please rise to the challenge. BCP is the largest conurbation in the south west, but feel people identify their homes with it. You have a chance to transform how it feels to live here.</p>

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Unique Number	53
Name / Organisation	Friends of Bourne Community Group formerly Bourne Big Local
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Friends of Bourne Community Group formerly Bourne Big Local
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Alderney
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>The area we have chosen is 'Alderney and Bourne Valley' ward which encompasses AB1 through to AB6a polling districts. The proposed area is a natural fit for a parish council and representative of the community we live and function in.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>This community is an area of deprivation but Bourne Big Local (BBL) is a strong community group that fights for and represents it. Friends of Bourne is BBL's legacy group and as such will uphold and follow the same beliefs and ethos as BBL. BBL worked within BH12 4 but the outlined proposal encompasses a wider area to establish a strong and functioning parish council.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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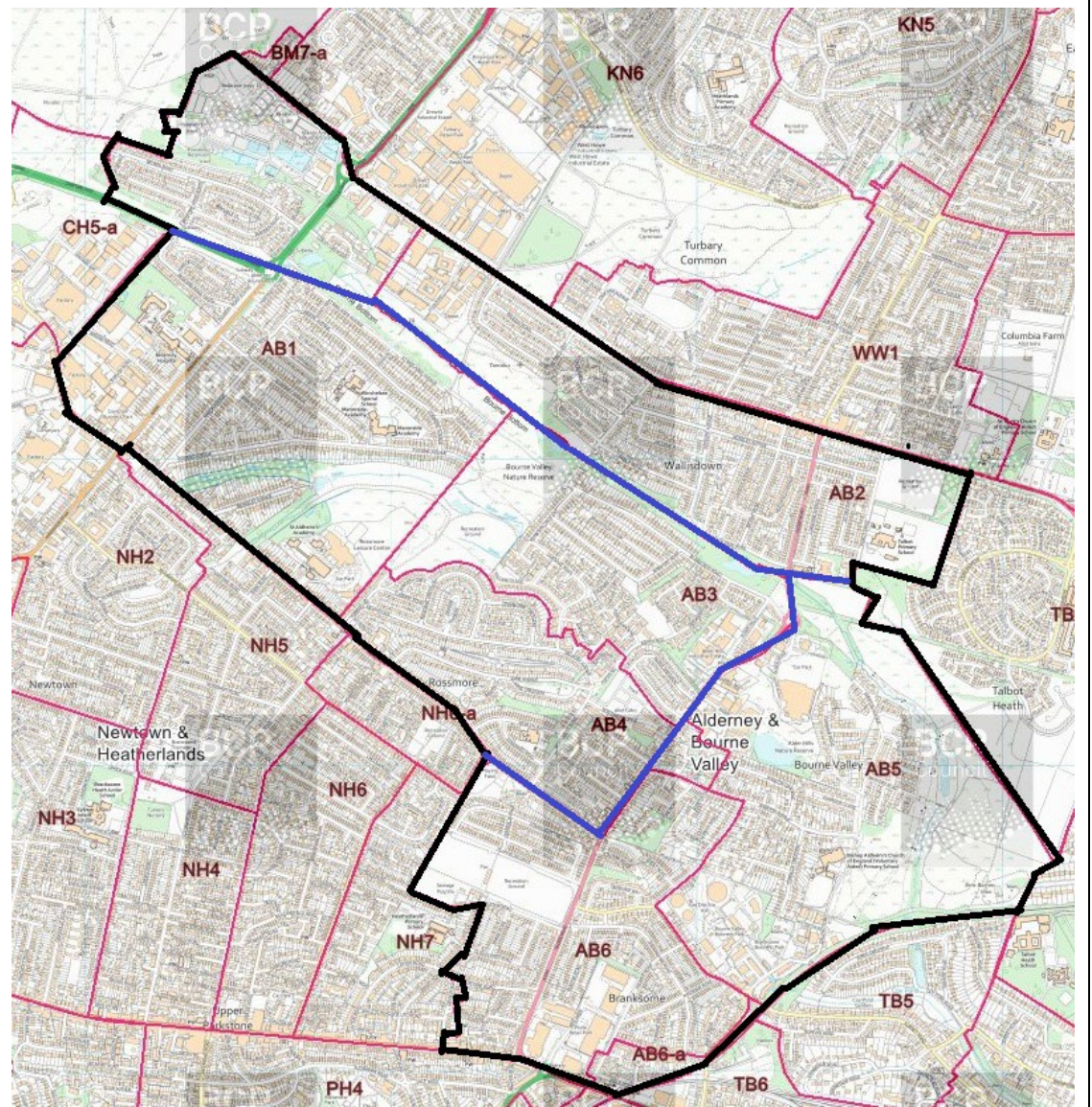
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council. If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?	Yes
If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	From the map attached our suggestion would be to separate the current Alderney and Bourne Valley ward into 3 separate parish wards. This is only a suggestion and we are more than happy to reassess this if the parish becomes a reality. As to names and number of councillors we would seek further guidance in order to make such decisions.
Please also tell us: 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH12 4DR

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Unique Number	54
Name / Organisation	Bernadette Nanovo (Southbourne, Wick and Tuckton residents group)
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Councillor
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Southbourne, Wick and Tuckton residents group
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Southbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media BCP Council website Word of mouth Councillor My area also covers Tuckton, Wick and Hengistbury Head
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes

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b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	
d) combining two or more existing parishes	
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>We believe that West Southbourne and East Southbourne and Tuckton wards could be joined together to form Southbourne Town Council using the current ward boundary of West Southbourne unless it is considered down the line that other streets could be added to the Southbourne area, but this may complicate matters.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>West Southbourne Ward and East Southbourne and Tuckton Ward have demographic diversity, however, in joining both Council Wards together in a town council we could share one administrator and keep the precept low while still giving the Town Council some additional funding for local projects; play parks, sports clubs etc.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 	

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<p>2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below)</p> <p>3. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together</p> <p>2. Details of your proposals</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p>	

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<p>3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group</p> <p>4. Whether the group should have a council</p> <p>5. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	Yes
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	This review has been very rushed coming together with the devolution issue and Christmas. Councillors have not had nearly enough time to explain how

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	<p>Town/Parish councils work and do full presentations at public meetings as many meetings did not take place in December and some January meetings were also postponed due to the holiday season. What we have had to do instead is give as many residents as possible a quick snapshot of how Town Councils work and assure them that at the next stage, there will be much more information put forward to them. Working with Southbourne Forum, we have arranged a full presentation for Hengistbury Head Residents Association at the beginning of February and plan on arranging a much larger public meeting in Southbourne Grove also.</p>
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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Ensbury Park
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Library
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
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c) combining parts of existing parishes	
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	Not sure / don't know
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Please tell us your full postcode.	BH10 4HP

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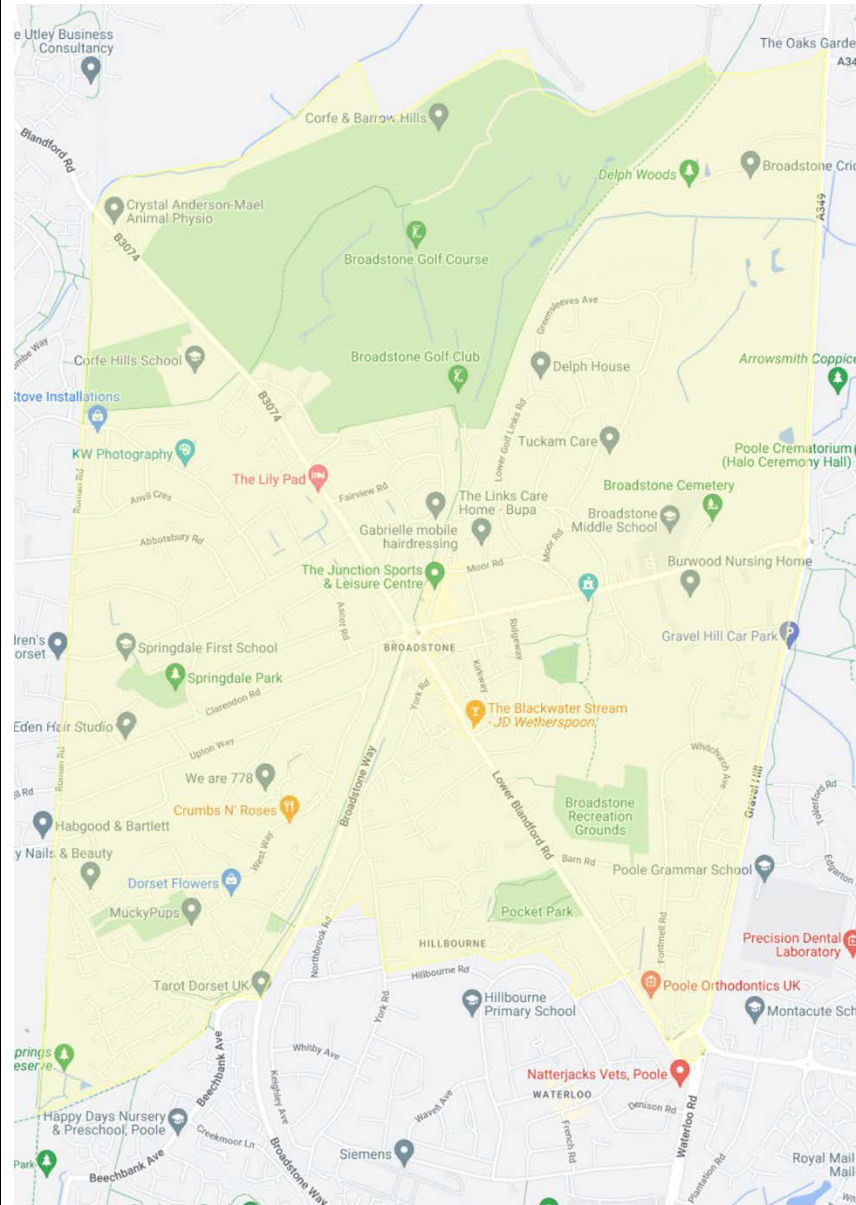
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Name / Organisation	Peter Sidaway (Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum)
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation* A BCP Councillor
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Broadstone
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Within the proposed area, there is the Broadway, the retail and business focus for the community. Surrounding this central area are many community facilities, such as the Library, the Youth Club, the Royal British Legion, the Community Centre, main Churches and various halls supporting community activities such as choirs, horticultural society and many more. The community of Broadstone comes together for our local events such as the Musical Markets, the Fun Day/Rock on the Rec and the Christmas Parade. The proposal for a Town council will provide the best opportunity for residents to be involved in local decision making and to ensure the continued identity of Broadstone and its community. This will be made even clearer following the proposed Government devolution. It is more important than ever that communities like Broadstone do not feel disenfranchised because they are so far away from decision making. A Town council will provide the opportunity to make local decisions for local people.</p>
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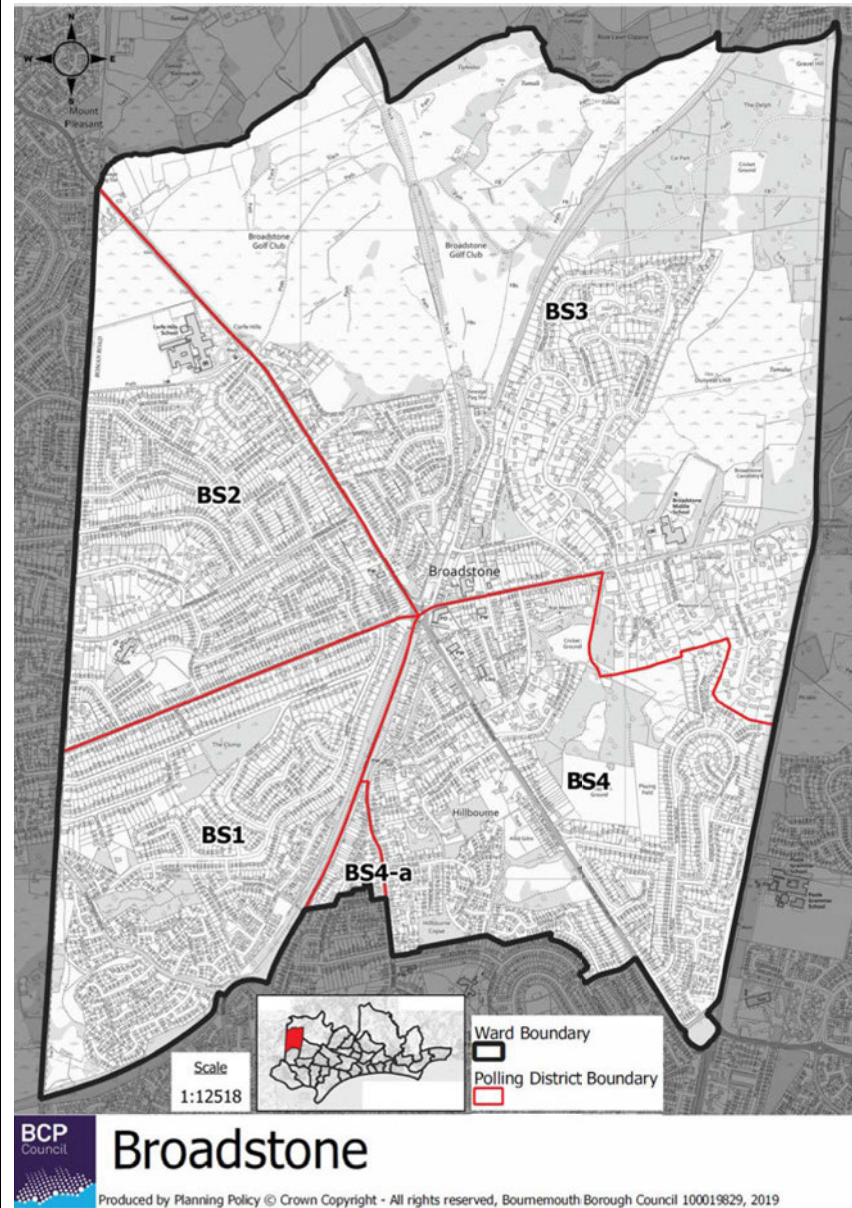
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>We have covered that under question 7 but I have repeated that answer here for completeness: Within the proposed area, there is the Broadway, the retail and business focus for the community. Surrounding this central area are many community facilities, such as the Library, the Youth Club, the Royal British Legion, the Community Centre, main Churches and various halls supporting community activities such as choirs, horticultural society and many more.</p> <p>The community of Broadstone comes together for our local events such as the Musical Markets, the Fun Day/Rock on the Rec and the Christmas Parade.</p> <p>The proposal for a Town council will provide the best opportunity for residents to be involved in local decision making and to ensure the continued identity of Broadstone and its community. This will be made even clearer following the proposed Government devolution.</p>

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	We would be a new Town Council so I have ignored the questions that relate to existing parishes.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH18 8DU

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Name / Organisation	Poole Labour Party
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Poole Labour Party
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Poole Town
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
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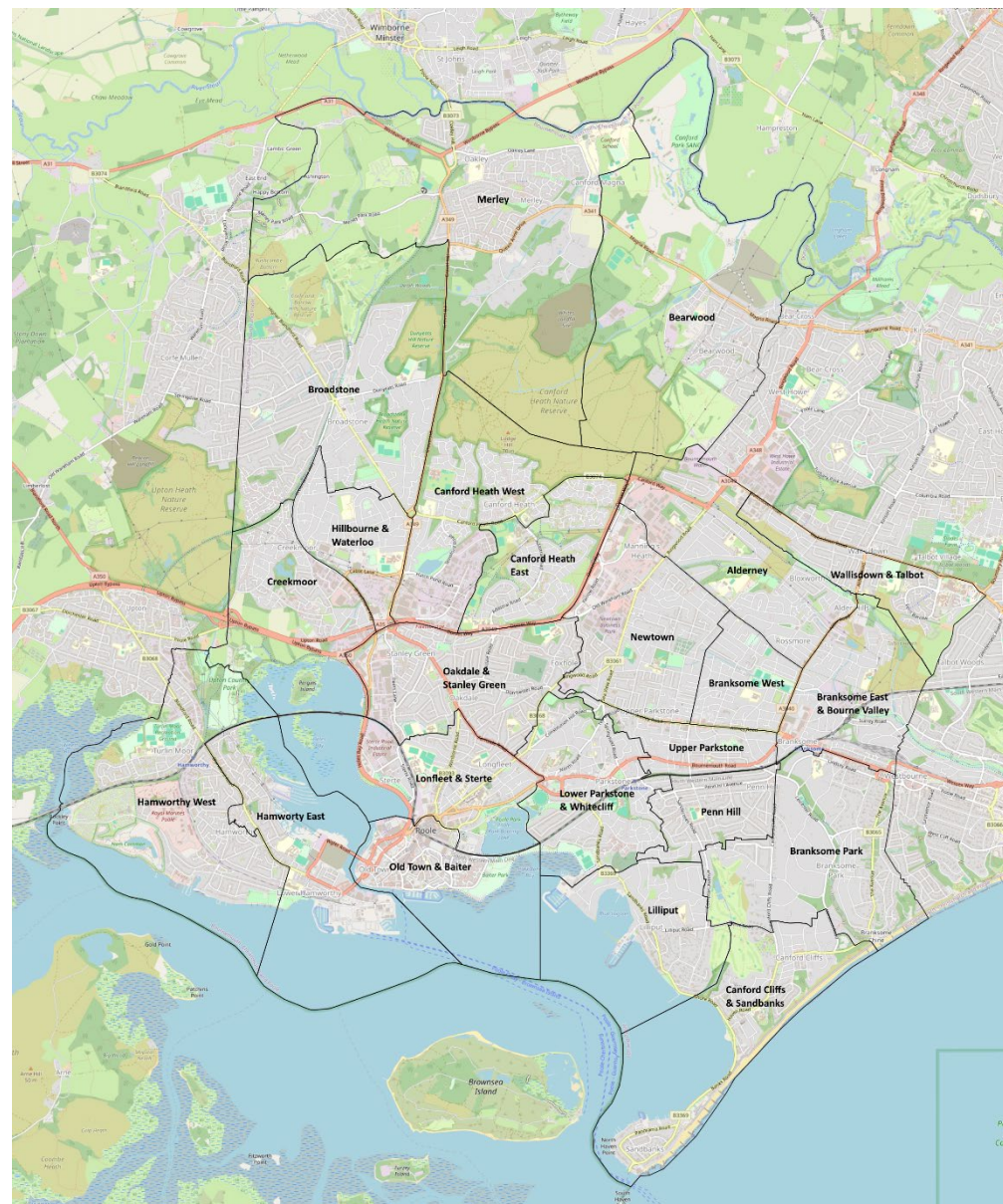
	<p>aspects of Poole's historical identity, but we do not feel that the powers legally available to charter trustees are sufficient to maintain the identity of a town with such a rich historical background. Despite the hundreds of years of history behind our Mayoralty, Poole currently has no base for the Mayor and nowhere to display historic property. We feel this is clear evidence of the lack of priority given to Poole's historic identity since local government reorganisation. We note that parts of the BCP area are already parished, and it is our perception that these areas have a clear advantage over Poole in terms of democratic representation.</p> <p>3. The Parish name should be "Poole"</p> <p>4. Yes</p> <p>5. The parish should be styled as a town with a Town Council</p> <p>6. The borough would be divided into new electoral wards which would elect councillors to Poole Town Council. We have developed proposals for this warding. These wards have been designed to reflect communities across Poole, including those not recognised by current BCP council wards. Please see the attached map. Exact wards and boundaries should be decided based on input from people and groups from these communities and other relevant data. In line with other Town Councils across the country, we should aim to maintain a notably lower ratio of electors to councillors compared to that of BCP Council, which currently has about 3900 residents per councillor. Our proposal will create a town Council for an area with a significantly larger population than the vast majority of town and parish councils. For this reason, we feel that the NALC's guidance maximum of 25 councillors should not apply. We have put together proposals for 23 wards with a range of 1 to 3 councillors per ward and a total of 40 councillors. See answer to Q22 'Details of Wards' for list of proposed wards and number of councillors for each, as well as the attached map. This works out as approximately 3100 electors per councillor. As a comparison, Weymouth Town Council has a ratio of 1600. Whatever decisions are eventually made regarding wards and councillor numbers, we ask that the highest practicable level of representation is maintained, in terms</p>
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	of the elector to councillor ratio, and also that of the different localities. They should be matched by wards as much as possible. In the case of two or more needing to be combined into one ward, the name of the ward should ideally reflect both/all of them.
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Replacing Poole Charter Trustees with a more powerful and democratic body will allow residents from across the historic borough to continue to partake in the civic functions of Poole including the mayoralty, as well as taking on wider responsibilities for local matters that are specific to Poole, such as making representations about planning and supporting local events. A Town Council for the whole of Poole, rather than separate parishes for different neighbourhoods will provide a tax base large enough to allow the new council to actively improve Poole Town Centre which people across the whole of Poole frequent as their local town centre, as well as other more local centres within our town. A town council that meets in Poole will be more convenient and accessible for local residents, helping to increase democratic engagement. Because the town council will have considerably less responsibility than BCP council, becoming a councillor will be accessible to a wider section of the community. Since the abolition of Poole Borough Council, there's been a perception of a muddying of the waters of what is Poole. Increasing numbers of residents of Poole find themselves allocated to the Bournemouth West parliamentary constituency, and many are now in council wards which straddle the borders of Poole and Bournemouth. This can cause confusion or even a feeling of displacement for people who've always considered themselves residents of Poole (or vice-verse for residents of Bournemouth). Poole Town Council would redesignate Poole and end the blurring of the lines between the two. Poole has a rich history that is distinct from Bournemouth's. It has a strong and proud civic identity, with its own flag with a design dating back centuries. We also have a number of major businesses and organisations based in Poole. The RNLI, Sunseeker, and Lush are national brands. And while the whole of BCP has interest in tourism, Poole has a very specific offer in terms of history, water sports and access to Purbeck across our amazing natural harbour. A local town council could also allow a closer relationship between democratic representatives, local</p>

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	businesses and voluntary organisations within Poole and ensure this distinct identity is used to benefit our residents and those across BCP.
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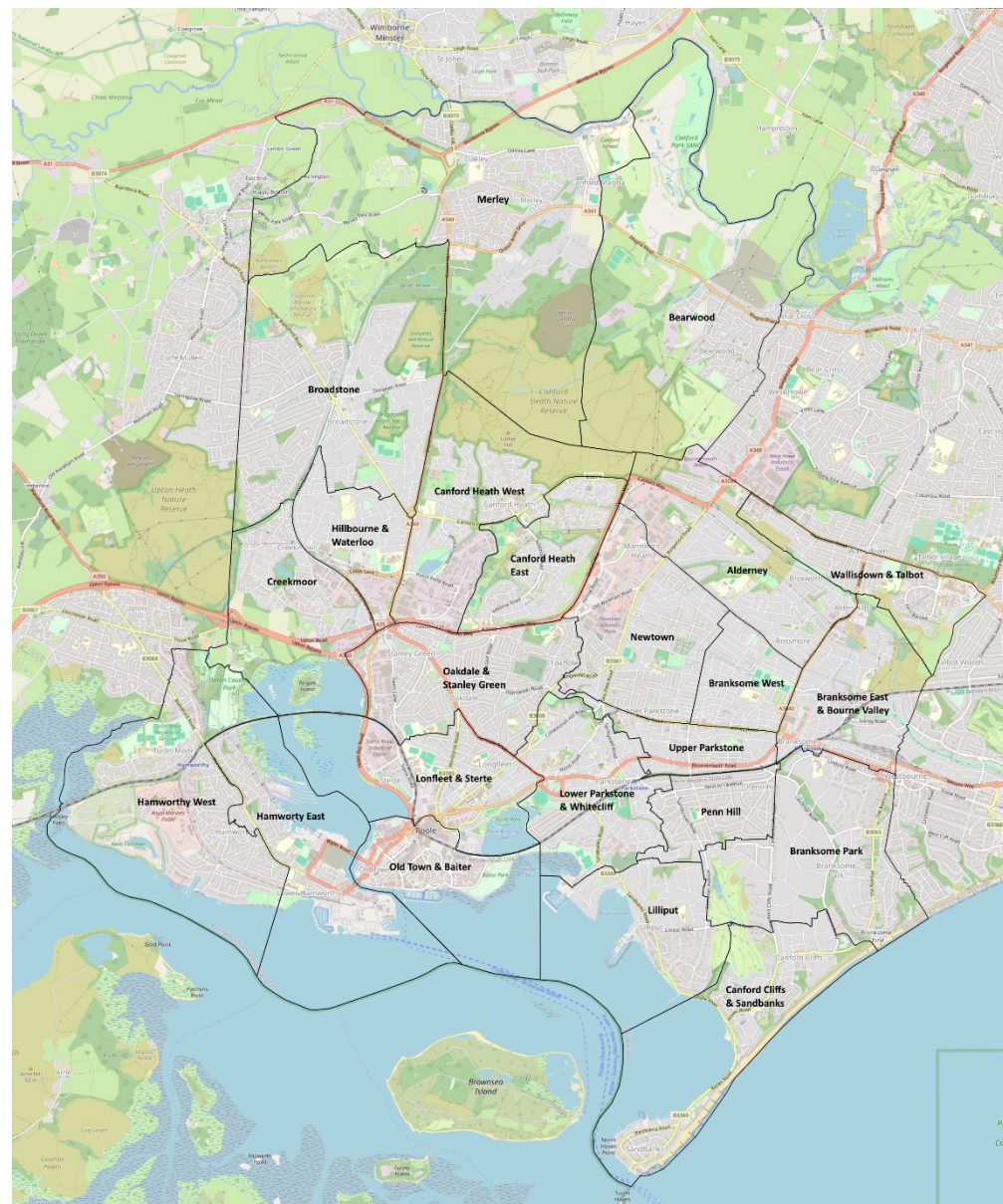
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<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please see the attached map for the boundaries of our proposed Parish wards. 2. We feel it is very important that the wards represent the different communities across Poole and have a suitable ratio of electors per councillor to make it local. Using BCP council wards, may seem more convenient, but these wards are large and using them will miss an opportunity to engage more closely with the different communities within Poole. It does not make sense to have wards that are larger than those we had before BCP, for a council that is at the most local level. We've used existing polling districts for our proposed wards as much as possible. There were, however, a number of places where

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	<p>it was not otherwise possible to define a ward fairly, or where it was necessary to keep a community together. We recognise that there may be some inconvenience in implementing our proposal. But we feel that in the longer term it will make sense to local residents and improve democratic engagement.</p> <p>3. People are more likely to participate with smaller wards that more accurately represent their local areas which they identify with. Many areas are not specifically recognised by current BCP wards, being included in large wards named after a different area. Others are divided between them. Lilliput, despite being a well-recognised and not especially large area, is divided between the 3 wards of Penn Hill, Canford Cliffs and Parkstone, with one boundary going almost right through the centre. Smaller wards also makes campaigning more appealing to the average person for whom, for example, the prospect of having to knock on too large a number of doors is off-putting.</p>
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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Bournemouth Town
How did you find out about this engagement?	Word of mouth
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	No
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No
d) combining two or more existing parishes	No

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	Important that the local views and values of a community have an opportunity to be represented. If a local parish council strengthens the voice of the local community .. I see this as an opportunity.
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	Hopefully reflect the diversity of the area, and gives a voice to the community whose views are not being heard
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Name / Organisation	Wallisdown, Winton West & Ensbury Park Area Forum
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Wallisdown, Winton West & Ensbury Park Area Forum
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Ensbury Park
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Council's social media Other social media BCP Council website Press release BCP Library Bournemouth Echo Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
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Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes

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b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Not sure/Don't know
c) combining parts of existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
d) combining two or more existing parishes	Not sure/Don't know
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<p>We don't have a formal area to propose, but envisage being part of a wider 'North Bournemouth' Parish/community council. We are open to what that might be, however we would very much like to be a part of it.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>Several Local 'wards' have moved around in previous years, the name of Ensbury Park for example being eliminated. We also recognise that various parts of the ward, and community may feel a stronger tie to others- for those West of Kinson Road,, they may feel more Kinson, or even Wallisdown/Alderney. Whilst East of Boundary road, may feel more Winton. We wouldn't want the ward to be divided unless it was felt strongly as this area forum reflects this ward. However it may be felt beneficial for Community/parish councils. There is a strong tie to Redhill/Northbourne in the Ensbury Park part of the ward, there is a strong one to Moordown in another, Winton in another. It is not a ward that has naturally defined boundaries.</p>

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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	Not sure / don't know

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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	
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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	<p>Our North Bournemouth vision, should have wards reflective of communities.</p>
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary 2. The reasons for your proposals 	<p>N/A</p>

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3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Apologies for the lack of detail!
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH10 4FB

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Name / Organisation	Poole Quays Forum
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Poole Quays Forum
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Poole Town
How did you find out about this engagement?	Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
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	<p>E) PQF Members feel that the BCP council does not provide the level of services that they require. PQF Members feel that a more “local” council would be more likely to be effective and convenient and fulfil their requirements</p> <p>F) Poole has lost its sense of identity which is not just a suburb of Bournemouth.</p> <p>G) It appears that Christchurch with its Town Council has more effective control over services, governance and identity than Poole. All parts of the BCP area should have a similar council structure</p> <p>3 The proposed parish name - POOLE TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p>4 Whether the parish/es should have a council – YES</p> <p>5 Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style -NO</p> <p>6 What electoral arrangements should apply The ordinary year of elections. Election arrangements to match BCP electoral arrangements</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>A) Poole has a long history and tradition dating back to the Charter of 1248 and the Great Charter of 1568. Poole has a distinct maritime history based on the Port of Poole and stretching back to its status as a Port of Staple in 1433, It has a very different identity to Bournemouth and a new council will be able to enhance that separate identity.</p> <p>B) The new Poole Town Council should inherit the Historic Mayoralty and Admiral of the Port of Poole, revive the traditions, and help to generate a revived pride in our town.</p> <p>C) Poole has a recognisable and distinct modern identity and “brand” internationally, especially with its maritime industries and the Port of Poole and the RNLI, Lush and Sunseeker based here, plus the speedway, sailing and Poole beaches, heathland and parks. A new Poole Town Council will be able to promote the town based on its distinct identity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be effective and convenient

