

# Notice of Council



Date: Tuesday, 3 June 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

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All Members of the Council are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

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### Declaring interests at meetings

Familiarise yourself with the Councillor Code of Conduct which can be found in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Before the meeting, read the agenda and reports to see if the matters to be discussed at the meeting concern your interests



What are the principles of bias and pre-determination and how do they affect my participation in the meeting?

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 25 March 2025 and the Annual Council Meeting held on 6 May 2025.

## 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 28 May 2025 (mid-day, 3 clear working days before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day Monday 2 June 2025 (mid-day the working day before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Monday 19 May 2025 (10 working days before the meeting).

## 6. Petition: 'BCP Council must reconsider their current local transport and infrastructure policies'

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

'BCP Council must reconsider their current local transport and infrastructure policies'.

### The Issue

"As local residents and motorists we are both very concerned and apprehensive about the current transport and infrastructure policies being implemented by BCP council. This petition is to highlight our lack of confidence in the management of our local roads by BCP Council. We call on BCP Council to review their current local transport strategy and ensure in future that it is proportionate for all residents and not just those that

support Active Travel.

Currently, local residents and businesses are suffering excessive delay, disruption and inconvenience caused by the poor planning and management of our local roads by BCP Council. The construction of extremely expensive and obviously under-utilised cycle paths, along with a huge numbers of local Roadworks , all being carried out at the same time with minimal co-ordination by BCP Council are real and major issues. As a result the quality of local residents lives are being severely and adversely impacted. Accessibility for the less mobile and elderly , who for them the car is their only option. is also significantly reduced. The repercussions of these BCP policies fail to deliver the expectations and needs of our local community. It's not just about congested streets and increased drive times, It's not just about more carbon emissions rather than less, it's about how these BCP policies are impacting the safety, environment and overall quality of life in our region. As stated by the UK Department for Transport, each year we are seeing an increase in road traffic in Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole (BCP) area compared to the national average. This indicates that the existing policies are not mitigating transport issues and need to be reevaluated. Moreover, critical decisions affecting thousands of motorists and residents appear to lack the inclusivity and transparency that's required. We feel our voices and concerns are ignored. Therefore, we call for the BCP council to reevaluate current transport policies and provide a transparent, inclusive decision-making process and develop a partnership with all local road users not just those of Active Travel. Help us champion the cause of improved infrastructural planning and strategies by signing this petition."

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **Recommendations from Cabinet and Committees**

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| <b>7.</b> | <b>Cabinet 2 April 2025 - Minute No. 142 - Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill Flood Defence Scheme – CIL Funding Proposal</b><br><b>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet recommend to Council: -</b><br><b>Approval of the allocation of £7.3m to the Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill Flood Defence Scheme from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for the Financial Year 2025/26.</b> | <b>39 - 46</b>   |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>Cabinet 2 April 2025 - Minute No. 145 - Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2025-2030</b><br><b>RECOMMENDED that: -</b><br><b>Members approve the final content and design of the plan.</b>  | <b>47 - 100</b>  |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>Cabinet 13 May 2025 - Minute No. 6 - BCP Local Plan next steps, updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) and Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</b><br><b>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet: -</b><br><b>(a) recommends to Council that the draft BCP Local Plan be</b>  | <b>101 - 148</b> |

	<p>withdrawn from examination;</p> <p>(b) recommends to Council that the draft BCP CIL Charging Schedule be withdrawn from examination;</p> <p>(c) agrees to the publication of a new Local Development Scheme at Appendix 1 and submission to Government, subject to Council agreement to withdraw the draft BCP Local Plan under recommendation a.</p> <p>(d) agrees the updated Statement of Community Involvement at Appendix 2.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Cabinet 13 May 2025 - Minute No. 7 - Our Place and Environment: Consolidated Active Travel Fund 2025/26</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet: -</b></p> <p>(a) recommends to Council delegation of the investment of the £1.459m of Consolidated Active Travel Fund 2025/26 to the Service Director for Planning &amp; Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy</p>	149 - 158
11.	<p><b>Cabinet 13 May 2025 - Minute No. 8 - Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum Arts Council England (ACE) Museum Estate and Development (MEND) Grant</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED that Cabinet: -</b></p> <p>(a) recommends Council to accept the £1,500,817 from Arts Council England MEND Round 4 and delegates authority to the Director of Customer &amp; Property to complete the formal acceptance process on behalf of the Council</p> <p>Note – resolutions (b) and (c) were resolved matters by the Cabinet</p>	159 - 162
12.	<p><b>Response from an Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a Council recommendation</b></p> <p>The Council's constitution provides that Overview and Scrutiny (O&amp;S) Committees must consider any requests for scrutiny made to it by Council and respond to Council if the response is rejected, with reasons. This report sets out such a response.</p>	163 - 166
13.	<p><b>Recruitment of Chief Executive</b></p> <p>Panel interviews are being held on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 May and a report will follow with the panel's recommendation. It is anticipated that the report, including the Panel's recommendation, will be published on Friday 30 May to inform the Council's decision.</p>	To Follow



#### **14. Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10**

##### **Motion to Full Council: Protecting and Revitalising Library Services**

###### **This Council notes that**

- Staffing levels and reduced opening hours across BCP libraries have affected accessibility, especially for families, vulnerable residents, and older people.
- Hamworthy Library serves as a case study highlighting the wider consequences of underfunding library services.
- BCP Council is currently undergoing a community governance review in relation to the development of Town and Parish Councils across the conurbation.

###### **This Council further notes that:**

- The closure of the community café in Hamworthy Library, as part of recent budget cuts, has had a deep and disproportionate impact on the local community, despite limited fiscal savings.
- This closure led to the redundancy of valued staff.
- Footfall has significantly declined, and the library has lost its function as a vibrant social and democratic hub. Councillor surgeries, for example, are now less accessible and welcoming, with no option for a friendly cuppa and conversation.
- The café infrastructure remains in place, offering an opportunity for revitalisation with the right support.

###### **This Council believes that:**

- Libraries are vital to the social infrastructure of our communities — offering education, connectivity, wellbeing support, and civic engagement.
- Staffing and consistent opening hours should be protected and prioritised in future budget planning.
- Offering Café and community spaces within the same space as a library adds significant social value and should be supported,
- The potential for Town and Parish Councils to take on some responsibility for local library provision should be explored carefully, with attention to the short-, medium and long-term impacts on sustainability including the implications for staff, service quality, and community access.

###### **This Council therefore resolves that in developing the Library Strategy the relevant Portfolio Holders be asked to consider the following:**

1. Prioritise staffing and opening hours in future Library Strategy, to maintain and strengthen access to these vital public services across BCP.
2. Conduct a detailed review into the closure of the café at Hamworthy

Library, including its social and economic impact, and explore options for reinstatement as well as exploring the provision of similar facilities elsewhere.

3. Ensure that the Library Strategy includes an assessment of the condition, usage, and community role of library services across the conurbation, with a focus on restoring or enhancing social space where needed.
4. Include an options appraisal outlining the impacts of devolving library assets or responsibilities to Town and Parish Councils, including potential risks, benefits, and support requirements ensuring that library services align with the ongoing community governance review.
5. That the final report should specifically reference the actions taken in response to these points.

#### **15. Questions from Councillors**

The deadline for questions to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer is Friday 23 May 2025.

#### **16. 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.