

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 February 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr D A Flagg – Chairman
Cllr G Farquhar – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr H Allen, Cllr L Allison, Cllr M Anderson, Cllr S C Anderson, Cllr M Andrews, Cllr J Bagwell, Cllr S Baron, Cllr S Bartlett, Cllr J Beesley, Cllr D Borthwick, Cllr P Broadhead, Cllr M F Brooke, Cllr N Brooks, Cllr D Brown, Cllr S Bull, Cllr C R Bungey, Cllr R Burton, Cllr D Butler, Cllr D Butt, Cllr J J Butt, Cllr E Coope, Cllr M Cox, Cllr M Davies, Cllr N Decent, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr B Dion, Cllr B Dove, Cllr B Dunlop, Cllr M Earl, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr L-J Evans, Cllr D Farr, Cllr L Fear, Cllr A Filer, Cllr N C Geary, Cllr M Greene, Cllr N Greene, Cllr A Hadley, Cllr M Haines, Cllr N Hedges, Cllr P Hilliard, Cllr M Howell, Cllr M Iyengar, Cllr C Johnson, Cllr T Johnson, Cllr A Jones, Cllr J Kelly, Cllr D Kelsey, Cllr R Lawton, Cllr M Le Poidevin, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr R Maidment, Cllr C Matthews, Cllr S McCormack, Cllr D Mellor, Cllr P Miles, Cllr S Moore, Cllr L Northover, Cllr T O'Neill, Cllr P Parrish, Cllr S Phillips, Cllr M Phipps, Cllr K Rampton, Cllr Dr F Rice, Cllr C Rigby, Cllr R Rocca, Cllr M Robson, Cllr V Slade, Cllr A M Stribley, Cllr T Trent, Cllr M White, Cllr L Williams and Cllr K Wilson

54. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor P Hall.

55. Declarations of Interests

Councillor M Brooke in respect of agenda item 7D minute no 134 Cotlands Road and York Road Site Development Plan declared that he was a Member of the Bournemouth Development Company.

Councillors were advised that all members of the Council had been granted a dispensation by the Monitoring Officer to take part in debate and vote on the Budget and Council Tax proposals.

56. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 December 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

57. Chairman's Announcements and Introduction

There were no announcements for this meeting.

58. Public Issues

The Chairman advised that 5 public questions and 3 statements have been submitted for the meeting.

Public Question from Graham Chandler

In June 2019 the Public Toilets at Lake Pier were closed in respect of maintenance issues. An Election Pledge, made by the now Leader of BCP, was to refurbish and open closed toilets. Lake Pier was one of those specifically identified. Visitors to Rockley park use the beach at Lake Pier and the car park is invariably full to capacity with people who come to enjoy water sports. Can the Leader provide detailed assurance of when the refurbished building will be brought back in to use, or new facility, will be affected?

Response by Councillor Vikki Slade (Leader of the Council)

The agreed re-opening and refurbishment programme has been formulated to avoid peak periods such as school holidays as it is preferable to not carry out works during these periods and utilise 'windows of opportunity' in early and late Spring and Autumn. All refurbishments are extensive and not just decoration due to the serious deterioration in the infrastructure of buildings such as walls, roofs, plumbing and electrics.

The Quay toilet was refurbished and re-opened in October 2019, works are currently in progress to re-furbish Poole Park toilets and The Haven is programmed to be refurbished in the Autumn.

Lake Pier was essentially condemned and closed due to notice being served by Building Surveyors resulting from roof failure and extensive damage to the internal electrics. The pumping station outside the building which is integral to the process of conveying waste up the nearby steep slope to connect with the water company's sewage system is also defective.

The funding allocation provides a one off opportunity to improve the facilities for residents and visitors at Lake Pier and, rather than extensively refurbish and re-open a toilet block that is potentially too large for its actual need, it could be linked with an adjacent café; either in its current position or in another part of the car park. Due to the nearby Site of Special Scientific Interest any change in this area has to be agreed with Natural England and Planning Authority and these discussions are taking place. Work is also well underway on potential designs, together with contingency plans to refurbish and re-open the public toilet block and to replace the sewage pumping station in the event that agreement is not reached.