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	<p>A) A new Poole Town Council would improve and strengthen community engagement. The new Poole Town Council will be able to ensure more effective and convenient delivery of local services and that the local population get the services that they want.</p> <p>B) The new Poole Town Council will take over the planning role of the Poole Quays Forum. As Consultee on planning issues, Poole Town Council would build on the excellent work of PQF in highlighting what the existing community want from development in the area</p> <p>C) Poole Town Council could negotiate to take on keeping town and district centres tidy, secure Hamworthy paddling pool and facilities in other parks, look to support Christmas lights and events in the town and district areas.</p> <p>D) It would meet in Poole, which would be more accessible and convenient for participation in democracy. As a larger parish/town council the overheads of clerk and other officers would be minimised.</p>
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>No</p>

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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the council 2. What the new number of councillors should be 3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors 	
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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Five as the existing BCP wards 2 - Ward names to match the existing BCP wards 3 - 2 or 3 to match the existing BCP ward councillor numbers depending on size
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	<p>The draft of this submission has been circulated to all members of PQF and there has not been any negative feedback. It has also been circulated to local councillors and organisations. All the responses have been to confirm that a Poole Town Council should be formed. Whilst there is overwhelming support for the principle of a Poole Town Council there is some debate over the size of the Poole Town Council area. The local Poole Town Councillors advocate a larger Poole Town Council area because it would be more effective and cost efficient. They are particularly concerned about the future of the existing Poole Town Mayoralty. On the other hand, there are some organisations that would prefer a smaller Poole Town Council with their own local area forming its own parish council. Such organisations will make their own submission to the consultation. There is universal concern that this consultation has been rushed through over the Christmas /New Year period and at a time when the future role of BCP council is uncertain. With such a restricted consultation period some local organisations will not be able to make a submission to the review. In discussions with members there is confusion caused by the impact of the central government policy for larger regional authorities on the outcome of this consultation on town/Parish councils.</p>
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH15 1NB

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Name / Organisation	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	Not sure/Don't know
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	None at present,
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH4 9LN

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Westbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	Word of mouth
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
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Name / Organisation	[REDACTED] (Boscombe Forum)
Which of these best describes you?	A community group or organisation*
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Forum
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Boscombe
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
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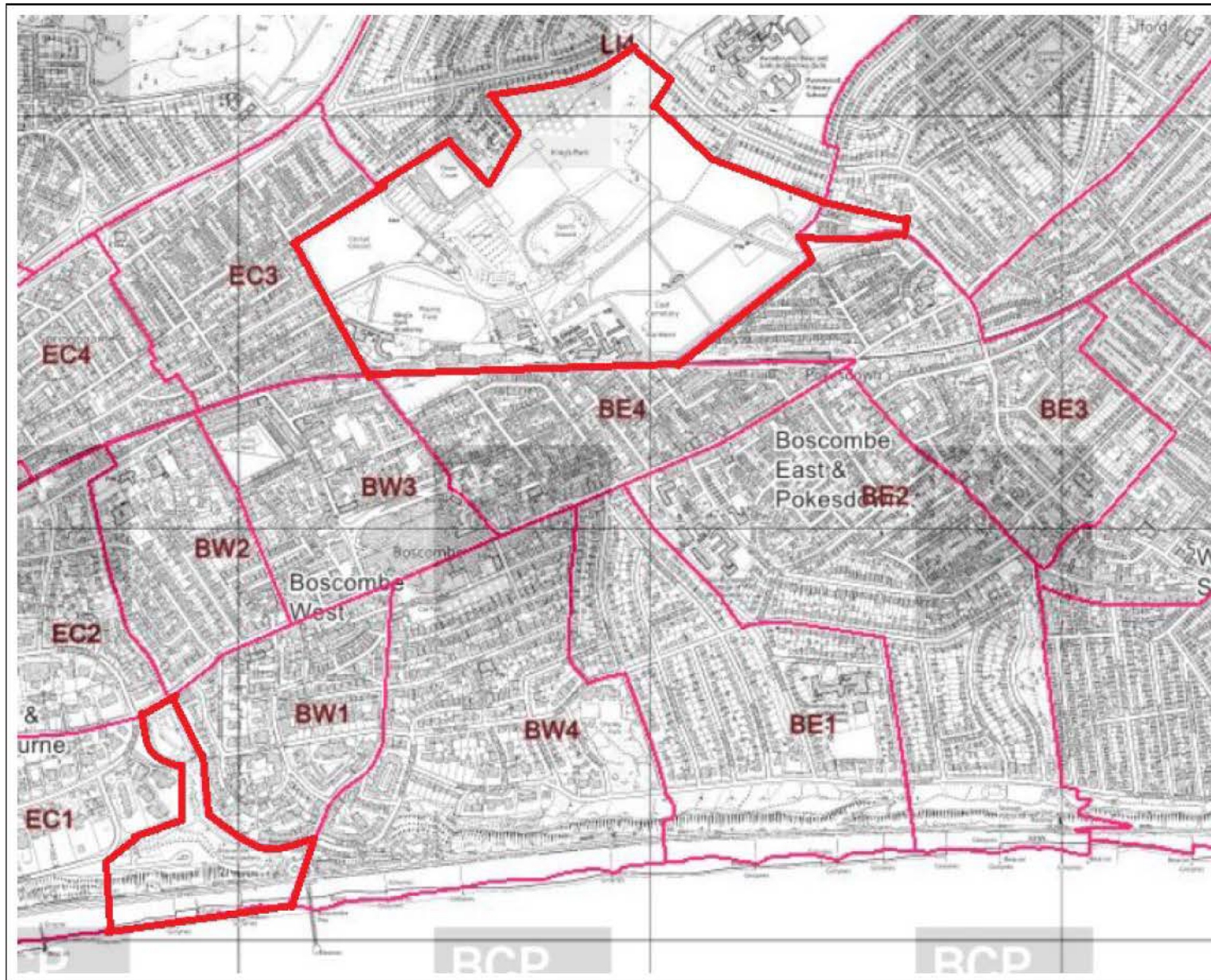
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	<p>is felt that oversight on this provision is very important especially as the only remaining sizeable car park in Boscombe will now be the privately owned sovereign centre car park. Bournemouth football club was established in Boscombe and was originally called Boscombe FC. Kings Park historically was seen as a Boscombe Park.</p> <p>The Recently closed Kings Park Nursery in EC2 ward is also included in the attached map for inclusion. Residents are concerned at the closure and oversight of this site would be beneficial. Also shown on the map for inclusion is an area currently in EC1 which is Boscombe Chine Gardens and the Car Park above, Boscombe Chine Gardens is very much a part of the Original make-up of the area and part of the tourist attraction and valued by local residents, it provides the pleasant stroll to the Pier and has won Boscombe many awards, the Car Park above on Monkey Island services the Park as well as access to the Beach and Pier and is a valuable resource for Boscombe's Tourism offer.</p> <p>Boscombe Forum was established over 12 years ago to create a strong community voice for Boscombe, it covered the areas of East and West Boscombe and was endorsed and funded by the Council. It has always been a busy and well supported forum. In 2015 it was decided to do a neighbourhood plan for Boscombe, the area was defined and consulted on and an extensive body of research and consultation took place leading to 11 new planning policies and other aspirations of the community and was voted on in 2019, the vote saw a 93% Yes and the plan was adopted. Following this work a successful bid was made by the council for over £20 million pounds for town centre improvements to benefit the community and housing, this is currently underway with the works due to be completed by 2026, the TOWNS FUND has strong community involvement and several Forum members sit on the board. Discussions within the committee group have felt that the advantage outweigh the disadvantages of having a Community Council, particularly relevant would be a stronger voice in planning decisions enabling the wishes of the community and the soon to be updated neighbourhood plan</p>
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	<p>to be better represented and enable more formal discussions and decisions. Also relevant would be legacy issues from the towns fund where money has been invested in the sports centre in kings park (ex-Bowling club), the new and much anticipated community centre and town housing in the High Street area, as well as the other projects which have been funded. The community has put a lot of effort into helping inform the Town Centre through forums and the wider community and through voluntary time and effort. It is felt that it is very important that a strong legacy is built and a community council would be good for this.</p> <p>Also, the economic prosperity is very important and to continue the work to unite the high street and the sea front and the area's prosperity for its businesses and residents are also important.</p>
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>As identified above the areas of Boscombe East and west are well established through the activity of the Boscombe Forum and the Pokesdown Community Forum, the neighbourhood Plan defined the area for the purposes of the Plan, there was initially some small concerns from a few residents at the most eastern end of BE3 on the way down the hill towards Iford, but after a public meeting detailing the benefits of having a plan the residents agreed.</p> <p>It is convenient to use these established areas, the polling areas reflect different aspects of the area and representation according to the polling areas would be effective in representing different aspects of our community. The southern areas of Boscombe represent the original Landed Estates of Henry Drummond-Wolfe (BW1), Sir Percy Shelley (BW4) and The Earl of Portman (BE1/BE2) and showcase the Establishment of the area as a Spa Town as the estates slowly sold their land for housing between 1880 and 1940 and still retains 2 of the original Manor Houses.,</p> <p>BW2 comprises large Victorian villas around Walpole Rd, many of which became guest houses for the tourism and in the 1970's turned largely into HMO's. This is an area of High population Density (99pph) and has of recent years struggled as an area of deprivation, there are similarities going east into BW3 where we see the commercial high street and Hospital and Former School on Gladstone Rd as well as the start of the workers cottages that were sold by lot to the original workers who built Boscombe extending up to Charminster. BE4 sees an extension of this type of housing extending to Pokesdown and the continuing High Street.</p> <p>BE3, we see Pokesdown and its schools and the entrance to Kings Park. Pokesdown was an area older than any of the surrounding areas and formerly part of the parish of Christchurch. It was a loose and collection of farm houses who would dig peat of the heathland, some of these buildings as well as some of the early buildings as it grew (e.g. the library, the brewery, the town hall etc can still be seen). Pokesdown can be seen as crossing BE2/3/4. The average population density in Boscombe East is 60pph and Bournemouth is 40pph. We feel that there are distinct areas defined by the polling areas and that</p>
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	<p>utilising these areas will be effective as well as convenient, allowing proper representation for the residents in their specific areas. Kings Park (in LI4 & LI2) does not contain any residents but contains nursery, cemetery and school and station as mentioned. Many people living in Boscombe were born in the hospital in BW3 and their loved ones will be buried in the cemetery. The South entrance to the park is in BE3 and the traffic from the football matches spills into Boscombe through Gloucester Rd in BE 3. Many of the football fans arrive from Pokesdown Station and walk through the police defined routes to Kings Park. It is felt that this area of LI4 should be part of the parish as many of the activities in the park affect Boscombe and the historical links to the area are strong, also several facilities are relevant to Boscombe residents for its prosperity and health such as the school, new leisure club, car park and the potential to reopen the train station one day. The Boscombe Chine Gardens (EC1) is a valuable resource for tourists to access the pier and beaches as well as residents in the area, the Car Park above is also very important. The zig zag at Toft steps has not been included but could be, the Towns Fund has financed the Box Park at the foot of these steps as well as contributing to feasibility studies for the cliff lift further down to be reinstated.</p>
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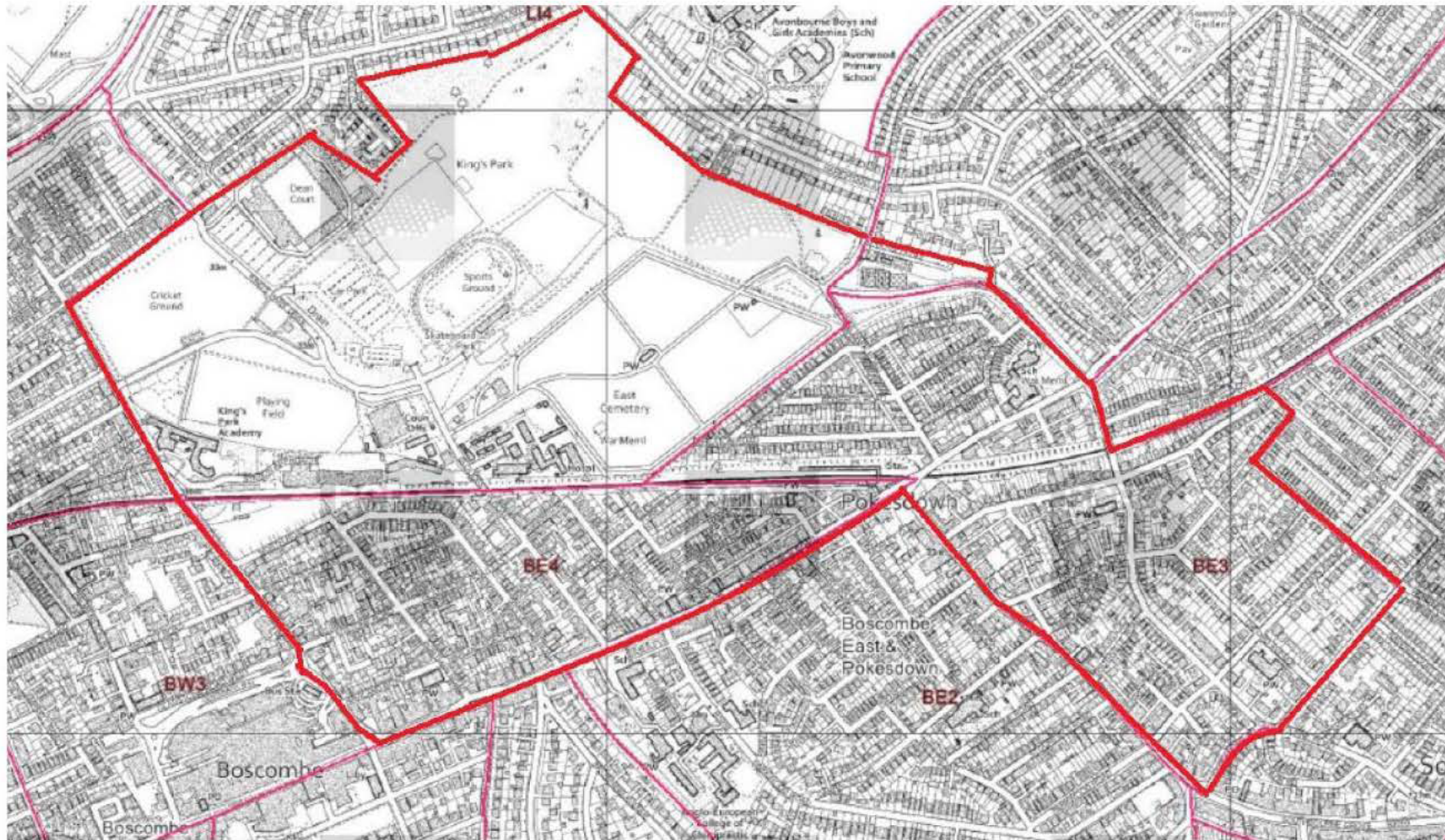
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	4-year intervals thereafter. The size and warding etc will be covered later in the form.
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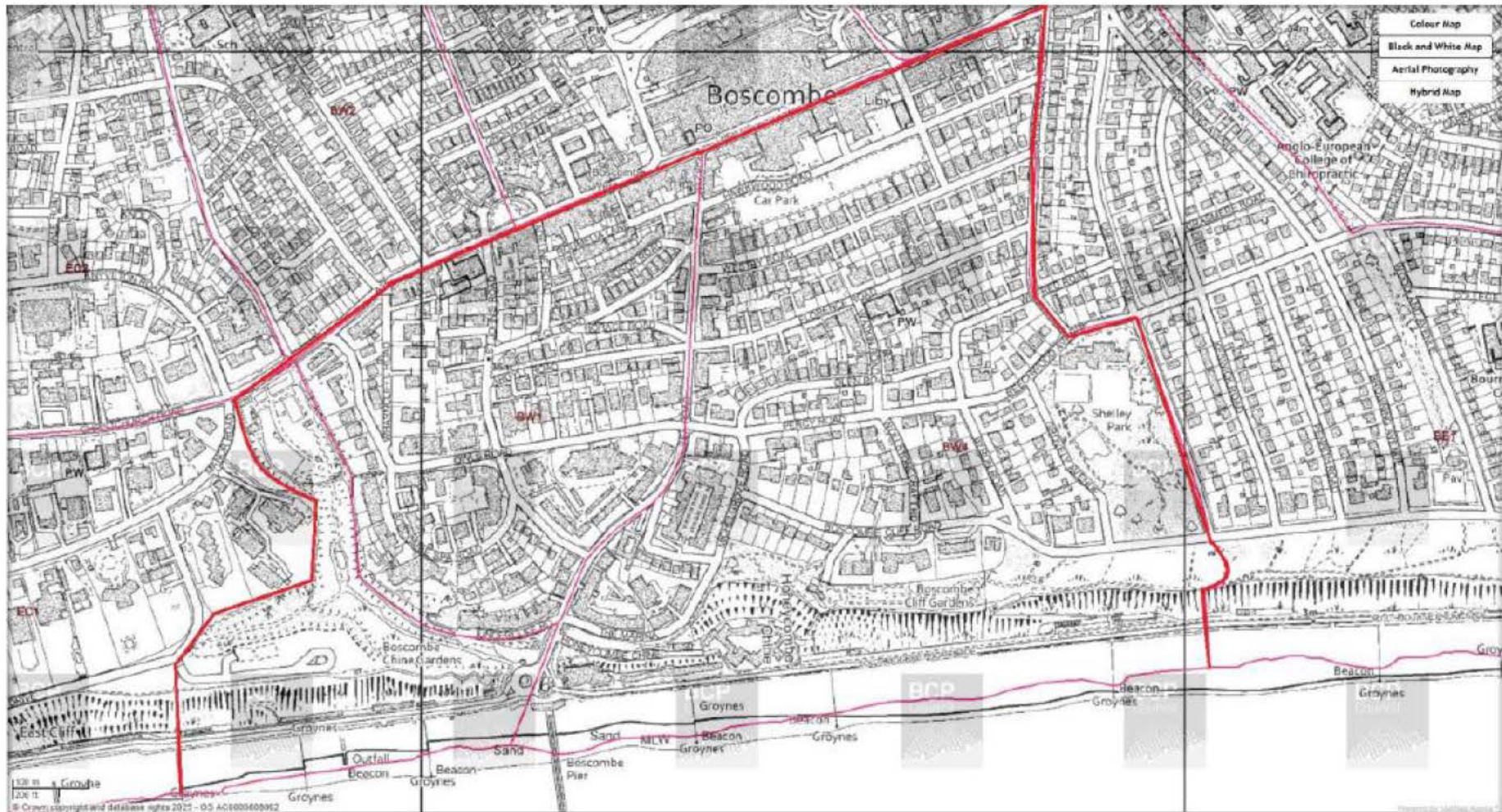
<p>3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.</p>	<p>BW2 & BW3 = St Clements & Boscombe Hospital (3 Councillors) BE1 & BE2 = Portman Manor and Pokesdown Central (3 Councillors) BE3 & BE4 & part of LI4 & LI2 as defined= Boscombe North & Pokesdown Hill (4 Councillors)</p>
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Boscombe North and Pokesdown Hill Ward (including Kings Park and the Kings Park Nursery)



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Boscombe Spa and Shelley Manor Ward (including Boscombe Chine Gardens)



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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	We have not had time to have a Public Forum to consult the community but we look forward to doing so if it continues into the next stages. The time period for stage 1 is (understandably) brief.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH1 4AG

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How did you find out about this engagement?	Other, please specify below New Milton Advertiser and Times
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH23 2HN

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Councillor
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Prefer not to say
How did you find out about this engagement?	
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	
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c) combining parts of existing parishes	
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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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<p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?</p>	
<p>If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.</p>	
<p>Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?</p>	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	
Please tell us your full postcode.	

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident Other, please specify below
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Resident. Ratepayer.
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Southbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Library
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not sure / don't know
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 	

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<p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.</p>	
<p>Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply. 	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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<p>1. The name of the council</p> <p>2. What the new number of councillors should be</p> <p>3. The reasons for proposing this new number of councillors</p>	
<p>Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.</p> <p>If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?</p>	Not sure / don't know
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. What the number of wards should be</p> <p>2. What you feel the ward names should be, and;</p> <p>3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.</p>	
<p>Please also tell us:</p> <p>1. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed ward boundary</p> <p>2. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>3. How the proposal will make the election of councillors more practicable and convenient.</p>	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	<p>How many stages? How long to implement? How much red tape and meetings? Respondent made general comments throughout paper survey but without selecting 'Yes' to any of the questions, so we've added those comments here for consideration: - Importance question (Q4 on paper survey): "Just wonder whether it will make any difference" - New Parishes question (Q5 on paper survey): "What is the real difference except the name</p>

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	(referring to alternative styles); "Have read the information sheet."; "To me the word "parish" is the area that is covered by a particular church." - (Q6 on paper survey): "Will it just be more red tape?" - (Q7 on paper survey): "The local councillors should know the needs of their area." - Electoral Arrangements: Whether to have a parish council or not (Q17 on paper survey): "How long have 'parish' councils been going - what areas? And would need more details. [The] name is not particularly relevant, it is what they do to help the area they serve." - (Q18 on paper survey): "I have no proposals at the moment but people/BCP government, don't listen anyway." - Size of the council (Q20 on paper survey): "Maybe more depends [on] whether that gets things done quicker, better and more effectively."
Please tell us your full postcode.	

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Pokesdown
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Library
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not sure / don't know
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	
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<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current wards of Boscombe West and Boscombe East and Pokesdown combined. 2. Reason for proposal - To give greater democracy through elected representatives to the current Boscombe and Pokesdown Forum and Neighbourhood Plan Forum. 3. Proposed name - Boscombe and Pokesdown 4. Yes, should have a council of elected representatives 5. Community style 6. Use current ward electoral structure.
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>The two wards have areas with very different demographic and economic identities, there is too much difference and associated workloads to expect our four ward councillors to reflect this. The current forums and Steering Groups do not have a democratic mandate.</p>
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed name - Boscombe and Pokesdown 2. ? To be discussed 3. See Q6 4. ? To be discussed 5. ? To be discussed
<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	See Q7
<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Stage One seems to require lots of detailed planning. This would be better left until a Decision in Principle is clear.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH5 2AN

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Southbourne
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Library
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Not that important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	I don't think the aims would be truthfully fulfilled. Improved and stronger community engagement etc can better come from the HEART of those local 'councils' than from an external or peripheral place. Except for areas currently 'unparished' becoming 'newly parished'.
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Yes
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	Yes
c) combining parts of existing parishes	No

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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	Brings community together at a very local level.
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 	

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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 5. Whether the group should have a council 6. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information) 	
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<p>Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?</p>	<p>Not sure / don't know</p>
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p>	

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If yes, please tell us: 1. What the number of wards should be 2. What you feel the ward names should be, and; 3. How many councillors should be elected to each ward.	
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	No
Please tell us your full postcode.	

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Name / Organisation	Name not provided
Which of these best describes you?	A BCP Council resident
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Poole Town
How did you find out about this engagement?	BCP Library
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Very important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	No
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Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	No
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Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
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Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
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<p>Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?</p>	No
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Do you have any further comments on Stage One of the Community Governance Review?	Whatever happens I hope the main aim is to reduce the bureaucracy in local government.
Please tell us your full postcode.	BH15 1RP

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Unique Number	70
Name / Organisation	Christchurch Town Council
Which of these best describes you?	Other, please specify below
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Christchurch Town Council
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Christchurch Town (also added that the Town Council includes Avon Beach, Fairmile, Friars Cliff, Jumpers Common, Mudeford, Purewell, Somerford and Stanpit)
How did you find out about this engagement?	Other, please specify below BCP Officers/Councillor
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	Not sure/Don't know
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d) combining two or more existing parishes	No
e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	
Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?	Yes
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary changes (this can be attached below) 	As detailed in the attachment.

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<p>3. The reasons for your proposals</p> <p>4. Whether the parish/es should have a council</p> <p>5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style</p> <p>6. What electoral arrangements should apply.</p>	
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<p>Please also explain how you feel your proposals will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient. 	<p>The Christchurch Town Council proposal aims to tidy up some boundaries between Hurn and BCP Council in St Catherines & Jumpers. This includes mirroring the BCP ward boundary between Jumpers & St Catherines and Priory ward. By aligning these boundaries, the proposal seeks to remove uncertainty of electors, increase confidence, and ensure effective and convenient governance.</p>
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?	No
If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <p>1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together</p> <p>2. Details of your proposals</p>	

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2. The reasons for your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	
Please also explain how you feel your proposals will: - reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area; and - be effective and convenient.	
Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?	Not sure / don't know
If yes, please tell us: 1. The name of the parish/es 2. Details of your proposals 3. The reasons for your proposals 4. Suggestions for a proposed name for the council/s 5. The number of councillors there should be 6. What electoral arrangements should apply in relation to the ordinary year of elections issue (please see the information document for more information)	
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Christchurch Town Council

Community Governance Review

Initial Submission

Community Governance review

Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole (BCP) Council is conducting a Community Governance Review (CGR) from October 2024 to October/November 2025. The review aims to evaluate and potentially change the governance arrangements for Town and Parish Councils within the BCP area.

Key points:

- **Purpose:** To ensure local governance is effective, representative, and reflective of community identities
- **Possible Changes:**
 - Creating, merging, altering, or abolishing parishes.
 - Naming and styling of new parishes.
 - Adjusting electoral arrangements, such as council size and the number of councillors

Public Participation: Residents, community groups, and other stakeholders are invited to submit their suggestions during the initial stage

- **Public Briefings:** Attend public briefings to learn more about the process and how to make a submission

BCP Timetable

Report to Full Council: 15 October 2024

- Approval of the principle of the Community Governance Review and its Terms of Reference

Stage One – Invitation of Initial Submissions: October 2024 to January 2025

- Public invited to submit their views and suggestions

Stage Two – Draft Recommendations: February 2025 to April 2025

- Draft recommendations published for consultation

Stage Three – Consultation on Draft Recommendations: May 2025 to July 2025

- Public consultation on the draft recommendations

Stage Four – Final Recommendations: August 2025 to October 2025

- Final recommendations published

Implementation: October/November 2025

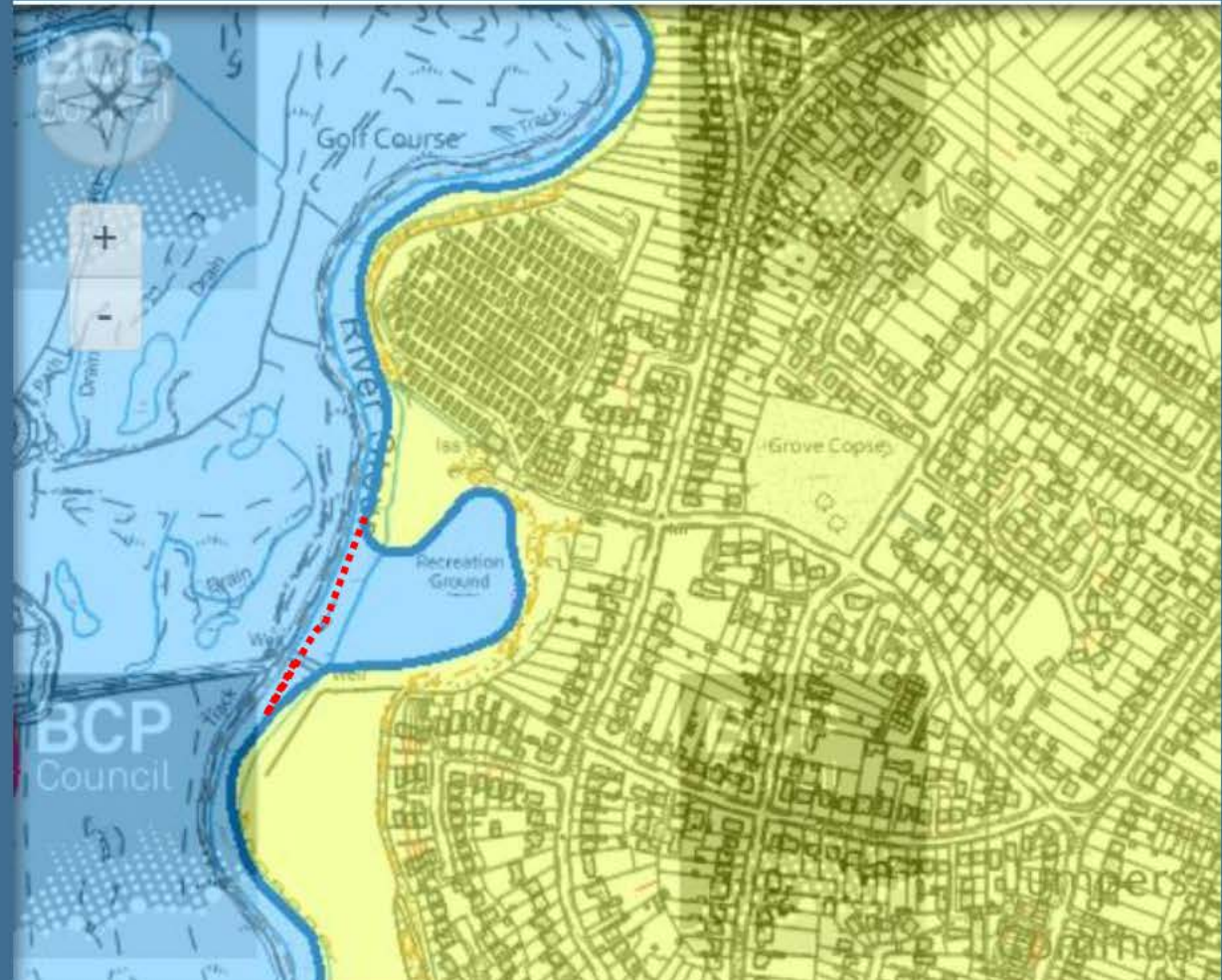
- Implementation of any changes approved by the council



Jumpers and St Catherines Ward – suggested boundary changes

Currently the Recreation Ground to the east of the river is within Hurn Boundary

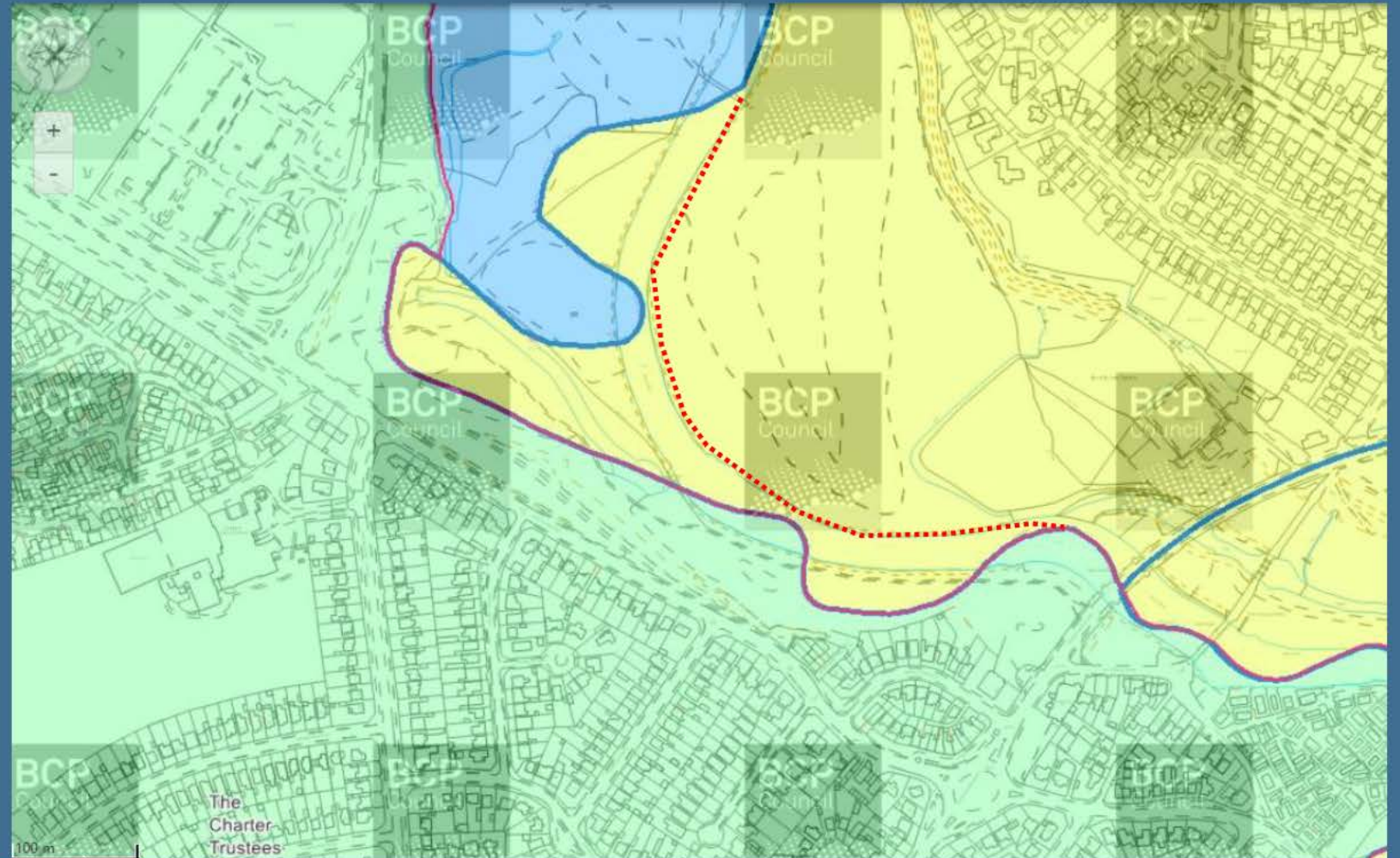
Recommendation is to include this as part of Christchurch Town Council Boundary as indicated by the red dotted line



Jumpers and St Catherines Ward – suggested boundary changes

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Recommendation is alter the boundary to the current boundary side of the river as indicated in the red dotted line.

