

# Notice of Council



Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 7.00 pm or at the conclusion of the reconvened meeting whichever is later.

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

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**Chairman:**

Cllr L Dedman

Cllr C Adams  
Cllr S Aitkenhead  
Cllr H Allen  
Cllr M Andrews  
Cllr S Armstrong  
Cllr J Bagwell  
Cllr S Bartlett  
Cllr J Beesley  
Cllr D Brown  
Cllr O Brown  
Cllr R Burton  
Cllr J J Butt  
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

**Vice Chairman:**

Cllr S Bull

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 R Herrett  
Cllr P Hilliard  
Cllr B Hitchcock  
Cllr M Howell  
Cllr A Keddie  
Cllr M Le Poidevin  
Cllr D Logan  
Cllr S Mackrow  
Cllr A Martin  
Cllr D Martin  
Cllr G Martin  
Cllr J Martin  
Cllr C Matthews  
Cllr S McCormack  
Cllr P Miles  
Cllr S Moore

Cllr A-M Moriarty  
Cllr B Nanovo  
Cllr L Northover  
Cllr E Pankhurst  
Cllr R Pattinson-West  
Cllr M Phipps  
Cllr K Rampton  
Cllr Dr F Rice  
Cllr J Richardson  
Cllr V Ricketts  
Cllr C Rigby  
Cllr K Salmon  
Cllr J Salmon  
Cllr P Sidaway  
Cllr P Slade  
Cllr T Slade  
Cllr V Slade  
Cllr M Tarling  
Cllr T Trent  
Cllr O Walters  
Cllr C Weight  
Cllr L Williams  
Cllr K Wilson  
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=6083>

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

1 May 2026

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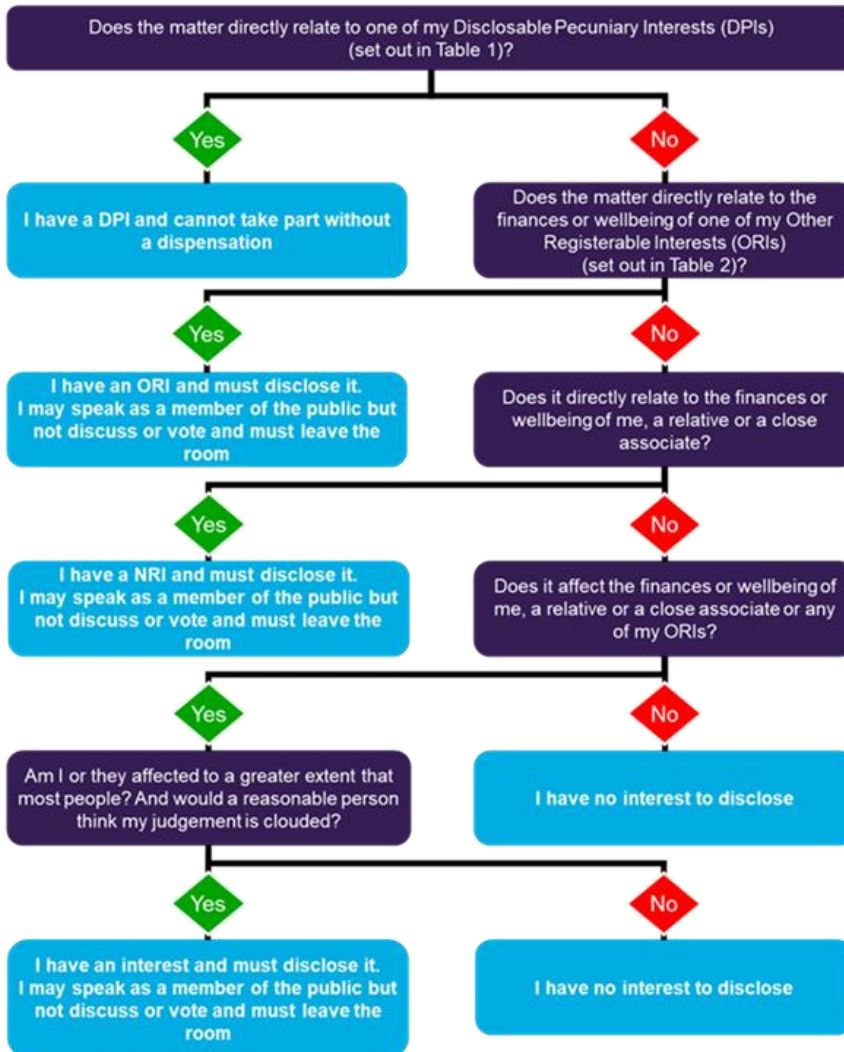


## Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

### 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.

## ITEMS OF BUSINESS

**3. Election of Chair of the Council**

Councillors are asked to nominate and elect the Chair of the Council until the next Annual Council meeting.

**4. Election of Vice-Chair of the Council**

Councillors are asked to nominate and elect the Vice-Chair of the Council until the next Annual Council meeting.

**5. 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 as part of the annual review and following the political group changes.

**6. Appointment to Outside Bodies**

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Council is asked to approve the appointments of Councillors to external bodies.

**7. Appointment of Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer)**

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This report invites the Council to approve the appointment of Tim O’Gara to the position of Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Council’s Constitution and statutory requirements.

A summary of Mr O’Gara’s skills, experience and employment history is shown within appendix 1 of this report.

**8. Extension of Secondment – Interim Chief of Finance & Section 151 Officer**

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This report provides the Council with an update on the external recruitment process for the Chief of Finance & Section 151 Officer role and confirms that Matthew Filmer's secondment as Interim Chief of Finance & Section 151 Officer will be extended for a further 15 months.

Following a full, open and competitive recruitment exercise, the Member Appointments Panel concluded unanimously that no permanent appointment should be made at this time and agreed that Mr Filmer should continue in the interim role until July 2027. This decision reflects the importance of maintaining continuity, organisational stability and continued support for Mr Filmer's development. Mr Filmer has confirmed his acceptance of the extension.

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.