

Notice of Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date: Tuesday, 11 March 2025 at 6.00 pm

Venue: HMS Phoebe, BCP Civic Centre, Bournemouth BH2 6DY

Membership:

Chair:

Cllr S Carr-Brown

Vice Chair:

Cllr S Bull

Cllr O Brown
Cllr P Cooper
Cllr B Dove

Cllr E Harman
Cllr B Hitchcock
Cllr S Mackrow

Cllr D Martin
Cllr T Slade
Cllr O Walters

Parent Governor Co-opted Representatives

P Martin and S Welch

Diocesan Co-Opted Representatives

M Saxby

Youth Parliament Representatives

R Cornish and E Prentice

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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. Substitute Members

To receive information on any changes in the membership of the Committee.

Note – When a member of a Committee is unable to attend a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee, the relevant Political Group Leader (or their nominated representative) may, by notice to the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated representative) prior to the meeting, appoint a substitute member from within the same Political Group. The contact details on the front of this agenda should be used for notifications.

3. 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.

4. Minutes

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To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 28 January 2025.

a) Action Sheet

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To consider any outstanding actions.

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:-

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The deadline for the submission of public questions is 3 clear working days before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday the working day before the meeting.

The deadline for the submission of a petition is 10 working days before the meeting.

6. Members of Youth Parliament Update

To receive a verbal update from the Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs).

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

7. Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2025-2030	19 - 38
<p>Having a Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) Plan is a statutory requirement of Children's Services. It is a high-level strategic plan that outlines how to support children and young people living in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole with the aim to improve outcomes for all children and young people. The current plan has come to an end, and this is the new plan covering 2025-2030.</p> <p>It is an important statement of the partnership's commitment to BCP's children and young people. Not only does it set out the priorities for services that support children and young people, but it also defines how partners will work with each other to deliver those priorities effectively.</p>	
8. Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024-25	39 - 66
<p>The Council has a statutory duty to provide working families of children aged 0-14 (18 with SEND) enough childcare places in its area, where reasonably practicable. Each year Research and Children's Services colleagues assess the position of the market, providing parents, councillors, schools and private business ward level information as a planning tool to support access or expansion of places, while highlighting areas of focus for the year ahead.</p> <p>With significant government expansion of early years childcare and wraparound care currently taking place, this information and data is vital for private businesses seeking to enter the market and help the Council fulfil its statutory duties.</p> <p>The content of the assessment concludes that the Council is meeting its statutory duties. It is also important to highlight that, at the time of writing, the quality of our providers stands at 99.2% good or outstanding (compared to 97.8% in England).</p> <p>In addition to a briefing paper (appendix A) the data that helped form the assessment is accessible here.</p>	
9. Speech and Language Therapy Update	67 - 76
<p>The service has embedded the largest changes to the delivery model which are now embedded in Standard Operating Procedures. Over the next few years, we require partners in the wider system to support the implementation of the framework with an end date for adoption by all by 2027.</p> <p>The service will continue to evolve however the main elements of the transformation for the Speech and Language Therapy Provider service is now in place.</p>	
10. SEND Improvement Update	To Follow
11. Portfolio Holder Update	

To receive a verbal update from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People.

12. Work Plan

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The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee is asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Work Plan.

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.

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BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 January 2025 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr S Carr-Brown – Chair

Cllr S Bull – Vice-Chair

Present: Cllr O Brown, Cllr P Cooper, Cllr E Harman, Cllr B Hitchcock,
Cllr S Mackrow, Cllr D Martin, Cllr T Slade, and Cllr O Walters

Co-Opted Members: R Cornish and E Prentice

42. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark Saxby and Simon Welch.

43. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members on this occasion.

44. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

45. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2024, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

46. Action Sheet

The Committee received an update on the actions outlined in the action sheet. The Committee was advised that the contact details requested during the meeting held last January, as referenced on page 19 of the agenda pack, had been shared and were also provided below.

PALS (Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust)
dhc.pals@nhs.net

Complaints (Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust)
dhc.complaints@nhs.net

RESOLVED that the Committee note the Action Sheet and agreed for the items highlighted in the Action Sheet to be removed.

47. Public Issues

There were no Public Issues.

48. Members of Youth Parliament Update

The Committee was provided with a verbal update on the work of the Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs), including an update regarding their campaigns.

The Committee considered the update and made the following comments:

- In response to a query raised regarding the mental health surveys that were distributed, the Committee was advised that the aim had been to share them as widely as possible. This would be achieved by utilising contacts within their own schools, as well as their social media channels and the BCP Council's social media. The priority had been to share the surveys broadly, and the Members of the Youth Parliament welcomed any support that Committee Members were able to offer.
- The Interim Director of Education informed the Committee that they could share information regarding the mental health surveys through their school contacts.
- In response to a query raised regarding the involvement of the Youth Forum in the mental health surveys and any challenges associated with this, the Committee was advised that it had been difficult to gather input from such a diverse range of organisations. However, it was noted that demonstrating engagement with these groups would provide valuable insights and experiences across the sector.
- The Committee thanked the MYPs for their hard work and offered any support they might have needed in their work going forward.
- A Committee member offered the MYPs data produced as part of a political workshop she had participated in within schools to assist the MYPs with their work on political education.
- In response to a query regarding the meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Committee was advised that the MYPs planned to focus the discussion on the knife crime prevention campaign. The MYPs also intended to explore ways in which the Commissioner could support their future campaigns. The Committee expressed their eagerness to learn about the discussions that would take place during the meeting to assist in their ongoing work to address knife crime.

49. Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People Sufficiency Report

The Head of Children's Commissioning presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Children in Care (CiC) and Care Experienced Young People (CEYP) Sufficiency Strategy 2024 – 2028 set out how Bournemouth, Christchurch

and Poole Council (BCP Council) would meet its sufficiency duty as laid out in section 22G of the Children Act 1989.

The Strategy set out how BCP would provide sufficient, safe, secure, and sustainable homes for Children in Care (CiC) and Care Experienced Young People between 2024 - 2028. The required standard as a corporate parent was to ensure that the accommodation provision is at the level that professionals would want for their own children or family. Demand pressure and the reality that resources are finite meant that sufficiency was a policy imperative.

The briefing and attached appendices purpose was to inform the Committee of the agreed sufficiency strategy priorities between 2024 – 2028 and the progress achieved to date, alongside the immediate areas of focus during 2025 in order to mitigate any sufficiency risks.

Progress against the six priority areas would be reported into the Children's Service's Quality, Performance and Improvement Board as per the Governance process.

The Committee discussed the report, including:

- It was agreed that the final Governance and Quality Assurance Framework would be shared with the Committee once it had been agreed and signed off as final. **ACTION**
- In response to a query raised regarding the ability to hear the experiences of young people, the Committee was advised that the service had several methods for discussing these lived experiences and had collaborated with various organisations to facilitate this. Additionally, the Committee was advised about the avenues available for young people to provide feedback, such as the Children's Rights and Engagement team, which focused on targeted initiatives in the area. Practice weeks, during which the service engaged directly with young people locally. All the collected feedback was then incorporated into the governance process to identify key themes and trends.
- The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People advised the Committee that, as part of his role on the Corporate Parenting Board, care-experienced young people attend each meeting to share their experiences. He noted that all councillors were welcome to attend the Board meetings if they wished to hear these firsthand accounts.
- In response to a query regarding resource constraints and potential barriers, the Committee was advised that while there were some challenges, these reflect positive growth within the market. However, it was emphasised that attention must be given to how certain organisations were profiting. Over the coming month, efforts would be made to evaluate and address any organisations that may be capitalising on the young people in the area.
- In response to a query raised regarding the challenges faced by foster carer rates and the need for competitiveness, the Committee

was advised that the service was engaged with several regional frameworks involving independent fostering agencies. It was noted that work needed to be conducted to build partnerships in order to effectively utilise these frameworks.

- It was confirmed to the Committee that short break provisions encompass a variety of services, including respite accommodation with a registered caregiver and activities for children with additional needs. It was emphasised that there were no plans to cut these services, but there would be a review of the demand to ensure sufficient provision in the area. Discussions with partners were planned to explore how to deliver these services in the future.
- In response to a query raised regarding the OFSTED outcome for providers, the Committee was advised that only one provider had received a 'requires improvement' rating. In such cases, the provider was required to submit an action plan, and monthly meetings were held to monitor progress and offer assistance. The focus had been on partnership working and identifying needs. If the provider did not make timely progress, efforts would be made to understand the reasons and work together towards improvement.

RESOLVED that the Committee acknowledges and understands the Children's Services statutory responsibility to produce a Sufficiency Strategy in relation of the accommodation needs of Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People.

Voting: Unanimous

The Committee agreed to continue discussions outside the meeting regarding the best ways to address the barriers identified in the report and to reach an agreement on how the Committee will receive that information.
ACTION.

50. Children's Services Capital Strategy 2025/26-2027/28

The Head of Service Place Planning and Admissions presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report set out the Education and Skills Capital Programme for the period 2025/26 – 2027/28. The report summarised available capital funding totalling £22.6 million and provided 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 was set out in this report and showed a balanced budget.

The Committee discussed the report, including:

- In response to a query raised regarding the Belonging Strategy, the committee was advised that this strategy was linked to inclusion and incorporated how we worked across the system for all learners, including the most vulnerable. It focused on keeping as many

children as possible in mainstream provision so they could thrive and succeed. The new Head of Education was set to implement the strategy in either February or March.

- The Committee was advised that Alternative Provision varied according to the individual needs of young people. There was a growing trend in utilising alternative provision, but this was only implemented when necessary. The goal was to support children in returning to a mainstream educational setting, ensuring that Alternative Provision was not perceived as a final destination.
- The Committee was advised that the Alternative Provision Improvement Plan could be brought to the committee for further examination. **ACTION**
- In response to a query raised regarding the wraparound programme, the Committee was advised that it consisted of two work streams, including wraparound care. This care provided childcare services from 8am to 6pm, covering the beginning and end of the school day. The service collaborated with multiple partners throughout the sector to expand the number of available places. At that time, there were 700 wraparound places required, and with the funding provided, the service had successfully met the demand as well as an additional 50 places.

The Committee expressed their gratitude to the Interim Head of Education for her contributions during her time at BCP Council.

The Committee noted the report.

51. School Admission Arrangements 2026/27

The Committee was advised that this was an information only item and that a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

52. IRO Annual Report 2023-2024

The Committee was advised that this was an information only item and that a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

53. Portfolio Holder Update

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People provided a verbal update which included:

- An update on the recently completed OFSTED inspection, with the report published on the 29 January 2025. Unfortunately, he was not permitted to disclose the outcomes until then but expressed gratitude to the entire Children's services team for their efforts during the inspection process.
- Information about the forthcoming OFSTED SEND inspection, expected within the next few months.

- A response to the question raised by Members of Youth Parliament regarding homelessness funding in BCP, revealing a total of £213,000 allocated to alleviate rough sleeping and support vulnerable groups, including young people. Several initiatives were planned to address these issues, such as additional outreach workers and emergency accommodation.
- An overview of the current concerns regarding youth homelessness, noting that around 5% of those seen sleeping rough in BCP were under 25, and highlighting the increasing numbers of young people living in precarious housing situations.
- An update on alternative provisions in BCP, indicating that data on missed sessions and pupil distance travelled was being collected, with plans to implement a new oversight system by the start of the new financial year to improve monitoring.
- Confirmation that the new Belonging Strategy's release had been delayed until the end of February for final tweaks and input from the new Director of Education.
- Progress on the development of the new Children and Young People's Partnership Plan, set for final design by the end of February, with scheduled democratic approval processes and a planned launch at the end of April. Members were encouraged to compare it with the previous plan.

54. Health Representation on the Children Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee approved the inclusion of the health representative at future meetings, starting with the next meeting scheduled in March.

55. Work Plan

The Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee considered its Work Plan.

56. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.

57. Children's Social Care Improvement Journey Update

The Committee received an update on the Children's Social Care Improvement Journey and the recent OFSTED inspection.

The Committee discussed the exempt report and presentation.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
28 January 2025

The Committee expressed their gratitude to Children's Services for all the work they have done.

The meeting ended at 8.17 pm

CHAIR

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ACTION SHEET – BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE CHILDREN’S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Updated –

Minute number	Item and	Action* *Items remain until action completed.	Lead officer	Progress – (when/ where/how update will be provided)	Outcome (where recommendations are made to other bodies)
	21 November 2023				
42	Young Peoples Mental Health Services – Your Mind, Your Say BCP Committee Report - YP and C MH Transformation.pdf	<p>Decision Made: A Committee member highlighted, that it would be beneficial to be updated regarding the updated business model. It was confirmed that an update would be circulated by email outside of the meeting including the updated business model.</p> <p>Action – Officers aware and update requested</p>	NHS Dorset, Head of CYP, LD &A and Mental Health	CAHMS update coming to June meeting	
	24 July 2024				
9	SEND Progress Update re SEND Improvement Plan and Safety Valve 250422 SEND Committee report.pdf	<p>Decision Made: The Committee was advised that more work can be shared with the Committee in a future meeting relating to young carers, inclusivity and the Early Help offer.</p> <p>Actioned – Officers aware and update requested</p>	Education and Skills Service Director		

	19 September 2024				
22	Children's Services Budget Update Childrens Services Budget Update.pdf	Decision Made: The Committee was advised that officers would provide a breakdown of agency staff and their positions within the service to the Committee. Action – Officers aware	Finance Manager		
	26 November 2024				
35	SEND Improvement update SEND Improvement Update.pdf	Decision Made: The officers are to come back with data regarding the rate of EHCP requests that are granted when the original request is submitted by a parent compared to when submitted by the school. Action – Officers aware and update requested	Send Service Manager		
41	Work plan – CS Budget Working Group Forward Plan cover report CS Nov 2023.pdf	Decision Made: That the O&S Board recommends that Children's Services Officers: 1. Increase awareness of school transport options through engagement and co-production with parents and carers, in order to reduce the impact on the			

		<p>school transport budget wherever possible.</p> <p>Action – recommendation sent to officers and update requested</p>			
	28 January 2025				
	<p>Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People Sufficiency Report</p> <p><u>Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People Sufficiency Report.pdf</u></p>	<p>Decision Made: The officers agreed to share the final governance and quality assurance framework with the Committee once agreed and signed off as final.</p> <p>Action – Officers aware</p> <p>The Committee agreed to continue discussions outside the meeting regarding the best ways to address the barriers identified in the report and to reach an agreement on how the Committee will receive that information.</p> <p>Action – Officers aware</p>	Head of Children's Commissioning		
	<p>Children's Services Capital Strategy 2025/26-2027/28</p> <p><u>Childrens Services Capital Strategy 202526-202728.pdf</u></p>	<p>Decision Made: The Committee agreed to discuss the AP improvement plan outside the meeting and decide on the format for its presentation to the Committee. It was suggested that this be covered in one of the Committee's informal briefing sessions.</p>	Head of Service Place Planning and Admissions		

		Action – Officers aware			
	Children's Social Care Improvement Journey Update – OFSTED visit update	<p>The committee received an update regarding the OFSTED visit to Children's Services, which had to be held in an exempt session due to the information being embargoed by OFSTED until 29 January 2025. The contents of the update can be found in the link below.</p> <p>BCP Council Children's Services receive 'good' rating BCP</p>	Director Quality, Performance Improvement and Governance		

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



Report subject	Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2025-2030
Meeting date	11 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>Having a Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) Plan is a statutory requirement of Children's Services. It is a high-level strategic plan that outlines how to support children and young people living in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole with the aim to improve outcomes for all children and young people. The current plan has come to an end, and this is the new plan covering 2025-2030.</p> <p>It is an important statement of the partnership's commitment to BCP's children and young people. Not only does it set out the priorities for services that support children and young people, but it also defines how partners will work with each other to deliver those priorities effectively.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>It is recommended that Members note the final content and design of the plan.</p>
Reason for recommendations	To be reviewed in advance of the final launch at the end of April.

Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Richard Burton, Lead Portfolio Holder for Children & Young People, Education and Skills
Corporate Director	Cathi Hadley, Director for Children's Services
Report Authors	Stefanie Gehrig Clark, Interim Head of Performance
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Information.

Background

1. The CYPP plan is the result of extensive consultations with key stakeholders including representatives from charities, the police, health services (including the NHS), social care, as well as members of the wider council, elected officials and in particular children and young people, ensuring it reflects the community's needs.
2. The five priorities for 2025-2030 are:
 - *Feeling happy*
 - *Being safe*
 - *Feeling supported*
 - *Being included*
 - *Feeling fulfilled*
3. The CYPP plan itself was written in as simple and clear language as possible to communicate the plan in an accessible way, aimed at a reading age of 9 which is the average reading level across the UK (including adults).
4. A new children and young people's partnership board will be set up to monitor the delivery of this plan and to make sure it makes a real difference to children and young people. Individual organisational strategies and plans will reflect the agreed priorities and objectives, so that they will be firmly embed in all our work.
5. Next Steps are as follows: The final design will be signed off by 20 March 2025 to go to cabinet on 2 April. The CYPP plan will be formally launched end of April 2025.

Options Appraisal

6. None.

Summary of financial implications

7. None.

Summary of legal implications

8. None.

Summary of human resources implications

9. None.

Summary of sustainability impact

10. None.

Summary of public health implications

11. None.

Summary of equality implications

12. See appendix 1.

Summary of risk assessment

13. None.

Background papers

None.