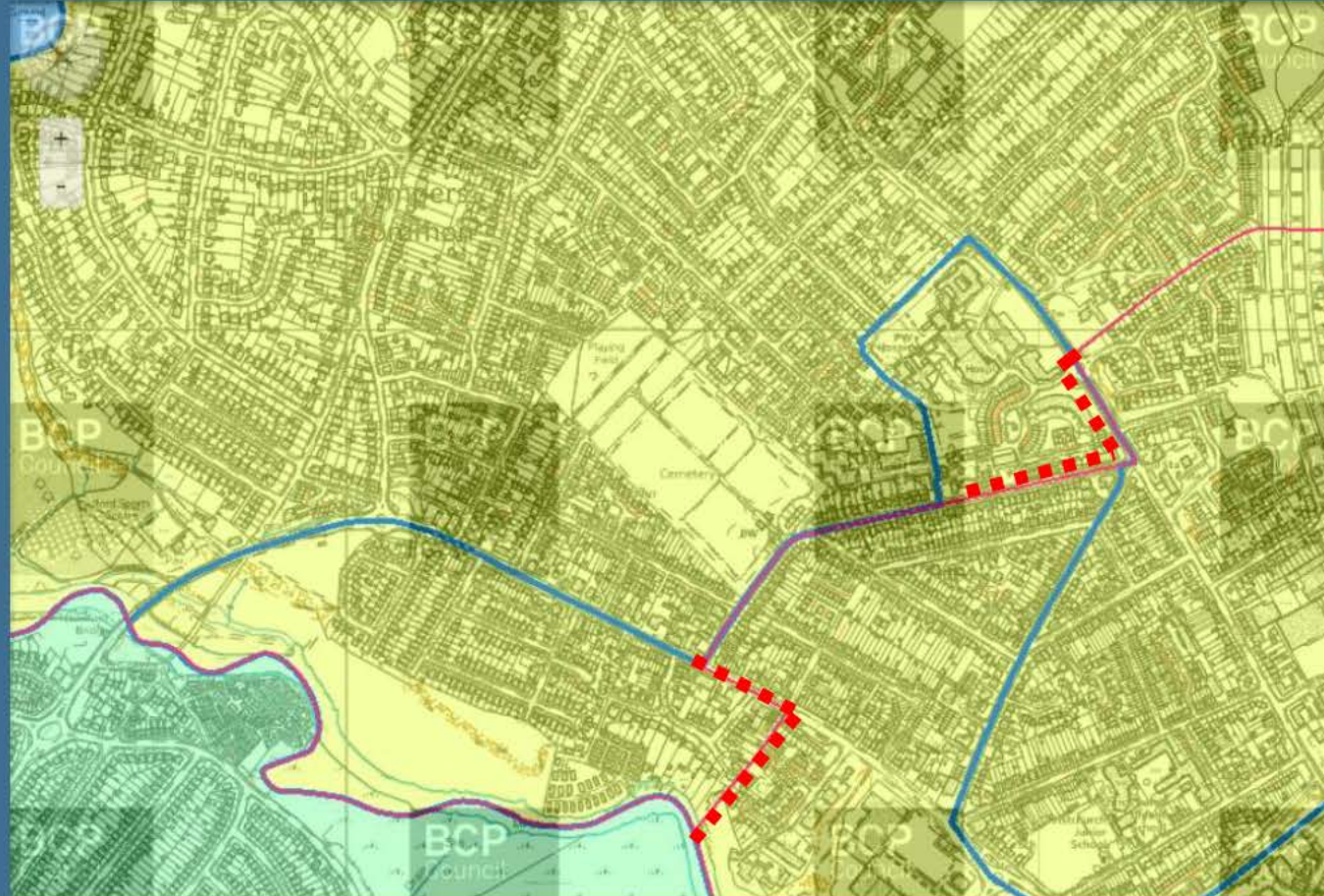


Jumpers & St Catherines and Priory – align parish boundary with BCP ward boundary

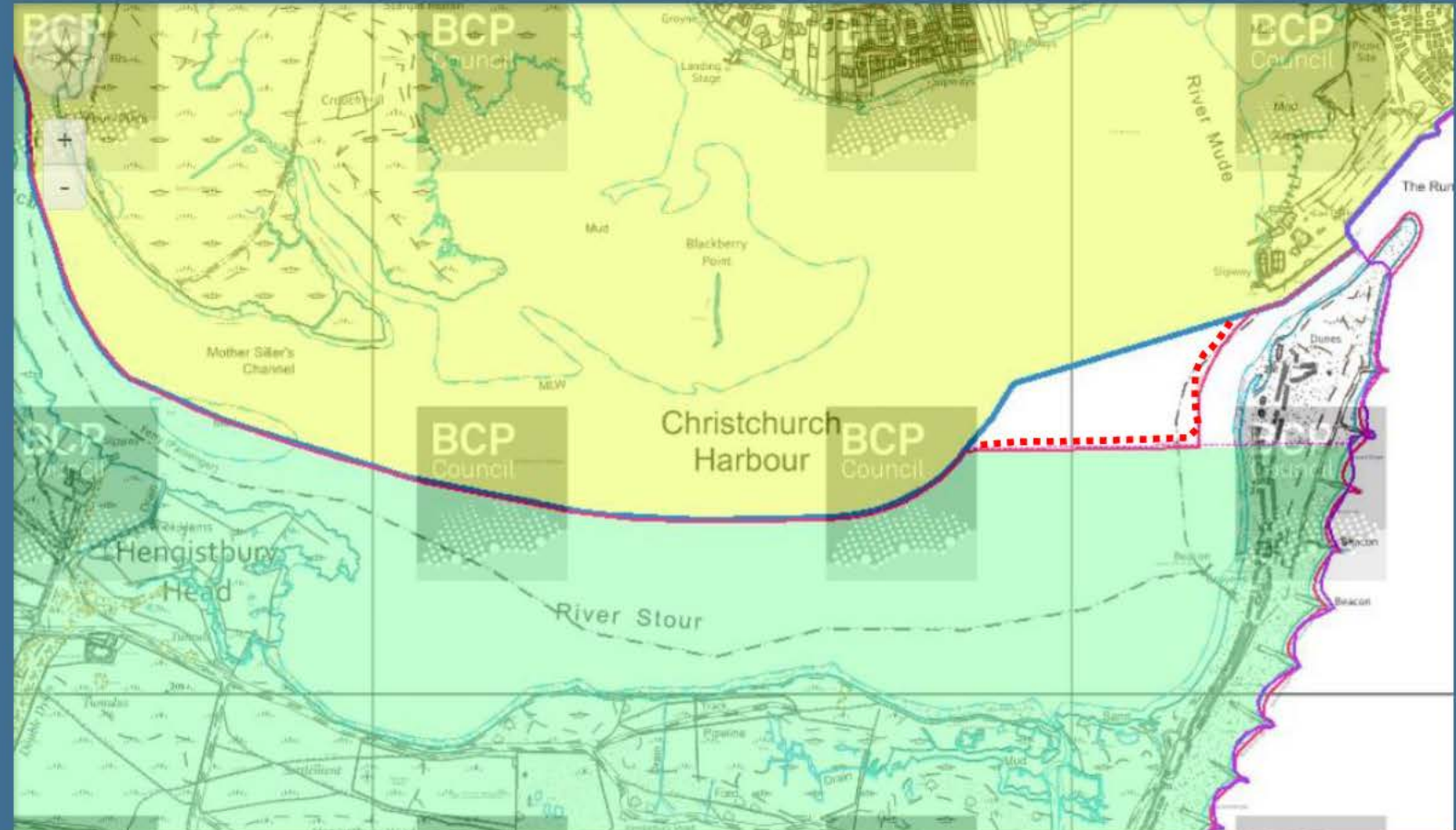
Currently the boundary between CTC and BCP wards are different

Recommendation is alter the boundary so they are matching.

Further thought needs to be considered as per the impact on ward electorate



Muddeford and Christchurch Harbour



Recommendation to align parish boundary with BCP ward boundary to include additional (white) section in Muddeford Ward

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Unique Number	71
Name / Organisation	Hurn Parish Council
Which of these best describes you?	Other, please specify below
Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed	Clerk to Hurn Parish Council
Please tell us which option below best describes your location or local community area.	Hurn
How did you find out about this engagement?	Email
How important or unimportant do you think it is for BCP Council to conduct a Community Governance Review?	Quite important
If you said 'not that important' or 'not important at all', please tell us why	
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?	
a) establishing an unparished area as a parish	
b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s)	
c) combining parts of existing parishes	
d) combining two or more existing parishes	

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e) separating parts of a parish or parishes	
<p>If yes, please tell us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your proposals including a map illustrating the proposed boundary (this can be attached below) 2. The reasons for your proposals 3. The proposed parish name/s 4. Whether the parish/es should have a council 5. Whether the parish/es should have an alternative style 6. What electoral arrangements should apply 	
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If yes, please provide details of the proposed name change and explain your reasons for the change.	
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?	No
If yes, please tell us: 1. The names of the parishes that should be grouped together 2. Details of your proposals 3. Suggestions for a proposed parish name for the group 4. Whether the group should have a council 5. What electoral arrangements should apply.	

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Please tell us your full postcode.	BH23 6AW



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Councillor Millie Earl
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council
BCP Council Civic Centre
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BH2 6DY

Our Ref: TH05497

2 December 2024

Dear Millie and Graham,

Re: Community Governance Review

I am writing regarding the Community Governance Review of BCP Council area. I have serious concerns about the introduction of additional town or parish councils.

I am writing as the Member of Parliament for Bournemouth East and, to that end, I am particularly focused on our town's needs. I appreciate that local people, MPs, and councillors belonging to Christchurch and Poole may take different views and their different experiences are important to consider. As you will see in the letter, I really am motivated by the desire for our region to thrive and grow together.

The Council's creation and ongoing transformation has been difficult for the region because of the ways Conservatives have run things locally and nationally. While it will be the case that local government reorganisation continues in the longer-term, there are signs that the Council's position is strengthening. Supported by your local Members of Parliament and a new Government, the Council has a brighter future.

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As we have discussed at length, a new devolution deal, one of the kind that the Labour Government is offering to councils, could open the way to BCP Council taking on more control with additional powers and money.

With the Council's stability growing and new opportunities opening up, it would be wrong to go backwards. Adding more layers of bureaucracy, especially when this could involve citizens paying more council tax, would be a huge leap backwards.

Let us consider the prospect of the people of Bournemouth paying more in council tax. It's just wrong. Although town and parish councils do not have to raise a precept to fund services

that BCP Council might offload to them, they can't do much without raising a precept. Really, the only way town and parish councils could pay for the services they end up running, like parks, leisure centres, bin collections, and libraries, is by pushing local people's council tax up even higher.

At a time when people are rightly concerned about inequality in local services and the harm inequality does to people's life chances, BCP Council should not be creating yet more inequality in local services. The richer parts of BCP would have better services than poorer parts because these richer parts could levy a greater precept than the poorer parts.

Adding more councils would make it harder for people to hold their elected officials to account. Turnout at unitary council local elections is low. Town and parish and parish councils have truly abysmal turnouts. Adding another layer of politicians won't make life better for local people nor encourage them to have faith in local democracy.

I would not want the Council to draw the wrong conclusion from low turnout at recent local elections – this is not the result of a lack of democracy, this really is the result of a lack of faith in the ability of BCP Council to make life better following years of poor Conservative governance. With the creation of the new councils, it will be harder for BCP Council and these councils to work together and make our life better, so local people's faith in democracy will have no alternative but to drop yet again.

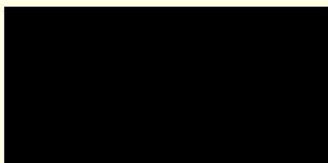
I urge the Council to get back to its original vision for the area – the idea that all three boroughs can do more together and are stronger together. Adding more councils and increasing council tax takes us away from this vision and makes life harder for many.

As a councillor for ten years, many of them in the cabinet and as a deputy leader, I have enormous respect for local government. One of my motivations for standing for Parliament was to give power and control to local government – it is this desire which explains why I wish to put powers and funding with BCP Council, not new councils.

In the nearly five months since I have been your MP, we, and your officers and senior councillors, have met many times on a range of issues. I value the relationship that we are building and believe we can achieve a lot for BCP.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

With kind regards,



Tom Hayes MP
Labour Member of Parliament for Bournemouth East

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Community Governance Review](#)
Subject: Community Governance Review - Stage One.....Parish/ Town Councils within the Poole area of BCP Council.
Date: 16 January 2025 14:28:43

FAO: Head of Democratic Services (CGR), Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, Civic Centre, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY.

Ref: Consultation of Parish/ Town Councils within the Poole area of BCP Council.

Dear Head of Democratic Services

Our Group of Chairs, (South Poole Chairs Liaison Group), which includes the Chairs of the following organisations, and incorporates the areas from Sandbanks peninsula, Lilliput, Canford Cliffs, Branksome Park across and up to Penn Hill and Parkstone (40,000+ residents):

- Sandbanks Community Group
- Dorset Lake Community
- CPRE Poole
- Branksome Park Canford Cliffs Residents Association
- Open Spaces Society (Poole & Bournemouth)– National Stakeholder
- Canford Cliffs Land Society
- Etc, etc

We feel that more time and transparency of the model and issues within a Parish/ Town Council should be provided, and would request that on future occasions greater time is provided for the local Community and its residents to fully consider the implications of these issues.

Therefore, we do not wish to either implement, nor be part of any group at the present time which wants to proceed with either a Parish or Town Council.

We understand that the Poole Quays Forum has submitted a request for a large area of Poole to acquire the status of a Town Council. We do not object to this. However, **we DO NOT agree that the area of Parkstone (Ward) is included within the Poole Quays Forum Town Council.**

As Chairs, we have not received any consultation from the Poole Quays Forum about this matter, as such it was of surprise to view this within their submission document. They also appear to have not consulted with the residents of Parkstone, they do NOT represent the residents of Parkstone, are NOT elected for Parkstone, and as such have NO mandate for Parkstone. Therefore, the South Poole Chairs Liaison Group strongly object to Parkstone being part of the proposed Poole Quays Town Council proposal.

We would want to ensure a true partnership with any future entity, so that democracy prevails.

We are interested to view the outcome and how the Poole Quays Forum Town Council model operates in the future, where we shall monitor the views of the local residents, who may at some future point wish to investigate further the pros/ cons of implementing a Parish/ Town Council within our area.

Therefore, we would welcome being kept informed of such matters.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

South Poole Chairs Liaison Group

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR CANAVAN

Community Governance Review

Thank you for the email setting the details of the submissions received.

I wanted to add to my previous submission to say that the sub-division of Bournemouth & Poole into small parish areas is both unnecessary and artificial.

Having said that there seems to be some support for the creation of a Town Council in Poole, albeit without complete consensus over the boundary. If we are to avoid creating unnecessary parishes, or leaving parts unparished, then the idea of a Town Council based on the former Borough of Poole seems the most logical option. I entirely respect the submission by Cllr Sidaway (56) but it is my view that a parish purely covering Broadstone would be so small as to offer little additional benefit to residents. The anonymous submission in relation to Hamworthy (29) should be rejected on the same grounds.

In relation to Bournemouth it is clear from the submissions that these do not create a series of parish councils that have any overall coherence. Instead, this would create a patch-work quilt of areas that would be of little collective value and potentially create unnecessary divisions within communities.

Boscombe/Southbourne

Many locally would not consider the current ward boundary between West Southbourne and Boscombe East and Pokesdown (BEP) as reflecting the real boundary between Southbourne and Pokesdown (to the North) or Boscombe (to the West). A large swathe of BEP is considered by many to be part of Southbourne. This is not too much of a problem as people understand their BCP ward boundaries might not be perfect, but they will see the boundary between Parish Councils as a completely different matter.

- Firstly, the boundary of a town council is more discretionary, doesn't have the same constraints as ward boundaries, and it is supposed to reflect real communities, so there is no real excuse for getting it wrong.
- Secondly, there will be more tangible differences that come from being in separate council, like council tax and services, so the stakes of getting it right are higher. Relatedly, there will likely be a difference if you can market your property as a Southbourne property as opposed to a Boscombe or Pokesdown property, particularly since the Times listing Southbourne specifically as one of the best places to buy in April 2024.

Drawing the boundary of a Southbourne Council along the current BCP ward boundaries, as set out in the submissions, would be drawing an arbitrary dividing line in the middle of the community. It would draw a line through Southbourne Grove at Fisherman's Walk - very close to the "S♥BO" sign. Fisherman's Walk, where events known to be in Southbourne are held, would not be in it. Southbourne & Pokesdown Library would not be in it, nor would Southbourne and Pokesdown Children's Centre. The 'Welcome to Southbourne' sign would be 0.2 miles outside the boundary.

Similarly, I would expect dismay from any of those businesses which clearly consider themselves part of the area, like the longstanding Southbourne School of English etc or the businesses along Seabourne Road such as SoBo Sommelier, SoBo Fish. On the seafront, Café Riva and the Cliff Lift and play park would be outside the suggested boundary.

If we accepted that the ward boundary is not the right boundary for a Southbourne Town Council, I think it would be challenging to decide the right one, as the communities very much blend into each other. This is not like some areas where it is very clear where one area ends and another begins. If there were a Boscombe Town Council, again I would argue it will be difficult to define, and there would be calls to make sure that Pokesdown does not get subsumed into either and lose its identity, which pre-dates the other communities. If we are taking history into account, what was traditionally Pokesdown extended from Boscombe shopping precinct all the way to Carbery Avenue, including all of Southbourne Grove. I would imagine reviving that and creating a Pokesdown Town Council could have more local support.

The creation of a Southbourne Town Council (and presumably then a Boscombe Town Council or a Pokesdown Town Council) would create an unhelpful division splitting up the communities – I do not think there is a benefit to creating an artificial dividing line between areas where there is currently a thankfully blurred transition. Importantly, if a precept were raised by the people of Southbourne, they would want it to benefit areas that improve what they think of as Southbourne, like Fisherman's Walk and the high street, rather than areas not historically associated with Southbourne.

A similar confusion arises from the submission from Boscombe Forum (63) which not only includes Boscombe East and Pokesdown and Boscombe West but also two polling districts from Littledown & Iford plus one polling district from East Cliff & Springbourne. This does not correspond with local communities and is just another reason why creating these artificial boundaries makes little sense.

One Bournemouth

In my previous submission (38) I sought to make the case for a Town Council based around the former Borough of Bournemouth. This was intended as an alternative to smaller parishes and not as a way of grouping areas that would otherwise remain unparished. It would allow for the retention of a Civic Mayor for an understood geography that has been in place for some time. Indeed the Borough can trace its history back to 1890 when the first Mayor of Bournemouth was appointed.

My submission did not set out the warding arrangements as I suggested that these could be the same as those which existed previously i.e. 18 wards. However, account would need to be taken of the more recent creation of the parish covering Throop which was previously a ward within the Borough.

I believe it is necessary for the Working Group to ask itself whether we actually need to do anything in relation to Bournemouth or simply leave it with the Charter Trustee arrangement. This is not my preferred outcome but it seems to make more sense than an arrangement where some parts are Parished and others not.

The latter would not only be confusing but would construct barriers between communities and create the possibility of neighbourhoods close together receiving different levels of service.

Conclusion

I suggest that there is an option here for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole to operate in the same way with a Town Council in each. It is not my wish to disturb the parishes that already exist but I think we need to be careful about creating new ones simple because a small number of residents thinks it's a good idea.

Patrick Canavan

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR PHIPPS

Dear All,

At a Meeting of Hurn Parish Council on 10th February, I raised the issue of the Christchurch Town Council request which is on Page 46 of the Initial Submissions Paper. I can confirm that the Clerk and Parish Cllrs. were unaware that The Town Council had responded to the consultation in relation to the Recreation Ground currently within the Hurn Parish Boundary. It was felt that it would have been good practice for the Town Council to have at least formally informed the Parish Council of their intention. Nevertheless, Hurn Parish Cllrs. considered that the suggestion as noted in italics below on Page 46, was a sensible one, and no objection would be raised to this small change.

Christchurch Town Council - Jumpers and St Catherines Ward – suggested boundary change

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Kind regards.

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RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR T SLADE

Having reviewed the agenda supplementary pack, including submissions and correspondence, I want to express serious concerns about the direction of this Community Governance Review process and the implications for my ward.

Whilst I appreciate that an initial consultation was undertaken, we must acknowledge that it may not have been enough. The level of engagement has been minimal, and given the significance of the decisions before us, we have a responsibility to ensure that residents are properly informed and able to have their say.

It appears that we are now faced with two options: either proceeding with the formation of a new parish council based on a single submission from a resident or being absorbed into a wider pan-Bournemouth parish. Notably, the one submission in favour of a parish council explicitly states that 'the information document is not informative enough for us to make any reasonable decisions or recommendations – very poor.' This raises a fundamental issue: how can a meaningful decision be made when even the sole advocate for change believes the consultation material is inadequate?

Moreover, we must acknowledge the broader public response—or rather, the lack of it. A considerable number of submissions from residents stated that it was not important at all for BCP Council to conduct this review. While it may be true that among those who did respond, the majority supported implementation, we cannot ignore the scale—just 63 responses, both for and against, out of a population of nearly 400,000. That is 0.016% of the community, and silence speaks volumes. Such a low level of engagement suggests that either residents do not feel this is a priority or that they have not been sufficiently engaged in the process.

More importantly, one submission from 16,500 residents in Muscliff and Strouden is not a democratic mandate for such a significant change. Local governance should be driven by widespread community engagement and support, not by a process where decisions are shaped by a fraction of the population while the vast majority remain unaware or disengaged. A move to impose structural changes on this basis would undermine the principles of democratic representation.

A Community Governance Review should be conducted with caution, transparency, and legitimacy. It must ensure that any recommendation reflects the collective will of the community, not just the procedural necessity to move forward with an option. It is imperative that any consultation going forward is clear, widely publicised, and ensures that residents fully understand the implications of each proposal before a decision is made.

Residents deserve to be actively involved in shaping their local governance, and I urge this group to take a step back and ensure that proper engagement takes place before determining a path forward that could fundamentally alter the way our community is represented and governed.

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR CONNOLLY

Hi all,

I am grateful for your taking the time to read my previous email about the Southbourne/Boscombe/Pokesdown boundary. I wish to make a representation to this process, as I represent a ward that is potentially very much affected by two of the proposals.

You requested succinct responses so my summary is: **If there is to be a boundary between Southbourne and Pokesdown it certainly shouldn't be the ward boundary. However, I would struggle to identify an appropriate alternative boundary. The communities blend together and do not lend themselves to be split and doing so would be extremely detrimental to community cohesion. The boundary between them would be artificial and not make them clearly identifiable. I also think the size of those parishes would be too small to be efficient and cost-effective; it would be inefficient to split service provision in the middle of the dense residential area. I would support the Boscombe and Pokesdown Town Council proposal only if there was definitely going to be a Southbourne Town Council, which I strongly oppose. My preference would be a Bournemouth-wide Town Council, which would not split communities and better reflects a shared identity.**

Setting out my rationale in more detail:

1. I have considerable concerns about the Southbourne proposal (36, 42, 43, 44, 48, 54), some of which I have set out to you already. Essentially, wherever the most appropriate boundary of a Southbourne Council might be, it is certainly not the ward boundary as proposed.

There is reference in their submissions to reflecting the character of 'Sobo'. There indeed is a character of Southbourne, but it is centred around Southbourne Grove/Fisherman's Walk, and does not include Wick, Tuckton or Hengistbury Head.

Residents throughout much of BH6 consider their streets to be part of Southbourne, and very reasonably so. This includes a large swathe of my ward, Oxford Avenue, Beaufort Rd, Castlemaine Ave, Alexandra Rd, Southbourne Road, Seabourne Road. There is no obvious distinction between these streets and those that would be 'in' such as Arnewood Rd and Ravenscourt Rd – that would make drawing such a line justified from the perspective of a community identity.

The proposal therefore does not reflect the identities and interests of the community in that area and would be detrimental to community cohesion.

2. If instead you went for an expanded boundary that brings in some of the areas I set out above, I believe that would still be hard to justify from a community cohesion perspective. I would struggle to justify why Oxford Avenue would be included but not Sunnyhill Rd, Cromwell Rd, or Stourvale Rd. The transition between communities is gradual and blurred and does not lend itself to being divided. These people still shop on Southbourne Grove, are right next to Southbourne and Pokesdown Library, served by GP practice on Beaufort Road. In terms of 'identity' or the 'SoBo character', these streets are no less 'Southbourne' than, say, Cranleigh Road, which would be included.

I noted p83 of the guidance: *As far as boundaries between parishes are concerned, these should reflect the "no-man's land" between communities represented by areas*

of low population or barriers such as rivers, roads or railways. They need to be, and be likely to remain, easily identifiable. This will not be the case here.

For the 'Boscombe Manor' area, it may be argued that it is not historically Southbourne, but in terms of community cohesion I would struggle to explain how these streets are not part of the Southbourne community, and share in the Sobo' character/identity. Residents of Portman Crescent, facing Fisherman's Walk, Wentworth Avenue, Ravine Road, Montague Rd, Dingle Road, would very much identify with this community; they shop on Southbourne Grove and participate in community events around Fisherman's Walk, volunteer in the area have a strong claim to being part of this community. I notice looking at estate agents, properties on Wentworth Avenue, Dingle Road, Parkwood Road are described as 'Southbourne' properties.

In short, even an amended boundary would still be detrimental to community cohesion and would not reflect a distinction between communities. I do not believe that this area lends itself to being split in two as may be the case elsewhere, and I do not believe dividing these streets up is what is intended in the spirit of the guidance.

3. I note the proposals for Pokesdown / Boscombe and Pokesdown (63 and 67). I think these submissions are better thought-through but still have reservations about the boundary with Southbourne as set out above. My initial view is that a lot of what would be gained by a Boscombe and Pokesdown Council is already achievable under the Neighbourhood Plan and Towns Fund work and so do not see a pressing need. I would support a Boscombe and Pokesdown Council if there was a Southbourne Council, but it would not be my first preference, for the community cohesion reasons set out above. I would want there to be more engagement with residents on the border between communities before determining where such a boundary should be.
4. I also question whether it would be effective or convenient to have separate service provision between these two areas. As I set out above, the transition is blurred and I cannot see how it would be practical or efficient to have a change in service provision halfway down Seabourne Road or between any of these very similar streets. I do not see how it would help Southbourne Grove businesses, for example, if service provision, maintenance work and community initiatives were not joined up along Seabourne Road and the surrounding streets, and along the clifftop. Looking at where the line could be drawn, it could mean streets verges trimmed etc only halfway down a road, which does not seem efficient.

