

Notice of Council



Date: Tuesday, 22 July 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

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Cllr L Dedman

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Cllr P Cooper
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Cllr P Sidaway
Cllr P Slade
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Cllr M Tarling
Cllr T Trent
Cllr O Walters
Cllr C Weight
Cllr L Williams
Cllr K Wilson
Cllr G Wright

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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If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Democratic Services on 01202 096660 or democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk

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GRAHAM FARRANT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

14 July 2025

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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 3 June 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 16 July 2025 (3 clear working days before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day Monday 21 July 2025 (mid-day the working day before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Tuesday 8 July 2025 (10 working days before the meeting).

6. Petition: 'End Council Support for Netanyahu Twinning'

Council is advised that a petition with 2000+ valid signatures has been received, titled: 'End Council Support for Netanyahu Twinning'.

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council to take all measures within its power, to cease support for the twinning relationship with Netanyahu, Israel, including but not limited to: Supporting any official or unofficial visits, exchanges, or cultural programs linked to the twinning. Promoting or endorsing any materials or signs related to the twinning, and consequently, remove all signs, plaques, and promotional materials related to the twinning from council-controlled spaces. Providing any financial or logistical support to Netanyahu or its representatives. Disclose all council expenditures related to the twinning and commit to full transparency moving forward. Taking this action will allow the council to demonstrate its commitment to upholding

human rights, equality, and peace.

Justification:

Reasoning:

Netanya is a city in Israel that supports and benefits from the ongoing occupation and oppression of the Palestinian people. At a time when Israel is carrying out a genocide in Gaza, continuing this twinning sends the wrong message. Ending council support reflects our community's commitment to human rights, equality, and peace.

Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 relating to this matter

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor K Salmon and seconded by Councillor J Salmon.

Motion: suspension of council support for the Bournemouth–Netanya twinning arrangement

Council notes the content of the public petition presented at its meeting of 22 July 2025 and resolves to:

1. Suspend all support for the Bournemouth–Netanya twinning arrangement with immediate effect until Council decides otherwise;
2. Remove existing road signs and anything else within the Council's control that refers to the twinning within the public realm (including online), within two months of this resolution; and
3. Instruct the Leader and Chief Executive to write, within four weeks, to the Mayor of Netanya and the Chair of the Bournemouth-Netanya twinning association confirming the Council's suspension of civic support until circumstances allow the matter to be reviewed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Recommendations from Cabinet and Committees

7. Standards Committee 8 July 2025 - Minute No. 8 - Annual Report on Code of Conduct Complaints

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RECOMMENDED that the Annual Report of the Standards Committee be noted.

8. Recommendations from Cabinet - 16 July 2025

To consider the recommendations arising from the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 16 July 2025. The recommendations will be circulated as soon as practicably possible following the meeting of the Cabinet. A copy of the reports and appendices to the Cabinet have been published and are available on the Council's website on the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=285&MId=6064&Ver=4>

<p>9. Amendments to the Constitution arising from the Standards Committee</p> <p>Following the recommendation of the Standards Committee this report seeks Council approval to amend the Constitution to include the Officer Code of Conduct and to update the training requirements for Councillors who are appointed to the Standards Committee.</p>	<p>41 - 56</p>
<p>10. Members' Allowance Scheme</p> <p>This report seeks Council's approval of the Scheme of Allowances for 2025-2026 Municipal Year and incorporates the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) on their review of the Members' Scheme of Allowances for 2025/26.</p> <p>Consideration of the Scheme of Members' Allowances was deferred by Council on 10 December 2024 pending the conclusion of the Pay and Reward review which is included as a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.</p>	<p>57 - 88</p>
<p>11. Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10</p> <p>1. REPAIR AND REUSE INITIATIVES</p> <p>The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor R Herrett and seconded by Councillor E Harman.</p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <p>The UK is the second highest producer of electronic waste per capita in the world. Repair and reuse is central to achieving a truly circular, less wasteful, economy. They help to tackle climate change and achieve our net zero ambition, reduce living costs for UK households and create green skilled jobs.</p> <p>There is strong public support for further repair and re-use initiatives, and for manufacturers to enable spares and repairs to be easily accessible, affordable and installable.</p> <p>This Council believes:</p> <p>We should be responding to increasing public demand for repair services and skills, advocating for a return to a strong UK fixing economy and championing reuse to give products a second life.</p> <p>Repair should be a thriving sector of our economy. Where products are designed to be durable and easily repairable by default and in which</p>	

manufacturers actively support their products for as long as possible. A future where products are given a second life through reuse, repair is the easiest option for everyone when something breaks, and recycling is saved for the very end of a product's useful life.

