

# Notice of Corporate Parenting Board



Date: Monday, 16 March 2026 at 5.00 pm

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

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## Membership:

### Chairman:

Cllr R Burton

**Vice Chairman:** Vacant

Cllr S Mackrow  
Cllr A-M Moriarty  
Cllr L Northover  
Cathi Hadley  
Juliette Blake  
Shan Searle

Louise Maple  
Kelly Deane  
Nicola Cannings  
Fostering Representative  
Insight Representative

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Unite Representative  
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All Members of the Corporate Parenting Board are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Claire Johnston - 01202 123663 or email [claire.johnston@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:claire.johnston@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

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Please note that due to the sensitive nature of information being considered by this Board this meeting is not open to the public.

AIDAN DUNN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2 March 2026

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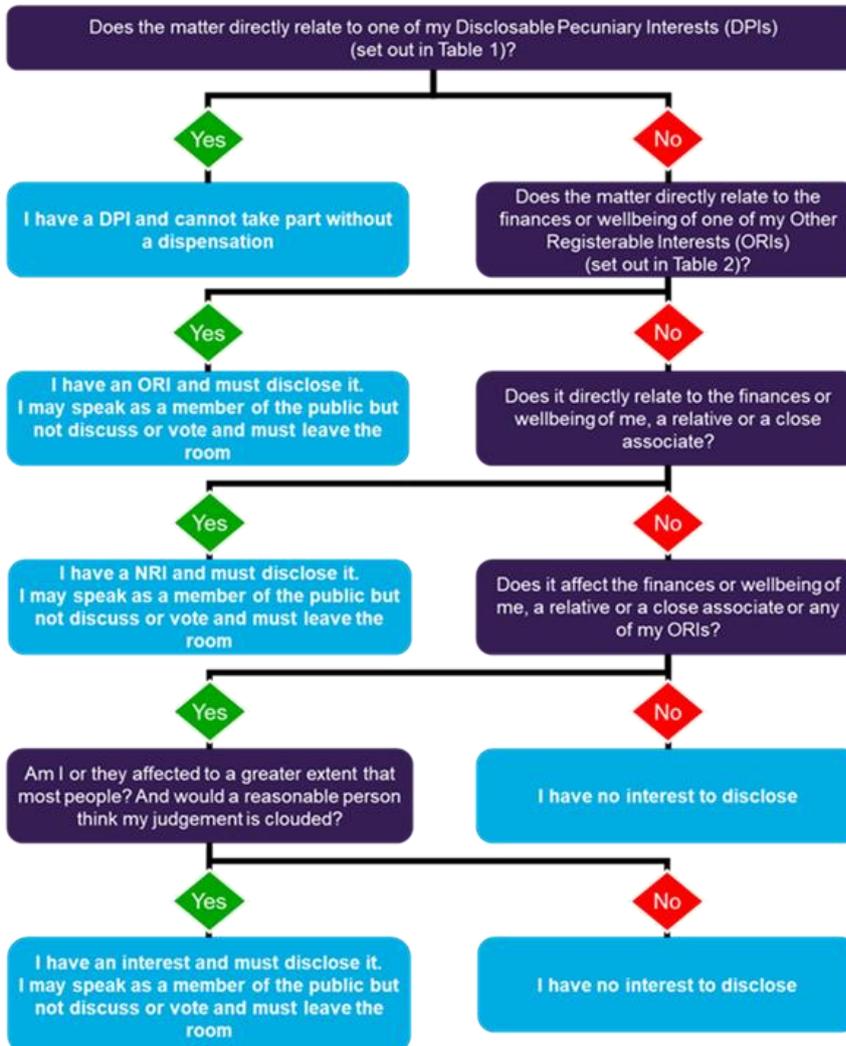


## Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

### Declaring interests at meetings

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

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



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

Bias and predetermination are common law concepts. If they affect you, your participation in the meeting may call into question the decision arrived at on the item.

#### Bias Test

In all the circumstances, would it lead a fair minded and informed observer to conclude that there was a real possibility or a real danger that the decision maker was biased?

#### Predetermination Test

At the time of making the decision, did the decision maker have a closed mind?

If a councillor appears to be biased or to have predetermined their decision, they must NOT participate in the meeting.

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer

### Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

### Integrity

Councillors must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships

### Objectivity

Councillors must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias

### Accountability

Councillors are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this

### Openness

Councillors should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing

### Honesty & Integrity

Councillors should act with honesty and integrity and should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned

### Leadership

Councillors should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs

# AGENDA

## 1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence for the meeting.

## 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.

Any other members of the Board may declare an interest for the purpose of transparency.

## 4. Confirmation of Minutes

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To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 15 December 2025.

## 5. Young Persons Voice

Icebreaker item led by Young People and the Participation Team for everyone at the Board meeting to participate in.

## 6. Corporate Parenting Report Pledges Progress

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This report provides an update on progress against the three Corporate Parenting pledges agreed by the Corporate Parenting Board:

- expanding work experience opportunities
- increasing access to discounts and wellbeing support
- improving digital inclusion for Care Experienced Young People (CEYP).

## 7. Aspire Adoption Annual Report 1st April 2024 to 31st of March 2025

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BCP Council has a duty under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 to establish and maintain an adoption service for its area.

BCP Council along with Dorset Council discharges this duty through a delegation of functions to Aspire Adoption, a Regional Adoption Agency.

BCP retains overall responsibility for its adoption and special guardianship services, continuing to have parental responsibility for its own Children in Care but most adoption and some special guardianship functions are delegated to Aspire Adoption. Special Guardianship function returned to the Local Authority in April 2025.

BCP Council Host Aspire Adoption Services as the Regional Adoption Agency.

The appended report is the eighth annual adoption report produced by Aspire Adoption, summarising the work of the agency in the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. It has been written to ensure and provides the Council with an opportunity to satisfy itself that the requirements of the Statutory Adoption Guidance 2013 and the Adoption Minimum Standards 2014 are met.

This report provides a summary of the operational and strategic activity of Aspire Regional Adoption Agency.

**8. Children in Care/Care Experienced Young People Data and Analysis Report** 51 - 68

Quarterly updating performance data summary for children in Care and Care Experienced young people open to BCP Council.

**9. Forward Plan** 69 - 70

To consider and amend the Board's Forward Plan as appropriate.

**10. Future Meeting Dates**

The Board is asked to note the future dates arranged for meetings of the Board as follows:

- Monday 22 June 2026 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm
- Monday 28 September 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- Monday 14 December 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm

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.