In terms of ensuring representation, I anticipate we will struggle to fill roles in a sustainable way. I already struggle to find volunteers for the Neighbourhood Plan working group. There may be volunteers at this moment in time, but this does not reflect a long-term desire for these responsibilities.

5. My final point is that I do not and have never detected a need for this. The communities have coexisted happily for a long time without there ever being a call to be separate in any meaningful way. My family have been here for three generations and this is not something the community at large have been calling for. In my view the submissions are responding to the question being put rather than expressing a prior need - when asked the question, it is not surprising that the various community forums reasonably express a desire to go down this route and get more powers, but this is not the same as an organic push for change coming from residents.

Given the divisive nature of this splitting up of communities that have happily coexisted for a long time, there really should be more of a call for it from residents, and much more engagement than is allowed by this timeframe. The submissions, being BCP-wide, and the response rate, simply do not give a compelling enough view of the community-based reasons for establishing a local council here.

6. If we have to go down this route, therefore, my support would therefore be for a Bournemouth-wide Town Council (submission 38) based on the old Borough of Bournemouth. This I feel addresses the desire expressed in some submissions for more localised decision-making, but at a scale that ensures efficiency and is practical. That would allow the more localised opportunities called for in e.g. the Southbourne submission, but it means there can be a more joined-up approach between Southbourne, Pokesdown, Boscombe and other parts of Bournemouth. It would also be far less divisive from a community cohesion perspective because no one will dispute that they are in Bournemouth.

Many thanks for the opportunity to make a representation.

Yours,

Cllr Eleanor Connolly

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RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR WILLIAMS

Submission Regarding a Parish Council

As a Littledown and Iford Ward Councillor I have taken the idea of Parishes seriously. I have twice polled our residents with our newsletter which is circulated weekly to 300+ email addresses. The response was frankly underwhelming, nobody responded in favour of the introduction of either parish or town councils.

I understand that other representations, from outside our area, were made with the suggestion that Kings Park could either be transferred away from Littledown and Iford and to the Boscombe area or to the East Cliff Area, both of whom wish for the introduction of a parish or town council.

This is something that I vehemently disagree with. Other suggestions were for areas of the Iford to become Southbourne and for the natural boundary of the railway line to become breached. Again, this is something I strongly oppose, and I see it as a land grab where the residents' voices will be lost amongst thousands of others.

There is also another suggestion on the table which suggests that areas which do not have parish councils, join up to make a larger parish or town council area. This could include Kinson and West Howe, who have also no appetite for the introduction of a parish or town council. Again, I feel that this is completely unsuitable, and it dilutes the voices of residents in amongst those which live miles away.

I have not been able to identify a single benefit for the area to be parished and I am conscious that further parish council tax levies will have to be added to the pockets of our residents. It could also mean an end for the Mayor of Bournemouth with the introduction of smaller council mayors such as a Mayor for Southbourne etc. All these different councils will require a hierarchy of officers to maintain these extra councils and as mentioned previously, Christchurch Town Council are currently advertising for a Town Clerk at a cost of £70,000 per annum. This is all paid for by residents over and above their current council tax liabilities. As a former Mayor of Bournemouth (Bournemouth Borough Council) and a member of the Charter trustees I can see this will kill the Mayoralty once and for all, this is unpalatable to our residents who look to the mayor to support them and give community leadership.

I passionately believe that the Littledown and Iford boundaries should remain intact, unchanged, and that Kings Park should not be disposed of so that it becomes incorporated into another area. Kings Park backs on to a number of our roads and we would lose the ability to influence things like events, AFC Bournemouth and so much more. I repeat I did not have a single representation to become parished or to become further incorporated into a wider Bournemouth wide parish, where representatives do not understand our area.

I feel strongly about this both as a resident of 40+ years and as a ward Councillor of 14 years this must not be allowed to occur, it is another unnecessary tax on residents with no benefit, certainly not in our ward.

Littledown and Iford is a thriving area with its own business district. green areas, 5 schools, retail, and business offices as well as leisure facilities. I passionately believe that we do not need to have Councillors from outside the area deciding the future of our area and the needs of our residents.

Cllr. Lawrence Williams

February 2025

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR ADAMS

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your email, I will come along to the future meeting to represent my residents both in my role as a Kinson Councillor and as a Bournemouth Charter Trustee. Could you let me know the details.

I am responding on behalf of myself and Cllr Farr.

I think the lack of consultation responses shows a lack of interest in creating an additional wider layer of "councils" – most areas especially in Bournemouth have very very few submissions despite a widely publicised consultation.

I think the resounding message is "no" – which I know is the case in Kinson – with no people having responded and those who I speak to are overwhelmingly against.

I agree that there is no need for an additional layer of local government, it presents confusion, obfuscation and costs for our residents at a time they can least afford it – for just £2 a year we have a body – the Charter Trustees, which protects the mayoralty, civic pride etc and I feel this is sufficient.

I would also agree with the bulk of the responses that show there is no appetite for a wider Bournemouth Town Council – for the reasons above, and the fact it appears there has not been a simp

Whilst I feel the lack of interest in any of the Bournemouth proposals is reason not to proceed with any changes (in Bournemouth), if it is the case that we have to I would understand proceeding with a yes/no consultation only on those areas that had expressed an interest such as Redhill, Sobo, Alderney etc.

Thank you,
Cameron



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RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR BEESLEY

Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your email of 7 February.

Although the deadline for responses is midnight today (11 February), I have rather hurriedly considered my representation as follows:-

I have been a Councillor for Westbourne & West Cliff Ward for 25 years, 19 of them in Bournemouth Borough Council and 5 in BCP Council.

During that time, I was in leadership of Bournemouth Borough Council for 12 years, 7 of them as Leader and 5 years as Deputy Leader. I was also the Portfolio Holder for Resources, for 12 years, including Finance and the Council's Budget. On the formation of BCP Council in 2019 I became the Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee for its first four years.

As I understand it, proposals made to, and considered by, the Community Governance Review need to be genuinely representative of the views of the local population. However, I further understand that there have been only 71 responses to the public consultation from a population in the BCP Council area of c400,000, or just c0.01% of local residents. There have been no representations from the residents in this Ward of Westbourne & West Cliff which I am elected to serve. The position is similar across the adjoining Wards to Westbourne & West Cliff. There is clearly no appetite from our residents for an additional layer of local government, no mandate for expanding the base of representation, and no support for the imposition of additional local taxes.

My understanding is that this process is not the opportunity for Councillors on the Working Group to promote their own agendas, nor to exercise predetermination, but rather to ascertain whether there is any appetite for change in the community, or whether residents are content with the existing arrangements.

Should new Town Councils be set up, there would be more costs for this further layer of local government, which during a cost-of-living crisis would be unwelcome and difficult for many residents. I cannot comprehend any apparent benefit to those residents, nor to the services provided to them across the BCP Council area. In addition, there would need to be fresh elections for the Town Councils which would be at a cost to local residents, along with more costs for residents to pay for further Members' allowances and an unknown quantity of administrative staff to be employed. However, local residents clearly have no idea about how much more this would all cost, although the evidence from elsewhere is not encouraging. All this, at a time of constantly increasing local taxation, resulting in a further precept on top of the existing council tax and other precepts, for services which are already being charged to residents through council tax.

In terms of the Bournemouth Mayoralty, which has been in place since 1890, we are at risk of jeopardising this on our watch and at our peril. Throughout the process of Local Government Reorganisation, we gave consistent assurances that the Mayoralty would not be affected and would remain fully supported. These assurances were widely understood and supported cross-party in Bournemouth and Poole and need to be honoured. We have since set up a structure through the Charter Trustees, and with some minor changes the Bournemouth Mayoralty has remained largely untouched. With such longevity of heritage, the Mayoralty must not be tampered with, nor be allowed to become politicised.

I hope that the Community Governance Review Working Group will think very carefully before recommending fundamental and lasting change which does not have the overwhelming support of local residents.

Regards, John Beesley



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RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR D'ORTON-GIBSON

Thank you for the information about the community governance review and the opportunity to have an input.

The first thing I would say is that there is clearly not much enthusiasm for the concept, based on the lack of response. Less than 100 responses out of a population of about 400,000 does not shout of democratic engagement. Indeed I understand this is a common problem in parish councils where there are often not enough candidates to actually need to run the election, again showing a lack of democratic engagement.

Secondly, obviously there will be a range of views and this is what open democracy is about, the ability to respectfully hold different views. Undoubtedly local residents who want a locally based council should get a fair hearing if they can show wider community support for the proposal. The current low support does not show this.

Thirdly, if people can get elected without there even being an election, just apply, there is a danger of "extreme" views, not held by local residents, being involved in the running. Such a person would have no democratic mandate.

To be clear, this process is accepted as a necessary function on a periodic basis. However, a review does not mean that we have to have parishes, we just need to see if there is any meaningful interest. That is reviewing the governance. This process appears to be more a matter of the decision to have parishes everywhere having been made and the only decision is where the boundaries lie.

I would implore the task and finish group to just consider if there is general public support for parishes across the conurbation. There is no evidence from the submissions that this exists. In a few smaller areas there may be support, but for most of the area there is no evidence. There is discussion about having more local representation but there is no mention of how, possibly unelected parish councillors, would represent residents any better than the existing BCP councillors. Anyone who has called on residents on the door will know they have very little understanding of "who does what" with local councillors being challenged on national government issues. Adding another level of councillors will simply cause more confusion for residents as they speak to the wrong person to resolve an issue. Dealing with wrongly posted enquiries will not foster greater efficiency wasting councillors time and reducing the level of service residents receive. The beauty of a unitary authority has always been a single point of contact can resolve a local council issue. Adding more layers of bureaucracy is simply going the wrong way. It is also going the opposite way to the national government who have said they want to get rid of all districts and streamline local government with unitary across the country.

By all means propose parishes where there is obvious local resident support. However, this should not be a railroaded decision in areas where there is no

evidence of local support. Allow the residents to decide and dare democracy to lead the way rather than impose undemocratic decisions for non-existent reasons.



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RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR RAMPTON

Dear Ollie

Thank you for offering to receive a late submission from me before your meeting tomorrow – although I still believe that Cllrs should have been allowed to attend and address the working group face to face.

I'll be brief in my comments – I'm sure there is no need to point out that the results of the consultation to date are not exactly a ringing endorsement for change, and hope this is recognised by the working party.

There are in my opinion 3 guiding principles which should be followed, namely

1. Nothing should be changed or imposed which is a detriment to the significant historical role of the Mayoralty. Particularly in Poole where the Sheriff office goes back to the 16th Century. The Charter Trustees, while not by any means a perfect set up, were created at LGR to uphold the Civic office and it would be a disgrace if that were to change.
2. Residents have to be front and centre of any change. The consultation has had a poor response.
The majority of people I speak to have no idea of the detail of the proposed Parishes/Town Councils, and little interest. That may well change when more residents become aware of the additional financial and bureaucratic burdens which could be imposed. Further consultation has to be wide, it has to be honest, transparent and meaningful so residents can make an informed decision about their future.
3. You have to listen to, and abide by, the results of the consultation. If the overwhelming public wish is for a Town/Parish council then fair enough. If not, then it is not the right time, or not the right structure. This needs to work. If there is doubt that it will, then it should be deferred or stopped. This mustn't be for political gain, it must be for all residents' benefit.

Thank you and kind regards

Karen

Cllr Karen Rampton

Talbot and Branksome Woods Ward

Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council

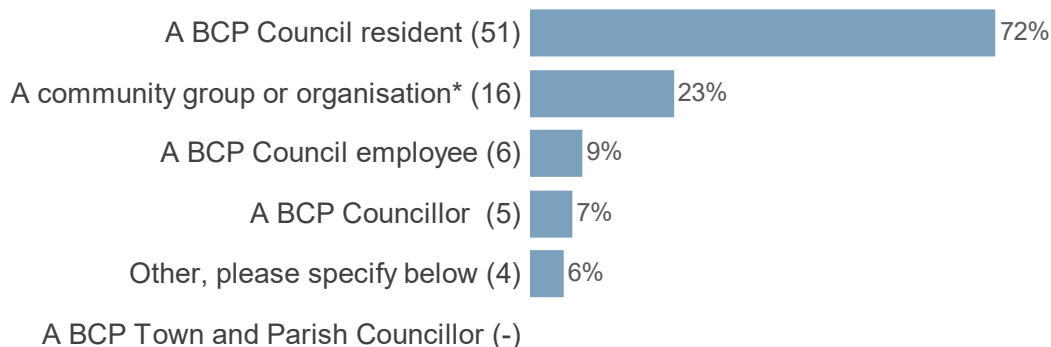
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Community Governance Review - Stage 1 Survey FINAL

This report was generated on 28/01/25. Overall 71 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'. A total of 71 cases fall into this category.

The following charts are restricted to the top 12 codes. Lists are restricted to the most recent 100 rows.

Which of these best describes you? (please select all that apply)



Please tell us which business, organisation or group you are responding on behalf of or if you belong to a different respondent category that is not listed.

***Please be aware that this name could be published as part of the process.**

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I am coordinator of the Evering Avenue Area Neighbourhood Watch - but am expressing my own views in this.

Poole Quays Forum

Mayor Of Poole

HENRA - Hengistbury Head Residents Associate

Southbourne Forum

Southbourne Forum & Rotary Club of Southbourne

Bournemouth East Allotment Society

Zero Carbon Dorset

Southbourne Community Forum

Viewpoint Residents' Association & Neighbourhood Watch (VPRA)

Friends of Bourne Community Group formerly Bourne Big Local

Southbourne, Wick and Tuckton residents group

Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum

Poole Labour Party

Wallisdown, Winton West & Ensbury Park Area Forum

Poole Quays Forum

Boscombe and Pokesdown Community Forum

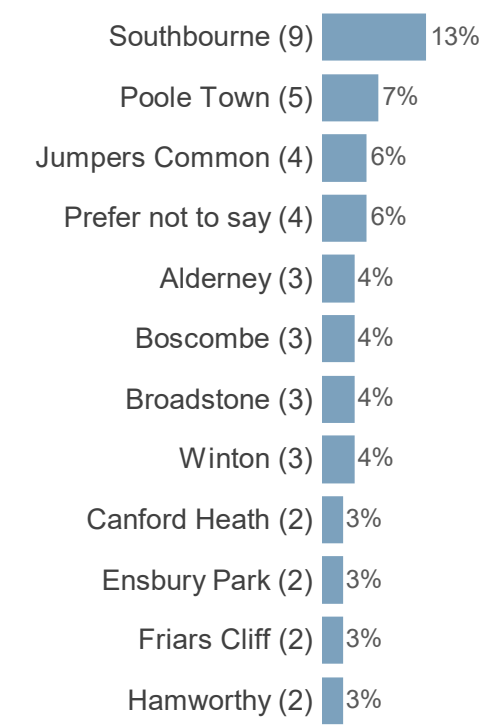
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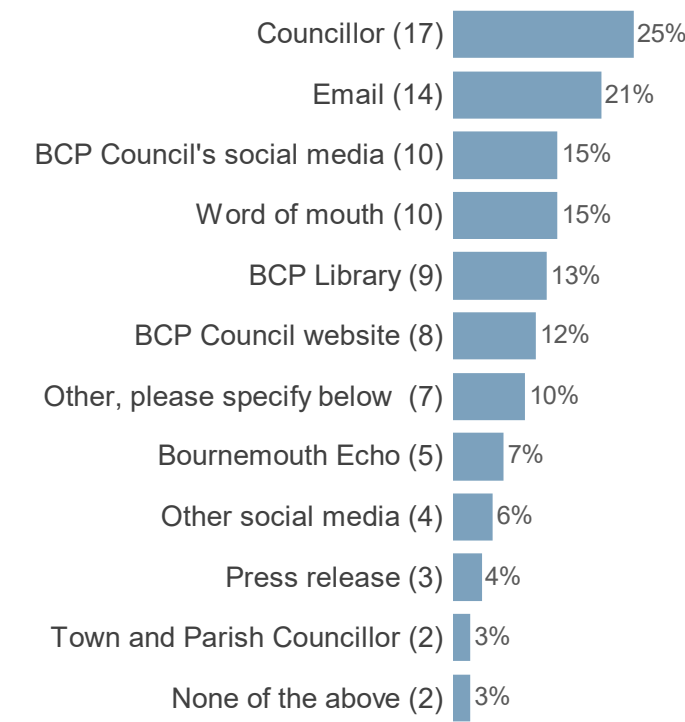
Christchurch Town Council

Clerk to Hurn Parish Council

Please tell us using the drop-down list below, which option best describes your location or local community area.
(please select one option only)



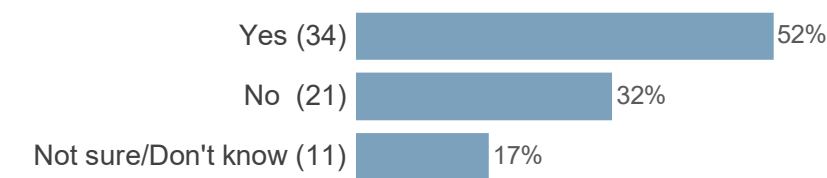
How did you find out about this engagement?
(select all that apply)



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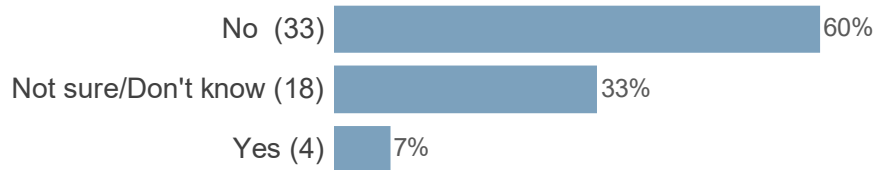
through working for the council
I saw no notices about the online & actual meetings held so far.
Jumpers & St Catherines Hill Your Community Matters Newsletter December 2024
Local magazine delivered in late December...
Something recently in a local freebie.
Southbourne Forum
Southbourne Forum Committee meeting
newsletter from libdems
Area Forum
My area also covers Tuckton, Wick and Hengistbury Head
New Milton Advertiser and Times
BCP Officers/Councillor

Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?
(please select one option per row) (a) establishing an unparished area as a parish)



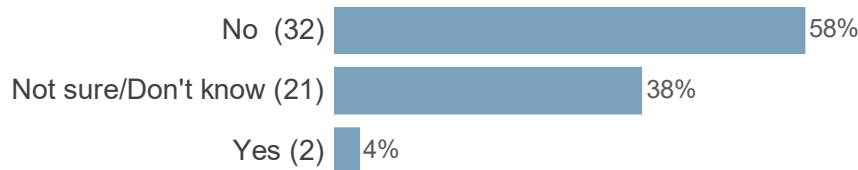
Do you feel there is a need to establish a new parish/es by either...?

(please select one option per row) (b) combining one or more unparished areas with one or more existing parished area(s))



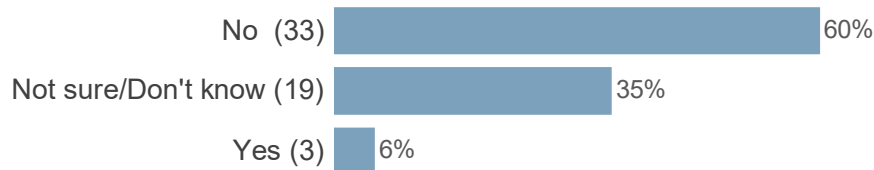
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(please select one option per row) (c) combining parts of existing parishes)



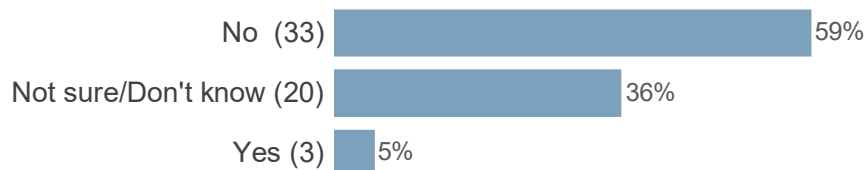
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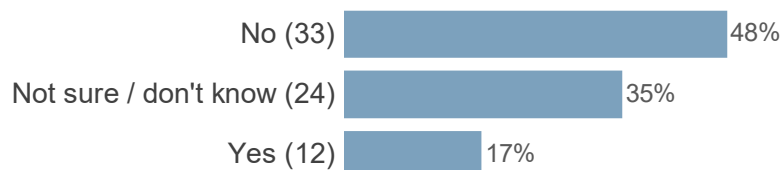
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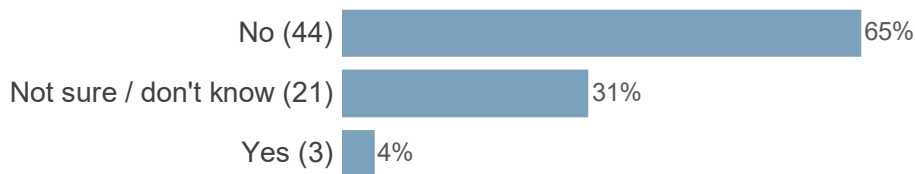


Do you feel that any existing parishes should be altered or abolished?

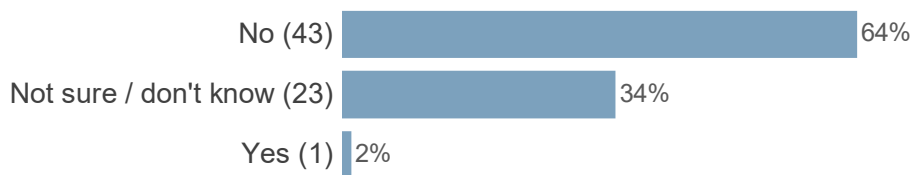
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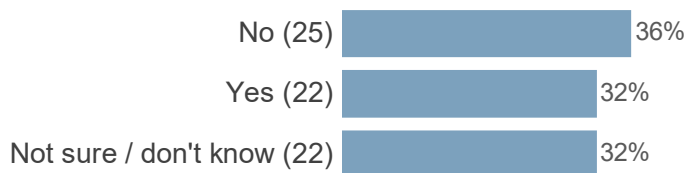
Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?
(please select one option only)



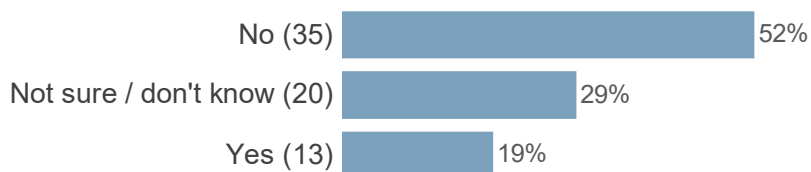
Is there a parish that you feel should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?
(please select one option only)



Are there any new parishes that you feel should have a council?
(please select one option only)



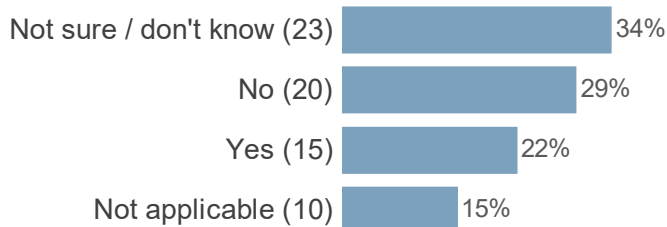
Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?
(please select one option only)



Previously, in the 'Whether to have a parish council or not' question, we asked whether any new parishes should have a council.

If applicable, please tell us whether any of these new parishes should be divided into parish wards?

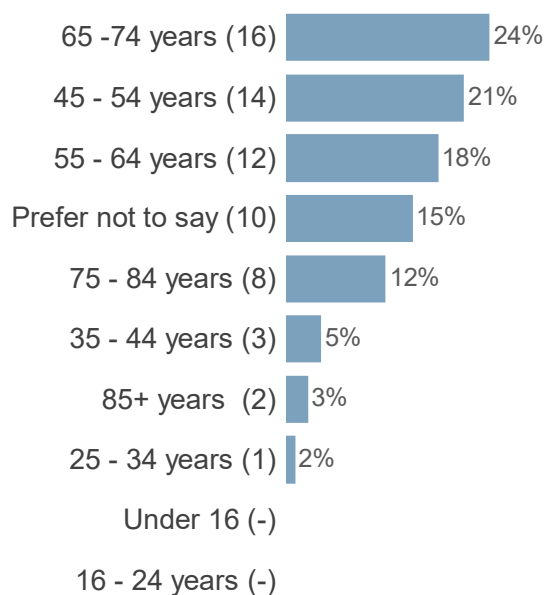
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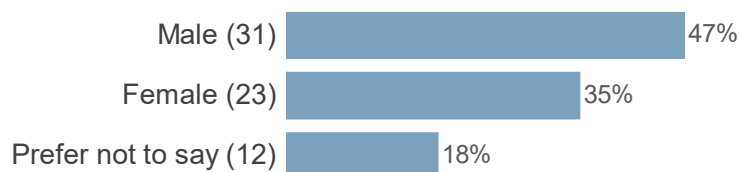
Please tell us your full postcode. This will help us understand if there are different views from residents in different areas. **(Please tell us your full postcode.** This will help us understand if there are...)

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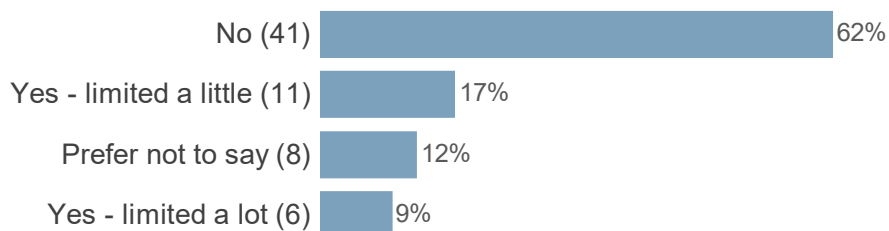


What is your sex?
(Select one option)



Are your day-to-day activities limited because of any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses, lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

(Select one option) (Disability)



What is your ethnic group? (Select **one** option) (Ethnicity)

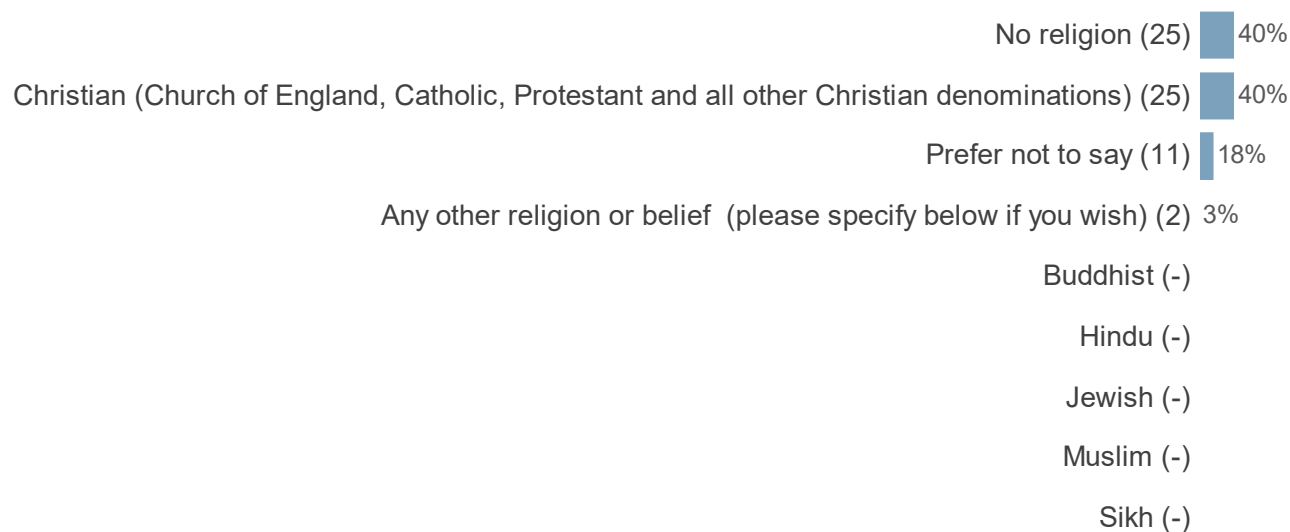


If other please state

I am responding on behalf of 368 members from a variety of ethnicities

European

What is your religion or belief? (Select **one** option) (Religion)



If other please state

Humanist
Atheist/Humanist
Humanist
what on earth does it matter what my age, ability, ethnic background or religion is???
Not applicable

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CABINET



Report subject	Our Place and Environment: Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme 2025/26
Meeting date	5 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>This report sets out and seeks financial approval for investment of the 2025/26 Local Transport Plan (LTP) grant allocation (capital funding) from the Department for Transport (DfT) and Active Travel Fund 5 (ATF5) grant.</p> <p>The 2025/26 LTP Capital grant allocation is £10.58m comprising £3.102m of Integrated Transport Block (ITB) funding and £7.478m of Local Highway Maintenance funding.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Recommends to Council approval of the 2025/26 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme as set out in Appendix A and delegates the delivery to the Director of Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy and Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations b) Delegates the delivery of the Active Travel Fund 5 grant to the Director of Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy and Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations c) Recommends to Council approval of the indicative 2026/27 and 2027/28 Highways Maintenance Programmes as set out in Appendix B
Reason for recommendations	Delegate delivery of the LTP Capital Programme and Active Travel Fund 5 grant in line with financial regulations. The purpose of approving indicative 2026/27 and 2027/28 Highways Maintenance programmes is to demonstrate forward planning to satisfy criteria associated with assessment of the incentive fund element.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Andy Hadley - Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy

	Councillor Richard Herrett – Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations
Corporate Director	Glynn Barton – Chief Operations Officer
Report Authors	Richard Pincroft – Head of Transport and Sustainable Travel Susan Fox – LTP and Capital Programme Manager
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Decision and Information

Background

1. The Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme implements schemes (see Appendix A) that align with the Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP 3) and the vision, key ambitions and priorities set out in the Corporate Strategy including the council's commitments to sustainability, equality, and diversity.
2. The Local Transport Plan (LTP3) covers the period from 2011 to 2026 and came into effect from April 2011. In south-east Dorset, the LTP 3 draws heavily on the South-East Dorset Transport Study. Local Transport Plan objectives include:

- Reducing the need to travel
- Manage and maintain the existing network more efficiently
- Active travel and 'greener' travel choices
- Public transport alternatives to the car
- Car parking measures
- Travel safety measures
- Strategic infrastructure improvements

Note: work is underway via a separate workstream to create a new Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4).