Appendices

1. EIA Screening Tool
2. CYPP Plan Summary

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Equality Impact Assessment: Conversation Screening Tool

1	What is being reviewed?	Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2025-30
2	What changes are being made?	<p>Having a Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) Plan is a statutory requirement of Children's Services. It is a high level strategic plan that outlines how to support children and young people living in BCP Council with the aim to improve outcomes for all children and young people. It sets out the priorities for services that support children and young people and how partners will cooperate with each other and how they will deliver those priorities.</p> <p>The current plan has come to an end, and this is the new plan covering 2025-2030. We have achieved a lot since 2021 including improving our approach to working together, and we have worked hard to put the needs of children and young people at the heart of what we do.</p> <p>The CYPP plan 2025-2030 is driven by a recognition of the evolving challenges faced by children and young people within Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole (BCP), particularly in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis which has had a profound impact on families and the broader community.</p> <p>This plan is an important statement of the partnership's commitment to BCP's children and young people; what we want to achieve for them, and it provides clarity about what partners will be delivering over the next few years.</p> <p>We want to deliver on our vision for children and young people across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole which states that <i>BCP is a great place to live, where all children and young people have the best possible opportunities in life and are supported by the community to flourish and grow in order to succeed.</i></p> <p>We have developed five priorities in consultation with children and young people. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feeling happy</i> • <i>Being safe</i> • <i>Feeling supported</i> • <i>Being included</i> • <i>Feeling fulfilled</i>
3	Service Unit:	Children's Services
4	Participants in the conversation:	<p>A comprehensive consultation process was undertaken through multiple channels to gather input and feedback from children, young people, and key stakeholders. Critical and constructive challenge was welcomed in the formation of the plan, to ensure robustness.</p> <p>Children and young people are at the heart of this plan, and they have been instrumental in its development. We have worked with groups of young people to make sure that</p>

		<p>their goals and aspirations are reflected in our priorities and to bring to life the future they want for themselves, for their friends and for their families. We reached out to a variety of different groups to reflect the broad needs and experiences of children and young people which included unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) and young people. Despite all efforts, there were barriers in getting the views of some children and young people (UASC). Their needs and experiences were considered in the development of the plan and priorities and consider to be thought of in the implementation.</p> <p>The 'Make Your Mark' ballot, a national youth consultation initiative designed to capture young people's views on key issues, was conducted in February 2024. This ballot successfully engaged 7,459 respondents. In addition to this, feedback was collected from students at Bournemouth & Poole College, where 121 responses were received from BCP College students. Further input was gathered from targeted youth groups, including children in care and care-experienced young people through the UNITE and INSIGHT groups, as well as participants of various sessions facilitated through the BCP Youth Forum. Broader engagement was also achieved by reaching out to young people across the community, both within and outside of school settings. Opportunities were provided for them to share their views in person and online to ensure inclusivity and accessibility.</p> <p>Moreover, in addition to the local authority, other services who work closely with children, young people and families, including representatives from charities, the police, health services (including the NHS), social care, as well as members of the wider council and elected officials, were actively involved in the consultation process.</p> <p>We have undertaken a considerable amount of engagement with all stakeholders to develop this plan using feedback from a range of sources and activities. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Parent/carer and professional consultation</i> • <i>Children and young people workshops and engagement sessions</i> • <i>Partnership workshops and survey</i> • <i>Children and young people survey and roadshow</i> • <i>Children's Services staff engagement and survey</i> • <i>Voluntary sector workshop</i>
5	Conversation date/s:	2/10/2024, 4/11/2024, 09/01/2025
6	Do you know your current or potential client base? Who are the key stakeholders?	<p>The CYPP plan covers all children and young people who live in the BCP area and outlines how services working with this cohort on all levels will work together effectively.</p> <p>There are currently 74,000 children and young people up to the age of 18 living in BCP council which makes up 18% of the total population. 49% of those are female and 51%</p>

		<p>are male and under 1% are gender diverse. 11% of all children live in absolute low-income families.</p> <p>74% of all pupils who attend BCP schools are White British. 20% are eligible for free school meals, 14% receive SEN support and 5% have an EHC plan.</p> <p>As of August 2024, there were 535 children in care, 44 UASCs, and 634 care experienced young people.</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, sex, sexual orientation, members of the armed forces community, any other factors/groups e.g. socioeconomic status, carers, human rights.</p>	<p>The plan is designed to support a wide range of groups, ensuring that services are accessible, non-discriminatory, and tailored to the unique needs of each individual. All protected characteristics and additional locally observed equality groups were considered, and no equality impacts were identified.</p> <p>The CYPP plan has a positive impact on all 6 domains as outlined by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) which are Education, Work, Living standards, Health, Justice and personal security, and Participation.</p> <p>The plan emphasises the rights of all children and young people to safety, education, health, and inclusion. By addressing the needs of vulnerable groups, the plan seeks to protect and promote the human rights of individuals from diverse backgrounds and ensure equality of opportunity.</p>
8	<p>Will this change affect any service users?</p>	<p>This is a plan to actively promote inclusivity, ensuring services are designed to meet the needs of all, regardless of gender, race, socio-economic status, or disability.</p> <p>It is high level strategy and as such the priorities are kept broad and overarching to outline the partnership's overall direction. The focus is on the key goals rather than specific details.</p>
9	<p>What are the benefits or positive equality impacts of the change on current or potential users?</p>	<p>The plan is specifically designed to support Children and Young People's well-being, education, and inclusion. It addresses key challenges such as mental health, safety, and opportunities for development and growth. It seeks to support parents, grandparents, and carers by ensuring access to resources and support for the younger generation, which can relieve caregiving pressures.</p> <p>Mental well-being is a key focus of the plan, with a focus on reducing waiting times for mental health services, providing early intervention, and supporting families in managing mental health challenges.</p> <p>Another significant focus of the plan is on reducing socio-economic disparities, particularly for children from low-income families. This includes improving access to nutritious food, education, and safe housing, as well as providing mental health support to tackle issues exacerbated by economic hardship.</p> <p>The plan emphasises inclusivity and respect for all, ensuring that support services are accessible and sensitive to the needs of transgender, non-binary and gender-diverse young people.</p>

		<p>The plan includes support for young parents and those expecting children, ensuring access to health services, education about parenting, and assistance in guaranteeing their children have a strong start in life.</p> <p>The plan addresses the importance of provisions for supporting stable family environments, which will benefit young people from married or civil partnership households, particularly those facing economic or social challenges as well as children in care.</p> <p>The plan promotes inclusivity across ethnic groups by ensuring that services are tailored to meet the diverse cultural and linguistic needs of BCP's young population, aiming to reduce disparities in education and health outcomes for minority groups. This includes Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) in our care and those who are care experienced.</p>
10	What are the negative impacts of the change on current or potential users?	<p>There are no negative impacts due to the delivery of this plan. The plan aims to create an inclusive environment that addresses the needs of all children and young people in BCP, where partners are working together to help children and young people live their best lives.</p>
11	Will the change affect employees?	<p>Not applicable – this is a high level strategy and as such the priorities are kept broad and overarching to outline the partnership's overall direction. The focus is on the key goals rather than specific details.</p>
12	Will the change affect the wider community?	<p><i>The key expected outcomes include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved Well-being: Children and young people will experience enhanced physical and mental health through increased access to activity programs, nutritious food, mental health resources, and safe environments. 2. Enhanced Safety: The plan aims to ensure children have stable and secure home environments, are protected from exploitation and harm (both online and offline), and feel safer in their communities. 3. Stronger Support Networks: Families will receive timely support to address challenges such as mental health issues, neglect, and domestic abuse, with children and young people gaining access to services that meet their individual needs. 4. Increased Participation and Inclusion: By removing financial and social barriers, more children and young people will engage in community activities, education, and volunteer opportunities, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose. 5. Educational Success and Fulfilment: Children will be better prepared for educational and employment opportunities, with an emphasis on reducing the number of young people not in education, employment, or training (NEET) and supporting care-experienced young people in their educational pursuits.

13	What mitigating actions are planned or already in place for those negatively affected by this change?	There are no negative impacts due to the delivery of this plan.
14	Summary of Equality Implications:	<p>The Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2025–2030 outlines a comprehensive strategy to improve outcomes for children and young people across Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole (BCP). It focuses on enhancing well-being, safety, inclusion, and opportunities, particularly for vulnerable groups. The plan is the result of extensive consultations with key stakeholders in particular children and young people, ensuring it reflects the community's needs.</p> <p>All protected characteristics and locally-observed equality groups were considered, and no negative equality impacts were identified. This is a partnership plan to improve the lives of children and young across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole by focusing on priorities developed with children and young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feeling happy</i> • <i>Being safe</i> • <i>Feeling supported</i> • <i>Being included</i> • <i>Feeling fulfilled</i> <p>As a result of implementing the plan, there will be positive equality impacts for children, young people and their families, touching on all protected characteristics. The primary outcomes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Well-being • Enhanced Safety • Stronger Support Networks • Increased Participation and Inclusion • Educational Success and Fulfilment. <p>Consideration was also given to the equality aspects of implementing the plan. The CYPP plan itself was written in as simple and clear language as possible to communicate the plan in an accessible way, aimed at a reading age of 9 which is the average reading level across the UK (including adults). It has also been designed to bring the words to life making it easier to understand and there will also be an easy read version of the plan. It will be launched in April for all partners including children and young people.</p>

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**Bournemouth,
Christchurch and Poole**

Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2025 to 2030

What is a Children and Young People Partnership Plan

- **A strategic plan** that outlines how to support Children and Young People (CYP) living in BCP council with the aim to **improve outcomes for all CYP**. It sets out the priorities for services that support CYP and **how partners will cooperate** with each other and how they will **deliver** those **priorities**.
- CYPP plan 2025-30 is an **important statement of our commitment to our children and young people** and provides clarity about what we as **partners will be delivering**, and what we want to achieve for them.
- A **comprehensive consultation and engagement** process was undertaken through multiple channels to gather **input and feedback** from **children, young people**, and **key stakeholders**.



Our Vision & Priorities

We have focused on the most important issues for children and young people by working with them to understand what matters most to them, now and in the future:



Feeling happy



Being safe



Feeling supported



Being Included



Being Fulfilled

BCP is a great place to live, where all children and young people have the best possible opportunities in life and are supported by the community to flourish and grow in order to succeed.



Partnership Principles

We will work together to help children and young people to live their best lives by:

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Working in Partnership

- Active Dorset
- Action for Children
- BCHA
- BCP Council Children's Services
- BCP Council Education & Skills
- BCP Youth Forum
- Burton Primary School
- Citizens Advice BCP
- Community Action Network
- Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service
- DorPiP
- Dorset Police
- Dorset HealthCare
- Dorset Women CICF.A.B – Families and Babies
- Glenmoore and Winton Academies
- Homestart Wessex
- Insight (Care Experienced forum)
- Livingstone Academy
- Maddie's Miracle
- Match Mothers
- Members of BCP Youth Parliament 2024-26
- Minstead Trust
- My Time Young Carers
- My Bnk
- NHS Dorset
- Public Health Dorset
- Parent Carers Together
- Safempowerment
- Safe Families
- Safer BCP
- Space Youth Project
- Stormbreak CIO
- The Colour Works Foundation
- The You Trust
- Twynham Learning
- Unite (Children in Care)
- Untapped Art Therapy
- Victim Support
- YMCA Bournemouth





Feeling happy

Feeling at your best mentally, physically and emotionally



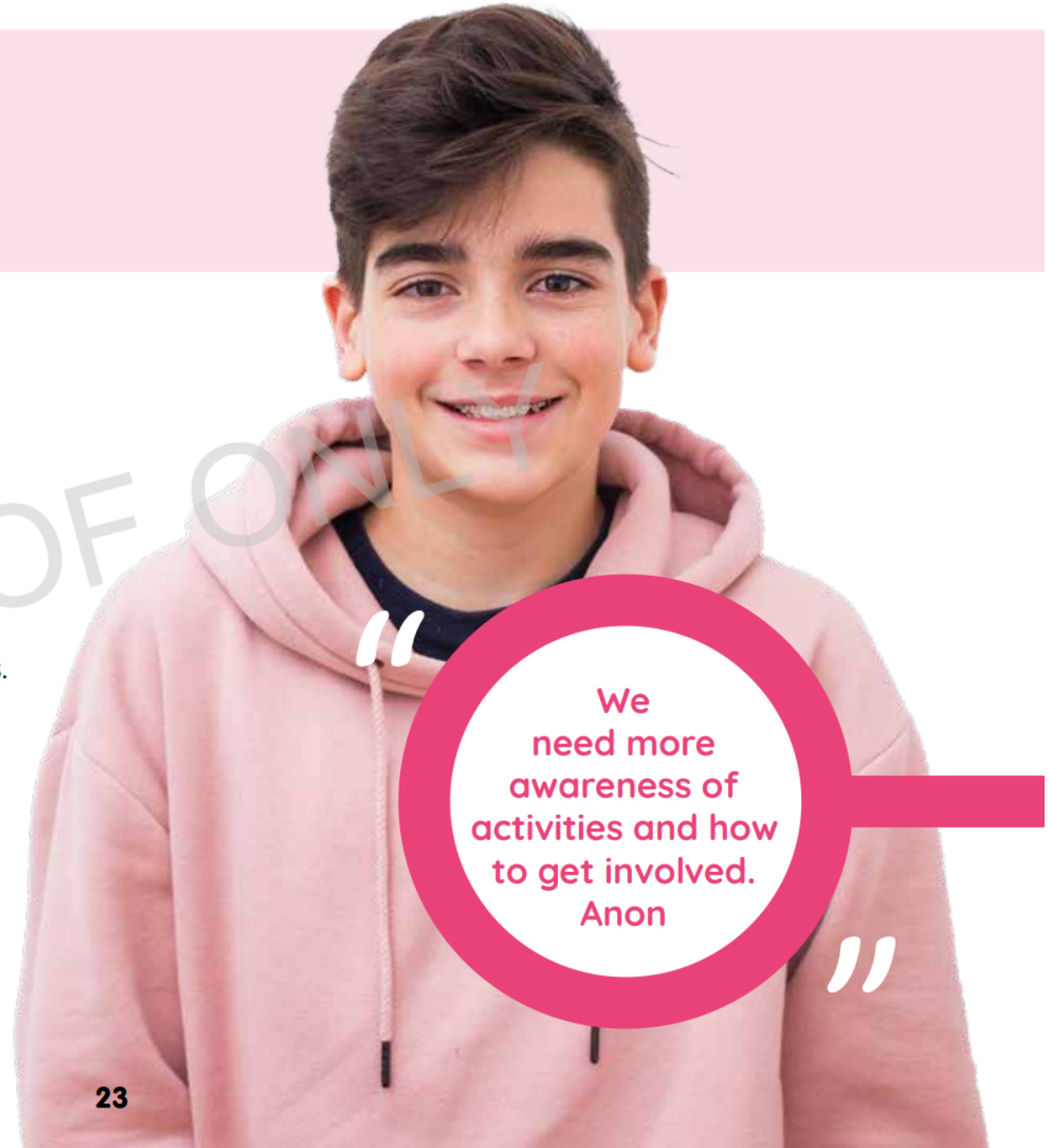
- ☒ Make sure there is easy access to green spaces and fun activities.
- ☒ Ensure the ability to make good choices to manage health and wellbeing.
- ☒ Help people access healthy food options and understand the importance of this.
- ☒ Provide opportunities and spaces for children and young people to build peer networks.
- ☒ Support mental wellbeing and boost self-confidence.



As a result...



1. Safe and clean green spaces being widely used by the community.
2. Improvements to both physical health and mental wellbeing.
3. Children and young people having healthy weights and being able to maintain this.
4. More take up of and an increase in physical activities.
5. Children and young people working together to support each other.



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Feeling happy

Priorities	We will	Example linked Strategy
<div>Feeling happy</div>	Make sure there is easy access to green spaces and fun activities	– A Shared Vision for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole 2024-28
	Ensure the ability to make good choices to manage health and wellbeing	– Early Help Partnership Strategy 2024-26 – Dorset Integrated Care Board’s Joint Forward Plan 2023-28
	Help people access healthy food options and understand the importance of this	– Green Infrastructure Strategy 2022-2031 – Public Health Dorset Children and Young People’s Programme
	Provide opportunities and spaces for children and young people to build peer networks	– The Infant Feeding and Child Nutrition Strategy 2024
	Support mental wellbeing and boost self-confidence	– Working better together – Dorset’s Integrated Care Partnership Strategy 2022/23



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CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



Report subject	Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024-25
Meeting date	11 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>The Council has a statutory duty to provide working families of children aged 0-14 (18 with SEND) enough childcare places in its area, where reasonably practicable. Each year Research and Children's Services colleagues assess the position of the market, providing parents, councillors, schools and private business ward level information as a planning tool to support access or expansion of places, while highlighting areas of focus for the year ahead.</p> <p>With significant government expansion of early years childcare and wraparound care currently taking place, this information and data is vital for private businesses seeking to enter the market and help the Council fulfil its statutory duties.</p> <p>The content of the assessment concludes that the Council is meeting its statutory duties. It is also important to highlight that, at the time of writing, the quality of our providers stands at 99.2% good or outstanding (compared to 97.8% in England).</p> <p>In addition to a briefing paper (appendix A) the data that helped form the assessment is accessible here.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>The committee scrutinises the content of the review and the priorities (areas of focus) as set out in the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024-25 Briefing Paper before it goes to Cabinet.</p>
Reason for recommendations	To fulfil the Council's statutory duty to annually assess its childcare market.

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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Recommendation

Background

1. Local Authorities are required to report to elected council members on how they are meeting the duty to secure sufficient childcare before making the assessment available and accessible to parents, schools and businesses.
2. The annual review has proved to be a useful planning tool for Children's Services and potential new providers have given feedback that the data within the assessment has been invaluable in helping them to plan for sustainable new business.
3. Local Authorities are required by legislation to secure sufficient childcare, so far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children). There is also a duty to ensure enough government funded early education places are available for all 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 9 month to 2 year olds.

The annual sufficiency assessment

4. Local Authorities are required by statutory guidance to determine the appropriate level of detail in their assessment (including geographical division and date of publication). The information in the assessment is organised to match ward level data.
5. The assessment has been designed so that it can be reviewed and updated to inform the planning and development of early years services and to help existing and new providers to plan for expansion or new provision, which will be vital as extended government entitlements were introduced in 2024 and are set to expand further in 2025.
6. Several factors have been considered within this review including:
 - The state of the local childcare market/supply and demand
 - The state of the labour market
 - The quality and capacity of childcare providers
 - The number of funded early education places required
 - The number of school aged children
 - The needs of disabled children
 - The demand for school holiday care for children

- The demand for 30 hours extended entitlement for eligible children
7. Overall, BCP Council is meeting its statutory duty to ensure there are enough suitable early education and childcare places available. There is a good choice of childcare facilities available to families delivered through the private, voluntary, independent and schools' sector across the conurbation. We have also improved our Early Years Pupil Premium take-up to 16% (up from 6% in 2020), reaching our most disadvantaged children (there are no published statistics to measure EYPP performance, however).
 8. Developments since 2023-24:
 - 8.1 At the time of writing the assessment, there were a total of 292 childcare providers in the BCP Council area, offering a maximum of 7,696 places. This is a fall of 15 providers (11 of which were childminders) and 96 places overall since summer 2023.
 - 8.2 While some group providers closed, other providers were supported by Children's Services, where possible, in acquiring those sites to protect availability of those places for their community.
 - 8.3 New group provision has opened in Kinson, Bournemouth Central and Redhill and Northbourne, supplying a combined 130 new early years places.
 - 8.4 In summer 2024, 396 early years children were recorded as receiving additional SEND Support. This is a decrease of 10% in the last 12 months. A total of 7,325 primary and secondary school children received SEN support, 228 extra children than in January 2023 (3%).
 - 8.5 The latest occupancy figures, at the busiest point of the year, show occupancy rates at childminders was 93%, PVI settings was 90% and school nursery settings was 89%. Each sector having a small increase in occupancy year on year.
 - 8.6 Overall, the number of registered out-of-school provision has increased by 1 in the last 12 months.
 9. Areas of focus for 2025:
 - 9.1 **Childminders:** Nationally childminder numbers have halved in the past 10 years and locally, since the pandemic began in 2020, BCP Council has lost a third of registered childminders (approximately 70). An ageing cohort of childminders and a falling number of providers registering with Ofsted mean that the childminding profession is not being replenished at a sufficient rate to sustain itself. Childminders are only one part of the sector, but they give parents choice and flexibility. Their current contribution and that towards the government's expanded childcare and wraparound offer is invaluable. The council and the DfE are promoting working in childcare through the 'Do something big...' campaign, and newly registered childminders had been able to access a £600 grant to support their start-up costs. Some encouraging changes have happened at government level including the creation of a new category of childminder called 'childminders without domestic premises'. This is for childminders who will work solely from somewhere other than a home, such as a community or village hall. An increase in the total number of people (including childminders and assistants) who can work together under a childminder's registration from 3 to 4 and childminders are also given more flexibility to operate outside of their home (or someone else's) for more of their time. This will remove the requirement that at least 50% of the childcare must be provided in a home. The

profession still, however, needs ongoing local and national support to reverse the trend of falling Ofsted registrations.

