

# Notice of Audit and Governance Committee



Date: Thursday, 28 May 2026 at 6.00 pm

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

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## Membership:

### Chairman:

Cllr E Connolly

### Vice Chairman:

Cllr M Andrews

Cllr S Bartlett

Cllr J Beesley

Cllr M Phipps

Cllr J Salmon

Cllr V Slade

Cllr M Tarling

Cllr T Trent

## Independent persons:

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All Members of the Audit and Governance Committee are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

The press and public are welcome to view the live stream of this meeting at the following link:

<https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=6434>

If you would like any further information on the items to be considered at the meeting please contact: Democratic Services on 01202 096660 or email [democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

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AIDAN DUNN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

19 May 2026

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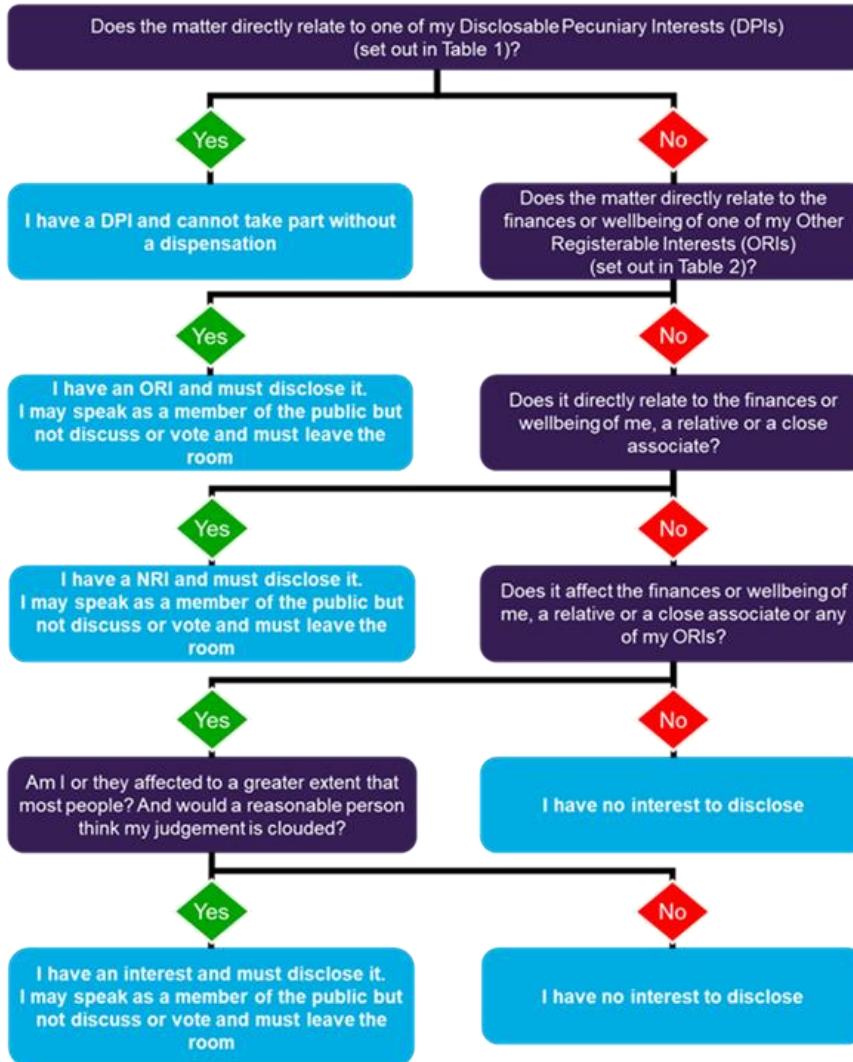


## Maintaining and promoting high standards of conduct

### Declaring interests at meetings

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

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



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

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

#### Bias Test

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

#### Predetermination Test

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

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

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer

### Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

### Integrity

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

### Objectivity

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

### Accountability

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

### Openness

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

### Honesty & Integrity

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

### Leadership

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

# AGENDA

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

**1. Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

**2. 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. Election of Chair**

To elect the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.

**4. Election of Vice Chair**

To elect the Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.

**5. 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.

**6. Confirmation of Minutes**

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2026.

To seek the Committee's agreement to correct the following typographical error in the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2026:

Minute number 101. External Audit Finding Report and Statement of Accounts 2024/25

It was agreed to ask the Head of People and Culture to circulate to committee members details of the six exit packages for the £200,001\* cost band and above for 2024/25.

\* amend to read "£120,001"

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**a) Action Sheet**

To consider any outstanding actions from previous meetings.

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## **7. Public Issues**

To receive any public questions, statements or petitions submitted in accordance with the Constitution. Further information on the requirements for submitting these is available to view at the following link:-

<https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=151&Info=1&bcr=1>

The deadline for the submission of public questions is midday on Thursday 21 May 2026 [midday 3 clear working days before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a statement is midday on Wednesday 27 May 2026 [midday the working day before the meeting].

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Wednesday 13 May 2026 [10 working days before the meeting].

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **8. External Auditor – Audit Progress & Sector Update**

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Grant Thornton, as the Council's appointed External Auditors, have produced a report (Appendix A) which provides an update to the Audit & Governance Committee on their progress to date in delivering their responsibilities. The report provides an update on their audit work.

### **9. Appointment of Independent Members**

To receive a verbal update on the appointment of Independent Members.

### **10. Exclusion of Press and Public**

In relation to the items of business appearing below, the Committee is asked to consider the following resolution: -

'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 Paragraph 3 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.'

### **11. Governance Process for regeneration (Carters Quay)**

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This report sets out a review of the Carter's Quay acquisition as requested by Audit and Governance Committee in July 2025 with a focus on the Council's governance processes for regeneration projects.

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.