This Council resolves to:

- a. Endorse the Repair and Reuse Declaration.
- b. Support the Bournemouth Repair café and other organisations promoting Repair and Reuse across the BCP area through access to networks and space, and funds where available.
- c. Write to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, and Energy and Climate change asking that they support the Repair and Reuse Declaration and examine measures that the government can take to further repair reuse in manufacturing, training in repair skills and supporting the community.

2. VACANT SITES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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 P Canavan.

This Council notes:

- The escalating need for affordable and social housing across the BCP area, with many residents in housing stress or on long waiting lists.
- The growing number of vacant and underused sites including:
 - The long-neglected Sydenham's timber site,
 - The derelict Old James Brothers scrapyard, and
 - The stalled former Power Station development land.

These sites have remained undeveloped for years, blighting the area, attracting anti-social behaviour, and contributing nothing to local housing need or community wellbeing.

This Council believes:

That speculative land banking is unacceptable in the face of a

housing crisis.

That there is a duty to local residents to use all available means to bring these sites forward for affordable housing development, in line with Labour's policy of delivering social and council homes.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Undertake an urgent audit of all vacant or stalled development sites across BCP.
2. Assess each site's potential to deliver affordable housing, with a published report outlining options and obstacles.
3. Use all available legal, planning and enforcement tools – including compulsory purchase powers where justified – to persuade developers and landowners to act.
4. Press central government for stronger powers to deter land banking and support councils to deliver genuinely affordable homes for local people.

3. MANAGING SEASONAL PARKING PRESSURES

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor P Canavan and seconded by Councillor E Connolly.

This Council notes:

- The concerns raised by residents and stakeholders regarding the recent BCP Council parking consultation, which proposed parking restrictions for large numbers of residents without prior engagement, notice or with input from ward councillors and other key stakeholders;
- The recurring seasonal pressures on local parking infrastructure, ongoing issues of illegal, dangerous and inconsiderate parking experienced on busy days, particularly near the beach and other public open spaces;
- The importance of tourism to the area and regional economy alongside the need to protect residents from the impact of that

tourism;

- That available car parking space does not meet demand at peak times in the year;
- The challenges in enforcing poor parking, due to both the Council's limited resources and national limitations such as on parking fines;
- The growing number of people living in vehicles, including van dwellers, near public open spaces, which can exacerbate seasonal pressures on parking, on top of year-round pressures on parking experienced in some residential areas.

This Council recognises:

The need to explore alternative methods to tackle illegal and inconsiderate parking at peak times of year;

The financial and operational challenges BCP Council faces, including limited resources, and that parking enforcement alone is insufficient to manage complex, evolving parking pressures;

That visitors arriving in BCP after driving long journeys can find limited opportunities on arrival to park conveniently and appropriately in a way that benefits residents;

That a more joined-up, forward-looking strategy is needed, with solutions developed collaboratively, reflecting the views of all communities and maintaining fairness;

That the motion on developing a Community Pact with van dwellers, previously supported by this Council, will be discussed at the Environment and Place Overview Scrutiny Committee in September, including identifying designated stopping points for van dwellers, which should help alleviate the additional pressures from people living in vehicles.

This Council resolves to:

- a) Ask the Overview & Scrutiny Board to undertake a review of the recent parking consultation, with the aim of improving future engagement processes. This review to include feedback from residents, business owners, tourism representatives and other stakeholders.

- b) Undertake a feasibility study for a Park & Ride scheme, either during peak months or as a permanent arrangement, working in partnership with local transport providers.
- c) Develop a Seasonal Parking Strategy that assesses both parking provision and seasonal demand and explores;
 - i. Temporary use of suitable vacant or underused council-owned land to meet short-term seasonal demand;
 - ii. Liaison with the Police around greater enforcement against illegal and antisocial parking and explore other enforcement options;
 - iii. Improved signage directing visitors away from congested roads and warning of the risk of fines, clamping and being towed;
 - iv. Greater use of preventative measures such as temporary physical barriers to areas with recurrent dangerous parking e.g. that restricts emergency vehicles access;
 - v. Updating parking restrictions in popular areas such as Boscombe Overcliff Drive, such as removing overnight parking.
- d) To lobby Government again on increasing parking fines to levels that will deter illegal and inconsiderate parking, or to provide alternative support to tackle the challenges of seasonal tourism.

4. STANDING UP FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor K Salmon and seconded by Councillor S Bull.

Council notes that:

1. Following assurances from government that a permanent solution to the SEND funding crisis would be found this financial year, BCP Council is already having to borrow c.£60m to plug the gap between Government grant and our High Needs spending in 2025/26, placing an extra interest burden of £7.5m on budgets and services this and subsequent years.
2. There was no announcement on SEND reform as part of the

Spending Review, other than that this would now come later in the year. Instead, the statutory “DSG override” that keeps the deficit off local-authority balance sheets has been extended for a further two years, offering no long-term solution to spiralling costs and leaving BCP Council in an increasingly precarious financial position.