It should also be noted that temporary toilets have been in place at this location since it was closed.

Public Question from Ian Clark

Wessex Fields Development and Consultation

The funding for phase 1 of the Wessex Fields development includes provision for 500 jobs. The current plan is to only build the road from the

A338 up to the boundary line of the development until a decision is made as to the use of the site which is currently out for consultation.

Can the council answer:

- a) How much funding is going to be received for phase 1 of the development and what is the projected cost of building the road to the boundary line.
- b) What is the timeframe for utilising all the phase 1 funding.
- c) When will the result of the consultation be made public.

Response by Councillor Andy Hadley (Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure)

Thank you Ian for your questions concerning Wessex Fields.

- a) How much funding is going to be received for phase 1 of the development and what is the projected cost of building the road to the boundary line.

Phase 1 of the development, which includes the junction from the A338 and the road to the boundary of the development site, has a budget of £3.2M which will be funded by DLEP. Currently, the projected construction costs for phase 1 are within budget.

- b) What is the timeframe for utilising all the phase 1 funding.

The timeframe for utilising all of the Phase 1 funding, set by DLEP, is March 2021. However, these works are currently programmed to be completed by September 2020, well within the funding window.

- c) When will the result of the consultation be made public.

A cabinet paper is being prepared which analyses the results of the public consultation, which closed on 31 January 2020. The paper will be considered for recommendation at the cabinet meeting on 18 March 2020. The agenda and papers for consideration will be published by close of business on 10 March and will be available online. Minutes showing the result of the cabinet meeting will be published afterwards in the same location on the BCP website.

Public Question from Melissa Byers (the question was read out Marion Burgess)

I'm a parent of a child with Special Educational Needs. Myself, and charity "Parent Carer Foundation" ask: Will Council request and support a Scrutiny Commission Review to assess the impact of 20 percent funding cuts created by Banded funding for all children with Special Educational Needs and hold a full review of the current state of SEND. Failing to consider issues is having grave consequences and raises accountability questions. In "Overview and Scrutiny Board Minutes" (item 6a) submitted to Council, the Portfolio Holder presents a focus on reduced funding. Families and schools need to be independently assessed.

Response by Councillor Sandra Moore (Portfolio Holder for Children and Families)

I thank you for your question.

I would like to assure you that improving services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities represents one of the highest priorities for BCP council and the Health and Wellbeing Board has already adopted the SEND agenda as one of its key priorities.

To support future improvements in this important area, the council invited the LGA to undertake a 4 day review on all matters linked to SEND. This involved the council, partners, including Health and the CCG, schools, parents/carers, children and young people. The review identified areas of strength but did also identify areas where improvements are required. The LGA will be producing a full report and when it is received, we will be able to provide more detailed feedback to partners and stakeholders, including parents, on the findings of the review.

A peer review of the virtual school, who oversee outcomes for children in care, has also just taken place and we await the outcome. These reviews, I believe, show this council is intent on improving its services for vulnerable children across the whole system.

Significant work has already been planned to support more immediate improvements in SEND and these are captured in the SEND & Inclusion Development Plan which is overseen by a multi-agency group, including a rep from the Parent Carer Forum, and chaired by the Director for Inclusion and Family Services.

The new Family Support strategy will also help support the more vulnerable children and families, including those with SEND.

Regarding the Overview and Scrutiny Board Minutes (item 6a) this refers to the government funded ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant and the underfunding of the High Needs Block which, of course, links to the SEND issue. However, there are no proposals to reduce services, support or arrangements to SEND services from this council.

There are plans in place, however, to address the causes that sit behind the High Needs Block funding, and to ensure we have more, high quality, local provision. There has also been a refocusing of BCP resources in this area to ensure a priority response to those children and families who are most challenged, for whatever reason.

In conclusion, I would like to reassure you that improving SEND services does represent one of the highest priorities for BCP council.

Again, I thank you for your question.

