

# Notice of Council



Date: Tuesday, 14 October 2025 at 7.00 pm

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

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Cllr O Walters  
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Cllr G Wright

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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.

The press and public are welcome to attend or view the live stream of this meeting at the following link: <https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=6079>

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](mailto:democratic.services@bcpCouncil.gov.uk)

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AIDAN DUNN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

6 October 2025

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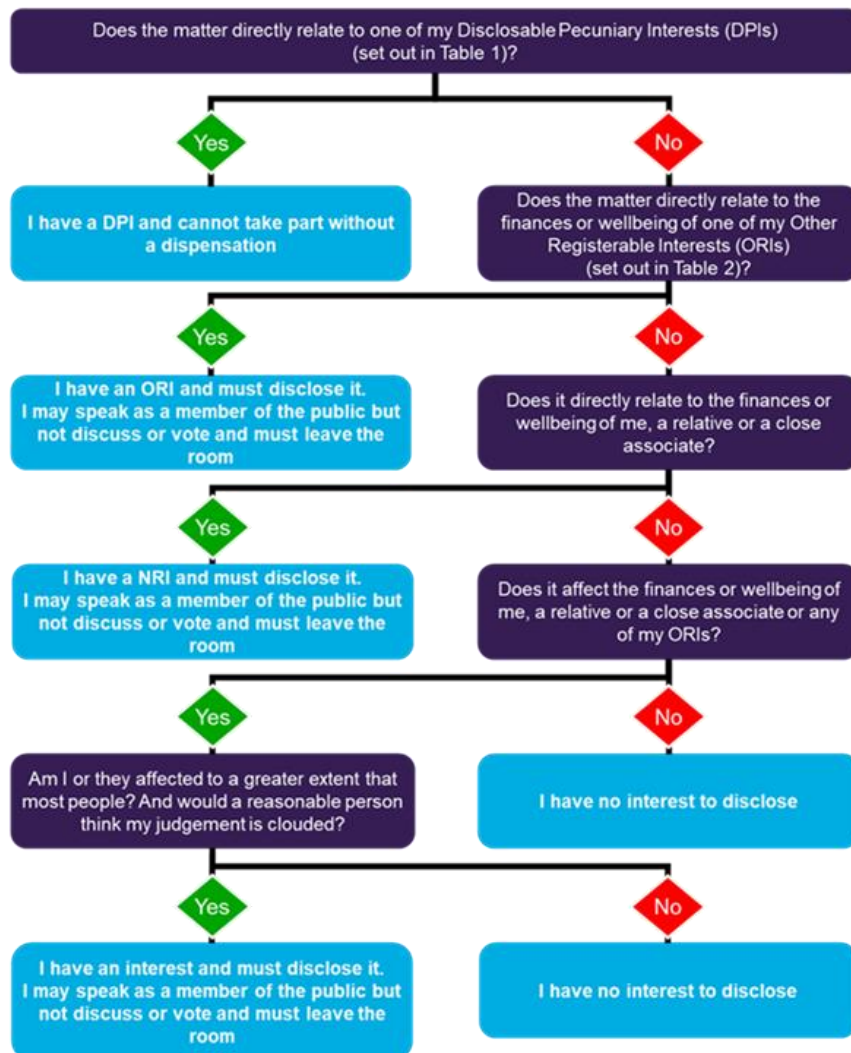


## Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

### 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.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer

### 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 22 July 2025 and reconvened on 16 September 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 8 October 2025 (mid-day, 3 clear working days before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day Monday 13 October 2025 (mid-day the working day before the meeting the working day before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Tuesday 30 September 2025 (10 working days before the meeting).

## 6. Petition: 'Stop Parish & Town Councils Until 2027 - Let Residents Decide'

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

'Stop Parish & Town Councils until 2027 – Let Residents Decide'.

We respectfully call on BCP Council to postpone any decision to introduce new parish or town councils until after the May 2027 local elections.

This delay will:

- \* Ensure transparency in the consultation process, which many residents currently feel lacks independence and impartiality.
- \* Allow the new Chief Executive, who has just taken office later this month, time to stabilise council services and review performance before

making major structural changes.

- \* Provide a clear democratic mandate by allowing this issue to be debated openly as part of the 2027 local election campaigns, giving residents the opportunity to decide at the ballot box.

Residents are concerned that introducing a new layer of government could lead to higher council tax bills (due to uncapped parish precepts), increased bureaucracy and unnecessary division within communities. The current consultation is non-binding, yet many councillors have already expressed public support for these changes, raising doubts about whether residents' views will truly influence the outcome. A consultation should never be a paper exercise, public trust in local government depends on decisions that genuinely reflect the will of the people.

## ITEMS OF BUSINESS

### Recommendations from Cabinet and Committees

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| 7.  | <b>Audit and Governance Committee 24 July 2025 - Minute No. 23 - Increased Borrowing - Poole Museum</b><br><br><b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL to approve the revised funding strategy for the Poole museums capital schemes which will mean an increase in the approved prudential borrowing of £1.3m.</b>  | 55 - 64   |
| 8.  | <b>Audit and Governance Committee 24 July 2025 - Minute No. 31 - Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2024/25</b><br><br><b>RESOLVED that the Audit &amp; Governance Committee approves the annual report prior to its submission to Council on 14 October 2025.</b>   | 65 - 84   |
| 9.  | <b>Licensing Committee 18 September 2025 - Minute No. 14 - Review of Statement of Licensing Policy</b><br><br><b>RESOLVED that the Licensing Committee recommends a final version of the Statement of Licensing Policy for adoption by Full Council on 14 October 2025.</b>  | 85 - 170  |
| 10. | <b>Cabinet 1 October 2025 - Minute No. 47 - Community Governance Review - Final Recommendations</b><br><br>PLEASE NOTE: Due to the size of the documents contained within the appendices these have been packed into two supplementary packs:<br>Pack 1 contains Appendix 1 – Appendix 2(I2)<br>Pack 2 contains Appendix (J1) – Appendix 4<br><b>RECOMMENDED that: -</b><br><br><b>(a) the Task and Finish Group community governance review final recommendations, as set out in paragraphs 49, 62, 74, 92, 104, 117, 128, 140, 152, 166 and 181 of this report be approved;</b><br><br><b>(b) the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make all necessary reorganisation of community governance orders to</b> | 171 - 242 |

