Notice of Council

Date: Tuesday, 28 July 2026 at 7.00 pm

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

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All Members of the Council are summoned to attend this meeting to consider the items of business set out on the agenda below.

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AIDAN DUNN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

20 July 2026

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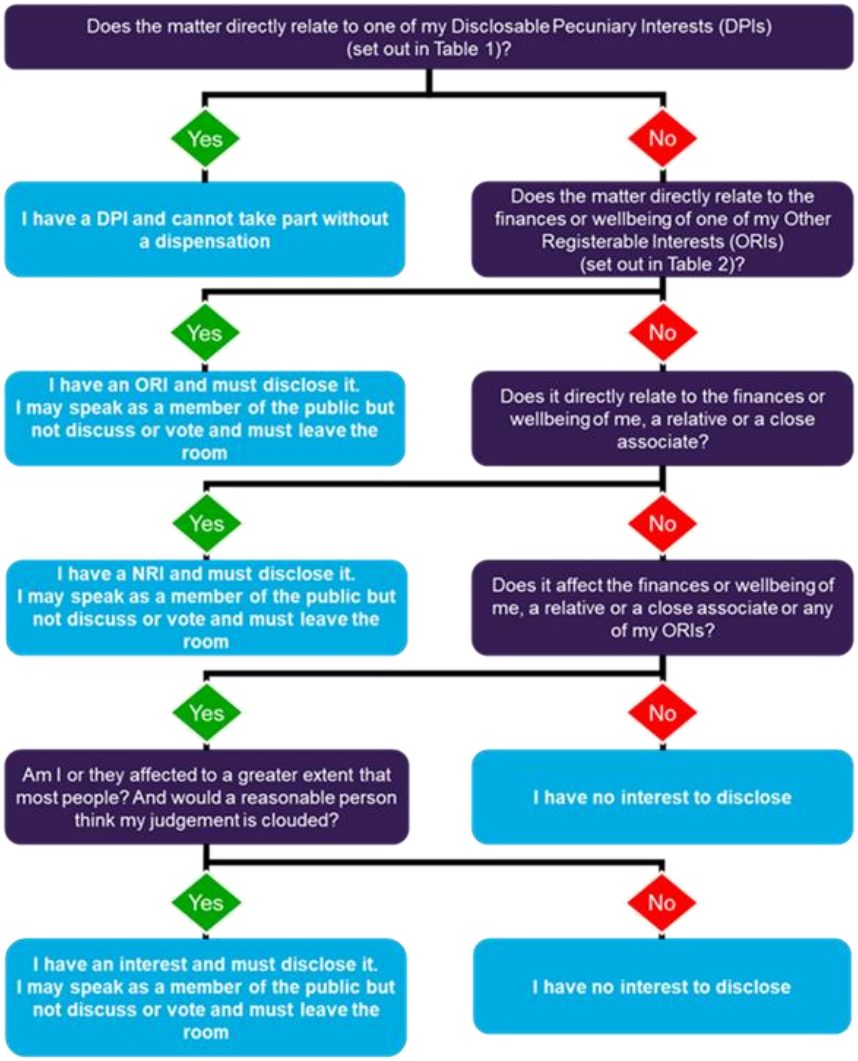
Declaring interests at meetings

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

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

For more information or advice please contact the Monitoring Officer

Selflessness

Councillors should act solely in terms of the public interest

Integrity

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

Objectivity

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

Accountability

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

Openness

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

Honesty & Integrity

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

Leadership

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

AGENDA

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

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence from Councillors.

2. Declarations of Interests

Councillors are requested to declare any interests on items included in this agenda. Please refer to the workflow on the preceding page for guidance.

Declarations received will be reported at the meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes 9 - 48

To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2026 and reconvened on the 12 May 2026 and the Annual Meeting on 12 May 2026.

4. Announcements and Introductions from the Chairman

To receive any announcements from the Chairman.

5. Public Issues

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

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

The deadline for the submission of public questions is mid-day Wednesday 22 July 2026 (mid-day 3 clear working days before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a statement is mid-day Monday 27 July 2026 (mid-day the working day before the meeting).

The deadline for the submission of a petition is Tuesday 14 July 2026 (10 working days before the meeting).