3. Government funding is provided by the Department for Transport (DfT) to deliver the Local Transport Plan in the form of Local Transport Plan Funding Capital Grant. The grant comprises of two principal areas: Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance. The proposed expenditure of the grant in 2025/26 is set out in Appendix A. Note that approval is being sought via this report for the funding in the column shaded in grey and in bold type.
4. The council has secured additional funding streams which for indicative purposes have been presented in Appendix A to provide context for the recommended investment of the grant. In some instances, the LTP grant has been utilised as a local contribution to secure external grant. Further to this, in some cases the LTP grant has been utilised to help deliver Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) items agreed during previous year(s) as part of budget setting.

Integrated Transport

5. In November 2024, the council was informed under embargo until mid-February 2025 that it would benefit from an award of £478,063 (£423.5k Capital and £54.5k Revenue) from the government's Active Travel Fund 5 programme to invest in the delivery and development of walking, wheeling, and cycling infrastructure improvements. Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council to delegate the delivery of the Active Travel Fund 5 grant to the Director of Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy and Energy and Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations. It is proposed that the grant be invested in two signalised crossings, on Richmond Park Road north of Springbourne roundabout, and at Alder Road near Recreation Road.
6. The council has successfully secured a further tranche of government funding for 2025/26 to deliver a second phase of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). Please refer to the separate Cabinet report for details of the proposed investment of the capital grant allocation of £3,257,354.
7. During 2025/26, the Council will continue with the delivery of the final stages of the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) and Safer Road fund programmes.
8. Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) grant was confirmed as being awarded to the council in January 2025. Acceptance of this award and delegation of the delivery to officers in consultation with portfolio holder subject to approval of the business plan has already been granted at Council on 9 January 2024.
9. Funding allocated to the integrated transport block items is invested in schemes that are prioritised using robust ranking mechanisms. For example, the 'Casualty reduction measures' allocation will be invested in proposals that will generate the best return for investment at reducing the likelihood of fatal and/or serious injuries at locations that have been identified as the highest priority by interpreting accident data.

Highway Maintenance

10. Funding for Highway Maintenance is allocated annually by the DfT on a 'needs' basis. The nationally available budget is shared between authorities based on network length, number of bridges and number of streetlights.
11. DfT has allocated the available funding 2025/26 as follows. The new highway maintenance block baseline is set at £5,552,000, a similar amount as 2024/25. In addition to this on 30 October 2024 the Chancellor announced that an additional £500m national funding stream had been identified to boost highway maintenance and the council had been allocated by formula an additional uplift of £1,926,000 for 2025/26, giving a total allocation of £7,478,000. Note: 25% of the funding uplift for 2025/26 described as an incentive element will be contingent on the council demonstrating compliance with criteria aimed at driving best practice and continual improvement in highways maintenance practice. The DfT has advised that it will be publishing details of the requirements in due course.
12. In advance of the new incentive guidance from the DfT being published to continue to satisfy the existing 'incentive' element requirements, Highways Maintenance Programmes for 2026/27 and 2027/28 have been included for approval in Appendix B. These programmes were compiled using the Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy, previously approved by Cabinet in 2021.

Summary of financial implications

Table 1. The elements that form the 2025/26 LTP capital programme.

LTP Capital Funding		2025/26 Allocation
Integrated Transport Block total (indicative, to be confirmed by DfT)		£3,102,000
Highway Maintenance Block	Baseline funding	£5,552,000
	2025/26 Uplift funding	£1,926,000
	Highway Maintenance total	£7,478,000
LTP Capital Programme 2025/26 total		£10,580,000

13. To ensure continuity with delivery this report seeks approval of the programme including delegation of authority to amend the LTP Capital Programme to the Director of Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy and Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure & Commercial Operations. The Highway Maintenance allocations include £1.2m funding to support Neighbourhood Services planned maintenance / pre-patching work. This allocation has been assumed in the MTFP revenue budget for 2025/26. LTP funding shall be used to fund direct staff time allocated to delivering the capital programme.
14. At the end of the financial year any unspent grant identified for schemes shall be carried forward into 2026/27.

Summary of legal implications

15. The programme includes local contributions to committed programmes. Adjustment of these contributions would have implications for the respective programmes and would likely output in the council defaulting on the grant acceptance agreements thereby requiring it to pay back any awarded monies related to the impacted programmes. Public engagement and/or consultation shall be undertaken for the projects and programmes delivered by the overarching LTP Capital Programme.

Summary of human resources implications

16. Continuity of delivery of the LTP Capital Programme for 2025/26 is subject to securing appropriate resources, both within the Transport & Sustainable Travel, and Engineering units, and through the ongoing partnering contract for technical consultancy support.

Summary of sustainability impact

17. Decision Impact Assessment (DIA) Report ID 362 refers to the LTP Capital Programme.

Summary of public health implications

18. The Local Transport Plan and associated LTP schemes aim to promote sustainable/active travel and/or minimise congestion and as such aim to deliver improvements to air quality and increase levels of activity.

Summary of equality implications

19. The LTP Capital Programme has been Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) screened and a full EQIA for the programme itself is not required, however, individual projects within the programme will be EQIA screened and full EQIAs completed should a need be identified during screening.

Summary of risk assessment

20. No significant risk implications with regards to approval of the respective programmes have been identified. Schemes of significant scale would be subject to specific risk assessments and risk registers as part of the overarching programme delivery process.

Background papers

None

Appendices

1. Appendix A – 2025/26 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme
2. Appendix B – 2026/27 and 2027/28 Highways Maintenance Programmes

Appendix A - Local Transport Plan 2025/26 BCP Capital Programme

Note: the funding within the column headed “2025/26 LTP Funding” in bold type and shaded is that for which approval is being sought in this report.

Integrated Transport Block	Funding Source (£)		
	2025/26 LTP Funding [£]	External grant indicative spend during 2025/26 [£]	Total funding (including indicative spend) 2025/26 [£]
Strategic network improvements			
South-East Dorset Strategic Transport Model	65,000	0	65,000
Advanced design for future year schemes	200,000	0	200,000
Sub-National Transport Body (STB), Local Transport Plan (LTP), Business Case Development & Bidding	200,000	0	200,000
Sub-total	465,000	0	465,000
Active travel & 'greener' travel choices			
Walking and Cycling (priorities derived from Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan)	75,000	0	75,000
School Streets	50,000	0	50,000
Accessibility improvements	55,000	0	55,000
Public Rights of Way	75,000	0	75,000
Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) (2025/26)	0	1,447,000	1,447,000
DLEP: Ferndown, Wallisdown, Poole (FWP) Corridors - LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	450,000	0	450,000
Boscombe Towns Fund - LOCAL CONTRIBUTION	288,000	0	288,000
Active Travel Fund Tranche 5 (ATF5)	0	423,500	423,500
Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Sustainable Transport Corridors – C2/S5/S6	0	21,118,000	21,118,000
Sub-total	993,000	22,988,500	23,981,500

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Integrated Transport Block (cont'd)	Funding Source (£)		
	2025/26 LTP Funding [£]	External grant indicative spend during 2025/26 [£]	Total funding [£]
Public transport alternatives to the car			
National Passenger Travel Information	25,000	0	25,000
Bus Service Improvement Plan 1 (BSIP 1)	0	4,000,000	4,000,000
Bus Service Improvement Plan 2 (BSIP 2)	0	3,257,354	3,257,354
Sub-total	25,000	7,257,354	7,282,354
Travel Safety Measures			
20mph speed limit areas	174,000	0	174,000
Pedestrian Crossings	250,000	0	250,000
Casualty reduction measures	50,000	0	50,000
School Crossing Patrol site upgrades to permanent crossings – MTFP	500,000	0	500,000
Safer Roads Fund	0	700,000	700,000
Sub-total	974,000	700,000	1,674,000
Manage and maintain the existing network more efficiently			
Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)	370,000	0	370,000
Data Collection	25,000	0	25,000
Network Management Interventions	75,000	0	75,000
Minor Transportation Schemes – MTFP	75,000	0	75,000
Sub-total	545,000	0	545,000
Programme Management Fees	100,000	0	100,000
Total for Integrated Transport Block	3,102,000	30,945,854	34,047,854
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Highway Maintenance	Funding Source (£)		
	2025/26 LTP Funding Baseline + uplift fund [£]	External grant indicative spend during 2025/26 [£]	Total funding [£]
Structural Maintenance			
Resurfacing Programme	2,870,000	0	2,870,000
Planned Patching to prevent potholes / routine capital maintenance (Environment) – MTFP	1,200,000	0	1,200,000
Surface Treatments (Micro asphalt, prevention treatments, pre-patching)	1,100,000	0	1,100,000
Footways (resurfacing & footway slurry)	150,000	0	150,000
Highway Drainage	100,000	0	100,000
Surveys & software	100,000	0	100,000
Maintenance Programme Management Fees	288,000	0	290,000
Challenge fund – Castle Lane West (Wimborne Road to Redhill Roundabout)	0	1,702,100	2,100,000
Sub-total	5,808,000	1,702,100	7,510,100
Bridge & Structures Maintenance			
Bridge Maintenance	600,000	0	600,000
Principal Inspection	100,000	0	100,000
Sub-total	700,000	0	700,000
Street Lighting Maintenance			
Street Lighting Maintenance	470,000	0	470,000
Sub-total	470,000	0	470,000
Signals & Sensor Maintenance			
Traffic Signals and Crossings Maintenance	500,000	0	500,000
Sub-total	500,000	0	500,000
Total for Highway Maintenance	7,478,000	1,702,100	9,180,100
Total Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2025/26 Capital Programme	10,580,000	32,647,954	43,227,954

**Appendix B - Local Transport Plan 2026/27 and 2027/28 Highways
Maintenance elements (indicative)**

Note: the funding within the columns headed “2026/27 or 2027/28 LTP Funding” in bold type and shaded is that for which approval is being sought in this report.

Highway Maintenance	Funding Source [£]		
	2026/27 LTP Baseline funding [£]	Columns intentionally blank	
Structural Maintenance			
Resurfacing Programme	1,950,000		
Surface Treatments (Micro asphalt, prevention treatments, pre-patching)	900,000		
Planned Patching to prevent potholes / routine capital maintenance (Environment) – MTFP	800,000		
Footways (resurfacing & footway slurry)	150,000		
Highway Drainage	100,000		
Surveys & software	100,000		
Maintenance Programme Management Fees	252,000		
Sub-total	4,252,000		
Bridge & Structures Maintenance			
Bridge Maintenance	450,000		
Principal Inspection	100,000		
Sub-total	550,000		
Street Lighting Maintenance			
Street Lighting Maintenance	400,000		
Sub-total	400,000		
Signals & Sensor Maintenance			
Traffic Signals and Crossings Maintenance	350,000		
Sub-total	350,000		
Total 2026/27 Highway Maintenance	5,552,000		
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**Appendix B- Local Transport Plan 2026/27 and 2027/28 Highways
Maintenance element of BCP Capital Programme (continued)**

Highway Maintenance	Funding Source [£]		
	2027/28 LTP Baseline funding [£]	Columns intentionally blank	
Structural Maintenance			
Resurfacing Programme	1,950,000		
Surface Treatments (Micro asphalt, prevention treatments, pre-patching)	900,000		
Planned Patching to prevent potholes / routine capital maintenance (Environment) – MTFP	800,000		
Footways (resurfacing & footway slurry)	150,000		
Highway Drainage	100,000		
Surveys & software	100,000		
Maintenance Programme Management Fees	252,000		
Sub-total	4,252,000		
Bridge & Structures Maintenance			
Bridge Maintenance	450,000		
Principal Inspection	100,000		
Sub-total	550,000		
Street Lighting Maintenance			
Street Lighting Maintenance	400,000		
Sub-total	400,000		
Signals & Sensor Maintenance			
Traffic Signals and Crossings Maintenance	350,000		
Sub-total	350,000		
Total 2027/28 Highway Maintenance	5,552,000		
Figures provided in the table for 2026/27 and 2027/28 are subject to possible variation based on DfT confirmation of allocations. DfT funding levels for 2026/27 and beyond are not yet confirmed and therefore an assumption has been made that they will at least remain at 2025/26 baseline funding level.			

CABINET



Report subject	Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
Meeting date	5 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is collected from development and used to fund infrastructure necessary to support planned growth set out by the Draft BCP Local Plan. CIL receipts are split into strategic, neighbourhood and administration components. We can only spend CIL once it is received.</p> <p>Strategic CIL spending governance was agreed by Cabinet in 2021. The Capital Briefing Board (CBB) assesses project bids for strategic CIL and recommends which projects receive spending, subject to following the necessary sign off procedures in accordance with the financial regulations.</p> <p>Service providers have identified £121.8m infrastructure projects for CIL funding over the next 5 years. This exceeds the projected uncommitted £29.3m Strategic CIL budget and so prioritisation is necessary. This paper asks Cabinet to recommend to Council the priorities for Strategic CIL spend enabling CBB to manage the process.</p> <p>The preferred approach to prioritisation is set out in Option 2 in the report, to put approximately 80% of Strategic CIL towards large infrastructure projects essential to support local plan growth. The provision of Poole Town Centre flood defences and habitats sites mitigation are critical to enable the Council to grant planning permission. Approximately 20% of CIL remains for discretionary infrastructure projects.</p> <p>The annual Infrastructure Funding Statement reports all CIL spend.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommends to Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agree the spending priorities for Strategic CIL set out in Option 2 over the period 2024/25 to 2029/30 provided CIL income is as forecast; and b. Annually update this report for Cabinet and Council.

Reason for recommendations	The infrastructure necessary to support or mitigate the planned growth set out in the Draft BCP Local Plan far exceeds the likely income. This report enables Cabinet to set the spending priorities to provide a clear steer to the Capital Briefing Board to manage the award of CIL to projects.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Mille Earl, Leader of the Council and Chair of Cabinet
Corporate Director	Glynn Barton, Chief Operations Officer
Report Authors	Steve Dring, Planning Policy Manager
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) collected from development is for spending on infrastructure to support planned growth set out in the local plan. CIL receipts are split as follows and as shown in Figure 1 of Appendix 1:
 - Strategic CIL – Up to 80%
 - Town/Parish Councils & Neighbourhood Portion – 15% (rising to 25% if a neighbourhood plan is in place)
 - Admin – 5%
2. The regulations require us to pass 15% of the CIL receipts directly to a town or parish council of the CIL paid by development that takes place within that town or parish council area. It is the responsibility of the town or parish council to spend these CIL receipts. In unparished areas, we have set up a process for spending the neighbourhood portion of CIL. Where there is a neighbourhood plan, we put aside 25% of the CIL receipts from development taking place in that neighbourhood plan area. The neighbourhood forums can put forward projects to bid for those ringfenced monies. Strategic CIL is thus reduced to 70% in areas where there is a neighbourhood plan in place. Currently there are six neighbourhood plans for Broadstone, Boscombe and Pokesdown, Highcliffe and Walkford, Hurn, Poole Quays and Sandbanks Peninsula.
3. We use 5% of CIL income for administration purposes, which is the maximum allowable under the CIL Regulations. This supports the costs associated with the collection, management and spending of CIL.
4. This paper focusses on how we spend Strategic CIL. The 2008 Planning Act Regulation 216 requires that CIL is used to support '*development by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure*', with infrastructure defined as:
 - roads and other transport facilities;
 - flood defences;
 - schools and other educational facilities;

- medical facilities;
 - sporting and recreational facilities; and
 - open spaces.
5. The Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) sets out the CIL and planning obligations, collected and spent in the financial year. A key role of the IFS is to set out our spending priorities for Strategic CIL in the forthcoming year(s) to provide transparency on what we are collecting CIL for.
 6. The following three sections of this report set out; (i) past CIL income and expenditure; (ii) the current CIL position; and (iii) options for prioritisation of CIL spending.

Past CIL income and expenditure

7. Strategic CIL accounts for around £4m income per annum, as shown in Figure 2 of Appendix 1.
8. We have spent £9.7m Strategic CIL since the Council formed in 2019, as shown in Figure 3 of Appendix 1. Mitigating the impact of development upon the Dorset Heathlands and Poole Harbour habitat sites has accounts for 47% of all spending. This has enabled the Council to continue to grant planning permission for new homes. Strategic CIL has also provided a crucial source of investment in Open Space, Leisure and Recreation facilities (17%).

The CIL position

9. As of 31 December 2024, we held £18.3 of unspent Strategic CIL. Of this £10m Strategic CIL is already committed to projects (see Appendix 2) leaving £8.3m Strategic CIL unallocated.
10. As set out above we can expect income of £4m Strategic CIL per annum for the five years 2025/26 to 2029/30, a total of £20m. In addition, we expect £1m income in quarter four of 2024/25. We can therefore expect £21m additional CIL over the next 5 years.
11. In total we estimate a Strategic CIL budget of £39.3m for the next five-year period (£18.3m + £21m). £10m of this is already committed, leaving £29.3m uncommitted.
12. We can only spend money once it has been received. CIL receipts vary in amount and timing. We are awaiting payment of £1m invoices in the remainder of 2024/25, which gives certainty to the forecast for 2024/25. We have £2.6m Strategic CIL billed for 2025/26. This is a healthy starting position and provided this is paid it can be expected to increase by the end of 2024/25 in line with other years.
13. In terms of cashflow, we should hold £16.16m of unspent CIL on 1 April 2025, which with known commitments and forecast income is expected to fall to £9.991m on 1 April 2026 (Appendix 3).
14. Receipts for 2024/25 remain unknown, but there is confidence that £4m can be raised based on the £2.6m that is currently billed for payment in 2025/26. However, whilst we can plan infrastructure spend, we can only spend money once it has been received.

Options for CIL Prioritisation

15. As part of the process of preparing the Draft BCP Local Plan we asked service providers to identify the infrastructure requirements needed to support the planned growth over the period 2024/25 to 2038/39. These infrastructure requirements are set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).
16. The identified infrastructure requirements currently total £3.6bn. This is heavily transport focussed (£3.3bn) with the remaining £0.3bn for all other infrastructure.
17. Figure 4 sets out the cost of planned infrastructure by type over the next five years. £121.8m is needed against the uncommitted Strategic CIL budget of £29.3m. The projects identified in this table are at Appendix 4.

Infrastructure Type	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Education Provision	0	0	0	0	8.2	8.2
Seafront and Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Infrastructure	8.3	1.8	1.1	0.8	1.5	13.5
Green Infrastructure, Open Space, Leisure and Recreation	7.6	3.4	2.4	3.7	10.9	28
Habitat Sites Mitigation Strategies	0.3	5.7	1	0.04	0.00	7.04
Health Provision	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	3
Culture	0.4	0.2	0.2	0	0	0.8
Transport (& Engineering)	11	5.2	6.2	0.7	0.5	23.6
Housing enabling and regeneration	1.3	1.2	1.1	4.2	17.6	25.4
Waste	1	8.9	2.6	0	0	12.5
Total	30.5	27	15.2	10	39.3	122.04

Figure 4 – Infrastructure projects identified by type (£m)

Note figures do not tally due to rounding

18. Each infrastructure type and key project bids are discussed below.

Education

19. **£8.2m** has been identified for projects over the next 5 years.
20. Two strategic housing sites North of Bearwood and North of Merley will be paying significant sums of Section 106 monies towards providing additional school places in local schools to the development. The CBB has previously supported a request for Strategic CIL to fund the £4.2m gap between the Section 106 monies and the estimated cost of school expansion. This would be needed towards the end of the five year period and is directly linked to housing growth.

Seafront and Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Infrastructure

21. **£13.5m** has been identified for projects over the next 5 years.
22. The principal project is £7.3m for the Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill Flood defences scheme to help protect thousands of homes from flooding in Poole Town Centre. This project has £22.1m grant funding from the Environment Agency but, due to rising build costs since the grant was secured, there is now a shortfall, which Strategic CIL could cover. Without this additional funding we lose the grant and the scheme cannot go ahead. This project is a critical to the Draft BCP Local Plan

to enable planned regeneration in Poole Town Centre and should be given priority. London Land currently building 291 homes at West Quay Marina which will provide £2.4m Strategic CIL, which would result in a direct use of CIL on the adjacent flood defence. Other developments along West Quay Road could also pay CIL in future.

23. The £6.2m of other projects identified mostly cover maintenance of assets.

Green Infrastructure

24. **£28m** has been identified for projects over the next 5 years.
25. The Play Strategy would manage 180 play spaces and cost £10m by 2030. For phase 1, £3.4m of Strategic CIL is already committed.
26. £13m has also been identified for green infrastructure projects, nature conservation and enhancement to open spaces, £7m for improvements and upgrades to our leisure centres (Ashdown, Rossmore, Two Rivers Meet and Kings Park) and £1.5m for projects at Highcliffe Castle, Upton Country Park and Queens Park.

Habitats Sites Mitigation Strategies

27. The Council and its predecessor councils have always prioritised the use of Strategic CIL to implement strategies to mitigate the impact of development upon habitat sites, in particular the Dorset Heathlands and Poole Harbour. Without this mitigation the Council would not be able to grant planning permission for new homes. Currently there are four mitigation strategies. £2.1m is already committed to projects (see Appendix 2), and a further **£7.1m** of projects has been identified (Appendix 4):
28. Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 2020-2025 – £5.5m has been identified to provide heathland and mitigation infrastructure projects across the BCP area. A further £1m is currently committed to maintaining the SANGs over the five year period along with a range of other heathland mitigation projects costing £0.6m
- Dorset Heathlands Interim Air Quality Strategy 2020-2025 has a commitment of £0.5m towards funding the strategy.
 - Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour SPD will require £1.5m CIL to provide grant to landowners to offset homes already granted planning permission. This is essential as the homes have already been granted permission with the expectation the Council will deliver the mitigation.
 - Poole Harbour Recreation SPD 2019-2024 will require £0.1m CIL for projects to improve accessibility to less sensitive areas of the harbour.

NHS Health contributions

29. The System Leadership Team set up a task and finish group to explore the potential for new housing development to contribute towards health care infrastructure. The recommendations of the task and finish group were fed back and approved by the System Leadership Team on 27 August 2020.
30. The work established an impact of £516 per home for BCP Council. NHS Dorset like all service providers can bid for Strategic CIL funds. For the 5,700 homes planned over the five year period, this would equate to **£3m** of Strategic CIL. If

the request is approved Dorset NHS and Hospital Trusts will cease submission of requests for Section 106 contributions on future planning applications.

31. Within this, requests for Dorset NHS for doctor's surgery improvements used a formula of one £60,000 room per 1,800 new residents. For 5,700 planned homes over the five year period that would equate to £0.4m.

Culture

32. **£0.8m** has been identified, including £0.5m to implement the library strategy by creating community hubs.

Transport

33. **£23.6m** has been identified for transport projects.
34. Of this £6.6m is identified for high priority transport projects. Projects include £3m for River Stour crossings, £0.9m to replace school crossing patrols with pedestrian crossings. A further £12.2m is needed for other transport projects.
35. A further £6m has been identified for refurbishment of Poole Lifting Bridge and the Twin Sails Bridge.

Housing enabling and regeneration

36. Strategic CIL cannot be used to fund affordable housing, but it can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development.
37. **£25.4m** has been identified to help deliver Local Plan allocation H.1 Holes Bay site (Former Power station), comprising £11.3m for flood defences and £6.3m for land remediation, and £4.2m for transport mitigation. This funding may not be necessary if the Council can secure Homes England grant.

Waste

38. **£12.5m** has been identified for waste projects. This includes £6m for the refurbishment of the Hurn Transfer Depot, £0.3m for litter bins and £0.3m for a new refuse vehicle for every 5,000 homes built, which is the expectation of housebuilding over the 2025-2030 year period.

Maintenance

39. Due to pressures in local government revenue funding, there is an increasing ask on CIL to support the maintenance of infrastructure. Maintenance and operation of infrastructure can be a suitable use of CIL under the legal definition. Many of the projects listed in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan are to maintain assets such as bridges, open spaces or flood defences. Some maintenance budgets have been agreed as they directly maintain assets delivered by CIL (e.g. Upton Country Park SANG, and Stour Valley River Meadows SANG).
40. The Council could consider apportioning some future CIL towards a maintenance budget. In addition, any capital projects awarded CIL should also be expected to make an allowance for future maintenance.

Supporting Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL)

41. Neighbourhood CIL will be reviewed later in 2025 after the closure of the current funding round (24 March 2025). For parishes, forums and areas with a neighbourhood plan the NCIL raised in those area is ringfenced for spending in

those communities. Some communities do not receive enough NCIL for community projects and there has been an option to apply for strategic CIL as a top up. However as evidenced in this report, there are insufficient funds to continue this approach.

Prioritisation of projects

42. Delivering the infrastructure necessary to support the planned growth in the Draft BCP Local Plan is priority for use of CIL. There are 5,677 homes planned over the five years as set out at Appendix 5.
43. Habitat sites mitigation and flood risk infrastructure is crucial to implementation of the local plan and delivery of housing. These projects should be afforded highest priority for use of CIL.
44. As discussed above there is a £121.8m ask for Strategic CIL (see Appendix 4) against an uncommitted budget of £29.3m. These projects have been nominated by service providers as priority. As these projects comes forward decision makers can assess the proposed infrastructure to ensure it mitigates planned growth in the Draft BCP Local Plan.

Options Appraisal

45. There is an estimated Strategic CIL budget of £39.3m for 2025-2030. After £10m commitments this is reduced to £29.3m.
46. Poole flood defences (£7.3m), and the habitats sites mitigation strategies (£6.6m) are crucial spending to support the Draft BCP Local Plan and account for a significant portion of this (£13.9m).
47. This leaves £15.4m to be prioritised from the remaining identified projects. We suggest four options for discussion.
48. It needs to be clear that before Strategic CIL funding is drawn down officers must check if there is alternative funding available.
49. Infrastructure needs, cashflow spend will be monitored and reviewed over time.

**Option 1 – Prioritisation of mitigation critical to delivery of the Local Plan
with flexibility on how to spend the remaining approximately 60%
of Strategic CIL**

Strategic Infrastructure (2025-2030)	Total Cost (£'000s)	Agreed Funding (£'000s)	Additional CIL Cost (£'000s)	Justification
Poole Town Centre flood defence	29.4	22.1	7.3	Essential to enable Poole Town Centre regeneration, enable the delivery of new homes and protect existing homes. Without CIL the £22.1M Environment Agency grant would be lost.
Habitats sites mitigation	8.7	2.1	6.6	Essential to grant planning permission for new homes across the BCP area. Includes new SANG and nitrogen offsetting.
Total	38.1	24.2	13.9	Leaves £15.4M (53%) of the £29.3m Strategic CIL forecast unallocated for discretionary spend.

Pros:

- Critical infrastructure is funded ensuring the local plan is deliverable.
- Secures the Environment Agency grant awarded to the Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill flood defence and protection of housing in Poole town centre.
- Flexibility, enabling the management of cash flow to align to annual priorities.
- Surplus of £15.4m unallocated CIL can be used as match funding to secure government grant, e.g. for Holes Bay development

Cons:

- Uncertainty for service providers on how projects will be funded.
- Lacks member steer over other infrastructure priorities, risking a first past the post approach to project spend.

50. If this option were taken forward an assessment criteria would need to be set to appraise individual projects to ensure that they meet the corporate strategy, Draft BCP Local Plan growth or provides match funding to secure external funding.

Option 2 – 80% of Strategic CIL allocated to essential infrastructure to support the Local Plan with approximately 20% flexible for corporate priorities

Strategic Infrastructure (2025-2030)	Total Cost (£'000s)	Agreed Funding (£'000s)	Additional CIL Cost (£'000s)	Justification
Poole Town Centre flood defence	29.4	22.1	7.3	Essential to enable Poole Town Centre regeneration, enable the delivery of new homes and protect existing homes. Without CIL the £22.1M Environment Agency grant would be lost.
Habitats sites mitigation	8.7	2.1	6.6	Essential to grant planning permission for new homes across the BCP area. Includes new SANG and nitrogen offsetting.
Bearwood and Merley Schools (education provision)	11.7	7.6	4.2	Essential to support 1700 homes in the ward. £7.6M obligation upon developers through Section 106 Agreements.
Transport	6	0	6	Essential maintenance of highway assets and/or implementation of sustainable transport to avoid congestion caused by housing growth. Will be monitored as external funding may be secured.
Total	55.8	31.8	24.1	Leaves £5.2.M (18%) of the £29.3m Strategic CIL forecast unallocated for discretionary spend.

Note figures don't tally due to rounding

Pros:

- Critical infrastructure is funded ensuring the local plan is deliverable.
- Secures the Environment Agency grant awarded to the Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill flood defence and protection of housing in Poole town centre.
- Certainty for service providers of which projects can secure CIL.
- Surplus of £5.2m for urgent project funding or for match funding to secure external grant.

Cons:

51. Overspend and would require higher CIL income than forecast, or cost savings made within projects.

- CIL cashflow issues in first few years, meaning choices needed over which projects take priority.

- Limited flexibility for other projects / service providers.
- Uncertainty for service providers on how other projects will be funded.
- Some infrastructure types unfunded – e.g. Waste, Culture, Housing, etc.

52. If this option were taken forward an assessment criteria would need to be set to appraise individual projects to ensure that they meet the corporate strategy, Draft BCP Local Plan growth or provides match funding to secure external funding.

Option 3 - To provide service areas with a proportional cut of CIL

Infrastructure Type	Proportion CIL % 2025-2030
Education Provision	15%
Seafront and FCERM	25%
Green Infrastructure, Open Space, Leisure and Recreation	15%
Habitats Sites Mitigation Strategies	20%
Culture	1%
Transport	20%
Housing enabling and regeneration	3%
Waste	1%
Total Capital Costs	100%

Pros:

- Certainty for service providers of securing CIL.