implement the changes agreed by Council; and

- (c) the Task and Finish Group continue to consider the transfer of civic and ceremonial assets, statutory services and precept requirements for year 1, for each new parish, on the basis of minimal transfer and precept, and a report be presented to full Council in due course.

**11. Cabinet 1 October 2025 - Minute No. 51 - AFC Bournemouth stadium expansion. Land Requirements and Disposal**

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**RECOMMENDED that Council: -**

- (a) Notes the confidential minutes and the recommendations of the Cross-Party Asset Disposal Working Group meeting held on the 13 July 2025;
- (b) Approves the negotiation and agreement in principle of Heads of Terms for the leasehold disposal of the two parcels of land at Kings Park to AFC Bournemouth shown in Option C; and
- (c) Requires officers to return to Cabinet and Council with the proposed Heads of Terms for decision as soon as possible.

[PLEASE NOTE: Should the Council wish to discuss the detail of the confidential appendix at Appendix A the meeting will be required to move into Confidential (Exempt) Session].

**12. Review of the political balance of the Council, the allocation of seats on Committees to each political group and the appointment of Councillors to Committees and Outside Bodies**

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The Council is asked to consider and approve the review of the political balance of the Council, the allocation of seats on Committees to each political group, the appointment of Councillors on Committees and appointments to outside bodies following the result of the by-election in the Talbot and Branksome Woods Ward on 11 September 2025 and other political group changes.

**13. Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10**

**Motion to Full Council: Standing United Against Racism and Division**

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.

**Council notes:**

- Recent far-right marches in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole that seek to spread hatred, fear, and division.
- An increase in racist vandalism and graffiti which desecrate our communities and cost taxpayers thousands of pounds to remove.
- The rising tide of racist activity nationally, which is being exploited for political purposes to divide communities.

**Council recognises:**

- The invaluable work of anti-racist organisations, community groups, and residents who stand in solidarity against racism and bigotry.
- The efforts of Dorset Police in managing demonstrations and addressing hate crimes in a challenging climate.
- That racism, in any form, undermines cohesion, community safety, and the reputation of BCP as a welcoming, inclusive place.

**Council believes:**

- That racist rhetoric, graffiti, and intimidation have no place in our communities.
- That public resources should be directed towards supporting communities and improving services, not wasted on cleaning up hate-fuelled vandalism.
- That BCP Council must show leadership in building unity, trust, and mutual respect across all communities.

**Council therefore resolves to:**

1. Publicly denounce far-right marches and racist graffiti in BCP, affirming that hate has no home here.
2. Develop and bring forward anti-racist policies, in partnership with schools, community groups, and faith organisations, to promote inclusion and challenge prejudice.
3. Strengthen joint working with Dorset Police, community safety teams, and voluntary organisations to tackle racist activity and support victims.
4. Recognise and thank the work of anti-racist groups and campaigners who stand against division and for equality.
5. Request that the Leader of the Council writes to the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, calling for stronger national support and resources to tackle the rise in far-right activity and hate crime.

**Motion to Full Council: Opposing Labour's Digital ID Scheme**

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

Council notes the recent announcement by Keir Starmer's Labour Government of plans to introduce a mandatory Digital ID scheme for all UK residents.

**Council further notes that the Government's plan:**

- Could require every resident to obtain a Digital ID to access public services and entitlements;
- Could risk criminalising millions of people, particularly older people, those on lower incomes, or those without access to digital technology;



- Raises significant privacy and civil liberties concerns;
- Could result in an estimated £4.6 billion of pounds of taxpayers' money being wasted on a massive IT project, with no clear benefit or safeguards.

**Council believes that Labour's scheme:**

- Represents an expensive measure that will undermine public trust;
- Will do nothing to address the real priorities facing communities such as the lack of economic growth that our country is facing, the cost-of-living crisis that residents in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole are experiencing, or the problems within public services that have been refused the investment that they need to deliver;
- Fails to protect our core British values of liberty, privacy and fairness.

Council welcomes the Liberal Democrats' consistent national opposition to Labour's ID cards, having previously defeated Labour's original plans for ID cards in 2010, and opposes Labour's renewed attempt to impose them in digital form.

**Council resolves:**

- To formally oppose the Labour Government's Digital ID plans;
- To request the Leader of the Council writes to:
  - The Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Minister for Digital Infrastructure expressing this council's firm opposition to Labour's mandatory Digital ID system and calling for the plans to be scrapped.
  - Members of Parliament across Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole asking for their firm commitment to oppose Labour's mandatory Digital ID system and ask them to confirm that they will instead advocate for the estimated £4.6b cost to be rediverted in to settling SEND deficits nationally.
- To work with local voluntary, digital inclusion and civil liberties groups to ensure that no resident in Bournemouth, Christchurch or Poole is penalised or excluded as a result of any national identification scheme.

**14. Questions from Councillors**

The deadline for questions to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer is Monday 6 October 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.