Public Question from Susan Chapman

With the latest desperate warnings of "global systemic collapse" I highlighted to Cabinet last week yet with widespread ignorance and paralysis as YouthStrike4Climate demonstrated on Valentine's Day please can BCP act on the recommendations (for greater BCP ambition) of East Dorset Friends of the Earth's Climate Action Plan Report and

- a. circulate it to all councillors and council officers
- b. welcome the help of the Centre for Alternative Technology who are planning zero carbon courses locally this year

c. communicate the following slideshow and other information to all councillors and officers with a user-friendly version for the general public

<https://www.slideshare.net/VickeyBartlett/nikki-jones-freelance-researcherwriter-global-uk-energy>

Response by Councillor Felicity Rice (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change)

Thank you for your question and for highlighting the excellent work done by the Centre for Alternative Technology. I know people that have worked at the centre and I have visited the site, and would thoroughly recommend a trip to all councillors. Set in a beautiful spot in Wales, it's a long trip, but very interesting.

The Council welcomes all engagement on the subject of the Climate & Ecological Emergency and we will be engaging with residents shortly on how we can best tackle this important subject. In the meantime we will continue to encourage all officers and Members to consider how they might contribute to the solutions necessary to meet this agenda.

We have arranged for a presenter from Zero Carbon Dorset, the local advocate for the Centre of Alternative Technology's 'Zero Carbon Britain' initiative, to speak to Members and officers on the scale of the climate problem and ways to address the Emergency, and the Council will be taking part in their next conference, which is currently being planned for 20th March at Bournemouth University. The report and slideshow referred to will be made available to our Climate Action Members Working Groups for consideration for making it available to all officers within the council along with other climate emergency material. Many thanks for the suggestion and your on-going support and dedication to help the council achieve the necessary steps to tackling climate change urgently.

Public Question from Graham Tuffin

Talbot Village Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch is concerned about the way the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund will be apportioned by BCP Council in the future. There are many changes due to take place in our Neighbourhood (likely to require local infrastructure projects), some as a result of our close proximity to the Universities. Will the "CIL" raised by each Council Ward be "ring fenced" to be used by that ward, as happened in Bournemouth Council in the past?

Response by Councillor Margaret Phipps (Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning)

Cabinet has agreed a new system for distribution of the CIL Neighbourhood Portion from 1st October 2020, that will enable communities to bid into a central pot for local infrastructure projects rather than retaining money on a ward basis. This is a proven system which has been operating successfully in Poole. Bournemouth individual wards can still currently submit bids to spend the money available to them. After 1st October any left over funds will be transferred into the central pot.

Cabinet will be closely overseeing the setting up and bidding arrangements for the new BCP system to ensure that the CIL Neighbourhood Portion is distributed in a fair and equitable way that addresses the demands

development puts on BCP's communities. Once the new system has been in operation for a year, it will be reviewed to check its effectiveness.

The Council is also starting work in its first Infrastructure Funding Statement for the part of the CIL monies which is available for strategic use. We will work directly with infrastructure providers, Councillors and communities to identify and prioritise strategic infrastructure needs across BCP. These wider CIL monies will then be directed towards delivering the key infrastructure projects needed to support areas where development is planned, such as at the Universities.

In addition, the Council will ensure that the direct impact of development will be mitigated through Section 106 planning obligations to provide necessary infrastructure and support existing communities where new development will be located.

Overall, the new approach to distributing CIL funding is expected to deliver the right balance between delivering both local and more strategic infrastructure projects, to ensure that new development can be accommodated without harm to our existing communities.

A Public Statement had been received from David Brown on 5G but he was not in attendance to read out the statement.

Public Statement from Emma Johnson on 5G

In the words of Dr Martin Pall: "Putting in tens of millions of 5G antennae without a single biological test of safety has got to be about the stupidest idea anyone has had in the history of the world."

273 independent scientists and doctors signed the 5G Appeal urgently calling for the EU to halt the rollout of 5G due to serious potential health effects from this new, untested, unregulated and uninsurable technology.