- 9.2 **Day nurseries and preschools:** Our current providers tell us that recruitment and retention of staff is the biggest barrier to expanding their places, or in some cases even meeting their current Ofsted registered maximum places. Although currently sufficient, the retention of our existing providers carries even greater weight with the increased expanded entitlements from 2025. The number of group settings that have closed and not been reopened under new ownership is small but still has an impact on each local community. The council continues to work with those who are wishing to close, signposting to providers seeking new or further premises. This protects the childcare places and staff and will continue to ensure statutory duties are met. The government is currently promoting childminding as a profession as well as working in childcare through a 'Do something big... work with small children' campaign and the Council continues to promote childcare as a profession working with professional partners including the DWP/Jobcentre Plus. If providers cannot staff their businesses adequately, this impacts on the number of childcare places available for working families.
- 9.3 **Bearwood and Merley:** This area continues to undergo significant housing planning and development, raising critical concerns about the adequacy of childcare availability. Currently, Merley lacks the capacity to provide year-round childcare support for working parents. To address this shortfall, developer contributions should be included in the infrastructure package to accommodate the increased demand for early years care brought by the proposed developments. With housing developments in mind, childcare providers should consider Bearwood and Merley as an area with potential.
- 9.4 **Boscombe West:** This ward is highlighted as few families stay within their ward for 2, 3-and 4-year-old funded childcare, which is likely due to a combination of ongoing lack of provision in the area but also the proximity of other provision in neighbouring wards. It is considered an area where new provision is encouraged as, with a current estimated 521 resident 0–4-year-old children, there are no longer any childminders and no preschool provision, whilst three day nurseries currently serve the area. The lack of childminders here, and overall, is particularly concerning.
- 9.5 **Expanded Entitlements for 9 month to 2 year olds:** Children's Services is confident that there are currently sufficient places for the 15 hours expanded entitlement for 2-year-olds and the first term of entitlement for 9-month-old children should be considered a success with no known unplaced children, despite some concerns raised when the entitlements were first announced in 2023. The next challenge for BCP Council and nationally is the expansion of entitlement from 15 hours per week to 30 hours per week from September 2025. The latest forecast information from the DfE suggests that there may be a sufficiency gap of 368 places at that point, with Hamworthy and Newtown & Heatherlands wards having the largest forecast shortfall. The Council, however, are currently in the process of allocating capital funding to providers to increase their places, in readiness for September 2025 with funding for **276 new places** already approved to date. Progress and outcomes can be viewed through [this](#) dedicated webpage. the expectation that several hundred new 1- and 2-year-old places can be funded. In addition, the DfE themselves are offering up to 3,000 schools the opportunity to make use of unused classrooms to introduce early years education onsite (school or privately run), with several BCP

primary schools applying in the first phase of funding. It is vital that the leadership and planning officers support the need for new and expanding provision and that every opportunity with capital funding is used to effectively increase the number of places available for working families. that capital funding is distributed fairly and with the best outcomes possible in mind.

The following table shows the current and forthcoming entitlements, based on a 38 week year.

	9 month old (working)	2 year old (working)	2 year old (disadvantaged)	3&4 year old (all)	3&4 year old (working)
Currently	15hrs	15hrs	15hrs	15hrs	30hrs
Sept 2025	30hrs	30hrs	15hrs	15hrs	30hrs

- 9.6 **Wraparound Provision:** Increasing the 8am to 6pm wraparound places offered to working families is a key local and national priority. While BCP Council has a healthy before school offer, there are gaps in the after school offers for parents. Over the next two years, with the use of the DfE's Wraparound Care Programme Delivery Fund, the council will be working with all schools and private providers to ensure that a term-time 8am to 6pm offer is in place at every primary school, where needed, as well as increasing capacity. Capital funding from the DfE will also be available to enable this. The 2025-26 childcare sufficiency review is expected to fully report on a successful increase in 8am to 6pm places in BCP Council.

At the time of writing the Council are underway with two phases of funding that schools and providers can apply for. The intention is that all funding allocated to BCP Council will be committed to the sector by the end of March 2025, with agreed funding being paid in stages through to the end of the government's funding programme, March 31 2026. The application and allocation process is ongoing however, at the time of writing, over **600 new places**, or places that will extend to 6pm, have been approved. Ongoing progress and outcomes can be viewed through [this](#) dedicated webpage.

10. The childcare sector has had a difficult time since the pandemic. Their funding rate has been low and their ability to recruit and retain staff on a wage commensurate with the responsibility of educating children is therefore impacted. As places have slowly fallen this has, to date, been mitigated by a falling birthrate. There has been some positive movement with government funding, insofar as the rate paid for 9 month to 2 year olds is not competitive with existing private rates and in many cases over and above a providers rate, however the funding rate for 3 and 4 year olds (where children are universally entitled) remains a sticking point
11. Whilst the Council is currently sufficient, 2025 and beyond is expected to bring some challenges as the Council aims to fulfil its duty to provide its residents enough places. Government have indicated the number of places that may be lacking in BCP from September 2025 however the Council have sought to mitigate that through distribution of capital funding, which continues at the time of writing.
12. Councillors should be aware that the childcare sector may seek political support for planning applications or leasing of council owned property. Providers may also continue to lobby for business rates relief.

Options Appraisal

13. None

Summary of financial implications

14. Local authorities are required, by statutory guidance, to maximise families' take up of government funded early education. The government introduced, from April 2024, a new 15 hours per week entitlement for some working families of 2 year olds. Expanding that to 9 month old children from September 2024 and doubling the entitlement to 30 hours per week from September 2025. This may have a financial impact on existing provision as many eligible parents will move from paying privately at a provider set rate to receiving funded entitlement at a local authority rate. It should be noted however that the local authority funding rate for 9 month to 2 year olds is often higher than that charged privately by providers.

Summary of legal implications

15. The Local Authority has a duty to secure sufficient childcare for working parents, parents who are studying or training for employment, for children aged 0-14 (or up to 18 for disabled children) (Childcare Act 2006). An annual review and reporting on the local picture enable us to fulfil this requirement.

Summary of human resources implications

16. None

Summary of sustainability impact

17. None

Summary of public health implications

18. None

Summary of equality implications

19. Through this assessment the Council are providing private businesses the tools and publicly available datasets to determine where they might choose to expand or create new provision. As Children's Services is not directly involved with private business decisions and that childcare funding for families follows DfE led criteria (no discretion), an EIA has not been created.

Summary of risk assessment

20. The Council need to work proactively to ensure that parent demand in both early years and school aged wraparound is met by private business and school provision. With demand unmet parents may not be able to work or work the hours that they would like. All ages and groups are important, but Children's Services will be emphasising the needs of disadvantaged 2 year olds and children with SEND when working with providers on expansion.

Background papers

21. This report is produced using the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024-25 Briefing Paper, which is attached as an appendix. The source data (an interactive PowerBI) cannot be formed as an appendix, but is available [here](#) and will be

published on the Council's Childcare Sufficiency webpage, along with the briefing paper, upon conclusion of this democratic process.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024-25 Briefing Paper

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RESEARCH Briefing paper



Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2024/2025

January 2025

Summary Headline Data

- Mid-Year Estimates 2023 show the number of 0-4-year-olds have fallen in the last 12 months from 18,463 (2022 revised) to 18,185 (2023). The number of 5-14-year-olds, however, has increased from 43,089 (2022 revised) to 43,258 (2023).
- Over the next decade BCP's population is projected to increase by 7,800 (2%), from 395,800 in 2018 to 403,600 in 2028. Population growth will be concentrated among those aged 65+ with migration driving population growth. More people are arriving than leaving the area.
- The latest population projections show that the number of births in BCP Council is projected to fall.
- There is a total of 292 childcare providers in the BCP Council area, offering a maximum of 7,697 places at any one time. This is a fall of 15 providers overall since summer 2023.
- Overall, the number of early years places has fallen by 95 in the last 12 months. This drop in places is, however, mitigated by the falling birthrate.
- The latest occupancy figures show occupancy rates at childminders was 93%, PVI settings was 90% and school nursery settings was 89%.
- BCP funded 5,506 3 and 4-year-olds in the summer term 2024. This is a fall on the 2023 figure of 5,525, and 5,737 in 2022. This is likely due to a fall in the age cohort.
- Funded Early Education (FEE) changes came into effect from 1 April 2024 with the expansion of the 2-year-old FEE to working families. BCP funded 2,209 2-year-old children in summer term 2024. 597 (27%) of these were under the disadvantaged eligibility and 1,612 (73%) was under the working families eligibility. The government earlier forecast the number of eligible 2-year-olds could be in the region of 2,370.
- From 1 September 2024 15 hours per week of working family entitlement expanded to include 9 month-1-year-olds. BCP funded 1,444 children in this age group in autumn term 2024. The government forecast the number of eligible 9 month-1-year olds could be in the region of 1,460.
- Considering forecasts and take-up data BCP Council currently has a sufficient number of early years childcare places.
- From 1 September 2025, eligible working parents of children aged 9 months to 2-years-old will see an increase in their entitlement to 30 hours (over 38 weeks a year). In BCP the DfE estimate that 368 places will need to be created by September 2025. This relates to a 10% increase in supply of childcare hours for this age group.
- DfE capital funding is being used to create additional 9 month – 2-years-old places in BCP Council. It is an ongoing piece of work, but at the time of writing capital funding applications have so far been approved that will create 276 new places, by September 2025.
- In Summer 2024, 396 children were recorded as receiving additional SEND Support. 79 Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) were issued in the Early Years sector.
- In January 2024 the schools census recorded 1,084 EHCPs for primary schools and 1,194 for secondary schools. A total of 7,325 primary and secondary school children received SEN support, 228 extra children than in January 2023.
- Average prices per hour across all setting types have increased from £5.46 to £6.01 per hour (summer 2023-summer 2024). This is an increase of 10% in the last 12 months.
- There has been little change in the number of out of school provision in the BCP area in the last 12 months, however DfE funding to increase wraparound places is being distributed.

Focus Areas

The 2024 childcare sufficiency analysis and the broader understanding of the sector has highlighted several areas of focus. These are highlighted below.

Bearwood and Merley

This area continues to undergo significant housing planning and development, raising critical concerns about the adequacy of childcare availability. Currently, Merley lacks the capacity to provide year-round childcare support for working parents. To address this shortfall, developer contributions should be included in the infrastructure package to accommodate the increased demand for early years care brought by the proposed developments. All year-round provision has increased in Bearwood and is welcome. With housing developments in mind, childcare providers should consider Bearwood and Merley as an area with potential.

Wraparound Provision

Increasing the 8am to 6pm wraparound places offered to working families is a key local and national priority. While BCP Council has a healthy before school offer, there are gaps in the after school offers for parents. Over the next two years, with the use of the DfE's Wraparound Care Programme Delivery Fund, the council will be working with all schools and private providers to ensure that a term-time 8am to 6pm offer is in place at every primary school, where needed, as well as increasing capacity. Capital funding from the DfE will also be available to enable this. The 2025/26 childcare sufficiency review is expected to report on a successful increase in 8am to 6pm places in BCP Council.

Boscombe West

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Day Nurseries and Preschools

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Childminders

Nationally childminder numbers have halved in the past 10 years and locally, since the pandemic began in 2020, BCP Council has lost a third of registered childminders (approximately 70). An ageing cohort of childminders and a falling number of providers registering with Ofsted mean that the childminding profession is not being replenished at a sufficient rate to sustain itself.

Childminders are only one part of the sector, but they give parents choice and flexibility. Their current contribution and that towards the governments expanded childcare and wraparound offer is invaluable. The council and the DfE are promoting working in childcare through the 'Do something big...' campaign, and newly registered childminders had been able to access a £600 grant to support their start-up costs. Some encouraging changes have happened at government level including the creation of a new category of childminder called 'childminders without domestic premises'. This is for childminders who will work solely from somewhere other than a home, such as a community or village hall. An increase in the total number of people (including childminders and assistants) who can work together under a childminder's registration from 3 to 4 and childminders are also given more flexibility to operate outside of their home (or someone else's) for more of their time. This will remove the requirement that at least 50% of the childcare must be provided in a home. The profession still, however, needs ongoing local and national support to reverse the trend of falling Ofsted registrations.

Expanded Entitlements for 9-month to 2-year-olds

Children's Services is confident that there are currently sufficient places for the 15 hours expanded entitlement for 2-year-olds and the first term of entitlement for 9-month-old children should be considered a success with no known unplaced children, despite some concerns raised when the entitlements were first announced in 2023. The next challenge for BCP Council and nationally is the expansion of entitlement from 15 hours per week to 30 hours per week from September 2025. The latest forecast information from the DfE suggests that there may be a sufficiency gap of 368 places at that point, with Hamworthy and Newtown & Heatherlands wards having the largest forecast shortfall. The Council, however, are currently in the process of allocating capital funding to providers to increase their places, in readiness for September 2025 with funding for 276 new places already approved to date. Progress and outcomes can be viewed through [this](#) dedicated webpage. the expectation that several hundred new 1- and 2-year-old places can be funded. In addition, the DfE themselves are offering up to 3,000 schools the opportunity to make use of unused classrooms to introduce early years education onsite (school or privately run), with several BCP primary schools applying in the first phase of funding. It is vital that the leadership and planning officers support the need for new and expanding provision and that every opportunity with capital funding is used to effectively increase the number of places available for working families. that capital funding is distributed fairly and with the best outcomes possible in mind.

Demographic Summary

- The population for BCP Council area as at 30th June 2023 was 404,050¹.
- This represents an increase of 0.4% (1,491 more residents) since mid-2022. The population of England grew by 1.0% over the same period.
- The mid-2023 figure represents a slightly larger population than projected in the 2018-based sub-national population projections, the projection has a figure of 399,740 for mid-2023. The latest mid-year estimate is accepted as the more reliable figure to use when available.
- Mid-Year Estimates 2023 show the number of 0-4-year-olds have fallen in the last 12 months from 18,463 (2022 revised) to 18,185 (2023). The number of 5-14-year-olds, however, has increased from 43,089 (2022 revised) to 43,258 (2023). 5-9-year-olds number saw a fall in the last 12 months, however the number of 10-14-year-olds has increased by 263.
- The latest 2023 live birth rates figure show a fall to 3,109 from 3,332 in 2022 and 3,668 in 2021. The number of residents over 65 years continues to increase.
- The 2021 Census results for BCP give a resident population of 400,300 in March 2021. This is an increase of 5.7% compared with the 2011 Census. The age groups showing the biggest increase in BCP include 70–79-year-olds, 50–59-year-olds and 5–14-year-olds. Age groups experiencing the biggest fall in numbers since 2011 include 0–4-year-olds (-9.4%), 25–29-year-olds and 45–49-year-olds.
- Wards with the highest population of 0-4 year-olds continue to be Newtown & Heatherlands, Kinson and Muscliff & Strouden Park².
- Wards with the fewest number of 0-4 year-olds are Highcliffe & Walkford, Canford Cliffs and Broadstone.³
- Over the next decade BCP's population is projected to increase by 7,800 (2%), from 395,800 in 2018 to 403,600 in 2028⁴. Population growth will be concentrated among those aged 65+ with migration driving population growth. More people are arriving than leaving the area.
- BCP's national IMD ranking is 160th out of 317 English authorities (where 1 is the most deprived)⁵

Population 0-14

The population for BCP Council area for mid-2023 was **404,050**. The population across BCP Council area has increased since mid-2022 with the population growing by 1,500, representing **an increase of 0.4%** which is a smaller rate of growth than across England and the South West. Over the ten year period the **total population grew by 4.8%** in BCP Council area which is also slower growth than regionally or nationally.

¹ Mid-Year Estimates 2023

² Mid-Year Estimates 2023

³ Mid-Year Estimates 2023

⁴ 2018 based sub-national population projections for BCP, published on 25 March 2020

⁵ Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019

The latest 2023 mid-year estimate population figure show there are **18,185 0–4-year-olds** in the BCP area, and **43,258 5–14-year-olds**.

Table 1: Mid-Year Estimates 2019-2023 and Census 2011 & 2021 (0–14-year-olds)

Mid-Year Estimates	0-4	5-14	Census	0-4	5-14
2020	19,750	44,613	2011	20,868	36,543
2021	18,799	42,587	2021	18,881	42,552
2022 (revised)	18,463	43,089			
2023	18,185	43,258			

Figure 1: Population 0-14 (Mid-Year-Estimates)

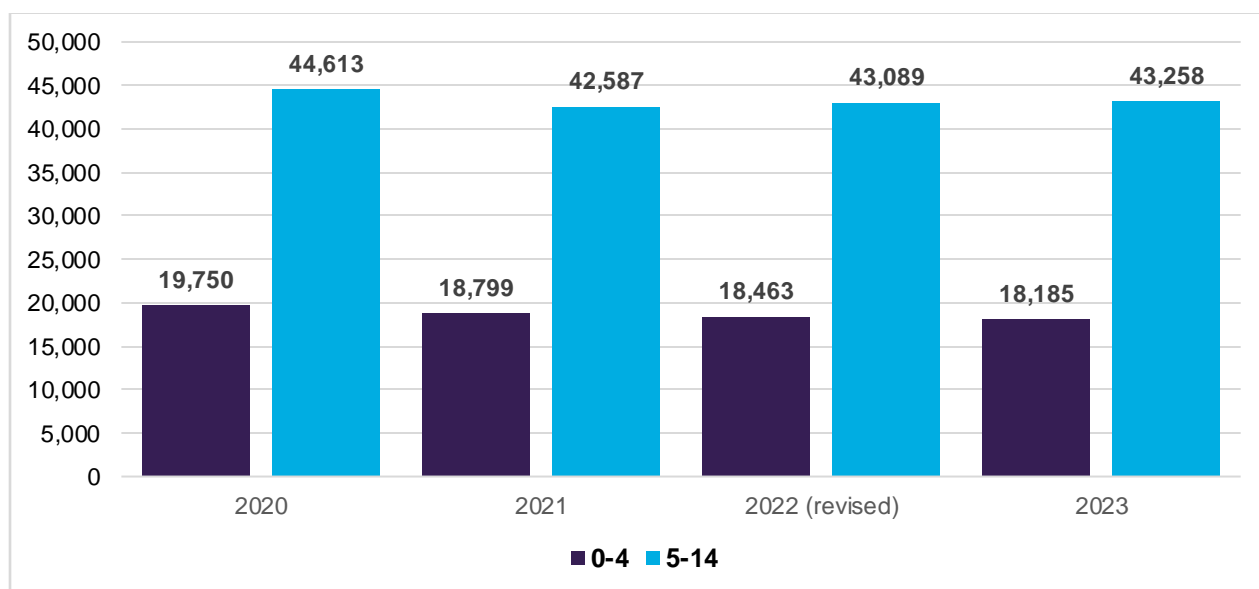
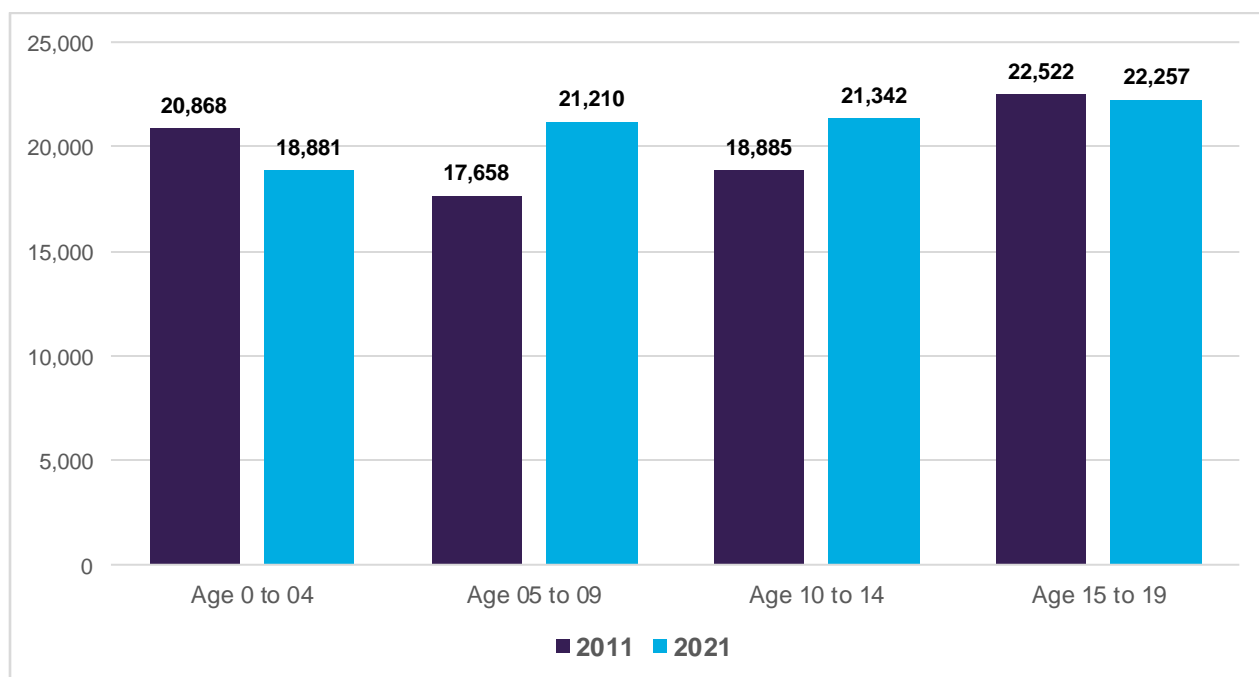
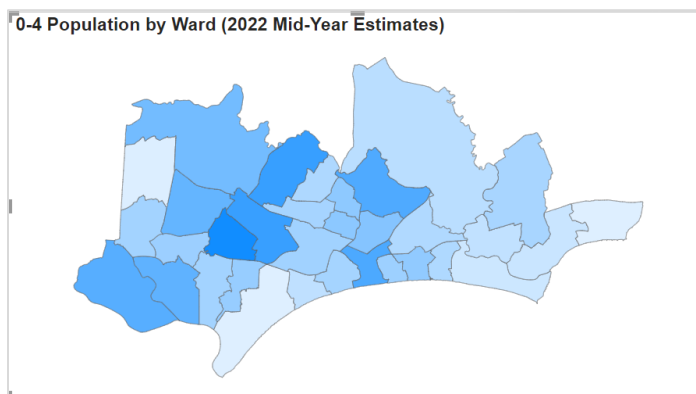