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Recommendations from Cabinet and Committees

6. Cabinet 22 July 2026

To consider the recommendations arising from the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 22 July 2026. The recommendations will be circulated as soon as practicably possible following the meeting of the Cabinet. A copy of the reports and appendices to the Cabinet have been published and are available on the Councils website on the following link:

https://democracy.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=285&MId=6484&Ver=4&LO=1

7. Appointment of Independent co-opted persons to Audit & Governance (A&G) Committee 49 - 58

This report asks Council to approve the appointment of two independent co-opted persons to the Audit & Governance (A&G) Committee, in line with CIPFA best practice guidance that encourages the inclusion of independent perspectives to strengthen local authority audit functions.

Independent persons will enhance the committee's effectiveness by providing impartial challenge, additional expertise and assurance on governance and financial matters, without holding voting rights.

BCP Council adopted best practice in 2023 when it first introduced independent person to the A&G Committee, the tenure of the first two incumbents came to an end on 31/3/2026.

The Constitution stipulates that without formal delegation only Council can approve to co-opt individuals onto respective Council Committees; there is currently no such delegation in place for the A&G Committee.

A comprehensive recruitment and selection process has been undertaken, including open advertisement, shortlisting, and formal interviews conducted by a cross-party panel of councillors, agreed by A&G committee. From nine initial applicants, four candidates were shortlisted and interviewed using a consistent scoring methodology. The panel reached unanimous agreement on the two highest-ranked candidates, following independent scoring and due diligence checks to confirm their independence and suitability.

The proposed appointments are for an initial term covering the 2026/27 and 2027/28 municipal years, with an option to extend for up to two further years. Both candidates have provisionally accepted the roles, subject to formal endorsement by full Council. Following approval, onboarding arrangements will include induction, system access, and compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct and declaration requirements.

[PLEASE NOTE: Should the Cabinet wish to discuss the detail of the confidential appendix at Appendix 1 the meeting will be required to move into Confidential (Exempt) Session].

8. Notices of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 10

Motion to Council: Provision of Council Meeting Facilities for Parish and Town Councils Without Charge

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor Gillian Martin.

Council Notes That:

1. On 1st April 2019, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council was established as the principal local authority for the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area following local government reorganisation.
2. The parish and town councils within the BCP area were established under legislation and governance arrangements administered by principal authorities and form part of the wider family of local government serving local communities.

3. On 1st April 2026 Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council brought Bournemouth Town Council, Poole Town Council and Broadstone Parish Council into being. Thus, BCP was the principal authority administering the process.
4. Parish and town councils are funded through local precepts paid directly by residents and businesses within their respective parish areas.
5. Charges imposed by BCP Council policy for the hire of meeting rooms and facilities are ultimately funded by those same local taxpayers through parish and town council precepts.
6. Every pound spent by a parish or town council on room hire is a pound unavailable for local services, environmental improvements, community projects and support for residents at a local level.
7. The Mayor of Bournemouth, Mayor of Christchurch, Mayor of Poole and Sheriff of Poole play an enormous part in maintaining our history and civic pride.

Council Believes That:

1. All tiers of local government should work collaboratively to maximise value for money for local taxpayers.
2. Public funds should not be unnecessarily transferred between local authorities, where doing so delivers no direct benefit to residents.
3. BCP Council should support and encourage strong, effective and financially sustainable parish and town councils.
4. Local taxpayers should see as much of their parish precept as possible spent on community benefit rather than administrative overheads.
5. The provision of meeting accommodation by BCP Council would represent a practical demonstration of its commitment to local democracy and partnership working.

Council Resolves To:

Request the Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer, to bring forward a report setting out the legal, financial, operational and property implications of providing meeting rooms , civic facilities, parking and storage facilities to parish or town councils without charge, including options for implementation, before any final policy decision is made.

Purpose of the Motion

The purpose of this motion is to explore a potential to reduce unnecessary expenditure incurred by parish and town councils by carrying out a costing exercise, thereby putting BCP Council in an informed position to debate future policy regarding charges levied by BCP council against the 8 town and parish councils within the BCP area. This is to potentially protect money raised from residents through additional parish precepts. As the principal authority for the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area, BCP Council should put itself in a position to consider supporting local democracy by making suitable meeting facilities available without charge to town and parish councils as a matter of policy. Thus, ensuring that locally

raised funds remain within local communities and are directed towards services and projects that benefit residents rather than administrative costs.

Motion to Full Council: Age Friendly Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole

The following motion submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Meeting Procedure Rules has been proposed by Councillor S Moore.