3. The Leader of BCP Council has recently written to the Deputy Prime Minister requesting an urgent amendment to the financial arrangements around the DSG deficit, in order to prevent the council from imminent financial collapse.
4. Research by the Institute of Fiscal Studies and the London School of Economics clearly states that the UK government’s two-child benefit cap is dragging an ever-increasing number of children into poverty, and that this has a detrimental effect on their development and life chances.
5. Professional bodies including Adoption UK, Beacon House and Kinship warn that the dramatic cuts made to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund (ASGSF) in April 2025 are already having a devastating impact on vulnerable care-experienced children.
6. Local parents and carers tell us that assessment waits, placement shortages and post-permanence support cuts are harming children’s education, wellbeing and family stability.

Council believes that:

1. Every child - irrespective of family income, order of birth or route to permanence - deserves timely assessment, appropriate support and the chance to thrive.
2. Long-term structural under-funding cannot be fixed by short-term borrowing that simply shifts the cost onto council tax-payers.
3. Our five constituency MPs have a critical role in securing fair national funding and legislative change, and they must hear directly from the families affected.

Council resolves to;

1. Convene, within three months, a public roundtable hosted in an appropriate venue and invite;
 - All 5 of our conurbation's MPs;
 - Parents and carers of children with SEND;
 - Adoptive parents and special guardians;
 - Children and young people with SEND and/or who are care experienced.

The MPs will be asked to set out the actions they will take in Parliament and to report back to Full Council with what steps they are taking to get concrete solutions from Government.

2. Instruct the Leader of the Council and political group leaders to draft a joint letter to the Chancellor and the Secretaries of State for Education and for Health and Social Care, calling urgently for;
 - a funded plan to write off historic DSG deficits and provide sustainable high needs funding going forward;
 - removal of the two-child cap in Universal Credit and Child Benefit to reduce child poverty;
 - immediate restoration of the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund to pre-April 2025 levels and index-linking thereafter, with funding confirmed for multiple years ahead.
3. Ask the Chief Executive to work through the LGA to explore collective legal or lobbying options should Government continue to fail to act on the DSG deficit.

5. PREVENTING ILLEGAL PARKING IN THE BCP COUNCIL AREA

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor R Herrett and seconded by Councillor M Earl.

This Council notes;

The widespread issue of poor parking significantly affects all road and

pavement users as well as people living in the most affected areas. Such behaviour is not only a nuisance but it also endangers the public and hinders the ease of travel, with a particularly disproportionate impact on those using pushchairs, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, and those with mobility issues.

A government consultation on pavement parking closed in November 2020, the results of which have not been released. Pavement parking in London has been illegal since 1974, Local authorities can only enforce where there are already waiting restrictions, or introduce additional TRO's at a local cost.

Current measures available to local authorities are inadequate. Successive governments have failed to adjust fines for inflation and, since 2008 the maximum fine in England (excluding London) has remained at £35 if paid within two weeks. The use of cameras for parking enforcement, except at bus stops and zig-zags, was abolished in 2014. Moreover, modern technologies are not yet permitted for use in enforcement by councils, despite being available and used for parking enforcement in non-council owned car parks.

This council has been actively lobbying for increased fines for errant parking, advocating for penalties that serve as a true deterrent. Additionally, we propose setting towing fines at levels that ensure full cost recovery while also acting as a deterrent.

A permanent, or seasonal Park and Ride would not be commercially viable with the current parking fee structure. Moreover, government guidance issued in 2022 means clamping is not permissible by councils in most circumstances.

The Government Minister fundamentally misunderstands the issue, responding to a question put by a local MP saying that they are 'determined to keep costs low for motorists, which is why they keep a cap on the fines a council can give.' Whilst London has been permitted to lift their fines just this year to £160, (£80 if paid in 14 days).

This Council believes:

That illegal parking affects safety, mobility and impacts the day-to-day life of those who rely on pavements to get around, and that keeping fines

suppressed only benefits those who are willing to break the law.

This Council resolves to:

1. Ask the leader to write to all five MPs, asking they add their signatures to the early day motion for the release of the pavement parking report.
2. Further ask the area's five MPs to write and offer support that BCP Council be able to charge a higher fine due to exceptional geographic circumstances, or enter a trial, with fees set at a level comparable with other areas that have been allowed to increase fees this year, reflecting a need for a deterrent and to fund the service effectively.

12. Questions from Councillors

The deadline for questions to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer is Monday 14 July 2025.

13. 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.