Figure 2: Population 0-19 (Census 2011 & 2021)

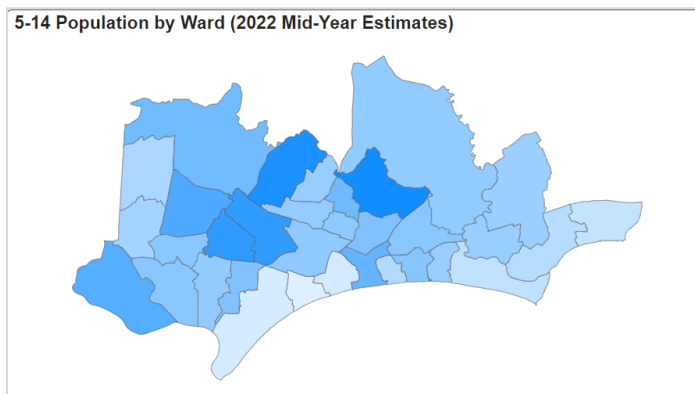


The following maps shows the distribution of 0–4-year-olds and 5–14-year-olds by ward. The darker colour the ward, the higher number of 0-4/5-14-year-olds.

Map 1: 0-4 Population by ward



Map 2: 5-14 Population by ward



There has been a gradual **fall of 0-4-year-olds**. Since 2020 the number of 0-4 year olds has fallen from 19,790 to 18,185 (2023 Mid-year estimates). In the last 10 years (Census 2011-2021) this age group has seen a **fall by 10.5%** 2011-2021. **0-2-year-olds have fallen by 325 children in the last 12 months** (2022 revised-2023 mid-year estimates) however the number of 3&4-year-olds have risen slightly by 47.

Wards with the highest population of 0-4 year-olds continue to be Newtown & Heatherlands, Kinson and Muscliff & Strouden Park. Wards with the fewest number of 0-4 year-olds are Highcliffe & Walkford, Canford Cliffs and Broadstone.

The number of **5–14-year-olds has increased by nearly 170** (2022 revised - 2023 mid-year-estimates). However, this age group has fallen since 2020 when there was 44,613 5-14 year-olds (mid-year estimates). The latest population data by ward (2022 Mid-year estimates) show the greatest number of 5-14 year-olds can be found in Muscliff & Strouden Park (2,421), Kinson (2,340) and Newtown & Heatherlands (2,145).

Population Projections

The latest population projections were published in March 2020. The next sub-national set of population projections from ONS will be 2022-based. It is anticipated that these will not be released until April/May 2025, therefore the 2018-based projections are the latest available locally.

Projected birth rate
Fall 1-2%
per year

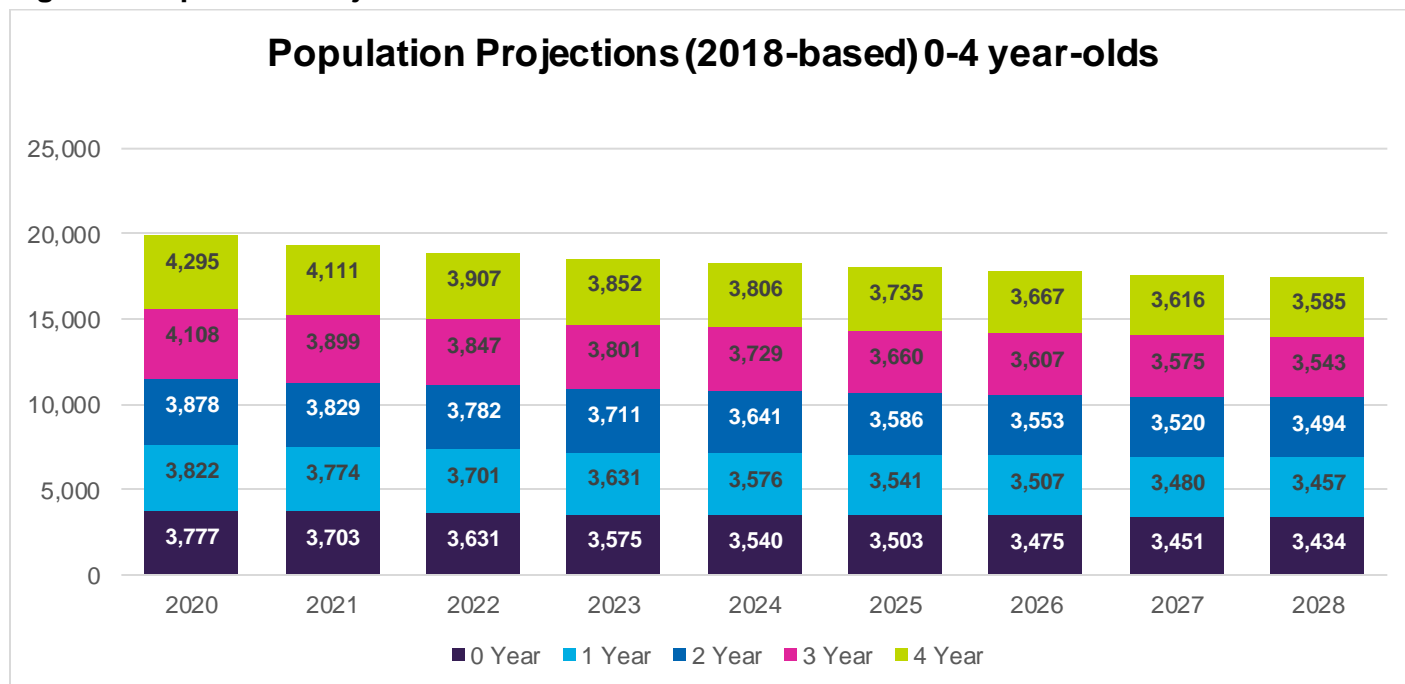
Projected 3–4-year-olds
Year on Year
Fall (1,500 by 2028)

Projected 5–9-year-olds
Fall by 3,500 in
next 10 years

Projected 10–14-year-olds
to **INCREASE** By
7% (1,420) by 2028

- The total population across BCP is predicted to **increase by 7,827 (2%) in the 10 years to 2028**. Population growth in BCP is driven by the increase in those aged 65+; the number of **children aged 0-15 and the working age residents (16-64) are both projected to decrease**.
- The latest population projections show that the number of births in BCP Council is projected to fall by between 1% - 2% per year until 2028. This equates to an average fall of about 40 births per year.
- The population projections for 3 & 4-year-olds (all of which are eligible for at least 15 hours per week of council funded early years funded childcare) indicates a year-on-year fall.
- In the **10 years to 2028 the number of 3&4-year-olds is predicted to fall by 1,500 children (17%)**.
- The **number of 5-9-year-olds is set to decrease by around 3,500 children in the next 10 years (2018-2028)**; however, the 10-14-year-old population is expected to increase by around 7% in the same period (1,420). This can be explained by a peak in birth rate for local children in 2012, gradually feeding through to secondary school age.

Figure 3: Population Projections



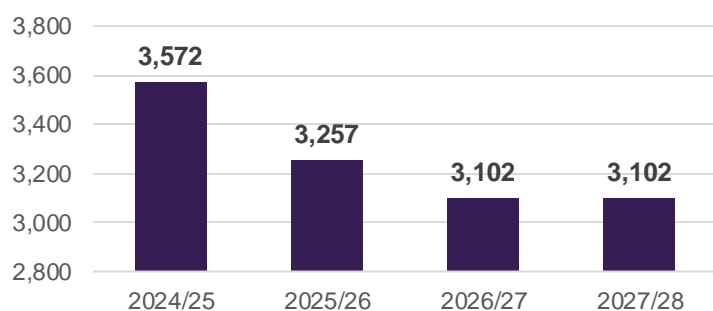
BCP is experiencing significant changes in the number and distribution of its school age population and the demand for school places. Following a decade of rising numbers, from 2020/21 there has been a fall in the demand for overall Primary places (Reception to Year 6), and this trend is likely to continue to 2028/29 at least. This is due to the 28% decline in the number of births across the BCP area since 2012/13 and the subsequent reduced demand for Reception places from 2017/18.

- Levels of surplus places in Reception will increase from 16% in 2023/24 to around 21% by 2028, but with a small temporary rebound in 2025/26.
- Between 2024/25 and 2027/28 the number of Reception year pupils is **forecast to fall by around 470 (15%)**, from around 3,572 to 3,102.
- Between 2024/25 and 2027/28 the overall number of primary school children (reception to year 6) is **forecast to fall by nearly 2,140 children (9%)**

Figure 4: Reception year forecasts

Table 2: Reception-year 6 forecasts

**Reception Year Children Forecasts
2024/25-2028/29**



Forecast Year	Reception-Year 6
2024/25	26,223
2025/26	25,620
2026/27	24,791
2027/28	24,084

- Overall, the **0-4-year age group in BCP is projected to fall**. This may have an impact on the number of preschool, day nursery and childminder places which are sustainable.
- The number of **5-9-year-olds is set to fall by 3,500 children** in the next 10 years to 2028. The **10-14-year-old population is expected to increase** by around 7% in the same period (1,420).

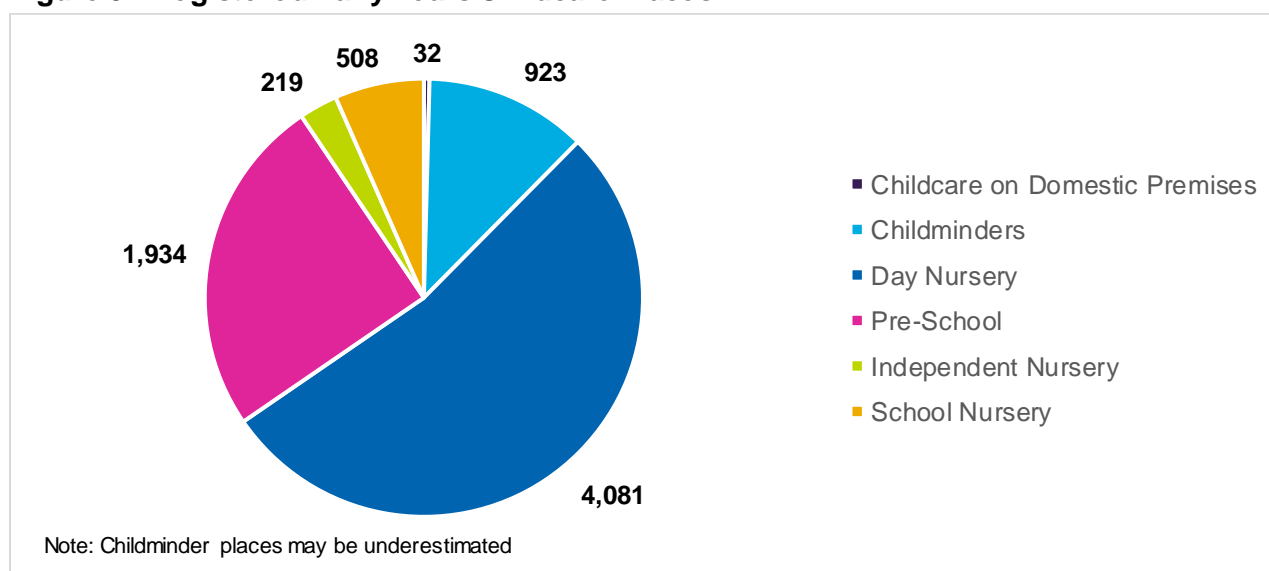
Childcare Provision

292 registered childcare providers offering maximum **7,697** places at any one time

Active registered **childminders** have **fallen by 11** in the last 12 months

Day Nursery places have risen and **Pre School** places have **fallen** since the 2023 analysis

Figure 5: Registered Early Years Childcare Places



There is a total of **292** childcare providers in the BCP Council area, offering a maximum of **7,697 places** at any one time⁶. This is a fall of **15 providers overall since summer 2023, 11 of which were childminders**. Overall, the number of childminders has fallen by 45 since the 2021 analysis. 53% (4,081) of places are in Day Nursery settings, 25% (1,934) of places are in Pre School settings and 12% (923) of places are at Childminders. There are 219 Independent Nursery setting places and 508 places at School Nurseries.

- **There are registered childcare places in all wards in BCP Council**; however, the number of childcare places in each ward and in each type of setting varies immensely.
- There are **no childminders** in Boscombe West, Canford Cliffs or East Southbourne & Tuckton wards.
- There is **no day nursery provision** in Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe.
- **The fewest number of childcare places** are in Commons (86), Winton East (88) and Highcliffe & Walkford (95).
- **4% of early years settings and childminders open before 7am**. A further 37% open before 8.00am.

Changes 2023-2024

- Overall, the number of places has **fallen by 95** in the last 12 months.
- **Pre-school places** have **fallen by 63** overall. There have been 103 new places, however 166 places have closed.
- **Day nursery places** have increased by 49.
- There were **12 fewer childminders 2022-2023** and a further **11 fewer childminders 2023-2024** (a total of 23 fewer childminders since 2022. This has resulted in **81 fewer childminder places in the last 12 months**.
- **School Nurseries** have seen no change in places.
- **Alderney & Bourne Valley** ward and **Parkstone** ward has seen the greatest fall in places.
- **Bournemouth Central** ward has seen the greatest increase in places.

The latest **occupancy figures** available are for Summer 2024 (67% response rate to survey).

Occupancy rates at **childminders was 93%**

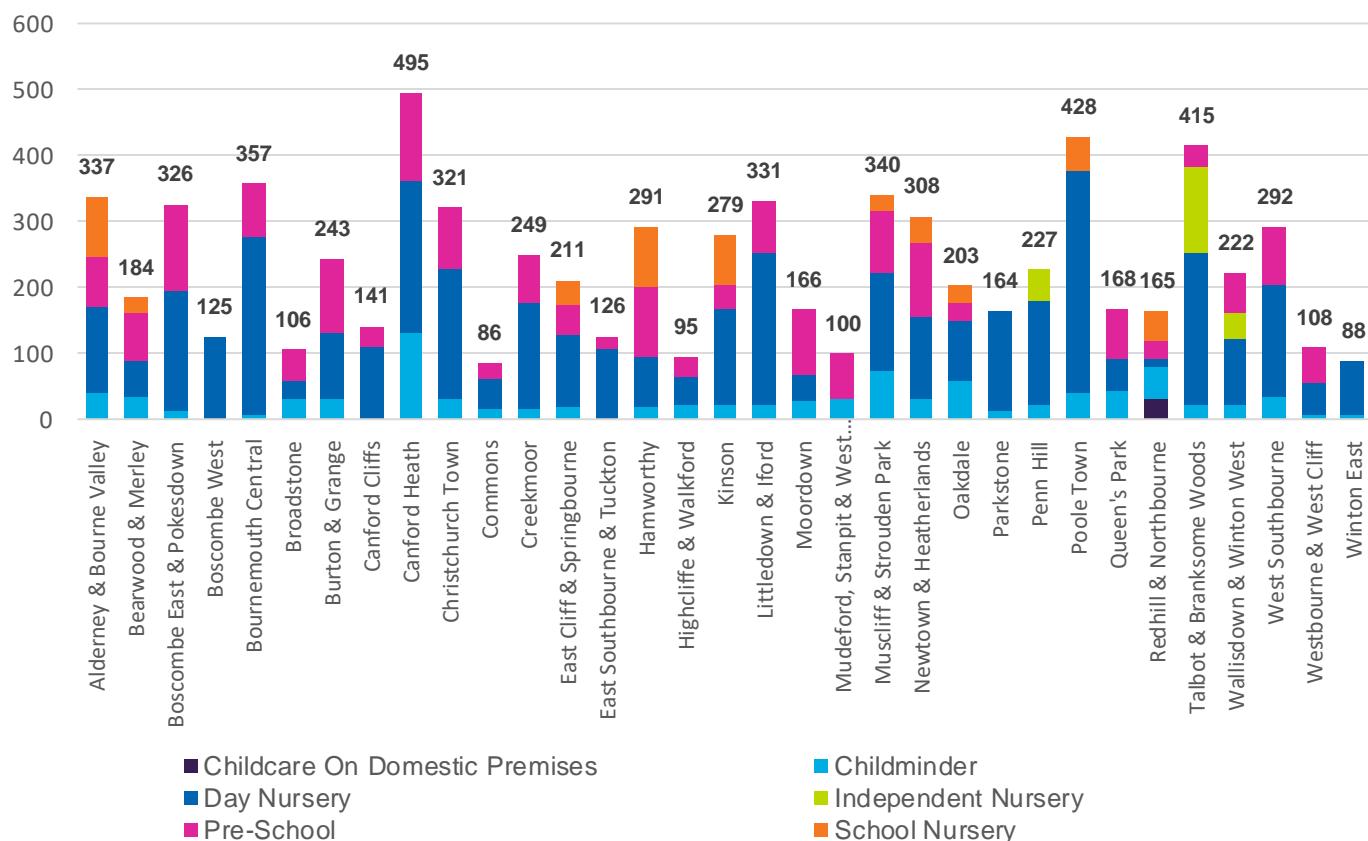
Occupancy rates at **PVI settings was 90%**

Occupancy rates at **school nursery settings was 89%**

Figure 6: Early years places by type and ward

⁶ Note that data is at 1 September 2024, this can fluctuate throughout the year with provision closing and new providers opening. Some settings may also change their status type thus affecting the individual provider type figures. Comparisons are made with September 2023 figures to show consistency.