This Council Notes:

- The Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole conurbation has more older adults than the national average, and this group is growing faster than any other. The 2021 Census data shows that people aged 55-59 increased by 27.3% and those aged 70-74 increased by 39.5%.
- There are currently 166,000 older people aged 50 or over in the BCP area, expected to rise to 181,000 by 2031(41% of the total population). There is a significant presence of post war and sixties baby boomers. As a result, population growth will be primarily among those aged 75-84 in the short term to 2026, and those aged 64-74 and 85 plus in the medium term to 2031.
- Around 13% of people aged 60 or over in the BCP area live in relative poverty, with significant variation across neighbourhoods.
- Our ageing population is a primary driver of adult social care demand. There was an increase in new requests for support of 28% from 2022/23 to 2023/24 for people aged 18-64, and an increase of 7% for older people aged 65+.
- There are notable health inequalities in BCP, with more deprived areas experiencing poorer health and lower life expectancy, highlighting the need for targeted interventions. The importance of addressing these inequalities to improve outcomes for older residents has been recognised by this council and requires BCP Council to plan strategically to meet the needs of our growing older population to ensure individuals can age well.
- Nationally, there is a lower pension credit uptake than those eligible to receive it. In the BCP area an estimated 6000 people are not claiming pension credit despite being eligible.
- People aged 50 and over contribute disproportionately to unpaid care, often balancing this with work, and a higher proportion of women are involved in caregiving roles. There are 21,000 unpaid carers aged 50 plus in the BCP area, almost 2/3 of all unpaid carers. Supporting unpaid carers is a key focus for this council.
- Supporting older workers to remain in fulfilling work through accommodating changing health needs and caring responsibilities and providing access to training and development into later life is very important and another key focus for this council.
- Car ownership decreases with age, impacting mobility and increasing reliance on public or community transport. Evidence suggests concessionary bus passes encourage older people to be more active and make trips they would not otherwise make if they

had to pay.

- Concessionary bus pass uptake in the BCP area is high, especially among the 75-84 age group, but lower for women aged 85 plus. This council recognises the importance of good access to public transport to help reduce social isolation.

This Council further notes:

- We want Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole to be age friendly places to live, work and visit.
- We acknowledge older adults in their mid-60's to mid-70's are actively engaged in volunteering and contribute significantly to their communities.
- BCP Council is committed to supporting older people to live healthy, purposeful, independent, connected and fulfilling lives. The Council commissions, funds and provides a range of provision for older people living in the conurbations, across health, (including public health and adult social care), housing, environment, transport and the community voluntary sector.
- We have teamed up with partners to make our communities more age friendly. We believe that talking about healthy aging and improving accessibility can help everyone, including future generations.
- BCP is part of the Centre for Ageing Better's Network of Age Friendly Communities, and our local Age Friendly Community work has been highlighted in the Centre for Ageing Better's Age Friendly Communities Impact report.
- We have now been recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and joined their Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

This Council Resolves to:

- Continue to recruit Age Friendly Ambassadors to set out priorities for engagement with residents including Pension Credit Awareness and Age Friendly Training. Ambassadors will also support International Day of Older People, create support resources (BCP Carer Support Podcast) and help the role grow.
- Continue training staff with support from the Age Friendly Ambassadors. This includes "What is an Age Friendly Community and why this is important in BCP and Ageism Awareness and Age Friendly Communication. In person Dementia Training is also delivered by the Prama Life manager.
- Continue helping older adults maintain strong social connections because being part of a community helps reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation
- Continue working with local businesses and Bournemouth BID to improve Age Friendliness of Bournemouth Town Centre through initiative such as the "take a seat" campaign.
- BCP Council to sign the Age Friendly Employer Pledge, as requested. This is a commitment made by employers to celebrate

the value of older workers and help improve the recruitment, retention and development of people over 50, recognise the importance of older workers and aim to provide an inclusive environment to staff regardless of their age of background.

- To encourage every BCP councillor to sign the BCP Age Friendly Communities Charter as a way of showing commitment to age friendly principles. BCP Age Friendly Charter This charter was created from listening to older residents about what they felt was important to create an Age Friendly Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

9. Questions from Councillors

The deadline for questions to be submitted to the Monitoring Officer is Monday 20 July 2026.

10. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution

To consider any urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.