On 22 February we have the second 5G & EMFs Community Meeting for BCP at the Beaufort Community Centre in Southbourne. I urge you all to consider attending to learn more about this very real issue.

Public Statement from Amy Tarr on 5G

BCP Council are relying on ICNIPP guidelines to set exposure levels but these levels were based on the heating effects of devices on adults and their test case was a US military man. They don't take into account:

- prolonged exposure
 - non-ionising radiation which has been proven to cause DNA damage and oxidative stress
 - Children, who have much thinner skulls than a US military man and developing systems that are much more susceptible to this radiation
 - the effect on the animals, insects and plants
 - 5G will be deposited in the skin where sweat glands will act as antenna.
- There were no petitions submitted for this meeting.

59. Record of Decisions of Cabinet and minutes of other Committees

The Committee Minutes for the last cycle of meetings were received.
Voting: Agreed

60. Recommendations arising from Cabinet and other Committees

A - Audit and Governance Committee 23 January 2020

The following recommendation arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 23 January 2020 was then considered and approved:-

Minute No 63 - BCP Constitution

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report on voting on appointments and proposed approval as set out on the agenda.

Voting: Agreed

B – Cabinet 20 December 2019

The following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 20 December 2019 were then considered and approved:-

Minute No 98 – Bournemouth International Centre (BIC) short to medium investment plan

The Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Leisure and Communities presented the report and proposed approval as set out on the agenda. He outlined the development of the Plan.

Voting: Agreed

Minute No 102 – Poole Harbour Recreation Supplementary Planning Document

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning presented the report and proposed approval as set out on the agenda. She outlined the detail of the Plan and preparation in consultation with Dorset Council.

Voting: Agreed

C – Cabinet 15 January 2020

The following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 January 2020 were then considered and approved:-

Minute No 110 - Transition to a Sustainable Fleet Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change presented the report and proposed approval as set out on the agenda.

A Councillor sought clarification on recommendation c and asked what quantity, type and cost deemed a vehicle critical. The Portfolio Holder reported that there had been discussion at the Overview and Scrutiny Board and a detailed spreadsheet setting out the variety of vehicles and the prioritisation prepared which she would provide to the Councillor.

Voting: Agreed

Minute No 115 – Council Tax Base 2020/21

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented the report and proposed approval as set out on the agenda. He explained that this was a technical report consistent with the relevant legislation which would result in three separate council tax levels.

Voting: Agreed

D – Cabinet 12 February 2020

The following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 February 2020 were then considered and approved:-

Minute No 134 – Cotlands Road and York Road Site Development Plan (SDP)

The Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture presented the report and proposed approval as set out on the agenda. He reported that the recommendations related to the Council's joint venture with the Bournemouth Development Company on the development of the Cotlands Road and York Road car parks.

Voting: Agreed

Minute No 124 - Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring Report 2019-20

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented the report and proposed approval as set out on the agenda. In presenting the recommendation he outlined the budget position for 2019-20.

Voting: Agreed

The Chairman reported that the following recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 12 February 2020 related to the budget and therefore Members were reminded that under Regulation 2 of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 votes taken at key budget decision meetings were recorded in the minutes.

Minute No 125 – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting

The Portfolio Holder for Housing presented the report and proposed approval as set out on the agenda.

A recorded vote was taken on the recommendations.

For

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Marion LePoidevin
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr Lisa Lewis
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Rachel Maidment
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Chris Matthews
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr L-J Edwards	Cllr Simon McCormack
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Drew Mellor
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Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Andy Jones	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Jane Kelly	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr David Kelsey	Cllr Kieron Wilson

Voting: For – 75; Against – 0; Abstentions – 0

Minute No 123 – Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools and Early Years Funding Formulae 2020/21

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented the report. In moving the recommendations, he referred to the revised recommendations as detailed below included in a briefing paper which had been circulated to all Councillors outlining the reason for the revised recommendations.

a) The early years formula base rate is increased from 2019/20 by £0.13 per hour for 2-year olds and £0.12 per hour for 3 and 4-year olds.

b) The mainstream school’s formula is set to mirror the National Funding Formula (NFF).

c) and d) are no longer required.

e) unchanged.