Early Years Places By Type & Ward



Population 0-4-Year-Olds and Registered Early Years Places 2022-2024

In 2022 the number of reported registered early years childcare providers was 320, offering a maximum of 7,982 places, at any one time. The number of registered early years childcare providers has fallen in 2024 to 292, offering a maximum of 7,697 places at any one time. The population of 0-4-year-olds have also fallen in this time period. Mid-year estimates 2021 figure reports 18,799 0-4-year-olds, the latest 2023 figure reports 18,185 children aged 0-4.

98% of childminders, preschools and day nursery settings have signed up for **tax-free childcare**. This is the highest number in the last 5 years.

In the last 12 months, day nursery and preschool sign up has **increased to 100%** (where known) and childminders has increased to 97%

The number of families who have used tax free accounts has **increased** year on year. The number of families who have used tax free accounts between 2023-24 has increased by **14% in England, 15% in the South West** and **16% in BCP**.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Early Years

From summer 2024 the new SEND criteria and Tiers were introduced - 2 year-old disadvantaged or working family criteria and 3 tiers of funding.

49 2-year-old children received additional SEND funding support in a BCP provider (Summer 2024)

347 3 & 4-year-old children received additional SEND funding support in a BCP provider (Summer 2024)

There were **79 EHCP's** in the Early Years Sector (Summer 2024)

In Summer 2024, **396** children were recorded as **receiving additional SEND Support. 79** Education Health Care Plans (**EHCPs**) were issued in the Early Years sector, an increase on the summer 2023 figure of 70. As this is the first year with new SEND criteria and Tiers, comparisons, aside from total children funded under SEND, are not possible.

49 2-year-old children received additional SEND funding support in a BCP provider in summer 2024. 36 were from disadvantaged families and 13 from working families.

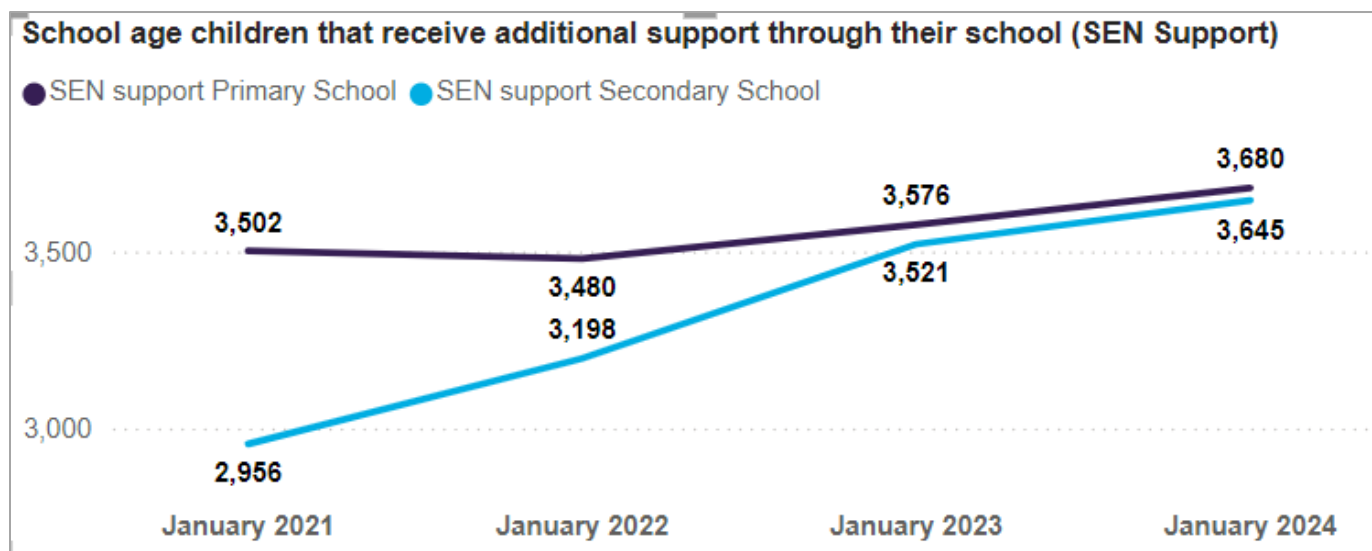
There were **347 SEND funded 3 and 4-year-olds** (Summer 2024):

- 133 receive Extended Entitlement (**38%** ~All Child Average = 55%)
- 106 receive EYPP (**30%**, up from 29% in 2023 ~ All Child Average = 16%)
- 203 receive Deprivation Supplement (**58%** down from 60% in 2023 ~ All Child Average = 27%)

School Age Children

In January 2024 the schools census recorded **1,084 EHCPs for primary schools** and **1,194 for secondary schools**. A total of **7,325** primary and secondary school children received SEN support, **228 extra children** than in January 2023.

Figure 7: School age children that receive additional SEN support



Quality of Provision

The percentage of P&V* settings who have a quality rating of “good” or “outstanding” has **increased**

ALL childminders have a quality rating of “good” or “outstanding”

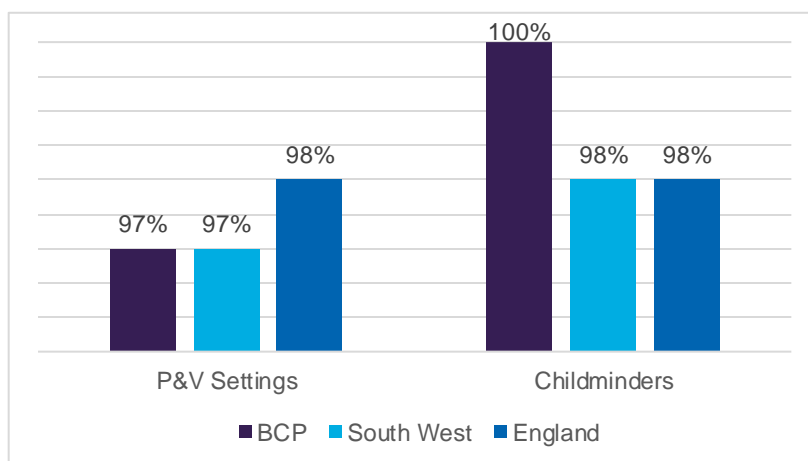
The % of P&V* settings and childminders with a rating of ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’ in BCP is **slightly lower** than the National average

* P&V – Private and Voluntary

Figure 8: Ofsted rating ‘good or outstanding’ (Summer 2024)

97% of private and voluntary settings have a quality rating of ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’ (those with an Ofsted rating), compared to 96% in 2023.

- ALL childminders in the Local Authority who have a quality rating are rated as ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’.
- BCP figures are similar to the national and regional averages for P&V settings but above for childminders.
- BCP has around 27 group providers and childminders operating ‘awaiting their first inspection’.
- Providers of care for school age children do not need to be inspected by Ofsted, although provision at some schools is considered within the full school inspection. The latest quality data at schools (where we have data) show **89% school-based breakfast clubs and ALL school-based after school clubs** have an Ofsted rating of ‘good’ or ‘outstanding’.



Fees Charged

The average price per hour is

£7.19 at a day nursery

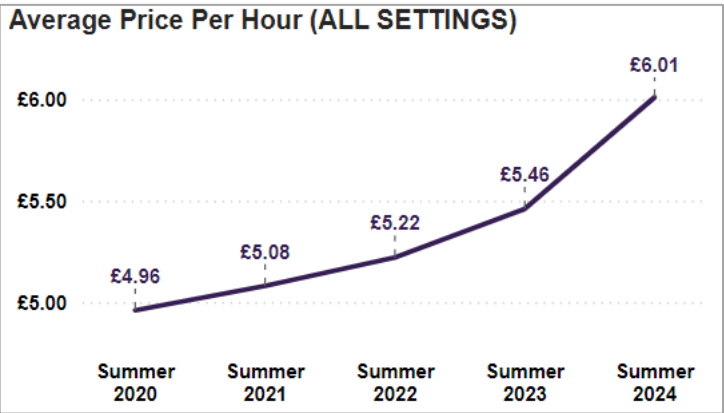
£6.23 at a pre-school

£5.70 at a childminder

- Average prices per hour across all setting types have increased from £5.46 to £6.01 per hour (summer 2023-summer 2024). This is an **increase of 10% in the last 12 months**.
- The most significant increase has been amongst day nursery settings with an average increase of £1.41 (24.5%) per hour since 2000

Figure 9: Average Price Per Hour (All Settings)

- The average price per hour at a day nursery is £7.19. **The most expensive settings are in Westbourne & West Cliff ward and Commons ward.**
- Charges at pre-schools average £6.23 per hour. This is 65 pence more per hour than reported in 2023. The most expensive pre-schools are in **Newtown & Heatherlands and East Southbourne & Tuckton ward.**
- The average price per hour at a childminder is £5.70, a 20% increase since 2020.



The average price of 25 hours per week childcare for 3&4 year-olds (paying for 10 additional hours above the Universal Entitlement) Coram 2024 Childcare Survey

£63.54 ENGLAND

£74.28 SOUTH WEST

£58.90 BCP

Funded Early Education for 2, 3 and 4-Year-Olds

In the spring budget of 2023, the Chancellor announced that funded childcare hours would be extended to children of eligible working parents in England from 9 months old to support increased parental engagement in the labour market. These changes came into effect from 1 April 2024 with the expansion of the 2-year-old funded early education (FEE) to working families. From the 1 September 2024, the 15 hours FEE is extended for eligible parents of children aged 9 months - 2 years and will be further expanded in September 2025 extending this to 30 hours per week.

From 1 April 2024, 15 hours government funding is available for 2- year-old children of working families, in addition to the existing funding for disadvantaged 2-year-olds.

From 1 September 2024, the 15 hours FEE entitlement is extended for eligible working parents of children aged 9 months - 2 years of age

From 1 September 2025, eligible working parents of children aged 9 months and above will be able to access 30 hours (over 38 weeks a year)

2-Year-Olds

BCP funded **597 2-year-old children** (disadvantaged entitlement) and **1,612** 2-year-old children (working families entitlement). **This totalled 2,209 2-year-olds accessing FEE in summer 2024.** **5,506 3&4-year-olds** took some FEE in PVI settings, childminders and school nursery classes in summer 2024. **3,028** 3 and 4-year-olds also accessed some **Extended Entitlement**.

2-year-old take up
(Summer 2024)

2,209

2-year-old children could be eligible for FEE under working family or disadvantaged eligibility, there are children that will be eligible for both, but the parent applies for their funding under working family entitlement. This inevitably reduces the percentage take-up.

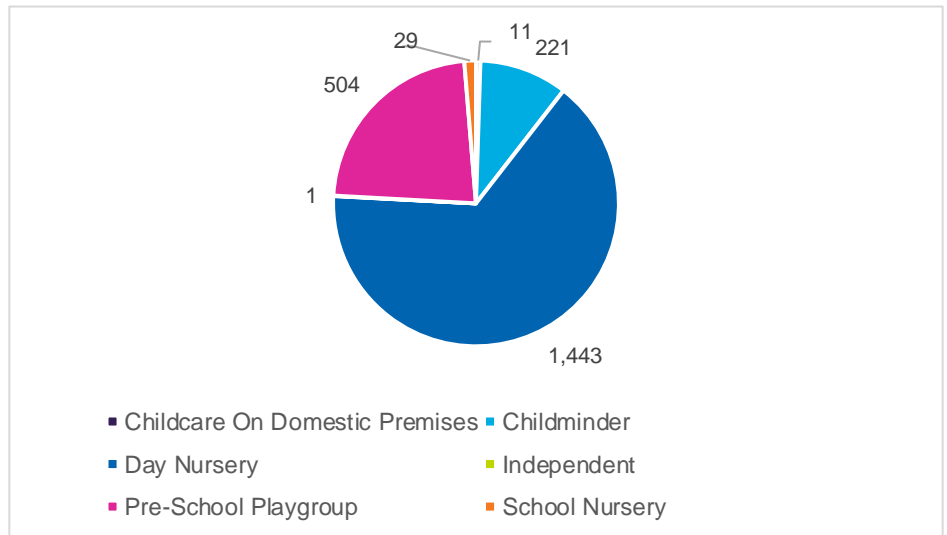
2-year-old
predicted eligibility
(Summer 2024)

2,370

The DfE predicted in Summer 2023 (for Summer 2024) the number of eligible 2-year-olds under the working families eligibility would be **1,626**. This, added to the DWP figure for disadvantaged eligibility of **744**, totals a predicted 2-year-old eligibility figure for funded early education of **2,370**.

Figure 10: Take Up of 2-year-old FEE by setting type

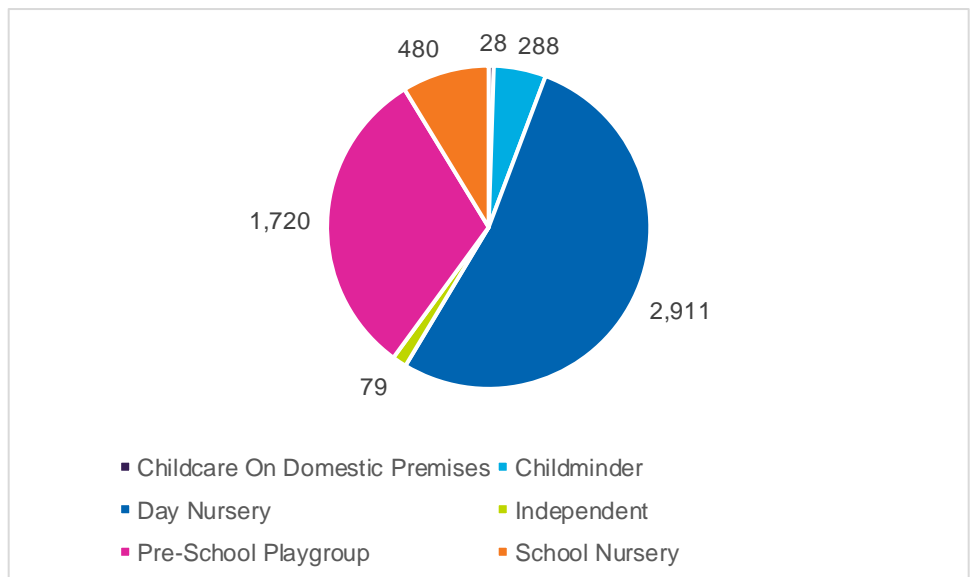
- **BCP funded 2,209 2-year-old children** in summer term 2024. 597 (27%) of these were under the disadvantaged eligibility and 1,612 (73%) was under the working families eligibility. The government predicted the number of eligible 2-year-olds was 2,370.
- When comparing the local, regional and national take up of funded early education for 2-year-olds, BCP take up was reported as 86%, South West was 80% and England was 75% (published figures July 2024). Last year reported 78% of 2-year-olds are benefiting from funded early years provision in the South West, and nationally the figure shows 74%.
- **35% of 2-year-old children are accessing funded early education in the ward in which they live**, compared to 41% last summer.
- 65 % of Funded Early Education for 2-year-olds was taken at Day Nursery Settings.
- 93% of 2-year old children are accessing their Funded Early Education at a setting rated as 'good or outstanding'.



3 and 4-Year-Olds

Figure 11: Take Up of 3 and 4-year-old FEE by setting type

- **BCP funded 5,506 3 and 4-year-olds** in the summer term 2024. This is a fall on the 2023 figure of 5,525, and 5,737 in 2022. This is likely due to a fall in the age cohort.
- According to the nationally produced data 'Education Provision Children under 5 years of age 2023 (DfE)' Nationally the 2024 figure shows 95% of 3 and 4-year-olds are benefiting from funded early years provision. The South West figure shows a 95% take up, compared to 94% in BCP (summer 2024). Last year reported nationally 94% of 3 and 4-year-olds are benefiting from funded early years provision. The South West figure showed a 96% take up, compared to 91% in BCP.
- In summer 2024 there were **3,028** children accessing extended entitlement in BCP settings (55%). This is an increase on the summer 2023 figure (54%) and summer 2022 (49%).
- **41% of 3 and 4-year-old children are accessing funded early education in the ward in which they live** (BCP children). This is the same percentage as reported in summer 2023.



- 53 % of Funded Early Education for 3 and 4-year-olds was taken at Day Nursery Settings.
- 89% of 3 and 4-year old children are accessing their Funded Early Education at a setting rated as 'good or outstanding'.

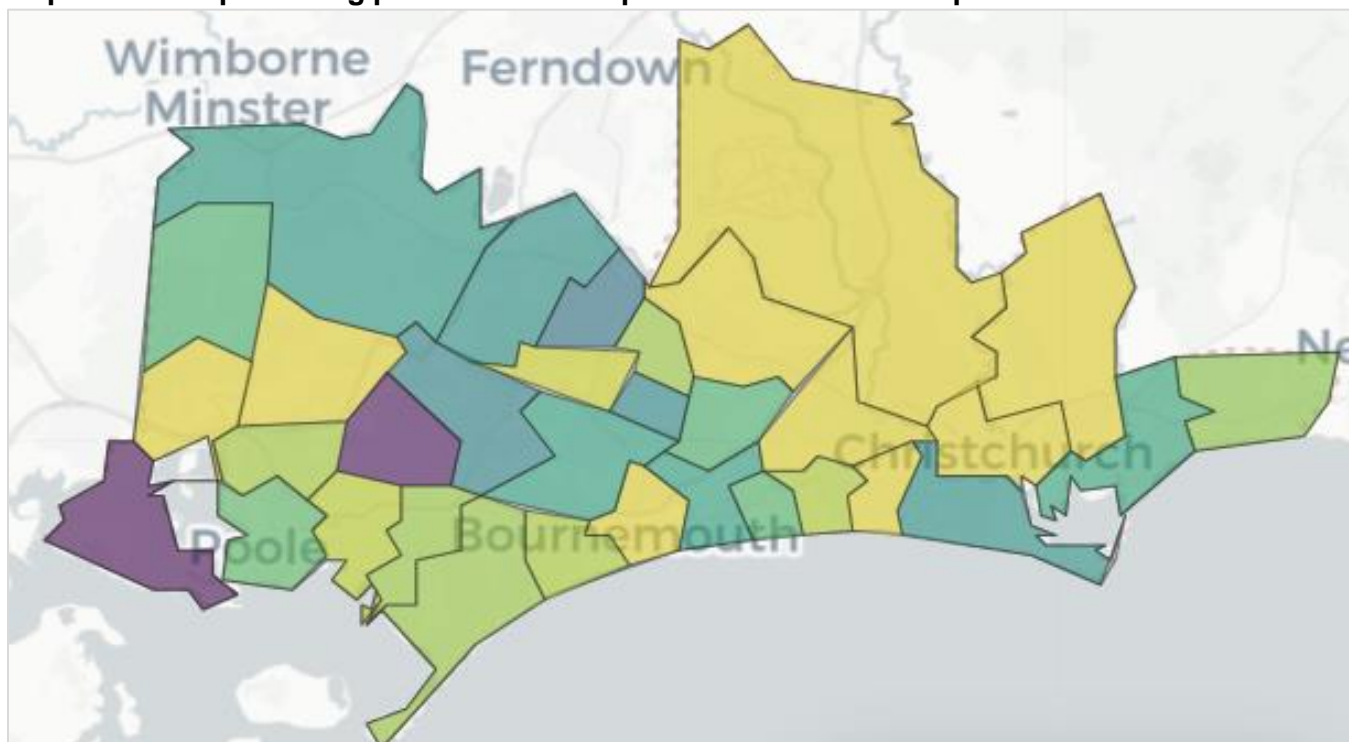
September 2025 – Local Authority Readiness



In November 2024 the DfE produced its latest 'Local Authority Readiness' document detailing self assessment data for the expanded early years entitlements for 9 month – 2 year olds. In Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole the DfE estimate that 368 places will need to be created by September 2025. This relates to a 10% increase in supply of childcare hours for this age group.