Cons:

- Temptation for service providers to spent full allocation without Council wide review of priority projects (use it or lose it).
- No flexibility for cashflow.

53. Does not provide the required amount of funding in the year it is needed (i.e. education funding not needed until 2029/30, whereas Poole flood defence project is needed in full in 2025/26.)

- No surplus for urgent project funding or for match funding to secure external grant.

Option 4 – Strategic CIL spending focussed on resolving public concerns over planning applications within wards where development occurs

54. Public objections to planning applications largely focus on a perceived lack of local infrastructure, which can be summarised as traffic congestion, lack of school places, difficulty getting doctor's appointments and loss of green infrastructure/open space. Option 4 seeks to prioritise Strategic CIL to tackle these local issues in the wards where development takes place.

Strategic Infrastructure (2025-2030)	Total Cost (£'000s)	Agreed Funding (£'000s)	Additional CIL Cost (£'000s)	Justification
Poole Town Centre flood defence	29.4	22.1	7.3	Essential to enable Poole Town Centre regeneration, enable the delivery of new homes and protect existing homes. Without CIL the £22.1M Environment Agency grant would be lost.
Habitats sites mitigation	8.7	2.1	6.6	Essential to grant planning permission for new homes across the BCP area. Includes £4.9M Strategic CIL already committed. Provides new and improved open space and protects heathland and Poole Harbour.
Bearwood and Merley Schools (education provision)	11.7	7.6	4.2	Essential to support 1700 homes in the Bearwood and Merley ward. £7.6M obligation upon developers through Section 106 Agreements.
Transport	3.9	0	3.9	Implementation of sustainable transport to avoid congestion caused by housing growth. Will be monitored as external funding may be secured. Could include maintenance of highway assets.
Open space	7	3.4	3.6	To fund phase 2 of the Council's Play Strategy
Health – doctor's surgeries	0.4	0	0.4	Cost based on formula for number of residents to be used by NHS to fund expansions to surgeries (does not include doctors that are funded by other means)
Total	61.1	35.2	26	Leaves £3.3M (11%) of the £29.3m Strategic CIL forecast unallocated for discretionary spend

Note figures don't tally due to rounding

Pros:

- Critical infrastructure is funded ensuring the local plan is deliverable.
- Secures the Environment Agency grant awarded to the Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill flood defence and protection of housing in Poole town centre.
- Spending on infrastructure in wards / immediate area where development can allay public concerns of over development
- Certainty for service providers of which projects can secure CIL.
- Surplus of £3.3m for urgent project funding or for match funding to secure external grant.

Cons:

- CIL cashflow issues in first few years, meaning choices needed over which projects take priority.
- No flexibility for other projects / service providers.
- Uncertainty for service providers on how other projects will be funded.
- Some infrastructure types unfunded – e.g. Waste, Culture, Housing, etc.
- Is limited to Merley and Bearwood schools.
- Would not fund strategic transport issues.

55. All options could be considered as they each have advantages and disadvantages. Options 1, 2 and 4 support the critical infrastructure necessary to support the local plan with Options 2 and 4 taking this further to provide certainty to other essential infrastructure. While Option 1 provides flexibility with surplus CIL available it will lead to competition between service providers for the remaining funding. Options 2 and 4 therefore provides more certainty to service providers but competing demands for cashflow and a possible overspend will need to be carefully managed. With Options 2 and 4 some services will miss out on CIL funding in the five-year period, although there is a modest opportunity to address this if service demand for capital funding is a corporate strategy priority. Option 4 would see more CIL spend at a local level than Option 2 which is more strategic.
56. Option 3 is a different approach that provides each service provider with certainty of budget top sliced from CIL each year. This can split the CIL fund it many smaller amounts taking several years to build up into meaningful sums lacking flexibility and providing frustration over timing of spend. One per cent of the £4m forecast Strategic CIL come is £40,000. Service providers may also opt to spend less strategically due to significant budget pressures.

Preferred Option

57. Option 2 is preferred as it focusses on strategic infrastructure but requires further discussion about which projects are included. Appendix 3 includes a suggested CIL cashflow to ensure there are sufficient funds available. Poole flood defences

and transport would utilise the majority of funding in the 2025/26 to 2027/28 year period. This would mean delaying the Upton Country Park SANG and Nitrogen offsetting to 2027/28. This is a risk as the funding may be needed earlier. The education funding is likely to be needed nearer to 2030.

58. Option 2 provides each service provider with clear expectations on what projects are fundable from CIL.
59. Discussions will be needed with service providers to understand limited options to seek Section 106 Agreements from development for financial sums in lieu of CIL. Care will be needed so that there is no double dipping as this would squeeze development viability and delivery and likely reduce future CIL rates the Council could charge through the Draft CIL Charging Schedule.
60. Service providers may need to be more proactive – some already are – in their discussions with communities about the role of neighbourhood CIL to address local infrastructure needs.

Summary of financial implications

61. The financial implications are discussed in the main report.
62. There was a CIL audit in 2021/22 that recommended:
 - High priority:
 - It is recommended that a governance framework is implemented, including the following;
 - a documented decision-making process covering all aspects of CIL expenditure.
 - corporate oversight and direction of CIL spend.
 - a BCP Apportionments and Allocations policy, for agreement by relevant senior officers and Councillors.
 - Medium priority:
 - It is recommended that future CIL spending priorities are formally considered and endorsed for detailed inclusion in the 2020/21 Infrastructure Funding Statement.
63. The governance framework was established by Cabinet in 2021. The Future Infrastructure Programme Board was set up to help facilitate more efficient and effective strategic decision making for all infrastructure activity, including Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). In 2023 the board was renamed the Capital Briefing Board (CBB). The CBB will act as an initial gateway for project requests and sanction the development of any relevant business cases and the preferred source of funding. It comprises key officers within the Council and is not a decision making board. Officers are currently guided by the spending priorities identified by the Capital Briefing Board, with the authority required to spend CIL acquired in accordance with the Financial Regulations.
64. All decisions are then recorded in accordance with the financial recommendations. The Apportionments and Allocation of CIL was also agreed and published on the website for the collection of CIL (CIL instalment policy, payment in kind and discretionary relief).

65. A new CIL spending audit is currently underway with a report due in 2025. The findings will be included in the next review of this paper.

Summary of legal implications

66. The requirements for how CIL can be collected and spent are set out in the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended). Regulation 59 states:

'A charging authority must apply CIL to funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of its area.'

67. Other key paragraphs include:

- Para 61: No more than five per cent of CIL collected in that year to be spent on administration; and
- Para 121A: Publish the Infrastructure Funding Statement annually.

68. The Conservation of Habitats and Species (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 known as the Habitat Regulations require that decision makers ensure that a project or proposal does not cause an adverse effect to a protected site or species. There are numerous habitat sites afforded such protections in South East Dorset, in particular the Dorset Heathlands and Poole Harbour.

Summary of human resources implications

69. No implications identified

Summary of sustainability impact

70. A Decision Impact Assessment (DIA) has been completed.

71. All options will have a positive impact on: transport and accessibility, natural environment, learning and skills, health and well-being, economy, communities and climate change and energy and communities and culture. No positive or negative impacts identified for sustainable procurement. Unknown impact identified for waste and resource use due to more detailed assessment needed as each project is delivered.

72. Sustainability is key with new infrastructure planning. CIL can be used for climate adaptation and mitigation. Environmental projects which can lever further external funding / grants can use the CIL monies as partnership funding to make the money go further.

Summary of public health implications

73. Strategic CIL can be spent on public health infrastructure for prevention such as public open spaces, trees, green infrastructure and active travel. It can also be spent directly on doctor's surgeries. Option 2 includes habitat sites strategies which includes the provision of new open space, and Transport which includes active travel. Many of the already committed projects have public health benefits, e.g. the Play Strategy.

Summary of equality implications

74. An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) Screening has been completed. The EqIA Panel assessed the EqIA screening report on 12 February 2025. Following amendments to the report, it has been rated green.
75. All 4 options proposed for the spending of Strategic CIL will have benefits for those with protected characteristics. No negative impacts have been identified. Option 1 is the weakest option for identified benefits. Option 2 is better and most strongly relates to Local Plan delivery and Plan's consultation process, which considered equalities and facilitates delivery of new homes for a range of people. Options 3 and 4 would reach and likely benefit the broadest range of people with protected characteristics.

Summary of risk assessment

76. The key risks are outlined in this report.
77. Shortfalls in Strategic CIL funding may lead to service providers seeking Section 106 instead from development. These asks would reduce the CIL rates the Council is able to charge. The Council in preparing the Draft BCP Local Plan and Draft CIL Charging Schedule has through viability assessment attempted to maximise CIL income. CIL is non-negotiable and provides the Council a steady income to spend upon infrastructure, whereas Section 106 Agreements lead to haphazard payments by larger sites over many years making planning the delivery of infrastructure extremely difficult. For example NHS Dorset and the Hospital Trusts have stated that they will no longer seek Section 106 from development if they receive a portion of CIL.

Background papers

Infrastructure Funding Statement (Published - [Examination library | BCP](#))
Draft BCP Local Plan (Published - [Infrastructure Delivery Plan - submission version June 2024](#))

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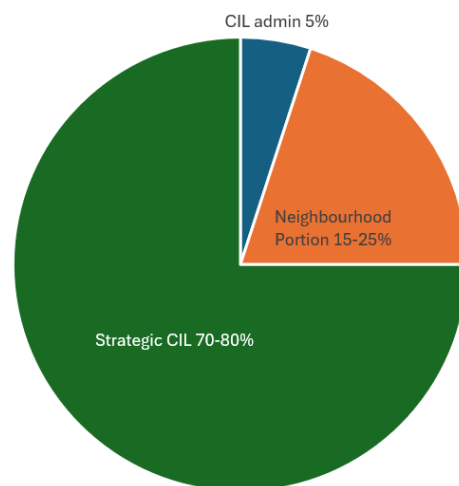


Figure 1: Split of CIL receipts

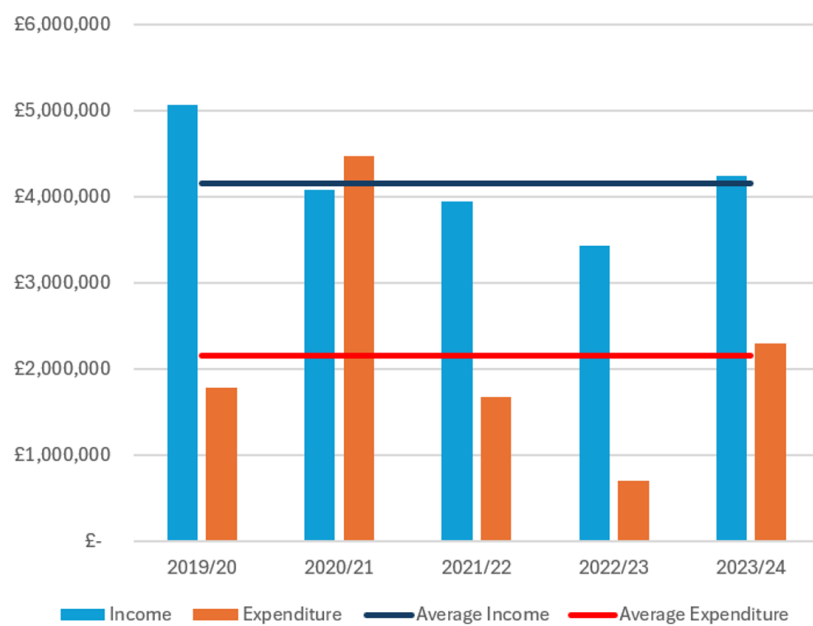


Figure 2 – Strategic CIL income and expenditure (2019-2024)

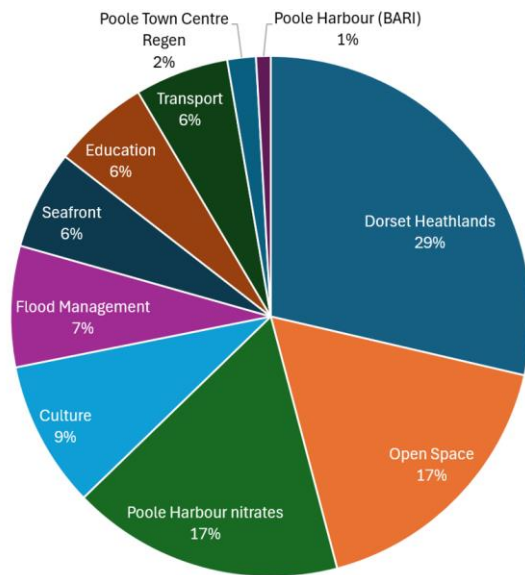


Figure 3: CIL spending by type 2019-2024

Appendix 2 – Strategic CIL commitments (£000)

Commitments:	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Sluice Gates - Baiter	50	1,162				
Russell Cotes Museum (Urgent Maintenance)	36					
Russell-Cotes MEND project (repair works jointly funded by Arts Council England, BCP Council and public donations)		250				
Scaplens Court (part of Our Museum project)	529					
Capital Funding Swap (Detail below)	447	324				
<i>Public Conveniences</i>	21					
<i>Poole Park</i>	117					
<i>Christchurch Legacy Play areas</i>	13	187				
<i>Highcliffe Castle and Tea Rooms</i>	34					
<i>Poole Museum HLF Round One Bid</i>	24					
<i>Christchurch Priory - Heritage Triangle</i>	135	137				
<i>Corporate Estate - heritage assets</i>	103					
Christchurch legacy Strategic CIL - Connecting Christchurch (aims to improve access to urban green spaces, particularly for elderly and ill)	41	90				
Poole High Street Heritage Action Zone (completion of public realm project)		164				
Hamworthy Park Sea Walls	233					
Lake Pier refurbishment	330					
Mudford Pontoon	107	64				
RNLI Signage	309					
Highcliffe Beach Access	100					
Upton Country House Stabilisation	252					
Plan for Play Strategy – Phase 1		1,700	1,691			
Ashdown Floodlights	91					
Habitats sites mitigation (detail below)	616	265	267	188	390	323
<i>Cherry Tree HIP</i>	1					
<i>Iford Meadows and Playing Fields HIP</i>	34					
<i>Upton Country Park Barn Enhancement</i>	56					
<i>Dorset Heathlands Air Quality Mitigation Strategy</i>	40	80	80		200	131
<i>Upton Country Park SANG annual maintenance 23/24</i>		85	87	88	90	92
<i>Stour Valley River Meadows SANG inc. annual maintenance</i>	317	100	100	100	100	100
<i>Winton Recreation Ground HIPs</i>	35					
<i>Upton Country Park Project</i>	42					
<i>St Catherine's Hill</i>	9					
<i>BARI – Turlin Moor saltmarsh project</i>	2					
<i>BARI - Stage 2 paddle power map</i>	9					

Commitments:	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
<i>BARI- Access improvements at Studland</i>	71					
Annual total	3,141	4,019	1,958	188	390	323
Total	10,019,000					

Table note:

- Russell Coates Museum urgent maintenance is committed, the MEND project has not been subject to formal sign off.
- Highcliffe Beach access – of the £100k, £24k has formal sign off, £76k has yet to receive formal sign off.
- Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council providing match funding using Neighbourhood CIL.
- Dorset Heathlands HIPs Fund – this fund is top sliced from CIL to ensure development granted planning permission is mitigated. Project spend yet to be brought forward for sign off.
- All other projects listed have formal sign off.

Acronyms:

BARI (Poole Harbour - Birds and Recreation Initiative).

HIPs (Dorset Heathlands - Heathland Infrastructure Project).

SANG (Dorset Heathlands - Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace)

Appendix 3 – Cashflow for Option 2 (£000s)

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
CIL cash held	18,301	16,160	9,991	1,783	2,095	5,705
Expected CIL income	1,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
End of year CIL position	19,301	20,160	13,991	5,783	6,095	9,705
Total Commitments	3,141	4,019	1,958	188	390	323
CIL Remaining	16,160	16,141	12,033	5,595	5,705	9,382
Uncommitted:						
Habitats sites mitigation		1,500	4,100	1,000		
Poole Town Centre flood defence		3,650	3,650			
Transport		1,000	2,500	2,500		
Bearwood & Merley schools						4,200
Total Cost Uncommitted	0	6,150	10,250	3,500	0	4,200
CIL cashflow (cumulative) End of year position	16,160	9,991	1,783	2,095	5,705	5,182

Appendix 4 – Infrastructure costs 2024/25 to 2029/30

Infrastructure Project	Cost
1. Education Provision	
School: Up to 2 forms of entry across Bearwood and Merley, at all age groups to mitigate growth at Merley and Bearwood .	4,200,000
School: Special School to the need for specialist and AP places. This could potentially be a conversion of the existing Parkfield School or a new school on the site of the former Queensmead Care Home. Different finance options.	4,000,000
Sub-totals	£8,200,000
2. Seafront and Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Infrastructure	
Creekmoor Flood Alleviation Scheme: Phase 2 to commence from 2030+ and pumping station may be required.	100,000
Capital Flood, Coastal and Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) - Asset Refurbishment.	1,200,000
Christchurch Quay Wall Refurbishment	1,000,000
Bournemouth Cliff Stability - Sand Drains Refurbishment	750,000
Kinson Dam Repairs and Ecological Enhancements and Catchment Flood Protection	250,000
Debris Screen Safety Upgrades	100,000
Flood Incident Monitoring Equipment	250,000
Walkford Brook (at Chewton Bunny) Deculverting	300,000
Sterne Flood Alleviation Scheme: Phase 2 to commence from 2030+ and pumping station may be required.	100,000
Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill Flood Defence Scheme	7,400,000
Falconer Drive and Turlin Moor: Mitigation against flooding.	100,000
Mudford Sandbank CP Works (Strategy ODUs 1 and 2)	515,000
Willow Drive and the Quomps flood defences (Strategy ODU5)	250,000
Stanpit flood defences (Strategy ODU9)	250,000
Avon Beach to Highcliffe CP works (Strategy ODUs 12 and 13)	715,000
Sand dune management for multiple benefits inc. coast protection, environment and amenity across Poole & Christchurch Bays	100,000
Cliff Management Strategy and Monitoring/ Maintenance at High Risk Locations	100,000
Sub-totals	£13,480,000
3. Green Infrastructure, Open Space, Leisure and Recreation	
Play Strategy - Phases 2 and 3 - Fund and manage 180 play areas and related facilities. Audit and strategy to bring forward future investment plan and rationale for all sites	6,900,000
Stour Valley River Project Masterplan - Circular routes, way marking, bridge improvements, gateways and further delivery of the SVP objectives.	375,000
Coastal Nature Park - Create a joined-up network of trails and access to and between Poole and Christchurch Harbours. Way-finding, interpretation, wildlife engagement opportunities and specific enhancements of information gateways such as Steamer Point, Stanpit	450,000

Infrastructure Project	Cost
Marsh, Lake pier, the cliffs and chines. Improve access points at Shelley Park to Boscombe Cliff	
Bourne Valley greenway and related active travel routes. Infrastructure improvements to enhance route, access, signage and quality	250,000
Castleman trailway improvements. Key active travel route connecting Upton CP, Poole Town out northwards to Broadstone, Merley and Wimborne.	150,000
Railway Walks project; linking train stations from Poole Town, Hamworthy, Holton heath and Sandford to access routes and trails and access to the countryside.	2,000,000
Harbourside Park, fund Phase 1 of the recommendations in the Masterplan	500,000
Bournemouth Lower and Central Gardens. Improve the green space infrastructure.	1,000,000
Kings Park masterplan and delivery project	5,150,000
Improved community parks and creation of Green Heart Parks. Investment into Green Heart Parks, to improve the quality of facilities, such as café's, play, park infrastructure (seating, lighting, planting) and to ensure these spaces are thriving and not succumbing to ASB and decline	250,000
Trees and Woodland Strategy - Managing tree stock and related policy. Tree planting strategy to mirror urban greening, BNG and other policies	500,000
Ward based Improvement plans. Creating improvement plans across the most deprived wards and areas that will be served best by addressing environmental justice.	500,000
Infrastructure for accessing countryside sites - East	100,000
Infrastructure for accessing countryside sites - Central	100,000
Infrastructure for accessing countryside sites - West	100,000
Alum Chine Cliff instability and reprofiling works	350,000
Poole Park heritage entrance pillars	40,000
Poole Park road redesign following through -road closure	150,000
Steamer point Infrastructure Improvements	75,000
Alexandra Park Infrastructure improvements for Accessibility	75,000
Shelley park infrastructure Improvements	100,000
Christchurch harbour and surrounding green space National nature reserve application	100,000
Luscombe Valley SSSI access improvements	100,000
Christchurch Tennis Centre – re-establish 4 disused courts	240,000
Rossmore Leisure Centre - Upgrade changing rooms and toilets to meet modern DDA compliance regulations and meet customers accessible needs	500,000
Two Riversmeet - Studio proposal to include martial arts, dance, training and development hub	1,596,453
Two Riversmeet Plant Room Upgrade	479,000
Ashdown Leisure Centre External Facility upgrade, Athletics Track, Tennis Courts, Astro Pitches and Car Park	3,000,000
Two Riversmeet 3G pitch upgrade	120,000

Infrastructure Project	Cost
Two Riversmeet - Paddle Tennis Centre Installation	400,000
Two Riversmeet - poolside surround replacement	47,356
Kings Park - Ground Floor Development - Stage 2 Sports Hall	100,000
Kings Park - Ground Floor Development - Stage 3 Refurbish/remodel changing rooms and reception area to meet DDA regulations and customers experience, introduce retail space	500,000
Kings Park - Improvement to Lights in Main Hall	40,000
Highcliffe Castle - Lighting change over to sustainable option, sensor operated	30,000
Highcliffe Castle - Great Hall and south wing stabilisation works	100,000
Highcliffe Castle - Wintergarden blind installation	9,500
Highcliffe Castle - Dining Room Floor complete refit	50,000
Highcliffe Castle - Match funding for next phase lottery project (phase 8)	350,000
Upton County Park - installation of accessible fire hydrant	90,000
Upton County Park - Bird Screen to enhance bird viewing facility to west of Holes Bay	35,000
Upton House - Development of National Lottery Heritage Fund Discovery Project Phase 2 application	30,000
Upton Country Park - Match funding for Phase 2 National Lottery Heritage Fund Delivery Stage	300,000
Upton Country Park - Playground equipment - upgrades	250,000
Queens Park Playground Equipment - upgrades	150,000
Queens Park & Office space - renovation	80,000
Implementation of signage and PRE equipment for inland water - Water Safety Framework	100,000
Sub-total	£27,912,309
4. Habitats Regulations Assessment	
Dorset Heathlands Infrastructure Projects (HIPs):	
Upton Country Park SANG: Phase 4	5,000,000
Millhams Mead (Bournemouth) HIPs scheme	332,000
Bourne valley park access improvements	150,000
Poole Harbour SPA Recreational Disturbance	
UCP dog fencing phase 2	11,000
UCP Viewing platform	25,000
Sea wall bird nesting pilot project	8,000
habitat resilience and improvement project	80,000
Poole Harbour Nitrogen Reduction	
Poole Harbour SAC/SPA nutrients (nitrates and phosphates) - 62+ hectares land to mitigate permissions at 1 April 2024 at £25k ha	1,500,000
Briantspuddle Wetland project	10,000
Sub-total	£7,116,000
5. Health Provision	
NHS projects to meet growth - assumes £516 CIL per home as per HUDU modelling (minus clinical rooms). NHS to list projects.	3,000,000
Sub-total	£3,000,000

Infrastructure Project	Cost
6. Culture	
Charminster Library Roof Replacement/ significant repairs	200,000
Investment in Libraries to create Community Hubs in accordance with the emerging Library Strategy	500,000
Heritage Strategy	75,000
Sub-total	£775,000
7. Transport & Engineering	
Twin Sails Bridge - maintenance	2,500,000
Poole Lifting Bridge VMS signs	250,000
Poole Lifting Bridge - maintenance	2,750,000
Beechy Road to Bournemouth railway station cycling and walking improvements	50,000
New River Stour Bridge walking and cycling - next to New Road - create Parley to Bournemouth sustainable transport corridor link	300,000
Iford Lane riverbank path restoration	75,000
Castleman Trailway new steps/structures at Merley for equestrians	50,000
Turks Lane resurface and drainage	75,000
New path, Broadstone Golf Course	200,000
Replacement bridge at Canford School	500,000
New bridge just East of Canford School connect with SANG	500,000
Stour Valley signage design, survey, installation and maintenance programme	300,000
Upgrade and raise paths along Stour between Throop and Bear Cross (south side)	300,000
Level access to Parkstone Rail Station (Weymouth direction)	200,000
Replacement of life expired Bournemouth Wayfinding (Totems x 80, Fingerposts x 75)	1,175,000
Deansleigh Road Cycle route on land dedicated to Council as highway for RBH expansion	1,000,000
Castleman Trailway - Willet Arms to Broadstone Way all-weather surface (whole length or prioritise sections) 3km	750,000
Upton Country Park - widen footway to connect to new Dorset Council LTP Scheme including crossing, improvements at park entrance, improvements to bridleway/cattle creep + improvements to signing/lining on slip road approach etc + scheme surfacing extension in to BCP	150,000
Baiter park extension to Poole Quay	300,000
Western Road/Leicester Road junction - crossing and side road narrowing	60,000
Mobility Hubs at 31 locations across BCP	1,175,000
New pedestrian and cycle bridge over River Stour linking Iford to Barrack Road in vicinity of former Bailey Bridge	250,000
Tuckton Bridge replacement bridge across River Stour	250,000
Cycle access to Redhill Park car park including new cycle access points)	10,000
Safer Routes to Schools inc. School Streets	492,000
Narrow Junction of Alumhurst Road/Mountbatten Road	100,000
Hamworthy disused railway track rear of Allens Lane - feasibility	100,000
SRS improvement on gyratory outside Winton primary Oswald road. (trial with wands)	70,000

Infrastructure Project	Cost
New crossing and junction changes outside Oakdale Junior School.	200,000
100m shared use Harwell Road near Longspree Academy	25,000
Bridleway SE18/8 / Bridleway 1 Resurface (PXQP+M64 Poole) Poole Road - Upton Gateway Roundabout	50,000
Pegasus crossing and connecting ground works, Ringwood Road (Q3CM+P62, Bournemouth)	300,000
Upgrade footpath Throop to Hurn to shared route	1,500,000
Madeira Roundabout zebra crossings all arms	125,000
Resurfacing of cycle path BH2 towards pier	50,000
Pegasus Crossing Hurn Court Lane across Christchurch Road - Linking to E62-31	300,000
Crossing and bus stop outside Branksome train station	150,000
20mph programme rollout across residential areas	200,000
Kinson path links - various - surfacing of various unbound paths which cut across little bits of green space but are currently not wheelchair friendly.	80,000
Top 20 pedestrian crossings requests	100,000
Pedestrian crossing within signal junction at The Avenue/Western Road	100,000
Bridge at Sewage Works River Stour near Parley Golf - additional footbridge and paths either side.	2,300,000
Castle Lane East reconfiguration inc. refurbishment of signal junctions, accessibility improvements, general network improvements inc. resilience	125,000
Northbourne (Small Park) new bridge over Stour - New walking and cycling bridge over Stour as per TCF scheme	300,000
Zebra crossing Queens Park Avenue / Howard Road junction - speed reduction, safer route to schools.	200,000
School Crossing Patrollers (SCP) upgrade to ped crossings	1,500,000
Bear Cross roundabout crossings/ completing TCF S6-1	125,000
Somerford Road from Sainsburys to Purewell Cross Road/Stanpit - speed reduction, cycling, walking, road safety. SRTS to Highcliffe School	80,000
New bus shelters inc. RTI, CCTV	525,000
Penn Hill signal upgrade to tie in with CIL funding already agreed for new pedestrian phase across Leicester Road (10PS 2002)	350,000
Leicester Road / Lindsay Road refurbishment/upgrade currently hardware issues (10PS 2002)	40,000
Upgrade programme for ITS / Signal sites- Currently 40 sites over 20 years old of which 20 are junctions with limited dedicated pedestrian or intelligent traffic management facilities.	500,000
Pedestrian crossing facilities at Surrey Road / Branksome Wood Road Junction (23PS 2002)	300,000
Sub-total	£23,457,000
8. Housing enabling and regeneration	
Hawkwood Road affordable housing development, Boscombe - Community Centre	950,000
Former Power Station, Poole (Holes Bay) - Land Remediation	6,300,000
Former Power Station, Poole - flood defences	11,300,000
Rigler Road / Blandford Road Junction	1,000,000

Infrastructure Project	Cost
Blandford Road / New Quay Road Mini Roundabout including Station Road	500,000
Blandford Road / Jefferson Avenue Junction	2,500,000
Twin Sails Approach / New Quay Road / Rigler Road Junction	2,800,000
Sub-total	£25,350,000
10. Waste	
New refuse collection vehicle per 5,000 newly built dwellings	300,000
New underground bin collection vehicle per 25 installed bins	210,000
Underground bins for Bournemouth & Poole Town Centres	750,000
Hurn Transfer Station Refurbishment	6,000,000
Litterbins	250,000
Recycling Centre compliance & futureproofing	5,000,000
Sub-total	£12,510,000
Total Capital Costs	£121,800,309

Appendix 5 – Planned housing development by ward (2024/25-2029/30)

Ward	Homes
Alderney & Bourne Valley	7
Bearwood & Merley	799
Boscombe East & Pokesdown	81
Boscombe West	159
Bournemouth Central	1,292
Broadstone	93
Burton & Grange	16
Canford Cliffs	262
Canford Heath	10
Christchurch Town	171
Commons	43
Creekmoor	158
East Cliff & Springbourne	162
East Southbourne & Tuckton	52
Hamworthy	139
Highcliffe & Walkford	48
Kinson	41
Littledown & Iford	3
Moordown	39
Mudford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	70
Muscliff & Strouden Park	19
Newtown & Heatherlands	81
Oakdale	62
Parkstone	267
Penn Hill	115
Poole Town	868
Queens Park	60
Redhill & Northbourne	41
Talbot & Branksome Woods	63
Wallisdown & Winton West	21
West Southbourne	49
Westbourne & West Cliff	314
Winton East	72
Total	5,677