A recorded vote was taken on the recommendations as revised above.

For

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Marion LePoidevin
Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr Lisa Lewis
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Rachel Maidment
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr Chris Matthews
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr L-J Edwards	Cllr Simon McCormack
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Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Andy Jones	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Jane Kelly	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr David Kelsey	Cllr Kieron Wilson
Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Bob Lawton	

Against – none

Abstentions - Cllr Diana Butler

Voting: For – 74; Against – 0; Abstentions – 1

Minute No 122 – 2020/21 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance made his budget statement. He moved the report and proposals as set out on the agenda together with the following amendments:

1) d) approve to support the high need block of the DSG by a £1.046 million (0.5 per cent) transfer from the school's block, and a nil transfer of early years funding.

The Leader of the Council seconded the proposals

Councillor Bob Lawton moved and Councillor May Haines seconded the following amendment:

1) a) iii. the allocations to service areas in the budget as proposed and as set out in Appendix 2a;

Members were informed that all other recommendations remained unaltered. Councillor Lawton explained the financial implications of the proposed amendment as detailed below.

The revised recommendation reallocated the £1.4 million extra per annum invested in corporate priorities as set out below:

	Substantive budget proposal	Budget Amendment
Climate change and ecological emergency	£240,000	£240,000
Regeneration	£370,000	£370,000
Highway maintenance network	£390,000	£390,000
Street cleaning standards	£150,000	£150,000
Arts and culture	£150,000	£0

Site management of unauthorised encampments	£50,000	£50,000
Community engagement strategy	£50,000	£20,000
Contribution to VE/VJ and Dunkirk 75 events	£12,000	£12,000
Additional Community Safety Accredited Scheme Officers to work across east and west to bring down anti-social behaviour.	-	£180,000
Total	£1,412,000	£1,412,000

Councillor Lawton highlighted the rationale for the above amendment to address aggressive begging and antisocial behaviour, the impact on residents, businesses and visitors to the area following a recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and reports from the BIDS in the area.

Councillors considered the proposed amendment including the impact on services due to the proposed reallocation of resources and the roles of partners in addressing anti-social behaviour and aggressive begging. A Portfolio Holder indicated that there were already plans for additional CSAS Officers.

Upon being put to the recorded vote the amendment fell with voting as follows:

For

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr Jane Kelly
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr David Kelsey
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr Anne Filer	Cllr Tony O'Neill
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Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Andy Jones	

Against

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Simon McCormack
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Pete Miles
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Sandra Moore
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Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Lisa Lewis	Cllr Kieron Wilson
Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Rachel Maidment	
Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Chris Matthews	

Abstentions – None

Voting: For – 35; Against – 40; Abstentions – 0

Councillors then considered the original recommendations as presented by the Portfolio Holder for Finance subject to the amended 1) d) as detailed above. The Portfolio Holders commented on the impact of the budget on the service areas within their Portfolios. Opposition Members commented on the sustainability of the budget. The Leader explained the collaborative approach of the Cabinet, how they had built on shared desires and that the budget delivered on the promises of the Alliance. The Portfolio Holder in conclusion explained how the transformation had been prioritised, the use of reserves and the change in direction from the shadow authority budget. Upon being put to the recorded vote the substantive motion namely the recommendations set out on the agenda with the amended 1) d) were agreed:

For

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Simon McCormack
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Pete Miles
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Sandra Moore
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Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Rachel Maidment	
Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Chris Matthews	

Against - Cllr Ann Stribley

Abstentions

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr Jane Kelly
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr David Kelsey
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Bob Lawton
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Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	
Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Andy Jones	

Voting: For – 40; Against – 1; Abstentions – 34

2020/21 Council Tax Resolution

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Councillor and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to the Minute Book.

Councillors were advised that Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the council as the billing authority must calculate a council tax requirement and basic amount of council tax for the following year. Part 4 of The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Finance) Regulations 2008 modifies the 1992 Act to permit an authority undergoing restructuring to calculate different basic amounts of council tax for its predecessor areas for up to seven years as part of a process of equalisation.