Supply and demand for early years provision is very moveable dependent on parents' willingness or choice to travel. As part of the DfE's support, heat map 3 was supplied, offering an indication of where some pressures may be for the new expanded entitlements. The darker areas suggest more pressure for 9 month – 2-year-old places. As always, new and expanding providers should contact earlyeducation.fundingteam@bcpcouncil.gov.uk if data support is required regarding potential new sites.

Map 3: Heat map showing possible areas of pressure for the new expanded entitlements



The DfE supplied the council with capital funding to create new places. The provider application and allocation process continues at the time of writing however, to date, funding has been approved to create 276 new 9 month – 2 year old places by September 2025.

In May-July 2024 BCP Council undertook a survey of early education and childcare providers, sharing their current position and a view on government changes to the early education and childcare funding entitlements.

- 2 of our school nurseries are considering lowering their age range to accept 2-year-olds in anticipation of the 30-hour entitlement for working families.
- Some settings are considering expanding to include 1-year-olds

Figure 12: 'Of those EY settings that don't, are you thinking of expanding to include 1-year-olds from 2025?'

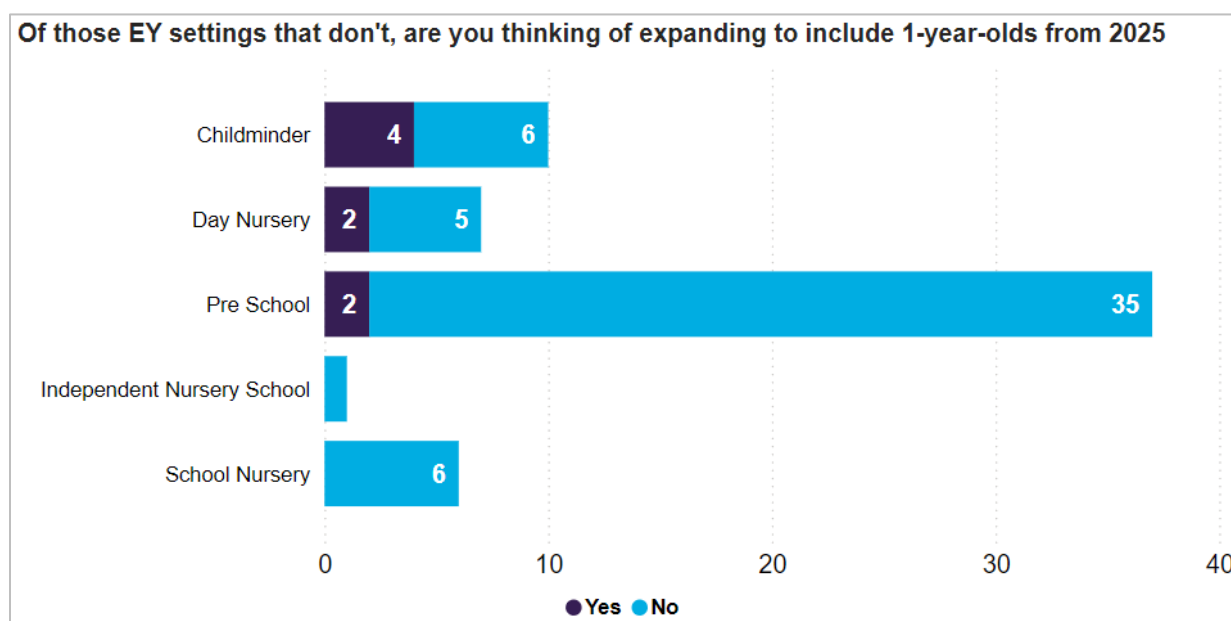
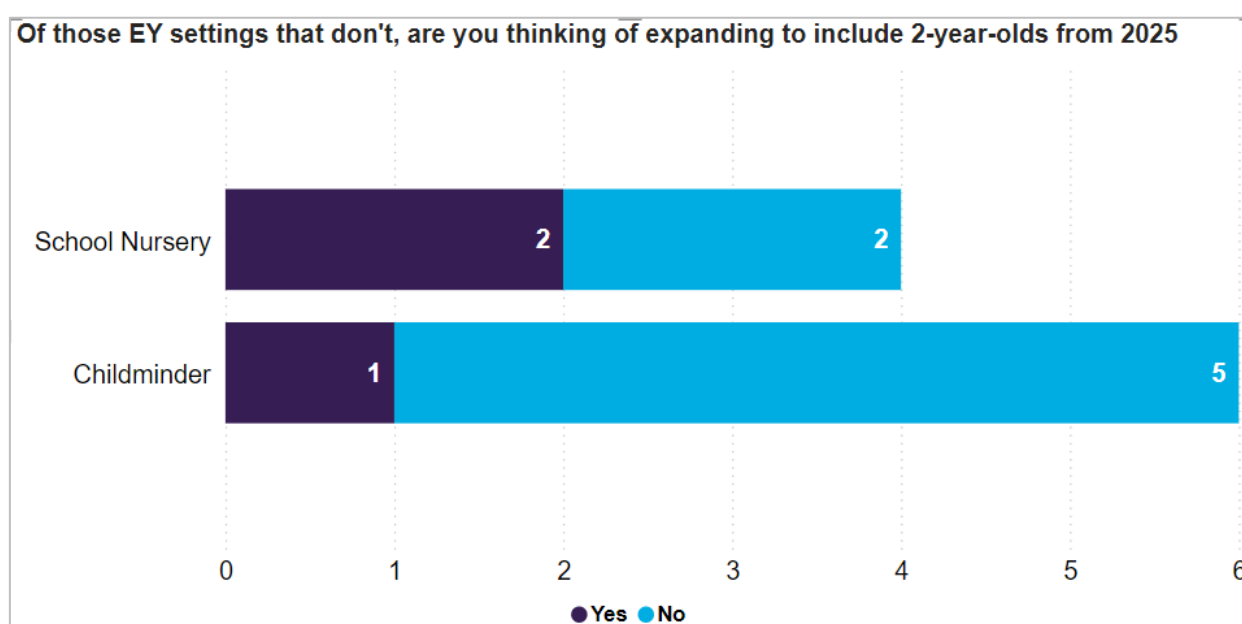


Figure 13: 'Of those EY settings that don't, are you thinking of expanding to include 2-year-olds from 2025?'



Out of School Provision

In the PVI Sector there are

22 Breakfast Clubs &
40 After School Clubs

There are additional school-run clubs

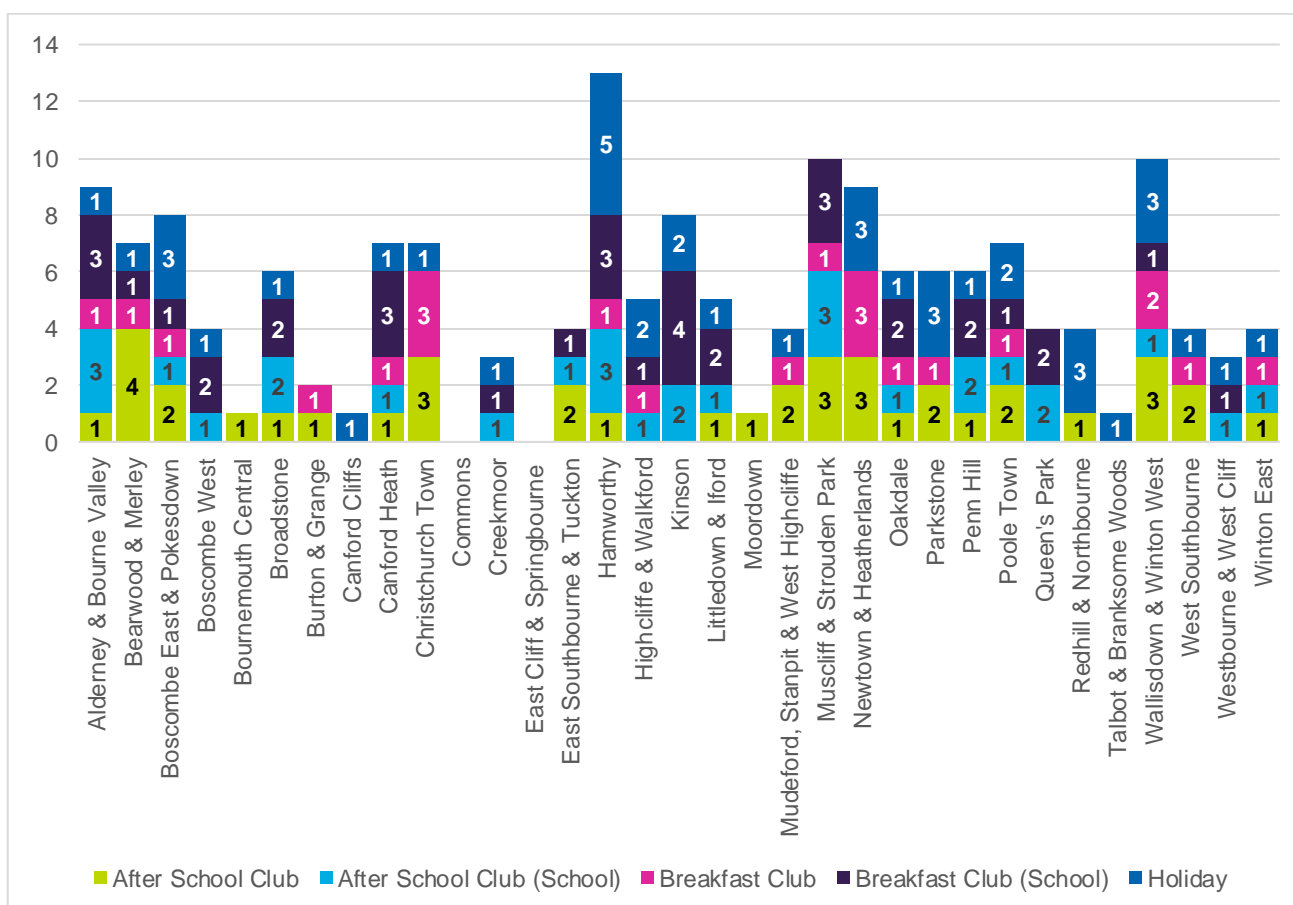
36 Breakfast Clubs &
29 After School Clubs

There are **42** Registered
Holiday Schemes

Throughout the Local Authority several providers, including schools, offer a variety of childcare services and activities outside of normal school hours which support working families. The Local Authority continues to encourage schools to offer wrap around childcare services 8am-6pm where possible to support working families. This is of increasing importance as working families take advantage of 30 hours of funded early education requiring out of school care for other children in the household between 8am and 6pm.

- Overall, there are 58 breakfast clubs and 69 after school clubs. There are also 42 registered holiday schemes.
- Childminders will continue to play an important role for older children in the area.
- There is **no** out of school provision in **Commons ward** or **Eastcliff & Springbourne ward**.
- There has been little change in the number of out of school provision in the BCP area in the last 12 months.

Figure 14: Out of School Clubs by Ward



Expansion of Wraparound Care Places

In March 2023 the government set out it's ambition that, by September 2026, all councils must ensure parents of primary school aged children have access to an affordable term-time wraparound place between 8am and 6pm, if needed, supplying [schools](#) and [local authorities](#) guidance on the programme.

Wraparound childcare is funded solely through private fees and parents can meet some of the cost of a before school or afterschool club through benefits, such as Tax-free childcare and Universal Credit.

To support the expansion of places the council received both capital funding and a Wraparound Care Programme Delivery Fund. The purpose of this grant includes dispersal of funding to schools and childcare providers (including childminders) to contribute to start up/expansion and running costs, or used to cover costs including staffing, training, and transport costs such as minibus hire, as well as resources. It can also be used to contribute to running costs whilst demand builds, to remove any financial risk to providers of offering additional places before demand is guaranteed. Funding can also be used to pay for training for wraparound staff, including specialist training for staff to ensure they feel equipped to support children with additional needs.

The current wraparound childcare sufficiency position in the Council is positive with all primary schools having a before school club and all but one having some form of afterschool activities, however several schools are running at capacity and work is needed to ensure clubs are operational between 8am and 6pm and that childcare is provided as opposed to access to activities which generally end around 4.30pm. Work with schools and PVI's is required to ensure that any expanded offer will remain sustainable beyond the life of the funding.

Work is also required with regard to understanding wraparound offers in place in special schools and ensuring appropriate arrangements are in place to support working families of children with SEND in mainstream settings, which has always been a local and national challenge.

At the time of writing the Council are underway with two phases of funding that schools and providers can apply for. The intention is that all funding allocated to BCP Council will be committed to the sector by the end of March 2025, with agreed funding being paid in stages through to the end of the governments funding programme, March 31 2026. The application and allocation process is ongoing however, at the time of writing, over 600 new places, or places that will extend to 6pm, have been approved. Progress and outcomes can be viewed through [this](#) dedicated webpage.

Glossary of Terms

BCP	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (Council)
DfE	Department for Education
EHCP	Education Health Care Plan
EY	Early Years
FEE	Funded Early Education
HAF	Holiday Activities and Food Programme
IMD	Index of Multiple Deprivation
LSOA	Lower Super Output Area
OfSTED	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills
PVI	Private, Voluntary and Independent Early Years Settings
P&V	Private and Voluntary Early Years Settings

Further information

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Report subject	Speech and Language Therapy Update
Meeting date	11 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>The service has embedded the largest changes to the delivery model which are now embedded in Standard Operating Procedures. Over the next few years, we require partners in the wider system to support the implementation of the framework with an end date for adoption by all by 2027.</p> <p>The service will continue to evolve however the main elements of the transformation for the Speech and Language Therapy Provider service is now in place.</p>
Report Authors	Erica Davies, Service Manager Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy
Classification	For Update

1 Background

- 1.1 From 1 April 2023 Dorset HealthCare's Children and Young People Speech and Language Therapy Service's Pan-Dorset offer became jointly commissioned by NHS Dorset, Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Council and Dorset Council.
- 1.2 The service has been working solely to the new joint Service Level Agreement and an associated transformation plan since April 2023. NHS Dorset, Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Council and Dorset Council have commissioned a whole system approach and wider transformation agenda across health, education and social care in accordance with The Balanced System® framework to support children's speech, language and communication development. <https://www.thebalancedsystem.org/>.
- 1.3 *"Significant system wide change is needed to deliver our shared vision for speech and language across the whole Dorset area, it will take all partners, including Dorset Council, Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council, NHS Dorset Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the Provider working together", "...all parties are jointly responsible for achieving our vision." (CYP SALT Service Specification 2022-2025).*

- 1.4 Funding streams have continued separately whilst the three commissioners work towards a lead commissioner arrangement.

2 Update on Speech and Language Therapy Service changes as part of the whole system Speech, Language and Communication Pathway

- 2.1 The information below relates solely to the changes that have been implemented by Dorset HealthCare's Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy Service. Changes undertaken by partner agencies, including changes within Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Council services, as part of the Speech, Language and Communication Pathway are not within the scope of this report. For oversight of whole system changes in support for children and young people's speech, language and communication development, this report should be read in conjunction with information from education and other partners.

2.2 Access to the service

2.2.1 Early Years – Ready STEADI Chat

The service moved to offering Ready STEADI Chat in April 2023.

- These are individual, reserved appointments with a Speech and Language Therapist.
- The parent/carer books an in-person or virtual timeslot with a therapist by calling a dedicated number 01202 443200.
- An appointment time and date are agreed with the parent during the call, this will take place within 14 days of the call.
- At the appointment an assessment is undertaken, and next steps agreed for the child. This may be:
 - group or individual intervention with the CYPsalt service,
 - a parent workshop,
 - signposting to interventions in place within the wider system
 - advice and signposting and ending care.
- A communication plan is provided after the session for parents and a copy for the Early Years setting.
- Parents can book to attend any of our sessions in BCP or Dorset

In 2024 the service offered just under 2000 Ready STEADI Chat appointments across the whole of Dorset. The data for BCP is below.

Location	Available appointments	Appointments booked
Kinson & West Howe Children's Centre	196	186
Townsend Children's Centre	121	112
Boscombe Family Hub	171	162

Christchurch Family Hub	141	134
Old Town Children's Centre	120	115
Rossmore Children's Centre	149	142
Turlin Moor Children's Centre	36	31

An additional 98 Pan-Dorset virtual appointments were offered, of these 80 appointments were booked.

Feedback from parents has been positive:

- 'The ladies made both me and my son feel so at ease. It was a comfortable and calm atmosphere and really helped put my mind at ease. They were lovely to talk to and I really appreciate the help that they provided.'
- 'Excellent service and communication for staff. Lots of playing to learn about my child and their specific needs'.
- 'Reassured that child was making good progress and although behind it is understandable for his background. Offered lots of advice but biggest and most helpful thing was the reassurance and being shown the pyramid of communication and how talking is right near the top and he does everything below it.'

There is no Referral to Treatment (RTT) measurement for this pathway as ALL children are offered an appointment within 14 days (2 weeks).

The move to this model has reduced the numbers of children who did not attend. Prior to Ready STEADI Chat an average of 20% of preschool children were not brought to their initial assessment with the service. This has now reduced to less than 9%. The service is offering comparable numbers of initial assessments.

2.2.2 School Aged Children and Young People

In September 2024 the service moved to the Link Speech and Language Therapist model.

- All local authority mainstream schools that fall within the service contractual arrangements have an assigned Link Speech and Language Therapist
- Resource bases, Specialist Education settings, Learning Centres, Pupil Referral Units, Alternative Provisions and settings who receive devolved monies are not part of this model as therapeutic input into these settings is commissioned separately by BCP.
- Independent schools are able to request a specialist assessment for their pupil and specialist level interventions.
- The Link SLT meets with the school each term. In this meeting they identify shared priorities for the term including targeted and specialist interventions for named children, discuss training needs and any training to take place that term for school staff and discuss named children,

including those who may require assessment from the Link SLT. If this is the identified next step the child will be registered with the service (with parental consent) and the assessment will take place within a term.

The average RTT for pupils on this pathway is 9.46 weeks.

2.2.3 Neurodevelopmental and Behaviour Pathway

There are no changes to access to the service with the implementation of The Balanced System. Direct referrals from a Consultant Paediatrician or Psychiatrist are accepted. This is a Pan Dorset pathway.

The average RTT for children on this pathway is 14.03 weeks.

2.2.4 Oro-pharyngeal dysphagia

There are no changes to the referral pathways for this pathway. All referrals must have Paediatrician or GP consent for the referral.

2.3 Service delivery models

Early Years

The service has embedded the new model in Early Years, and the elements below are now 'business as usual'.

2.3.1 Family Support- Summary of SLT Service Offer

- Balanced System® Pathway online resource for Dorset links to our own DHC website pages.
- The service signposts families and professionals to the site and delivers training at parent events and wider workforce teams.
- A range of themed advice including videos for parents and carers are accessed via the DHC website and linked via the Balanced System® Pathway online resource. Universally available to all and could be used by other services i.e. Health Visitor's, maternity services etc. as part of their advice offer.
- The SLT Service uses social media channels Facebook and Twitter to promote ideas and activities and links to helpful information.
- The SLT Service supports parents through general information and ideas to support speech, language and communication through universal/targeted offers as part of the Link SLT role e.g. coffee mornings, drop-ins.
- Information and recommendations provided to parents to support targeted interventions. These are delivered in various ways including written information, rolling programme of training/modelling of common and recurrent themes delivered virtually and in-person group sessions.
- Provision of specific training/modelling regarding targeted strategies for common and recurrent themes to wider system colleagues who support families.