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Equality Impact Assessment: Conversation Screening Tool

1	What is being reviewed?	<p>Prioritisation of spending of Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)</p> <p>Note: Planning policies deal separately with themes covered in section 7 and are not covered here. The Cabinet report is focused on spending and delivery of the strategic infrastructure needed to support the changes and growth identified by evidence and policies.</p>
2	What changes are being made?	<p>Cabinet is being asked to provide a decision about how to spend the funding available for Strategic CIL over the next 5 years to provide clarity for project planning. Strategic CIL income is around £4million a year, plus some unspent/unallocated funding.</p> <p>The demand and potential spend on Strategic CIL on delivering infrastructure far exceeds the funding available and so prioritisation is needed.</p> <p>The demand has been identified by a range of Council Services and amounts to more than £100million. The 'pot' available is £29.3million.</p> <p>Spending of Strategic CIL funding has previously been considered in an ad hoc manner as requests were made and potential equalities impacts were therefore not identified/considered until projects were more fully prepared. This revised approach aims to bring a more strategic and co-ordinated approach to consideration of the needs in advance, a better policy framework and ensure equality impacts are considered earlier on as part of this process.</p> <p>4 options are considered in the Cabinet report.</p> <p>Further Cabinet approval and EqIA will still be required for projects when the detail is available.</p> <p>Background: CIL collected from development is for spending on infrastructure to support planned growth set out in the local plan. CIL receipts are split as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic CIL – Up to 80% • Town/Parish Councils & Neighbourhood Portion – 15% (rising to 25% if a neighbourhood plan is in place). Not included in this Cabinet decision • Admin – 5% Not included in this Cabinet decision <p>The 2008 Planning Act Regulation 216 requires that CIL is used to support '<i>development by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure</i>', with infrastructure defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roads and other transport facilities; • flood defences; • schools and other educational facilities; • medical facilities;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sporting and recreational facilities; and • open spaces.
3	Service Unit:	Planning and Transport
4	Participants in the conversation:	Steve Dring Caroline Peach
5	Conversation date/s:	22 October 2024 17 December 2024 28 January 2025
6	Do you know your current or potential client base? Who are the key stakeholders?	<p>Yes. The Strategic CIL is intrinsically linked to the future development growth of the area. The spatial expression of this is through the Local Plan, prepared by the Council's local planning authority.</p> <p>The planning policy database is comprehensive. Our adopted Statement of Community Involvement 2020 (SCI) sets out how BCP Council as the local planning authority will involve and engage with the community and other key stakeholders in the preparation Local Development Plan documents including neighbourhood plans. This is because planning policies shape the future of our area and determine where people live, work, shop, spend their leisure time, and how they travel around the area.</p> <p>The SCI sets out a wide range of specific consultation bodies and general consultation bodies, that the LPA must consult as required by the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. In addition, interested parties, residents and other groups and organisations can request to be added to our planning policy database to be kept informed of planning policy consultations. The database contains several equalities groups to ensure we notify a wide range of organisations, or bodies representing those with protected characteristics.</p> <p>The database includes Beaumont Society, Dorset Mental Health Forum, Bourne Free, Disability Wessex, Stonewall, Body Positive, Race Equality Council, DOTs Disability, Diverse Abilities, Break Free Intercom Trust, Fawcett Society, Equality and Human Rights Commission, Pro Disability, Help and Care, Care South, Bournemouth Interpreters Group and Access Dorset.</p> <p>Document EXAM 3 of the BCP Local Plan examination is a summary of the representations received on the draft Local Plan before it was submitted for examination. Reg 19 consultation responses - merged 17072024.xlsx Examples of comments received which are relevant to this EqlA are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised that the Plan does not meet local housing need and that this will negatively impact children and the elderly. • There was support for allocation of sites for sports as these would be good for the mental and physical health of children and young people. <p>The Plan is still going through examination.</p>

7	<p>Do different groups have different needs or experiences? age (young/old), disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, members of the armed forces community, any other factors/groups e.g. socio-economic status, carers, human rights.</p>	<p>Yes, the groups with protected characteristics within BCP will have different needs and experiences in terms of their future infrastructure needs.</p> <p>Using the Measurement Framework for Equality and Human Rights (2017) and the six areas of life or 'domains' some examples from the Cabinet report options are provided to show how different groups' needs may be met or impacted:</p> <p>Education Census data for BCP shows that there were 75,143 school children and full-time students in 2021. This is 19.7% of all residents aged 5 years+. This is an increase in the number of school children and full-time students since 2011, when the figure was 18.8%.</p> <p>Winton East ward has the highest number of school children and students aged 5+ years at 40.6% of the population (4,572). Followed by Bournemouth Central ward with 37.9% of the population (5,968) and Wallisdown and Winton West with 30.4% (3,141). This reflects the location of the Universities.</p> <p>The wards lowest number of school children and students aged 5+ years are Westbourne and West Cliff with 9.5% (947) and Canford Cliffs 10.3% (939).</p> <p>The census reflects where school children and students have been and are living currently. The cabinet report is about future provision in growth areas for example new schools are likely to be needed to serve the needs of families and school aged children in north Poole (Merley and Bearwood), where new homes are under construction. This is explicitly identified in 3 out of 4 of the options in the Cabinet report. The option that does not include specific allocation of funding to education does not prevent a future decision from doing so.</p> <p>The future needs and provision of school places will continue to be monitored to try to match the need in the best locations.</p> <p>Work The most recent ONS data for BCP (2023) states that the areas employing most people within BCP are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health (18.5%) • Accommodation and food services (9.8%) • Retail (9.2%) • Business administration and support, Education and Financial and insurance (each at 7.2%) <p>The number of people employed full time and part time remain relevantly unchanged between 2017 and 2023: 2017 - 63.8% fulltime and 36.2% part time 2023 – 64.5% fulltime and 35.5% part time</p> <p>The provisional 2024 median weekly earning figures are lower in BCP than the comparison areas (Dorset, SW, SE and England), for those who are resident and work in the BCP area.</p> <p>Work is not explicitly mentioned in the 4 options in the</p>
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	<p>Cabinet report. However, flood defenses and transport are highly important for safeguarding places of work and access to them.</p> <p>Flood defenses and Transport are specifically addressed in all 4 options. This infrastructure spend options will enable those of working age, all genders and those at a socio-economic disadvantage to have convenient and healthy commuting routes, by walking, cycling or public transport. This will enable those with this protected characteristic to benefit from employment opportunities to meet their needs.</p> <p>Living standards</p> <p>Census data for BCP states that BCP has a population of 400,196 people. The main home types are detached houses (36%), purpose built flats (27%) and semi-detached houses (17%).</p> <p>In BCP, there has been a significant increase in the number of people aged 70-74 years between 2011 and 2021 (+40%) and 75-79 (+16%), also 50-54 (+18%) and 55-59 (+27%) . Increases also in the 5-9 age group (+20%) and 10 to 14 age (+13%). There have been significant decreases in 0 to 4 years (-10%), 25 to 29 years (-7%), 45 to 49 (-7%).</p> <p>Strategic CIL is linked to the delivery of large infrastructure projects essential to support local plan growth, which is currently between 1200 (average number of new homes completed in recent years) and 1600 (proposed number of new homes a year in the draft BCP Local Plan).</p> <p>All 4 options aim to meet the needs of a future BCP population, through the provision of new homes and the supporting critical infrastructure.</p> <p>Not providing the critical infrastructure which allows planning permissions to be granted for new homes e.g address habitat regulations, would result in a stagnation of new housing provision of many housing types, which would negatively impact the living standards of BCP residents. It would for example result in limited choice for young and newly forming families to have a home and limited provision for those with long term health problems or disability (including relating to old age) which limits their day-to-day activities.</p> <p>Health</p> <p>Census data for BCP shows that 52% of the BCP population was not deprived and 48% were deprived. A significant proportion of the population therefore has 1 or more deprivation characteristics relating to employment, education, health and disability and housing.</p> <p>These impacts can be on a range of people with protected characteristics, notably: children and young people, elderly, socio-economically disadvantaged, armed forces community, disabled, race.</p> <p>Health can be impacted by the other deprivation characteristics in terms of both physical and mental health and wellbeing. Access to open space helps people connect</p>
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	<p>with nature to benefit their physical mental and emotional health.</p> <p>Option 3 specifically mentions Green Infrastructure, Open Space, Leisure and Recreation, which support the health needs of both younger age groups and older people. The expectations of different ages and other groups is acknowledged and would be looked at in more detail in the detailed provision and design.</p> <p>Note that £3.9 million has already been allocated by Cabinet (Dec 2024) towards the repair and restoration of play equipment from Strategic CIL, which will directly benefit the health of younger age groups. This provision is also important to support the health of more vulnerable socio-economic groups.</p> <p>Options 1 and 2 and 4 do not prevent further investment in health related infrastructure. Site specific issues and identified need can also still be raised at the time a planning application is considered which may trigger the need for health provision.</p> <p>Infrastructure to support growth and change in BCP includes protection of habitats. The health spectrum covers both flora, fauna, marine life, and human health. Strengthening biodiversity makes the environment more resilient to climate change which impacts on all species and the local community. Measures to improve adaptation to the changing climate are necessary to keep a community healthy. Heat affects residents differently depending on their stage of life and if they cannot regulate their body temperature including the very young and the very old. It could also affect those who are weakened by life limiting illness, disability or those with certain religions who are required to dress according to their faith.</p> <p>All 4 options explicitly includes prioritization of protected habitat sites. This also meets environmental legal requirements which enable planning permission to be granted.</p> <p>Justice and personal security. Census data for BCP notes that 91% of the population is white (a decrease from 94% in 2011). The second largest ethnic group in 2021 was Asian (3.4%), followed by mixed or multi ethnic (2.8%), other ethnic group (1.5%) and Black (1.1%)</p> <p>All the proposed options in the Cabinet report seek to provide delivery of infrastructure that will protect people, homes and businesses from flood. This will protect people of different races, religion, those with a disability, young and old and keep them safe.</p> <p>Participation. The process of prioritization and refinement of the 4 options has been a technical rather than one directly via public engagement and participation. Services across the Council and external organisations were asked to submit infrastructure projects for consideration. The 4 options set out in the Cabinet report are the outcome of those exchanges</p>
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		<p>and submissions. Many of those who provided information have already and will continue to carry out their own consultations to understand the needs of their areas.</p> <p>Option 4 is the only option which has explicitly arisen from resolving public concerns over planning applications.</p>
8	Will this change affect any service users?	When Cabinet make a decision on Strategic CIL spending priorities, service users will have clarity on how funding from development is being spent for the next 5 years. Further approval will still be required for projects when the detail is available.
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10	What are the benefits or positive equality impacts of the change on current or potential users?	Spending on critical infrastructure that ensures that planning permission can be granted for new homes, protects habitats, protects people and property from flood risk, supports transport and education, will benefit the lives and health of people with families, disabilities, genders, faiths, ethnicities, sexual orientations.
11	What are the negative impacts of the change on current or potential users?	No negative impacts have been identified.
12	Will the change affect employees?	The change/decision will affect employees who are looking for Strategic CIL to be the funding mechanism for delivery of their projects. There will be those who will have support for their projects and others who will need to find alternative or additional funding.
13	Will the change affect the wider community?	The change/decision will affect the wider community in that some infrastructure projects will be funded and some won't or they may be delayed while alternative funding sources are found. Those who visit BCP will be similarly affected by the decision taken.
14	What mitigating actions are planned or already in place for those negatively affected by this change?	Those who have had their projects rejected already because they do not meet the Strategic CIL criteria or because they have been regarded as not critical to the delivery of the Local Plan, have been or will be informed, so that they begin at the earliest opportunity to find alternative funding or delay their projects.
15	Summary of Equality Implications:	<p>Spending on critical infrastructure that ensures that planning permission can be granted for new homes, protect habitats, protect people and property from flood risk, support transport and education, will benefit the lives and health of people with families, older people, disabilities, genders, faiths, ethnicities, sexual orientations.</p> <p>Option 1 is the least clear in terms of what benefits it could provide for those with protected characteristics as it is the most open and flexible. The Council can however, choose to prioritise those with protected characteristics with the flexible portion of the funding.</p>

	<p>Option 2 whilst also flexible is clearer on what most of the funding would be spent on compared with option 1. This option most strongly delivers the essential infrastructure for Local Plan growth, which the Council has consulted on, including in relation to equalities. This means that it would most be the best option to ensure that new homes can be granted planning permission. This benefits many people with protected characteristics. The Council can also choose to prioritise those with protected characteristics with the flexible portion of the funding.</p> <p>Option 3 - The percentage cuts to each service relates to the projects that have been identified. It therefore provides the broadest range of spending areas, which may reach a broader range of people with protected characteristics. It is particularly strong in relation to addressing age. But it may not sufficiently address the essential infrastructure needs which could hinder development of new homes and limit the benefits to those with protected characteristics.</p> <p>Option 4 also has a broad range of spending areas, but narrower than Option 3. Option 4 is the only option that proposes some spending directly on doctors' surgeries, which would benefit most people with protected characteristics. However, it may not sufficiently address the essential infrastructure needs which could hinder development of new homes and limit the benefits to those with protected characteristics.</p> <p>All 4 options proposed for the spending of Strategic CIL will have benefits for those with protected characteristics. No negative impacts have been identified. Option 1 is the weakest option for identified benefits. Option 2 is better and most strongly relates to the Local Plan consultation process, which considered equalities and facilitates delivery of new homes for a range of people. Options 3 and 4 would reach and likely benefit the broadest range of people with protected characteristics.</p>
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Summary of the options in relation to people with protected characteristics

Protected characteristics	Option 1 Critical mitigation (40%) and flexibility* (60%)	Option 2 Essential infrastructure (80%) and flexibility* (20%)	Option 3 Service areas receive a proportion** (based on identified projects)	Option 4 Focussed on public concerns (to address issues where development takes place) with flexibility* (11%)
Age	New schools – (supporting education) not explicitly included, but could still be accommodated	New schools – (supporting education) explicitly included. Other age supporting infrastructure could still be accommodated.	New schools – (supporting education) and Housing enabling and regeneration (supporting living standards) and green infrastructure (supporting health) – explicitly included	New schools – (supporting education) and open space/play (supporting living standards and health) - explicitly included
Gender reassignment, Married/civil partnership, Pregnant/maternity leave, Disability, Race, Religion/belief, Sex, Sexual orientation	Flood defence and habitat mitigation explicitly included – supports work, living standards, health and personal security . Other supporting infrastructure could still be accommodated, but proportion of clear spend is low	Flood defence, habitat mitigation and transport explicitly included – supports work, living standards, health, personal security and participation (public concerns about transport) Other supporting infrastructure could still be accommodated. Flexibility/certainty is higher.	Flood defence, habitat mitigation, transport, green infrastructure, culture, waste explicitly included – supports work, living standards, health and personal security and participation (public concerns about transport)	Flood defence, habitat mitigation, transport, health/surgeries explicitly included – supports work, living standards, health and personal security and participation (public concerns about transport, education, open space, health)

*Flexibility to address corporate or other objectives

**Funding fully allocated










Green = benefits

Orange = benefits unclear/low


Red = negative impacts

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Impact Summary

Climate Change & Energy	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Communities & Culture	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Waste & Resource Use	Amber - Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts	
Economy	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Health & Wellbeing	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Learning & Skills	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Natural Environment	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Sustainable Procurement	No positive or negative impacts identified	
Transport & Accessibility	Green - Only positive impacts identified	

Answers provided indicate that the score for the carbon footprint of the proposal is: **4**

Answers provided indicate that the carbon footprint of the proposal is:	Low	
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Proposal ID: **705**

Proposal Title: **Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy Prioritisation**

Type of Proposal: **Report**

Brief description:

Cabinet is being asked to provide a decision about how to spend the funding available for Strategic CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) over the next 5 years to provide clarity for project planning. Strategic CIL income is around £4million a year, plus some unspent/ unallocated funding. The demand and potential spend on Strategic CIL on delivering infrastructure far exceeds the funding available and so prioritisation is needed. CIL collected from development is for spending on infrastructure to support planned growth set out in the local plan.

Proposer's Name: **Caroline Peach**

Proposer's Directorate: **Regeneration & Economy**

Proposer's Service Unit: **Growth & Infrastructure**

Estimated cost (£): **Above PCR15 threshold**

If known, the cost amount (£): **£20.6 million**

Ward(s) Affected (if applicable):

All Wards

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) supported by the proposal:

4. Quality Education 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities 15. Life On Land

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Climate Change & Energy

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on addressing the causes and effects of climate change? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (in this case there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Has the proposal accounted for the potential impacts of climate change, e.g. flooding, storms or heatwaves? **Yes**
- 2) Does it assist reducing CO₂ and other Green House Gas (GHG) emissions? E.g. reduction in energy or transport use, or waste produced. **Yes**
- 3) Will it increase energy efficiency (e.g. increased efficiency standards / better design / improved construction technologies / choice of materials) and/or reduce energy consumption? **Yes**
- 4) Will it increase the amount of energy obtained from renewable and low carbon sources? **Partially**

How was the overall impact of the proposal on its ability to positively address the cause and effects of climate change rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Critical infrastructure includes flood defences, which includes addressing the impact of climate change. New homes will be built to higher environmental standards. Transport infrastructure is aimed at reducing CO₂.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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Communities & Culture

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help maintain and expand vibrant voluntary and community organisations? **Partially**
- 2) Will it promote a safe community environment? **Yes**
- 3) Will it promote and develop cultural activities? **Don't know even though may be relevant**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the development of safe, vibrant, inclusive and engaged communities be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



Reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Communities will benefit from having new homes. Protection from flood risk and transport interventions will improve safety. New schools will enhance community cohesion.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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Waste & Resource Use

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on waste resource use or production and consumption? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it prevent waste or promote the reduction, re-use, recycling or recovery of materials? **No**
- 2) Will it use sustainable production methods or reduce the need for resources? **Partially**
- 3) Will it manage the extraction and use of raw materials in ways that minimise depletion and cause no serious environmental damage? **Don't know even though may be relevant**
- 4) Will it help to reduce the amount of water abstracted and / or used? **Don't know even though may be relevant**

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the sustainable production and consumption of natural resources be rated?

Amber - Minor negative impacts identified / unknown impacts



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Only amber due to some unknown impacts. Report concerns new infrastructure to support delivery of the local plan including new homes. This will generate more resource use.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

Management of waste and resources will needed to be mitigated and managed as each infrastructure project comes to delivery stage.

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Economy

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the area's ability to support, maintain and grow a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will the proposal encourage local business creation and / or growth?

Yes

- 2) Will the proposal enable local jobs to be created or retained?

Partially

- 3) Will the proposal promote sustainable business practices?

No

=How would the overall impact of the proposal on it's potential to support and maintain a sustainable, diverse and thriving economy be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

New infrastructure will ensure that new homes can continue to be provided in BCP. New homes for a range of people will support the local economy. Proposed transport and flood infrastructure will also protect and support the local economy and access to places of work.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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Health & Wellbeing

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the creation of a inclusive and healthy social and physical environmental for all? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will the proposal contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of residents or staff?
Yes
- 2) Will the proposal contribute to reducing inequalities?
Partially
- 3) Will the proposal contribute to a healthier and more sustainable physical environment for residents or staff?
Yes

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the creation of a fair and healthy social and physical environmental for all be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Strategic CIL has been allocated to Phase 1 for the delivery of the Play Strategy. Habitats mitigation will enable improvements to other green spaces, which will support health and well-being of residents.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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Learning & Skills

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on a culture of ongoing engagement and excellence in learning and skills? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for formal learning?
Yes
- 2) Will it provide and/or improve community learning and development?
Partially
- 3) Will it provide and/or improve opportunities for apprenticeships and other skill based learning?
Don't know even though may be relevant

How would the overall impact of the proposal on the encouragement of learning and skills be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

New schools proposed at Bearwood and Merley to support 1700 new homes

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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Natural Environment

Is the proposal likely to impact (positively or negatively) on the protection or enhancement of local biodiversity or the access to and quality of natural environments?

Yes

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it help protect and improve biodiversity i.e. habitats or species (including designated and non-designated)? **Yes**
- 2) Will it improve access to and connectivity of local green spaces whilst protecting and enhancing them? **Yes**
- 3) Will it help protect and enhance the landscape quality and character?
Partially
- 4) Will it help to protect and enhance the quality of the area's air, water and land?
Yes

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the protection and enhancement of natural environments be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

All options recognise the need for habitat sites mitigation.

Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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Sustainable Procurement

Does your proposal involve the procurement of goods, services or works? **No**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

This Cabinet report does not involve procurement. It considers options for spending. Delivering the infrastructure projects will likely need procurement.

Has or is it intended that the Strategic Procurement team be consulted?

If the Strategic Procurement team was not consulted, then the explanation for this is:

- 1) Do the Government Buying Standards (GBS) apply to goods and/or services that are planned to be bought?
- 2) Has sustainable resource use (e.g. energy & water consumption, waste streams, minerals use) been considered for whole life-cycle of the product/service/work?
- 3) Has the issue of carbon reduction (e.g. energy sources, transport issues) and adaptation (e.g. resilience against extreme weather events) been considered in the supply chain?
- 4) Is the product/service fairly traded i.e. ensures good working conditions, social benefits e.g. Fairtrade or similar standards?
- 5) Has the lotting strategy been optimised to improve prospects for local suppliers and SMEs?
- 6) If aspects of the requirement are unsustainable then is continued improvement factored into your contract with KPIs, and will this be monitored?

How is the overall impact of your proposal on procurement which supports sustainable resource use, environmental protection and progressive labour standards been rated?

No positive or negative impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

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Details of proposed mitigation/remedial action and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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Transport & Accessibility

Is the proposal likely to have any impacts (positive or negative) on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services - improving links to jobs, schools, health and other services? **Yes**

If the answer was No, then the explanation is below (there are no answers to subsequent questions in this section):

- 1) Will it support and encourage the provision of sustainable and accessible modes of transport (including walking, cycling, bus, trains and low emission vehicles)?
Yes
- 2) Will it reduce the distances needed to travel to access work, leisure and other services? **No**
- 3) Will it encourage affordable and safe transport options?
Yes

How would the overall impact of your proposal on the provision of sustainable, accessible, affordable and safe transport services be rated?

Green - Only positive impacts identified



The reasoning for the answer (details of impacts including evidence and knowledge gaps):

Options support transport infrastructure provision as critical to delivery of the local plan.

Details of proposed mitigation and monitoring (inc. timescales, responsible officers, related business plans etc):

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Report subject	Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)
Meeting date	5 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>The council has been awarded a further £5.722m funding allocation by the Department for Transport (DfT) for 2025/26 to continue delivery of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP).</p> <p>The purpose of this paper is to seek council approval to accept and invest the grant, noting progress to date made with the delivery of the initial £8.9m three-year BSIP allocation.</p> <p>It is also recommending approval of a full review of the subsidised bus service network to support the withdrawal of the council's Bus Subsidy Budget in accordance with the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Cabinet recommends to Council acceptance of the £5.722m Bus Service Improvement Plan funding for 2025/26 from the Department for Transport (b) Cabinet recommends to Council to Delegate delivery of the BSIP programme, developed in conjunction with the Enhanced Partnership Board, to the Service Director for Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Mitigation, Energy and Environment (c) Cabinet agrees and recommends to Council a full review of all subsidised local bus service contracts ahead of the planned commencement of the withdrawal of the Bus Subsidy budget starting in 2026/27
Reason for recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To inform Cabinet of the improvements introduced for the benefit of buses and bus passengers funded by the original BSIP grant award. (b) Approval is sought to accept the BSIP funding to support immediate investment in bus service improvements. (c) The investment of the BSIP funding is aligned with the Council's Corporate Strategy and the Climate and

	Ecological Emergency Action Plan. (d) To minimise the impact on bus passengers of the withdrawal of the council's Bus Subsidy budget.
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Andy Hadley, Cabinet Member for Climate Mitigation, Energy and Environment
Corporate Director	Glynn Barton, Chief Operations Officer
Report Authors	John McVey, Sustainable Transport Policy Manager Richard Pincroft, Head of Transport and Sustainable Travel Wendy Lane, Director of Planning & Transport
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Information and Recommendation

Background

1. In accordance with '[Bus Back Better, a National Bus Strategy for England](#)', in 2021 the council committed to forming an [Enhanced Partnership](#) with the local bus operators and to jointly develop a BCP [Bus Service Improvement Plan \(BSIP\)](#). Following the submission of the first BCP BSIP, the Department for Transport (DfT) awarded the council **£8,858,430** (of which £6,104,639 was capital and £2,753,791 revenue), for the three-year period to 31 March 2025, to commence delivery of the BSIP.
2. Payment for the first year of the grant, 2022/2023, was received late, in February 2023 (end of Year 1). As a result, some of the schemes will not be completed until 2025/26 which is permissible under the terms of the grant. Delivery of the BSIP programme was delegated to the Service Director for Transport and Engineering (now Planning and Transport) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability and Transport (now Climate Mitigation, Energy and Environment).
3. A summary of the schemes and initiatives delivered and currently underway is set out in **Appendix 1**. Cabinet is asked to note the good progress and positive outcomes from the programme to date.

2025/26 BSIP allocation

4. The DfT has awarded the council further funding for financial year 2025/26 to support the continued delivery of its Bus Service Improvement Plan. The funding allocation is £5,722,067. Made up of £3,257,354 capital and £2,370,713 revenue. In addition, £94,000 BSIP capacity and capability allocation has been provided for the year.
5. This funding is in on top of Local Authority Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG) which has been paid directly to Local Authorities to support tendered bus services since 2014 and amounts to £294,368 per annum. This brings the total allocation to £6,016,436 in 2025/26 and this is now known as the **Bus Grant**.

BSIP RDEL (Revenue)	£2,370,713
BSIP CDEL (Capital)	£3,257,354
BSIP Capacity and Capability (Revenue)	£94,000
LA BSOG	£294,368

6. DfT has moved from competition to formula allocation in line with a government commitment to simplify funding. Funding is based on a methodology of population, deprivation and bus mileage (tendered bus mileage for the revenue element and total bus mileage for the capital element). It is anticipated, though not confirmed, that Bus Grant funding will be continued in future years and three-year allocations are likely.
7. Bus Grant funding is provided to support the delivery of the council's BSIP programme. Payment is conditional on the submission of a Delivery Plan by the end of March 2025 which lists the schemes to be delivered with the funding. The draft Delivery Plan covering the capital and revenue elements is set out in **Appendix 2**. The capacity and capability (revenue) element shall be utilised to fund officer time supporting delivery of the delivery plan items.
8. It is a requirement of the grant for the council to maintain a commitment in its Enhanced Partnership to overall revenue funding that it provides for buses, from all sources, in each financial year of this funding. This is to ensure that the funding provided is additional to previously planned for bus funding and therefore the base bus funding is not reduced. This means that the council bus subsidy budget will need to remain in place for 2025/26 at current levels for the council to comply with the grant terms and conditions.

Full Network Review

9. A phased removal of the Bus Subsidy budget from 2026/27 is a requirement of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MFTP).
10. The BCP Council Bus Subsidy budget currently stands at approximately £850k plus £271k of the £294k BSOG allocation. There is also use of temporary BSIP+ government funding provided to assist with inflationary increases in contract costs (£345k in 2024/25) and £901k initial BSIP government funding to support the enhancement of services 18 and 13/13A.
11. There are currently 23 Local Bus Services Contracts, all operated by Go South Coast (morebus) on behalf of the council. These services operate mainly in the evenings; Sundays; and during the off-peak period (serving areas away from the main roads). There are also a small number of school services, principally carrying passengers without a statutory entitlement to free transport.
12. A full review of these services is proposed during 2025/26 with the following objectives.
To identify which services:
 - a) Are performing well and could remain without council subsidy and in what form (e.g. reduced frequency, amended route, combined with other services etc.). These routes would then be classified as commercial services and would be part of the commercial network.

- b) Are performing poorly, do not offer good value for money, and should be withdrawn. Consideration will be given to the journey purpose of passengers using the routes and whether any alternative services exist. This could include community transport (e.g. services provided by SEDCAT or Poole Dial-a-Bus).
 - c) Are not commercially viable but are still considered essential and therefore require financial support. This is unlikely to be in the same format and is expected to be at different frequencies and/or amended routes.
13. Services in category c) may continue to be supported through the BSOG element of the Bus Grant (£271k). Subject to BSIP revenue funding being continued as expected beyond 2025/26, DfT has indicated that this funding may be used to support non-commercial services following a full network review to ensure best value.
 14. Proposals for major changes to supported bus services (reductions and/or withdrawals) will require consultation with stakeholders prior to final decisions being made.

Options Appraisal

15. With regards to the Bus Grant funding, there are two possible options for Members to consider:
 - a) Accept the £6m Bus Grant funding and implement the facilities and measures set out in Appendix 2 developed in conjunction with the Enhanced Partnership Board. This will help attract more passengers to bus services and make service operation more viable for the bus companies which in turn will reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and contribute to the council's carbon reduction targets **(Recommended)**.
 - b) Decline the funding and have a much-reduced opportunity to support buses and bus passengers. This will not find favour with the DfT and could impact on future funding awards **(Not Recommended)**.

Summary of financial implications

16. The Council has been awarded a funding allocation £5,722,067 comprising £3,257,354 capital, £2,370,713 revenue plus a £94,000 BSIP capacity and capability allocation, to commence delivery of the BSIP. This funding is in on top of the expected Local Authority Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG) of £294,368 per annum. This covers the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.
17. Where applicable the cost of additional support from Corporate Services will be recharged to the programme. For example, financial monitoring, procurement, communications.
18. The DfT BSIP Programme Board has agreed changes to the change control guidelines supporting an extension of the original 2022/23-2024/25 BSIP 1 award. An extension of the Capital spending has been approved to March 2026 (where schemes are committed to by March 2025), similarly an extension of the revenue spending has been approved to March 2026 (for service support).
19. The DfT BSIP 2 award terms and conditions state that the 2025/26 allocation can be carried forward into 2026/27 financial year provided the schemes/proposals within the programme are committed to before end of March 2026.