- Advice and expertise shared with wider system colleagues who are developing their own targeted support.
- Service leaders attend wider system project meetings to facilitate information sharing and identification of joint opportunities to support families.
- Highly Specialist SLT Team in place to provide oversight, advice and training for support families of CYP with complex needs: Neurodiversity; Dysphagia; Deafness; Voice; AAC; DLD; Speech; Cleft and VPD; Selective Mutism; Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH)
- SLTs work in collaboration with multi-agency teams to support families i.e. Portage, Paediatricians, Pan-Dorset Specialist Teachers, Outreach services.
- SLTs provide professional advice for EHCP Assessments including the family/home context.
- SLTs Attendance at EHCP Annual Review meetings
- Provision of opportunities to families to develop strategies and skills relevant to the specific areas of need for their child including specific training for specialist interventions and strategies e.g. Signalong.
- Personalised coaching during intervention sessions.

2.3.2 Environment

- Link SLTs support settings with Communication Friendly Environment audits and advice.
- SLTs support settings with use of visual timetables
- SLTs provide advice to settings and schools regarding the incorporation of language and communication into the daily learning.
- Link SLTs work with settings to embed individualised visual timetables, Now and Next Boards into the setting

2.3.3 Workforce

- SLTs deliver training and provide on the job experiential learning opportunities at universal, targeted and specialist levels.
- Communication Champion Programme workshops for Early Years and each school key stage
- SLTs advise on appropriate training packages for the school and EYS workforce including signposting to externally available training.
- The service offers free training to EY and schools on a range of topics including An Introduction to Speech, Language and Communication Needs, Supporting children with complex communication needs, Phonological Awareness, Developmental Language Disorder in the Classroom.
- SLTs deliver training to other professional groups i.e. Specialist Teachers, Educational Psychologists, Public Health Nursing.

- In addition to the free training, there is a Traded Training offer open to all settings, including special schools: PEIC-D; SignAlong; Selective Mutism; Stammering; Speech.
- Appraising and signposting to other local and national training for SLCN

2.3.4 Identification

- Ready STEADI Chat sessions for pre-schoolers available across 21 locations in Dorset. Easy access pre-bookable appointments within 2 weeks.
- Link SLT termly meeting with School SENCO supports identification of school age CYP with SLCN
- Timely place-based specialist assessment according to need (home, school, early years setting, clinic, hospital)
- Signposting to universally available identification tools.
- Provision of targeted screening /identification tools and associated training.
- Highly Specialist SLTs support colleagues with second opinions and advice
- Highly Specialist SLTs undertake direct assessment in complex cases in their area of specialism.
- SLTs support settings and schools in identifying children for school based targeted interventions.
- SLTs provide guidance in the appropriate use of and identification tools.
- SLTs are part of multi-agency assessment pathways i.e. Neurodiversity.
- Speech and language therapists liaise with other specialist staff and parents and carers as part of the identification of SLCN including an assessment of the functional communication needs of the individual in context.
- Following assessment SLTs provide timely and appropriate feedback to the family as well as others involved in providing support.

2.3.5 Intervention

- SLTs signpost to appropriate resources and programmes to support children's speech and language development.
- SLTs monitor the selection and progress of children accessing targeted interventions.
- Provision of SLT led group interventions are delivered in a wide range of appropriate venues including Family Hubs/Children's Centres and libraries.
- Provision of specialist SLT intervention for CYP is delivered in range of environments including home settings, early years settings and schools.
- SLTs co-run interventions with school-based staff to ensure confidence and competence levels are reached and maintained.
- SLTs establish the appropriate targeted interventions providing both programmes of work and resources.

- SLTs lead targeted interventions as appropriate e.g. for children also receiving specialist interventions in parallel within schools where the workforce is at an early developmental stage with regards to capacity and competence.
- SLTs provide specialist support to children as indicated by their need. This will typically be in conjunction with parents and colleagues from the educational setting and may include highly specialist colleagues.
- SLTs ensure that interventions are evidence based and that appropriate outcome measures are agreed at the outset so that the child their family and other colleagues can both support the intervention and the evaluation of progress.
- The service has a mechanism for highly specialist SLTs being able to support children in conjunction with less specialist colleagues.
- Where need is so specialist that the appropriate competences are not available locally the service ensures onward referral.
- SLTs provide coaching and support to enable parents/carers to participate in interventions as appropriate including reinforcing specific activities in the home and encourage attending elements of school-based interventions as appropriate.
- SLTs collaborate with other specialists in the planning and delivery of specialist interventions as appropriate. For example, multi-disciplinary interventions for children with complex needs involving SLT OT and Physiotherapy colleagues.

3 Key Questions posed by the Oversight and Scrutiny Board

3.1 Continuing Challenges and successes

3.1.1 Continuing Challenges

- Wider challenges within the commissioning arrangements can cause confusion for families and professionals as to where to seek support for children with speech, language, and communication needs.
- Within some areas of the wider system there are settings and services who see speech, language and communication the responsibility of the provider service (Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy) only. This is not the framework that BCP has commissioned, and all agencies have a responsibility to support children's speech, language and communication development within The Balanced System framework.
- Working within Secondary Schools. Although good relationships and actions are being agreed by the Link SLT and the SENCO/TAs these are frequently not put in place due to decision making within schools. This is significantly impacting on the service's ability to promote and develop the new way of working and is detrimental to SLT Service staff, school staff and the pupils.

3.1.2 Successes

- There are increasing numbers of settings signing up to the Communication Champion Programme <https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services-hospitals/physical-health/paediatric-speech-and-language-therapy/health-and-education-professionals/communication-champions>
- As of January 2025

- 54 BCP Early Years settings had a Communication Champion and of these 10 settings had more than one Champion.
- 72% of BCP Primary Schools have at least one Communication Champion
- 59% of BCP Secondary Schools have at least one Communication Champion
- Feedback on the programme has been positive across all key stages.
 - The staff member has introduced this (iceberg technique) in the school, all children with an EHCP now have a visual iceberg to support teachers in quickly recognising when they've got the young person in class. For one young person, staff had to do further investigations and found out about many more influencing factors, and this has led to a lot more support in place for them in the classroom.
 - X was an excellent tutor and answered and questions we had. The picture handouts were very useful.
 - It was brilliantly delivered. Very approachable tutors who appear very knowledgeable
- The service has recently run a successful training session for BCP Childminders 'Interaction Strategies to Support Language Development'. Over 30 childminders attended this free training course.
- All schools in BCP have been offered a Link SLT Meeting in the Autumn and Spring Terms.
- Feedback on the new model from schools has been overwhelmingly positive. Below are a selection of comments relating to the new school model, which includes a range of training options that settings can select, either to support them running interventions or to upskill their workforce.
 - I feel confident to be able to run my own group now and am busy planning for next week. Having seen what is possible, we as a school are very excited to be able to roll this out for our children.
 - The CFE (communication friendly environment tool) was really useful to let me know I am still doing things well after years of teaching. I then also got specific feedback - more specific than if I have a classroom observation by another teacher. I've got some specific things to work on.
 - X provided strategies that will be really useful and simple to implement. Good explanations and background to how and why they work.
 - Thank you, I like the fact we will have support before, middle and at the end. So great having you in school for advice and hands on support.

3.1.3 Cross service working

The Balanced System is a whole system framework and has been commissioned by NHS Dorset, Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Council and Dorset Council to be adopted across all services. Recent examples of cross service working in BCP include:

- Early Year Communication Champion workshops are supported by BCP Early Year advisors, with both services offering a joint drop-in prior to the workshop for professionals to ask questions about specific children, new resources and innovations.
- Neurodiversity training for settings has been jointly written by the PINS Team (***Promoting Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools***) and schools are able to access this training free of charge.
- The service supported the recent Belonging Conference running a workshop '***Moving towards neuroaffirming practice and language***'. All attendees identified that this met their expectations of the session.



3.1.3 Recruitment

The service has had a period of successful recruitment, with staffing levels increasing by 10.28wte during the period 31 January 2024 to 31 January 2025. This has been due to

- Introduction of Speech and Language Therapy Degree Apprenticeships. The service currently has 2 apprentices undertaking the 4-year undergraduate degree to become a qualified Speech and Language Therapist.
- The ability to employ local newly qualified Speech and Language Therapists who have graduated from Health Sciences University in Bournemouth.

4 Summary

The service has embedded the largest changes to the delivery model, and these are now in the process of being embedded. Over the next few years, we expect that partners in the wider system will support the framework with the aim of adopting it fully

by 2027. The changes in the model require commitment from the whole system, and in particular Education, to ensure success. The Speech & Language Therapy Service have laid the foundations for this framework to succeed, and the next phase is to ensure all parties are engaged and committed to the implementation.

The service will continue to evolve, however the main elements of the transformation for the Speech and Language Therapy Provider service are now in place.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE



Report subject	Work Plan
Meeting date	11 March 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee is asked to consider and identify work priorities for publication in a Work Plan.
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>the Overview and Scrutiny Committee review, update and confirm its Work Plan.</p>
Reason for recommendations	The Council's Constitution requires all Overview and Scrutiny Committees to set out proposed work in a Work Plan which will be published with each agenda

Portfolio Holder(s):	N/A – O&S is a non-executive function
Corporate Director	Graham Farrant, Chief Executive
Report Authors	Lindsay Marshall, Overview and Scrutiny Specialist
Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Decision

Background –

1. All Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) bodies are required by the Constitution to consider work priorities and set these out in a Work Plan. When approved, this should be published with each agenda.
2. It is good practice for the Work Plan to be kept under regular review by the Committee. Between meetings O&S Chairs and Vice Chairs, in consultation with officers, suggest updates to the Work Plan to ensure proposed topics remain timely, fit for purpose and allow sufficient time for report preparation as appropriate. The Committee is now asked to review, update and/ or confirm the latest Work Plan update. See the Work Plan attached at Appendix B to this report.

Principles of Good Scrutiny

3. The Constitution requires that the Work Plan of O&S committees shall consist of work aligned to the principles of the function. The BCP Council O&S function is based upon six principles:
 - Contributes to sound decision making in a timely way by holding decision makers to account as a 'critical friend';
 - A member led and owned function – seeks to continuously improve through self-reflection and development;
 - Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard and reflected in the Council's decision-making process;
 - Engages in decision making and policy development at an appropriate time to be able to have influence;
 - Contributes to and reflects the vision and priorities of the Council;
 - Agility – able to respond to changing and emerging priorities at the right time with flexible working methods.

Process for agreeing Work Plan items

4. An O&S committee may take suggestions from a variety of sources to form its Work Plan. This may include suggestions from members of the public, officers of the Council, Portfolio Holders, the Cabinet and Council, members of the O&S Committee, and other Councillors who are not on the Committee.
5. The Constitution requires that all suggestions for O&S work will be accompanied by detail outlining the background to the issue suggested, the proposed method of undertaking the work and likely timescale associated, and the anticipated

outcome and value to be added by the work proposed. No item of work shall join the Work Plan of the O&S Committee without an assessment of this information.

6. Any councillor may request that an item of business be considered by an O&S Committee. Councillors are asked to complete a form outlining the request, which is appended to this report at Appendix C. The same process will apply to requests for scrutiny from members of the public.
7. A copy of the most recent Cabinet Forward Plan will be supplied to O&S Committees at each meeting for reference when determining items of pre-decision scrutiny. The latest version is supplied as Appendix D to this report.

Resources to support O&S work

8. The Constitution requires that the O&S Committees take into account the resources available to support their proposals for O&S work. This includes consideration of councillor availability, officer time and financial resources. Careful and regular assessment of resources will ensure that there is appropriate resource available to support work across the whole O&S function, and that any work established can be carried out in sufficient depth and completed in a timely way to enable effective outcomes.
9. It is good practice for O&S Committees to agree a maximum of two/ three substantive agenda items per meeting. This will provide sufficient time for Committees to take a 'deep dive' approach to scrutiny work, which is likely to provide more valuable outcomes. A large amount of agenda items can lead to a 'light touch' approach to all items of business, and also limit the officer and councillor resource available to plan for effective scrutiny of selected items.
10. O&S Committees are advised to carefully select their working methods to ensure that O&S resource is maximised. A variety of methods are available for O&S Committees to undertake work and are not limited to the receipt of reports at Committee meetings. These may include:
 - Working Groups;
 - Sub-Committees;
 - Tak and finish groups;
 - Inquiry Days;
 - Rapporteurs (scrutiny member champions);
 - Consideration of information outside of meetings – including report circulation/ briefing workshops/ briefing notes.

Further detail on O&S working methods are set out in the Constitution and in Appendix A – Terms of Reference for O&S Committees.

Options Appraisal

11. The O&S Committee is asked to review, update and confirm its Work Plan, taking account of the supporting documents provided and including the determination of any new requests for scrutiny. This will ensure member ownership of the Work Plan and that reports can be prepared in a timely way. Should the Committee not confirm its forthcoming priorities, reports may not be able to be prepared in a timely way and best use of the meeting resource may not be made.

Summary of financial implications

12. There are no direct financial implications associated with this report. The Committee should note that when establishing a Work Plan, the Constitution

requires that account be taken of the resources available to support proposals for O&S work. Advice on maximising the resource available to O&S Committees is set out in paragraphs 9 to 11 above.

Summary of legal implications

13. The Council's Constitution requires that all O&S bodies set out proposed work in a Work Plan which will be published with each agenda. The recommendation proposed in this report will fulfil this requirement.

Summary of human resources implications

14. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

15. There are no sustainability resources implications arising from this report.

Summary of public health implications

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

Summary of equality implications

17. There are no equality implications arising from this report. Any councillor and any member of the public may make suggestions for overview and scrutiny work. Further detail on this process is included within Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Summary of risk assessment

18. There is a risk of challenge to the Council if the Constitutional requirement to establish and publish a Work Plan is not met.

Background papers

None.

Appendices

Appendix A – Overview and Scrutiny Committees Terms of Reference

Appendix B - Current Children's Services O&S Committee Work Plan

Appendix C – Request for consideration of an issue by Overview and Scrutiny

Appendix D – Current Cabinet Forward Plan

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD / COMMITTEES TERMS OF REFERENCE

Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) is a statutory role fulfilled by Councillors who are not members of the Cabinet in an authority operating a Leader and Cabinet model. The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Committees is to help develop policy, to carry out reviews of Council and other local services, and to hold decision makers to account.

PRINCIPLES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

The Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Overview and Scrutiny function is based upon six principles:

1. Contributes to sound decision making in a timely way by holding decision makers to account as a 'critical friend'.
2. A member led and owned function – seeks to continuously improve through self-reflection and development.
3. Enables the voice and concerns of the public to be heard and reflected in the Council's decision-making process.
4. Engages in decision making and policy development at an appropriate time to be able to have influence.
5. Contributes to and reflects the vision and priorities of the Council.
6. Agile – able to respond to changing and emerging priorities at the right time with flexible working methods.

MEETINGS

There are four Overview and Scrutiny bodies at BCP Council:

- Overview and Scrutiny Board
- Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Each Committee meets 5 times during the municipal year, except for the Overview and Scrutiny Board which meets monthly to enable the Board to make recommendations to Cabinet. The date and time of meetings will be set by full Council and may only be changed by the Chairman of the relevant Committee in consultation with the Monitoring Officer. Members will adhere to the agreed principles of the Council's Code of Conduct.

Decisions shall be taken by consensus. Where it is not possible to reach consensus, a decision will be reached by a simple majority of those present at the meeting. Where there are equal votes the Chair of the meeting will have the casting vote.

MEMBERSHIP

The Overview and Scrutiny Board and Committees are appointed by full Council. Each Committee has 11 members and the Board has 13 members. No member of the Cabinet may be a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees or Board, or any group established by them. Lead Members of the Cabinet may not be a member of Overview and Scrutiny Committees or Board. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee may not be a member of any Overview and Scrutiny Committees or Board.

The quorum of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Board shall be one third of the total membership (excluding voting and non-voting co-optees).

No member may be involved in scrutinising a decision in which they been directly involved. If a member is unable to attend a meeting their Group may arrange for a substitute to attend in their place in accordance with the procedures as set out in the Council's Constitution.

Members of the public can be invited to attend and contribute to meetings as required, to provide insight to a matter under discussion. This may include but is not limited to subject experts with relevant specialist knowledge or expertise, representatives of stakeholder groups or service users. Members of the public will not have voting rights.

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee - The Committee must statutorily include two church and two parent governor representatives as voting members (on matters related to education) in addition to Councillor members. Parent governor membership shall extend to a maximum period of four years and no less than two years. The Committee may also co-opt one representative from the Academy Trusts within the local authority area, to attend meetings and vote on matters relating to education.

The Committee may also co-opt two representatives of The Youth Parliament and, although they will not be entitled to vote, will ensure that their significant contribution to the work of the Committee is recognised and valued.

Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee - The Committee may co-opt two independent non-voting members. The selection and recruitment process shall be determined by the Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

FUNCTIONS OF THE O&S COMMITTEES AND O&S BOARD

Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee (including the Overview and Scrutiny Board) has responsibility for:

- Scrutinising decisions of the Cabinet, offering advice or making recommendations
- Offering any views or advice to the Cabinet or Council in relation to any matter referred to the Committee for consideration
- General policy reviews, and making recommendations to the Council or the Cabinet to assist in the development of future policies and strategies
- Assisting the Council in the development of the Budget and Policy Framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues
- Monitoring the implementation of decisions to examine their effect and outcomes
- Referring to full Council, the Cabinet or appropriate Committee/Sub-Committee any matter which, following scrutiny a Committee determines should be brought to the attention of the Council, Cabinet or other appropriate Committee
- Preparation, review and monitoring of a work programme
- Establishing such commissioned work as appropriate after taking into account the availability of resources, the work programme and the matter under review

In addition, the Overview and Scrutiny Board has responsibility for:

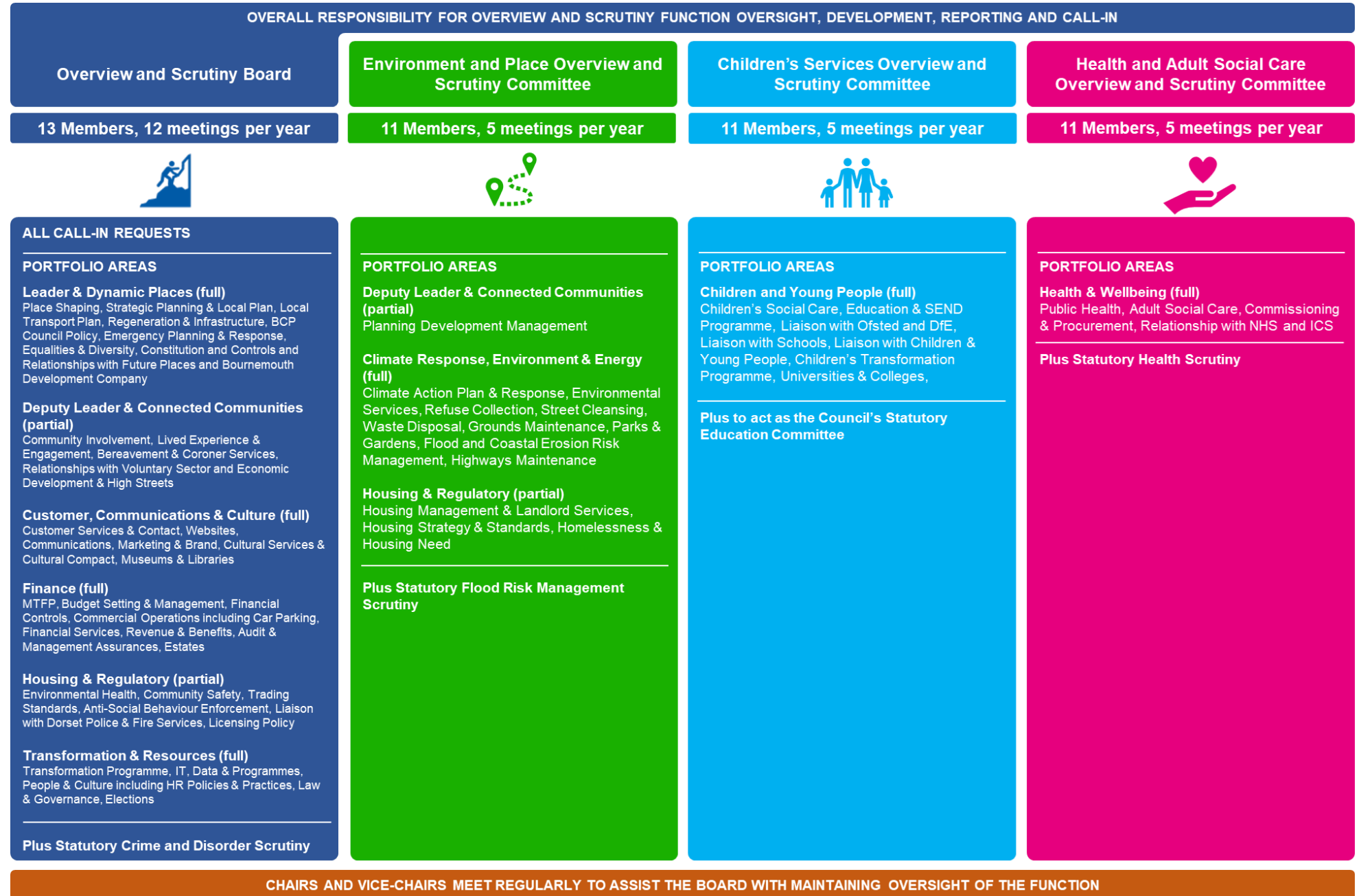
- Considering decisions that have been called-in
- Undertaking scrutiny of the Council's budget processes
- Carrying out the Council's scrutiny functions relating to crime and disorder, and discharging any other statutory duty for which the O&S function is responsible, other than those that relate to Flood Risk Management, Health, Adult Social Care, Children's Services and Education
- Overseeing the Council's overall O&S function including oversight of the work plans and use of resource across all O&S bodies
- Keeping the O&S function under review, suggesting changes as appropriate to ensure that it remains fit for purpose
- Reporting annually to Full Council on the output of the O&S function
- Maintaining oversight of the training needs of the whole O&S function.

Figure 1 below provides an outline of the responsibilities of each Committee.

The remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Committees is based on the division of Portfolio Holder responsibilities. Portfolio Holders may report to more than one Overview and Scrutiny body.

Portfolio Holder responsibilities are changeable and from time to time it may be necessary to modify the designation of functions across the four Overview and Scrutiny bodies.

Figure One –Overview and Scrutiny Structure



COMMISSIONED WORK

In addition to Committee meetings, the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Committees may commission work to be undertaken as they consider necessary after taking into account the availability of resources, the work programme and the matter under review.

Each O&S body is limited to one commission at a time to ensure availability of resources.

a) **Working Groups** – a small group of Councillors and Officers gathered to consider a specific issue and report back to the full Board/ Committee, or make recommendations to Cabinet or Council within a limited timescale. Working Groups usually meet once or twice, and are often non-public;

b) **Sub-Committees** – a group of Councillors delegated a specific aspect of the main Board/ Committee's work for ongoing, in-depth monitoring. May be time limited or be required as a long-standing Committee. Sub-Committees are often well suited to considering performance-based matters that require scrutiny oversight. Sub-Committees usually meet in public;

c) **Task and finish groups** – a small group of Councillors tasked with investigating a particular issue and making recommendations on this issue, with the aim of influencing wider Council policy. The area of investigation will be carefully scoped and will culminate in a final report, usually with recommendations to Cabinet or Council. Task and finish groups may work over the course of a number of months and take account of a wide variety of evidence, which can be resource intensive. For this reason, the number of these groups must be carefully prioritised by scrutiny members to ensure the work can progress at an appropriate pace for the final outcome to have influence;

d) **Inquiry Days** – with a similar purpose to task and finish groups, inquiry days seek to understand and make recommendations on an issue by talking to a wide range of stakeholders and considering evidence relating to that issue, within one or two days. Inquiry days have similarities to the work of Government Select Committees. Inquiry days are highly resource intensive but can lead to swift, meaningful outcomes and recommendations that can make a difference to Council policy; and

e) **Rapporteurs or scrutiny member champions** - individual Councillors or pairs of Councillors tasked with investigating or maintaining oversight of a particular issue and reporting back to the main Board/ Committee on its findings. A main Committee can use these reports to facilitate its work prioritisation. Rapporteurs will undertake informal work to understand an issue – such as discussions with Officers and Portfolio Holders, research and data analysis. Rapporteur work enables scrutiny members to collectively stay informed of a wide range of Council activity. This approach to the provision of information to scrutiny members also avoids valuable

Committee time being taken up with briefings in favour of more outcome-based scrutiny taking place at Committee.

These terms of reference should be read in conjunction with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules outlined in Part 4C of the Council's Constitution.

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Guidance notes:

- 2/3 items per committee meeting is the recommended maximum for effective scrutiny.
- The Children's Services O&S Committee will approach work through a lens of **TBC**
- Items requiring further scoping are identified and should be scoped using the Key Lines of Enquiry tool.

	Subject and background	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Report Information
Meeting Date: 11 March 2025				
1.	Children and Young People's Partnership Plan	Committee Report	Performance Improvement and Governance Interim Head of Performance Holder for Children and Young People	Was the fifth proactive priority chosen by the Committee
2.	Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	Committee Report	Head of Inclusion, Places, Admissions and Capital Senior Childcare Sufficiency and Funding Officer Holder for Children and Young People	For scrutiny ahead of Cabinet reviewing for approval.
3.	Speech and Language Therapy Update	Committee Report	Service Manager, NHS Dorset Lead for Children, Young People & Family Services	Was the third proactive priority chosen by the Committee
	SEND Improvement Update	Committee Report	Interim Director of Education	

Key: Pre-Decision Scrutiny Pro-active Scrutiny

			Holder for Children and Young People	
	Children's Services Key Performance Indicators Q3 2024-25	Information only by email circulation	Interim Head of Performance	
Meeting Date: 10 June 2025				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny consult Cabinet Forward Plan			
2.	Environmental Health Service Powers - To advise the Committee of the extent of environmental health services powers to ensure the remit of housing is of good quality and fit for purpose for care experienced young people.	TBC	Director of Housing and Corporate Director for Children's Services Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	Officer report requested by Committee. Delayed from December meeting due to resources.
3.	CAMHS Transformation Update	Committee Report	TBC	Was the second proactive priority chosen by the Committee Deferred from March meeting
	Youth Justice Service Plan 2025/2026	Committee Report	David Webb, Head of Service, Dorset Combined Youth Justice Service	Information only item as Committee can add no value
Meeting Date: 15 September 2025				

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1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny consult Cabinet Forward Plan			
2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
3.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
	Compliments and Complaints Report	Information only		
Meeting Date: 25 November 2025				
1.	Reserved for pre-decision or reactive scrutiny decision or reactive scrutiny consult Cabinet Forward Plan			
2.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
3.	Item to be selected from Pro-Active Scrutiny topic list			
	Safeguarding Annual Report	Information only		
Items with Dates to be allocated				
	Annual report from Corporate Parenting Board to include information on Children in Care To include details of any protected characteristics detailed within the Equalities Act	Committee Report	TBC	Enable the Committee to maintain oversight of this issue and target scrutiny as required.

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	Children's Services Data Toolkit	TBC	TBC	To enable the Committee to have a toolkit to consider data relating to CS
	Strengthening Families, Supporting Communities Update (New Service Delivery Model)	TBC	TBC	Was suggested by Officers but was not chosen as a priority by the Committee
	Post 16 Provision	TBC	TBC	Was suggested by Officers but was not chosen as a priority by the Committee
	CS Budget Updates	TBC	TBC	Was suggested by Officers but was not chosen as a priority by the Committee
Working Groups				
	Budget Development 2025/26	2 working group sessions.	Completed in w/c 11/11/24.	Agreed for inclusion of the workplan at the 24th July 24 meeting
	Family Hubs across BCP	Proposed outline of working group included in scrutiny request	TBC	Requires full scoping Appendix E - Request for consideration of an issue by OS Family Hubs - Cllr Brown 003.pdf (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)
	Transition of mental health services from children to adults			CS O&S CAMHS.docx Was chosen by the Committee as their top priority after conclusion

				of Family Hubs working group
	The increased use of and funding for TAs in schools to support SEND and increase inclusion			Scrutiny request form TAs.docx Was chosen as second priority
	Child Exploitation inc knife crime – To consider and track Cabinet's response to the recommendations and how they could potentially be furthered by the Committee and whether this topic should be revisited by a working group			Discussed at the meeting of 24 July 2024. Was chosen as third priority
	Parent / Carer Forums and wider family engagement channels used by BCP Children's Services and health colleagues			Scrutiny request form Was chosen as fourth priority
	Review of the quality of food served to children at our schools			Scrutiny request form School meals.docx Was chosen as fifth priority
Item Suggestions for Briefing Sessions				
	POTENTIAL BRIEFING SESSIONS	TBC	TBC	TBC
Update Items The following items of information have been requested as updates to the Committee. The Committee may wish to receive these in an alternative to format to Committee updates (e.g. by emailed briefing note outside of the Committee) to reserve capacity in Committee meetings for items of value-added scrutiny.				

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	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) To receive KPIs to include updates on CMOEs and NEETs	Committee Report	Head of Performance for Children and Young People Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	Consideration being given to include in data tool kit
Annual Report				
•	Virtual School Head Annual Report	Committee Report	Headteacher of Virtual School and College Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People	To be received annually in January as an annual update.
•	School Admissions Arrangements for community and maintained schools	Committee Report	Director of Education	To be received annually in September/November as an annual update.
•	Youth Offending Service Annual Youth Justice Plan	Committee Report	Service Manager, Dorset YJS	To be received annually in June as an annual update.
•	Annual Report from CPB to include info on CIC	Committee Report	TBC	TBC
•	Annual Report – Complaints and Compliments	Committee Report		To note the information only report – in March

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Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Plan	To set out for Cabinet's consideration and recommendation to Council the proposed 2025/26 budget and council tax.	No	Cabinet 5 Feb 2025	All Wards			Adam Richens	Open
Council Budget Monitoring 2024/25 Quarter Three	Budget monitoring	No	Cabinet 5 Feb 2025 Council 25 Feb 2025	All Wards	n/a	n/a	Adam Richens	Open

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Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting 2025/26	To set out the proposal for charges to council tenants and leaseholders and expenditure on council homes and services.	No	Cabinet 5 Feb 2025	All Wards	Council tenants and leaseholders BCP Homes Advisory Board Cabinet Member for Housing and Regulatory Services	Consultation will be through existing meetings with residents and Advisory Board.	Kelly Deane	Open
Review of the approach to Environmental Crime and Environmental Crime Policy	To consider the review of the approach to Environmental Crime and Environmental Crime Policy	No	Cabinet 5 Feb 2025	All Wards			Sophie Sajic	Open

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Corporate Fleet Replacement Programme - Phase 2	The report seeks ongoing endorsement of Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole Council's Fleet replacement Strategy that will continue to support the council wide Fleet Management De Carbonising and Replacement Programme for the next 3 years, 2025 - 2028 that proposes to continue with the investment in vehicle replacements to ensure a pathway approach that will help to ensure that BCP Council has fit for purpose, safe, reliable, cost effective and carbon reduced vehicles, plant and associated equipment assets, in the right place at the right time and at the right cost to support the strategic, corporate and service objectives of the Council.	No	Cabinet 5 Feb 2025	All Wards			Kate Langdown	Open

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Mainstream Schools Formula 2025/26	To agree the mainstream schools formula funded by the dedicated schools grant	No	Cabinet 5 Feb 2025 Council 25 Feb 2025	All Wards	Schools and Schools Forum in January 2025	January 2025	Nicola Webb	Open
School Admission Arrangements 2026/27	For determination of the arrangements which is an annual requirement of the School Admissions Code.	No	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 28 Jan 2025 Cabinet 5 Feb 2025	All Wards			Sharon Muldoon, Tanya Smith	Open
Public health update	To provide an update to Cabinet on the disaggregation of the public health shared service and plans to establish an embedded public health function.	No	Cabinet 5 Feb 2025	All Wards			Jillian Kay	Open

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Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations	To consider the draft recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and to make a recommendation to Council	Yes	Cabinet 5 Mar 2025 Council 25 Mar 2025	All Wards	Key stakeholders include existing parish and town councils, local community and residents' groups, local representatives and any other interested party.	Any interested party is invited to make submissions as part of Stage 1 of the Community Governance Review process. Participants may make submissions online through the Council's have your say portal, or in paper form through forms available at local libraries, hubs or upon request.	Janie Berry, Richard Jones	Open

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Corporate Performance Report - Q3	Progress update on performance against key measures in the Corporate Strategy	No	Cabinet 5 Mar 2025	All Wards	n/a	n/a	Isla Reynolds	Open
Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2025/26	Present recommended investment of Department for Transport (DfT) annual Local Transport Plan (LTP) capital grant for transport improvements and maintenance, and to present recommended delegation(s) to facilitate delivery of any approved spend. Intent is to inform recommendation from Cabinet to Council for approval of the recommendations.	Yes	Cabinet 5 Mar 2025	All Wards			Wendy Lane, Richard Pincroft	Open

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Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	To consider priorities and future spend of CIL.	Yes	Cabinet 5 Mar 2025	All Wards			Steve Dring	Open
Bournemouth Development Company LLP Business Plan	To seek approval for the Bournemouth Development Company Business Plan, extend some contractual "Option Execution Dates" in relation to specific sites and provide an update in relation to the independent Local Partnerships Review.	No	Cabinet 5 Mar 2025	Bournemouth Central			Amena Matin	Open

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Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)	To provide an update on the delivery of the current BSIP programme; to accept the £5.7m Bus Service Improvement Plan funding for 2025/26 from the Department for Transport; and to delegate delivery of the Bus Service Improvement Plan 2025/26 funding to the Service Director for Planning and Transport in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Mitigation, Energy and Environment.	Yes	Cabinet 5 Mar 2025	All Wards			John McVey	Open

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Climate Action Annual Report 2023/24	To inform Cabinet of progress made towards the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency commitments.	No	Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee 26 Feb 2025 Cabinet 5 Mar 2025	All Wards	CMB, Environment & Place Overview & Scrutiny Panel		Neil Short	Open
Planning Reforms and new Local Development Scheme	* To brief members on some changes to Government planning policy * To agree an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) as required by the Deputy Prime Minister within 12 weeks of the publication of the NPPF, i.e. by no later than 6 March 2025.	No	Cabinet 5 Mar 2025				Wendy Lane	Open

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Children's Services Capital Strategy 2025/26-2027/28	To set out the spending priorities for the Children's Services Capital Programme for the next 3 years and seek financial approval for the proposed schemes.	Yes	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 28 Jan 2025 Cabinet 5 Mar 2025	All Wards			Sharon Muldoon	Open
Cemetery Rules and Regulations Amendment	To bring back Cabinet a recommended position on section 3.12 of BCP Council's Cemetery Rules and Regulations Exclusive right of burial (grave purchase).	No	Cabinet 2 Apr 2025	All Wards			Kate Langdown, Ian Poultney	Open

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Bournemouth Air Festival	This report provides an update on the progress of the agreed options from the report presented to Cabinet on 2 October 2024, to seek external support to deliver and fund an Air Festival from 2026 onwards and recommends a way forward in relation to the future delivery of the Air Festival.	Yes	Cabinet 2 Apr 2025	All Wards			Amanda Barrie, Helen Wildman	Open
Investment & Development Directorate - Regeneration Programme	To provide a bi-annual update on the progress of the Council's regeneration programme	No	Overview and Scrutiny Board 24 Mar 2025 Cabinet 21 May 2025	All Wards			Amena Matin, Jonathan Thornton	Open

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Corporate Performance Report - Q4	Progress update on performance against key measures in the Corporate Strategy.	No	Cabinet 18 Jun 2025	All Wards	n/a	n/a	Isla Reynolds	Open
Corporate Performance Report - Q1	Progress update on performance against key measures in the Corporate Strategy.	No	Cabinet 3 Sep 2025	All Wards	n/a	n/a	Isla Reynolds	Open

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Community Governance Review - Final Recommendations	To consider the proposals of the Task and Finish Group and to recommend to Council the final recommendations for the review of community governance for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	Yes	Cabinet 1 Oct 2025 Council 14 Oct 2025	All Wards	Existing parish and town councils, local representatives, local community and residents' groups, residents within the areas proposed for any new local councils	This is defined as stage 3 of the process and will include a 12 week consultation period for any interested party to respond using both online and paper forms.	Janie Berry, Richard Jones	Open
Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4)	To present outputs from Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) consultation and to present proposed LTP4 Policy Document complete with Implementation Plan for approval/adoption.	Yes	Overview and Scrutiny Board 17 Nov 2025 Cabinet 26 Nov 2025 Council 9 Dec 2025	All Wards	Residents (BCP and neighbouring authorities), partners, organisations and businesses that operate/exist in BCP area and are impacted by transport.	Exact dates tbc, but 6 to 8 week public consultation required, note: LTP4 engagement was facilitated in Spring 2024.	Wendy Lane, Richard Pincroft	Open

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Corporate Performance Report - Q2	Progress update on performance against key measures in the Corporate Strategy.	No	Cabinet 26 Nov 2025	All Wards	n/a	n/a	Isla Reynolds	Open
Corporate Performance Report - Q3	Progress update on performance against key measures in the Corporate Strategy.	No	Cabinet 4 Mar 2026	All Wards	n/a	n/a	Isla Reynolds	Open
Junction Road Development	To seek approval to develop a section of green space and garage area to provide 4 new affordable rent homes as part of BCP Homes housing stock	Yes	Cabinet Council Dates to be confirmed	Hamworthy			Jonathan Thornton	Open

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DfE SEND review next steps	To consider the DfE review next steps	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed				Rachel Gravett, Shirley McGillick, Sharon Muldoon	Fully exempt
Children's Services Early Help Offer	Summary of findings and recommendations from an ongoing review of our current Early Help services	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards			Zafer Yilkan	Open

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Adult Social Care Business Case	Adult Social Care services locally and nationally have faced significant challenges in recent years, and as a result the Council is holding significant risk in relation to the ability of the Council to deliver its statutory responsibilities to adults that require support within the available budget. The nature of these challenges means that long term, sustainable change is needed to ensure that BCP Council Adult Social Care services (ASCS) are modern, fit for the future and affordable. This business case sets out a proposal for initial investment in Adult Social Care transformation that will lead to improved outcomes for adults that draw on support in BCP and support the Council to deliver this within the available financial envelope.	Yes	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards				Open