20. The financial implications of the Full Network Review will not impact services nor budgets during 2025/26.

Summary of legal implications

21. The BSIP Delivery Programme is developed in conjunction with the Enhanced Partnership Board. The Enhanced Partnership is a statutory arrangement created by the Bus Services Act 2017. All parties have a stronger commitment to joint working than the previous voluntary partnership arrangement.
22. Legal advice published by Campaign for Better Transport confirms that a local authority has a duty to assess the transport needs in its area and the impact of bus services being withdrawn, in particular on the elderly, disabled, and people with mobility problems. The advice also says that a council must not decide on the budget cut, and then simply find a number of bus services that if cut would save them that amount. Consultation must conform to the "[Gunning Principles](#)".

Summary of human resources implications










23. The council benefits from well experienced public transport professionals embedded within the teams with a good track record of partnership working to deliver positive outcomes for bus passengers. It is expected that in-house resources will be supplemented by external specialist consultants where appropriate. A capacity and capability allocation of £94,000 forms part of the 2025/26 grant award to support human resource requirements. In addition, where applicable the cost of additional support from Corporate Services will be recharged to the programme. For example, financial monitoring, public engagement, procurement, communications.

Summary of sustainability impact


24. A Decision Impact Assessment DIA Proposal ID 696 has been created for this decision.

NOTE: The DIA Proposal ID696 refers to the decision to accept the BSIP funding and the delivery of the programme. A further DIA will be undertaken as part of the Full Network Review when the impact of proposed changes/reductions to the subsidised bus network will be assessed.

Impact Summary

Climate Change & Energy	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Communities & Culture	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Waste & Resource Use	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Economy	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Health & Wellbeing	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Learning & Skills		
Natural Environment		
Sustainable Procurement	Green - Only positive impacts identified	
Transport & Accessibility	Green - Only positive impacts identified	

Answers provided indicate that the score for the carbon footprint of the proposal is: 2

Answers provided indicate that the carbon footprint of the proposal is:	Low	
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Summary of public health implications

25. Urban traffic speeds are falling by on average 2% every year, causing NOx emissions to rise. Diesel cars are the single biggest contributor to NOx levels, responsible for 41% of all NOx emissions from road transport. Buses are amongst the cleanest vehicles on our roads with many now achieving Euro VI emissions

standards. Improving local bus services contributes to the BCP Council priority of developing an eco-friendly and active transport network with positive implications for public health.

Summary of equality implications

26. An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken regarding the acceptance and delivery arrangements for the first round of BSIP funding and considered by the EIA Panel on 11 August 2022. This received an overall rating of **Green – good to go/approved, providing sufficient evidence the public sector equality duty has been met.**

The same circumstances apply to the 2025/26 BSIP funding. Individual schemes and measures will require specific EIAs as appropriate.

A further EIA will be undertaken as part of the Full Network Review when the impact of proposed changes/reductions to the subsidised bus network will be assessed.

Summary of risk assessment

27. None identified.

Background papers

1. [Bus Back Better - A National Bus Strategy for England](#)
2. [BCP Council Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme](#)
3. [BCP Council Bus Service Improvement Plan \(BSIP\)](#)

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Summary of BSIP 2022/23-24/25 Programme

Appendix 2 – DRAFT BSIP 2025/26 Delivery Plan

Appendix 1

Summary of BSIP 2022/23-24/25 Programme

Capital funded Projects

1. Bournemouth Station to Town Centre Bus Priority Route

Major Consultation completed (3000 visits to webpages, 292 responses received, plus in person events held). Results showed 72% support for the scheme overall. Detailed design now being finalised. Core samples of key road structure being analysed to determine best materials for reconstruction.

Detailed design being undertaken at present. Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation being prepared. Construction timelines being determined as these are major works in Bournemouth Town Centre.

2. Provide bus priority at 65 signalised junctions

All equipment installed. Testing of Traffic Signal Priority continues with supplier Yunex, Ticketer and Morebus.

3. Branksome, Poole Road/Bourne Valley Road Bus Priority

Junction amendments completed to give added priority to Poole Road traffic (including high frequency bus services). Ongoing monitoring required to determine benefits and optimise timings.

4. Westbourne Bus Priority

Trial junction improvement undertaken for three months from 24 October 2024 using temporary barriers and new signage. Following analysis of impact on traffic flows (including journey times for buses) a permanent arrangement to be considered.

5. High Street and Bargates Christchurch improvements to support buses

Detailed design undertaken following agreement with Councillors, Christchurch Business Improvement District and Chamber of Commerce. No objections to TRO advertised to swap taxi rank and bus stop. New bus shelters ordered. Construction commenced September 2024. Road space and contractor booked for delivery of Bargates improvements in Nov/Dec 2024, High Street scheme Jan/Feb/Mar 2025.

6. Southbourne Bus Priority

Consultation in progress.

7. Purewell Bus Priority

Consultation in progress.

8. 10 New Bus Shelters with Accessible Boarding

All 10 fully accessible bus shelters now installed. These include full width seating, wheelchair/buggy spaces and Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI).

9. 50 New Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) Displays

40 new RTI displays now installed. They include audible announcements for passengers who are blind/visually impaired. Bus operator has ability to directly add additional information on delays/diversions if required, ensuring passengers are kept always informed.

10. Poole Bus Station RTPI Display Totems incorporating CCTV monitoring

14 Totems with RTPI and CCTV installed in Poole Bus Station with excellent feedback received. In addition to real time information, they are updated to provide details of roadworks/diversions/delays as required. Comprehensive CCTV has provided added security for passengers and staff in an area previously troubled by many anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents.

11. Live Stream CCTV from 250 bus shelters to council control room

170 cameras now installed into the busiest bus shelters across BCP. The cameras provide on daily basis invaluable evidence for issues of serious crime, theft, ASB and assisting with missing persons, in addition to passenger security at the bus stop. Directly links to council Transport Safety Officer project with DfT.

Revenue funded Projects

1. Align morebus Ticketing Zone A with BCP Council area boundary (previously excluded Merley and Highcliffe)

Successfully delivered and now gives equitable pricing for all BCP residents.

2. Promotional £2.50 return fare on Canford Heath services

Promotional fare on Canford Heath services has been redeemed over 75,000 times so far.

3. New child/young person's 30-day and 90-day period tickets available via morebus app.

New child 30-day and 90-day period tickets available from 3 June 2024, with over 700 tickets to the value of £65,000 sold so far.

4. Commuter club £1 fare ticket bundles for participating businesses

"Commuter Club" launched to businesses in September 2024 providing multi trip bundles of 20 journeys for £20. Supports flexible working and designed to encourage

workers to try the bus for the first time. Promoted with Press Release, social media and direct marketing to employers in the area.

5. Bus Service 18 frequency enhancement

Enhanced 30-minute frequency of Service 18 has generated an impressive 265,000 additional passengers so far.

6. Bus Service 13 frequency enhancement

Enhanced 20-minute frequency of Service 13 has generated an impressive 213,616 additional passengers so far.

7. Passenger Satisfaction – Passenger Charter and Passenger Surveys

Transport Focus "Your Bus" Survey results showed BCP joint top with bus satisfaction in the country. Results being further analysed at regular meetings with operators. 2024/5 survey underway with financial contribution from Morebus.

8. Mobility as a Service (MAAS) Transport App.

Ongoing discussion with Solent Transport indicates that an extension of the existing Breeze MaaS (Mobility as a Service) App is deliverable within budget. However longer-term funding for the App overall has yet to be secured by Solent Transport. Other options are therefore also being investigated.

Appendix 2

DRAFT BSIP 2025/26 Delivery Plan - Capital

National Bus Strategy Objective	Title of scheme or proposal	Description	Estimated cost [£]
Bus fleet	Bus fleet to be Zero Emission	New chargers and purchase of 2 x e-buses for Route ONE	950,000
Bus Priority	Bournemouth Travel Interchange to Station Roundabout bus priority on slip road	Dedicated bus/coach slip road exiting from Bournemouth Travel Interchange onto St Pauls Road	780,000
Bus Priority	Bournemouth Travel Interchange to Gervis Place	Public realm and safer streets scheme proposals at/adjacent to bus stops/waiting areas e.g., Westover Road	375,000
Waiting and interchange facilities	Shelter upgrade programme, 30 sites	Upgrade of 30 bus stops with new bus shelters, with Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) and live-stream CCTV	350,000
Accessibility and inclusion	Raised kerbing and extended bus stop clearways at 35 stops	Provision of raised kerbs and 27m bus stop clearways at 35 stops in area to improve boarding for disabled users.	350,000
Bus Priority	Poole Bus Station Refurbishment	Low-cost refurbishment: flooring, barriers, lighting, new seating/signage	200,000
Waiting and interchange facilities	Bournemouth Travel Interchange Refurbishment	Wayfinding, lighting, passenger information.	112,000
Bus Priority	Ashley Road/Poole Road	Bus priority from Alder Road to Bourne Valley Road including Pottery Junction to improve bus journey times and reliability along Poole Road	50,000
Bus Priority	Ashley Road - Upper Parkstone	Review of existing parking arrangements to improve bus movements through area	30,000
Bus Priority	Charminster Road – Charminster	Review of existing parking arrangements at central commercial area of Charminster Road (including introducing inset parking/loading) to improve bus movements through area	30,000
Bus Priority	Wimborne Road - Winton parking review	Review of existing parking arrangements at central commercial area of Wimborne Road, Winton to improve bus movements through area	30,000
		Total Capital [£]	3,257,000

DRAFT BSIP 2025/26 Delivery Plan – Revenue

National Bus Strategy Objective	Title of scheme or proposal	Description	Estimated cost [£]
Service level and network coverage	Frequency enhancement	Introduction of new Route 11 and accompanying changes to routes 5/5A and 6/6A to support new housing developments Canford Paddock	504,167
Service level and network coverage	Frequency enhancement	Introduction of new Route 21 to serve Ringwood Retail Park (Ringwood Road)	297,917
Service level and network coverage	Frequency enhancement	Introduction of night bus service on routes N1, N2 and N5 on all nights of the week	100,000
Service level and network coverage	Alum Chine year-round extension to route 33 to replace winter 70	Extend 33 to Alum Chine year-round to replace winter Route 70	51,333
Service level and network coverage	Frequency enhancement	Extension of the full Monday to Saturday evening service on route 14 from Kinson through to Royal Bournemouth Hospital	45,833
Service level and network coverage	Frequency enhancement	General support for commercial service 24 (Castlepoint – Christchurch)	23,000
Lower and simpler fares	Evening single fare (after 6pm) for £1	Flat fare providing journey in Zone A after 6pm for £1	661,750
Lower and simpler fares	Discounted weekend young person Day Rider for £2	Unlimited journeys for a day (Saturday or Sunday) for young people under 19 for £2	250,000
Lower and simpler fares	Commuter Club	Employees of businesses signed up to Commuter Club can purchase bundle of 20 journeys for £20 (up to 5 times) = £1 per journey	150,000
Lower and simpler fares	£2 single fare; bundle of 10 journeys for £20 when purchased via App	Bundle of 10 journeys for £20 when purchased via App = £2 per journey	100,000
Bus information and network identity	Enhanced bus timetable map and booklet	Additional information provided in bus operator timetable booklet and map including key tourism and destination information	50,000
Bus passenger experience	Transport Safety Officers	Continuation of Transport Safety Officers programme beyond current 2024/25 Department for Transport (DfT) pilot	136,000
		Total Revenue [£]	2,370,000



Report subject	Education and Skills Capital Programme
Meeting date	5 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report set out the Education and Skills Capital Programme for the period 2025/26 – 2027/28. The report summarises available capital funding totalling £22.6 million and provides an indicative programme of investment of £21.4 million set against key budget headings aligned to improvement priorities across the service. The planned expenditure of available capital is set out in this report and shows a balanced budget.
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that Cabinet:</p> <p>agrees the capital programme as set out in the report, including the budget allocations set against the capital funding available for the period 2025/26 – 2026/27.</p>
Reason for recommendations	Utilising investment in the school estate to discharge the council's statutory duties to delivery good estate management and secure sufficiency of places aligned to the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, Wraparound and Expanded Entitlements Delivery Plan, SEND Sufficiency Strategy, Belonging and Improvement Strategy and DSG Recovery Plan.
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Wards	<u>Council-wide</u>
Classification	For Recommendation

Background

1. The Council's Constitution sets out the budget and policy framework. The Council is required to calculate budget requirements for each financial year and to set a balanced budget. The Capital Programme supports the delivery of the Council's strategic Asset Management Plan and is consistent with the Medium-Term Financial Plan and with Children's Services strategic plans for the provision of sufficient and well-maintained education infrastructure.

2. Capital expenditure is defined as spending that creates an asset for the Council i.e. buildings, vehicles and equipment and spending on non-current assets i.e. buildings not owned by the council (academy schools where the trust holds the freehold) and the award of capital grants and funding agreements.
3. The programme was last approved in February 2022 which set out the priorities for the period of 2022/23 – 2024-25. The updated programme for the period 2025/26 – 2027/28 includes details of the progress of schemes previously approved and new proposals for investment summarised under strategic headings.
4. Academies, Free Schools, and Voluntary Aided Schools are directly allocated condition funding through the Education and Skills Funding Agency, so maintenance works in these types of establishments are not part of this capital programme. The Council funds sufficiency works at Academies and Free Schools (as well as at maintained schools) in order to ensure there are sufficient school places, and sufficient and suitable provision for SEND.
5. **Sources of [Estimated] Funding:** The estimated capital funding sources available for the 2025/26 Capital Programme are contained in Table 1. Including the estimated allocations for future years, the total amount of capital available for the financial years 2025-28 is £22.6 million. This is made up of the following sources of funding:
 - Basic Need Grant estimated funding for the supply of new school places - £0.91 million
 - School condition allocations (SCA) for school estate related works (SCA) - £5.96 million
 - SEND High Needs Funding – specialist provision capital estimated at £15.4 million
 - Wraparound Care & Expanded Entitlements Grant – £0.28m remaining of what was allocated by the Department for Education (DfE) in 2024.
 - The remaining £7k is Healthy Pupils Capital Grant Funding that was allocated by the DfE in 2017.

Table 1: Capital Funding Sources

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total
Basic Need	349	561	0	0	910
SCA	4,394	511	522	531	5,958
High Needs Capital Grant	12,401	1,000	1,000	1,000	15,401
Early Years Expansion	277		0	0	277
Other	7	0	0	0	7
Total Funding Received	17,428	2,075	1,522	1,531	22,556

**Funding is estimated based on current data and previous allocations*

***In the last financial year, two schools that were previously maintained by the Local Authority, Poole High School and Christchurch Infant School, have converted to academy status and this will result in a commensurate reduction in the School Condition Allocation that BCP Council can expect to receive from the DfE*

Issues

6. **Capital Programme 2025/26 – 2027/28:** For ease of reporting, the proposed capital programme for the period 2025/26 – 2027/28 comprises schemes grouped under two headings as follows:
 - **Schemes with Prior Approval:** these include carried forward amounts from schemes with prior approval that are currently in progress.
 - **New schemes requiring Approval:** details of schemes and priority budget allocations requiring approval necessary to maintain the school estate, deliver new school places and expand access to childcare.
7. **Schemes with Prior Approval:** Schemes with prior approval nearing completion total £2 million with spending profiled across financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27. Details of schemes are contained in **Appendix 1**.
8. **New Schemes Requiring Approval:** New schemes requiring approval set out a proposed investment in the school estate totalling £19.1 million - see Table 2. A commentary for each of

the headline budgets is set out below. Further details of schemes funded by the School Condition grant are contained in **Appendix 2**.

Table 2: Proposed New Schemes for Capital Programme 2025/26– 2027/28

Headline Budget	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total
Basic Need (mainstream school places)	50	50	50	150

Planned Repairs and Maintenance	3,565	200	200	3,965
Urgent Works sub total	100	100	100	300
Condition Surveys	50	50	50	150
Climate Change/Low Carbon Reduction	550	50	50	650
Total School Condition Allocation (SCA)	4,265	400	400	5,065

SEND Advanced Design Fees	200	200	200	600
SEND Adaptations: Access	100	100	100	300
Specialist Places 0-19	Individual cost of schemes to be developed in line with the timeline of relevant bid process.			
Alternative Provision and Inclusion Models				
Specialist Provision Capital (High Needs)	8,300	5,000	300	13,900
Total Commitment Proposed	12,615	5,750	750	19,115

+ Best endeavours have been used to estimate costs based on existing data but due to construction inflation since the surveys were complete, availability of labour and materials and the potential for surveys to uncover additional issues, these costs may increase. These figures should not be viewed as final at this early stage.

++None of the Proposed New Schemes include potential CIL or Section 106 funding.

9. **Basic Need:** A budget headline referring to basic need is in anticipation of accelerated in-year pressure for places as the academic year unfolds. In order to respond to localised pressures, proposals to increase the supply of primary and secondary school places will be developed working with school leaders. This work depends on a change to the Council's revenue growth funding policy. At the time of writing this report, details were due to be reported to the Schools Forum at their meeting in January 2025. Associated plans for investment will follow in future report where approvals for budget allocations will be sought in line with BCP Financial Regulations. In the meantime, it is proposed that a budget of £50k pa is allocated for surveys, feasibility investigations and design works required to develop the brief for projects to deliver mainstream places.
10. **School Condition Allocations:** Priority works for investment in the maintained school estate are proposed under 3 categories as follows:
 - **Planned Repairs and Maintenance:** Proposed allocations of £3.9 million are based on a robust analysis of condition surveys conducted over the last 5 years and consultations with school leaders. The programme will address building elements identified as necessary to address condition and areas of compliance within the next year
 - **Urgent Works:** A budget of £300k is set aside in order to address urgent works identified during the course of the year which cannot be anticipated or otherwise planned in the R&M programme. Further details of urgent works are provided in **Appendix 3**.
 - **Condition Surveys:** Condition surveys will continue to be carried out for maintained schools every five years in line with the School Capital Team policy. A budget of £150k has been recommended to fund condition surveys in line with the programme agreed with BCP Facilities Management.
 - **Climate Change/Carbon Reduction:** The Capital Programme will contribute £650k to the Council's carbon emission reduction targets and to the delivery of the Climate Change Strategy by reducing using capital funding to install carbon reducing systems that benefit schools and pupils. Opportunities to include renewable energy and energy efficient

systems as part of the planned repairs and maintenance programme will be identified. As part of this process, the School's Capital Team will look to support schools to apply for a Salix energy efficiency loan and where suitable may be asked to contribute a proportion of the total cost of any funded using over a period of 8 years.

11. **Specialist Provision (High Needs Capital):** Sustained growth in the number of children with complex needs in the BCP area has resulted in a shortage of specialist and alternative provision locally. This has increased unit costs and intensified budget pressures. Actions contained and delivered in the Council's SEND Improvement Plan include a SEND Sufficiency Strategy and a Belonging Strategy. Both strategies set out short to medium term priorities to increase the availability of local specialist and alternative provision places and shape and inform investment decisions in our school estate. For this purpose, investment is proposed as follows:
- **Development of Specialist Places:** In line with the continuum model of provision contained in the SEND Sufficiency Strategy, it is planned to invest in the development of specialist places. This includes informal and formal legal models of provision including Bespoke, Resource Base Provisions and SEND Satellite sites. Capital funding will support the development of SEND spaces and accommodation necessary. Projects will address short-medium term priorities identified in the SEND Sufficiency Strategy. Investment will comprise several schemes identified following a bid process and will be brought forward for approval in line with the delegation thresholds contained in the Financial Regulations.
 - **Development of Alternative Provision & Inclusion Models:** It is planned to invest in the development of schemes that deliver alternative provision and inclusion models. Work is underway with Academy Trusts to discuss innovative models of provision to better manage demand for alternative provision. It is anticipated that capital investment will be necessary to support inhouse models of provision based on evidence of what works and working in partnership with our local school partners. Investment will comprise several schemes identified following a bid process and will be brought forward for approval in line with the delegation thresholds contained in the Financial Regulations.
 - **SEND Advanced Design Fees:** To develop schemes that have been identified as having the potential to substantially address BCP SEND sufficiency needs, it is recommended that a budget of £ £600k is allocated for the professional fees and surveys associated with the development of schemes. These relate to the costs necessary to progress feasibility studies and produce business cases to ensure schemes are viable and affordable. Budgetary approval for any schemes developed in this way will be sought in line with BCP Financial Regulations.
 - **SEND Adaptations - Access:** A budget of £300k is set aside to deliver access works necessary to facilitate access in the exception. Access to the fund is determined by the Council and typically supports the admission of children with complex needs who otherwise may require non local or higher cost provision. It is recommended that this budget is put in place for the next 3 financial years. Note: The fund is not available to support reasonable adjustments to school premises in line with normal duties and responsibilities contained in the Equality Act 2010.
12. **Wraparound Care and Expanded Entitlements:** Further expressions of interest are being sought from providers and capital funding will be awarded on a project-by-project basis in line with the agreed process. It is planned that the majority of the unallocated capital will be spent by the end of the 2024/25 financial year, but some spending may fall into the 2025/26 financial year and will be dictated by the efficiency of individual setting providing the necessary documentary evidence to facilitate the reimbursement of funding.
13. **Other Sources of Funding - Central Government Capital:** BCP Council has submitted successful bids for the 3 projects to be delivered by central government since the capital strategy was last reported. Updates from the DfE are anticipated containing the details of these schemes and the proposed programme for delivery. They are as follows:

- Somerford Primary School was accepted into the School Rebuilding Programme (SRP) in 2022. The DfE has stated that it will engage with the Local Authority in 2025 to develop and deliver this scheme.
- Winchelsea School was accepted into the School Rebuilding Programme (SRP) in 2022. The DfE has stated that it will engage with the Local Authority in 2025 to develop and deliver this scheme.
- In May 2024, the DfE announced that BCP Council was successful in its application to open a new special free school in the area for pupils with autistic spectrum disorder.

14. **Healthy Pupils Capital:** There is £7k of Healthy Pupils Capital Grant Funding that was allocated by the Department for Education (DfE) in 2017. It is recommended that this funding is allocated to the Planned Repairs and Maintenance programme for resurfacing play surfaces in accordance with the grant conditions.
15. **Summary Position:** Table 3 shows the balance of grant funding remaining taking account of total grant income, the cost of pre-approved schemes and schemes for approval as contained in this report. The majority of Grant funding remaining includes basic need funding (used to support the provision of mainstream places) and condition funding. It is prudent to retain basic need to coincide with the development of specific proposals as the academic year progresses. The remaining condition funding will be utilised to meet the delivery costs for the client project team.

Table 3: Balance of Capital Grant Funding

	Basic Need £,000	SCA £,000	High Needs £,000	Early Years Expansion £,000	Other £,000	Total £,000
Allocation	910	5,958	15,401	423	7	22,699
Pre-Approved	0	542	1,490	277		2,309
Requiring approval	150	5,065	13,900			19,115
Total Investment	150	5,607	15,390	277	0	21,424
Grant Funding Remaining*	760	351	11	146	7	1,275

**Grant Funding Remaining: This includes funding necessary to support the development of works and schemes following receipt of updated information and data about the needs of the school estate. This includes admissions data on in year pressures for places and updated condition and works surveys.*

Summary of financial implications

16. This report sets out the financial position in respect of the spending of grant funding allocated to the Local Authority by the Department for Education.

Summary of legal implications

17. This report sets out the current position of the capital programme. The contracts and funding agreements that Children's Services enters into as client for the projects that form part of the capital programme will be drafted and signed in conjunction with Legal Services. Capital funding is allocated to projects in line with the published terms and conditions.

Summary of human resources implications

18. The commissioning of Children's Services capital projects rests principally with the Director of Education staff within the directorate. This includes client-side project management. Technical project management is provided by or commissioned through the Council's Facilities Management Team. The ongoing staffing of schools and academies is the responsibility of governing bodies and academy boards, with day-to-day professional leadership and

management provided by headteachers and school staff. During the delivery phase of a capital programme additional technical staff, such as surveyors, may be required: such costs are generally capitalised.

Summary of sustainability impact

19. Any new project will take account of sustainability at the design stage as set out above. A discrete budget has been set aside to fund condition works to the maintained school estate more sustainable.

Summary of public health implications

20. Children with special educational needs and disabilities often have associated health needs, in some cases lifelong medical needs. The health needs of children will be taken into account as part of the options appraisal and design works for any project. This would include, for example, the provision of hygiene and first aid rooms. The provision of outdoor play space and facilities for physical education will be considered as part of any project in line DfE Building Bulletin design guidance, as will the promotion of walking and cycling to school by the provision of appropriate facilities. An approach to SEND which enables more children to attend a school in their local community will reduce journey times and distances and potentially reduce emissions.

Summary of equality implications

21. All proposed capital projects will be developed in accordance with the Council's Equalities Policy. Children with SEND often have a range of disadvantages, such as economic deprivation. Better SEND provision is a means of mitigating these disadvantages and enabling children to achieve more. Some types of SEND affect either boys or girls disproportionately. Proposals for new SEND accommodation will help to address any such disadvantage. An equalities impact assessment conversation screening tool has been completed and sent to panel to the EQIA Panel for review and discussion.

Summary of risk assessment

22. This report sets out recommendations for budgetary approval for a number of schemes that will require further definition before final costs are known both as part of the SEND Sufficiency strategy and Planned Repairs and Maintenance Plan. The main risks and mitigations provided at Appendix 4.

Recommendation

23. It is recommended that Cabinet:

Agrees the capital programme as set out in the report, including the budget allocations set against the capital funding available for the period 2025/26 – 2026/27.

Spend profile - schemes in progress with prior approval

	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Hillbourne – New School	374	0	0	374
Winchelsea Temporary Office Space	27	27	0	54
Poole High Planned Maintenance	50	0	0	50
Winchelsea Interim Accommodation	32	32	0	64
School Condition Allocation – sub total	483	59		542

Broadstone First School Resource Base	68	0	0	68
Link Building at Bourne Academy	5	0	0	5
Parkstone Grammar School – SEND Facility	252	0	0	252
Canford Heath Schools – SLCN Bases	75	0	0	75
Victoria Education Centre – ASC Base	90	0	0	90
Linwood Post-16 Satellite Ted Webster Centre	1,000	0	0	1,000
SEND High Needs Sufficiency sub total	1,490	0	0	1,490

Expanded Entitlements Capital Projects	272	0	0	272
Wraparound Care Projects	5	0	0	5
Early Years Programme of Expansion**	277			277
Total allocated to pre- approved schemes	2,250	59	0	2,309

Note: Early Years Programme of Expansion: The Wraparound programme consists of two distinct pieces of work seeking to increase the availability of childcare, these are:

- **Workstream 1:** Expanded Entitlements (EE) providing 15 hours of funded childcare for working parents of children aged two years old from April 2024 and from nine months old from September 2024. An increase to 30 hours of funded childcare for this group from September 2025.
- **Workstream 2:** Wraparound Childcare (WAC) providing access to wraparound childcare from 8am-6pm for all primary school aged children by September 2026 on a fee-paying basis.

The Wraparound Care Project Team has set up a panel of key stakeholders to review and approve the bids that providers have submitted for this funding. 8 Early Years projects have been approved to create 67 new places, with 3 further projects creating 146 new places conditionally approved pending confirmation of planning permission. In addition, 3 Wraparound Care projects have also been approved to create 31 new places.

Proposed Planned R&M Capital Programme for Approval 2025/26– 2027/28

Name of Project/Budget	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	Total
Burton Primary School+	370	As we work with the schools and appointed contractors to develop these schemes further, we will understand the works that need to be programmed into future years.		370
Christchurch Learning Centre+	180			180
Highcliffe St Mark+	480			480
Linwood+	1,070			1,070
Mudeford Infant School+	330			330
Mudeford Junior School+	110			110
Somerford Primary School+	200			200
Winchelsea School+	125			50
Planned Repairs and Maintenance	3,565	200	200	3,965

+These are planned repairs and maintenance works. Best endeavours have been used to estimate costs based on existing data but due to construction inflation since the surveys were complete, availability of labour and materials and the potential for surveys to uncover additional issues, these costs may increase. These figures should not be viewed as final at this early stage.

Urgent Works

- Urgent Health and safety issues which could otherwise prompt an unplanned school closure or harm to life.
- Use of the emergency out of hours Property Maintenance Team where minor works are commissioned and resolved and subject to approval of the Schools Capital Team. Work will be funded from schools' devolved capital in the first instance.
- Safeguarding and security of premises issues arising from risk assessments.
- Mechanical and electrical components which are otherwise unaffordable by school use of DFC.
- Fabric of the building elements otherwise unaffordable provided that schools are able to demonstrate good estate management including an Asset Management Plan of priorities for which their DFC is used to contribute.

Project Risks and Mitigations

- a. **Risk:** Project costs exceed the approved budget:

Mitigation: condition projects are based on condition surveys undertaken by building professionals. Budgets take into account recent price inflation in construction industry, statutory fees and surveys and allocate a contingency to mitigate project specific risks. Where cost information is not available, in-depth feasibility work will be carried out to provide greater cost certainty and further approvals will be recommended in line with BCP Financial Regulations.

- b. **Risk:** the project is not delivered on time.

Mitigation: all projects will have a project plan setting out the timescale for critical products and will be managed in accordance with the governance procedures overseen by the Children's Services Capital Board.

- c. **Risk:** the project is not delivered to the quality expected.

Mitigation: all projects will have a clear specification in terms of service outcomes (usually defined within Children's Services), and technical specifications (that will be determined by specialists within the Facilities Management Team or 3rd party consultants as appropriate)

- d. **Risk:** the project does not deliver facilities that are required.

Mitigation: Condition works have been agreed in consultation with school senior leadership teams and professional building surveyors. All projects that propose to provide sufficiency places will have a business case that clearly sets out the rationale for the project and the results that are expected from it.

- e. **Risk:** there is not a clear understanding of the respective responsibilities of the council and academy trusts in the delivery of a project on an academy site.

Mitigation: a development agreement, or memorandum of understanding, or "letter of comfort" will be agreed for every scheme to ensure responsibilities are understood and agreed.

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