In response to a question on a unified Council Tax the Portfolio Holder explained that the Council Tax resolution was as a result of the agreed budget.

RESOLVED that the following council tax resolution be approved:-

1. It be noted that on 15 January 2019 the BCP Cabinet recommended to council the council tax base 2020/21:
 - a. For the BCP Council is split for the year 2020/21 as Bournemouth **63,985.0**, Christchurch **20,402.7** and Poole **58,608.5** (Item T in the formula in section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"); and
 - b. For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix Three.
2. Calculate that the council tax requirement for the council's own purposes for 2020/21 (excluding charter trustee, parish and town precepts) as **£217,075,029**.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - a. **£725,630,029** being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by parish councils.
 - b. **£507,585,799** being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

C.

	Bournemouth	Poole	Christchurch	Total
Council Tax Requirement S31A	98,034,300	87,851,011	32,158,919	218,044,230

being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its council tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

d.

	Bournemouth	Poole	Christchurch
Basic CT S31B	1,532.15	1,498.95	1,576.21

being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by the Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of council tax for the year (including parish precepts). Appendix Two details basic council tax by council area.

e.

	Bournemouth	Poole	Christchurch
Remove Parish / Town / Neighbourhood Council / Charter Trustee	2.15	2.14	34.64

£969,201 being the aggregate amount of all special items (charter trustee, parish, and town council precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix Three).

f.

	Bournemouth	Poole	Christchurch
Basic Council Tax	1,530.00	1,496.81	1,541.57

Charter Trustee Adj	Bournemouth	Poole	Christchurch
Where No Chartered Trustee Relates S34	1,530.00		
Where Chartered Trustee Relates S34	1,530.00		

being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the council, in accordance with Section 34(s) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no parish precept relates.

4. To note that the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of council tax for 2020/21 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Precepts issued by major precepting authorities:

	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner	160.39	187.12	213.85	240.58	294.04	347.50	400.97	481.16
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority	50.91	59.39	67.88	76.36	93.33	110.30	127.27	152.72
Bournemouth - BCP Unitary Charge	1,020.00	1,190.00	1,360.00	1,530.00	1,870.00	2,210.00	2,550.00	3,060.00
Bournemouth (Holdenhurst Area) - BCP Unitary Charge	1,020.00	1,190.00	1,360.00	1,530.00	1,870.00	2,210.00	2,550.00	3,060.00
Christchurch - BCP Unitary Charge	1,027.71	1,199.00	1,370.28	1,541.57	1,884.14	2,226.71	2,569.28	3,083.14
Poole - BCP Unitary Charge	997.87	1,164.19	1,330.50	1,496.81	1,829.43	2,162.06	2,494.68	2,993.62

Aggregate amounts of council tax:

Location	Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
Bournemouth	1,232.73	1,438.18	1,643.64	1,849.09	2,260.00	2,670.91	3,081.82	3,698.18
Bournemouth - Holdenhurst Parish Area	1,231.30	1,436.51	1,641.73	1,846.94	2,257.37	2,667.80	3,078.24	3,693.88
Christchurch Town	1,267.16	1,478.35	1,689.54	1,900.73	2,323.11	2,745.49	3,167.89	3,801.46
Burton Parish	1,247.75	1,455.71	1,663.66	1,871.62	2,287.53	2,703.45	3,119.37	3,743.24
Hurn Parish	1,258.54	1,468.30	1,678.05	1,887.81	2,307.32	2,726.83	3,146.35	3,775.62
Highcliffe and Walkford	1,256.25	1,465.62	1,675.00	1,884.37	2,303.12	2,721.86	3,140.62	3,768.74
Christchurch Unparished Area	1,239.01	1,445.51	1,652.01	1,858.51	2,271.51	2,684.51	3,097.52	3,717.02
Poole	1,210.60	1,412.36	1,614.13	1,815.89	2,219.42	2,622.95	3,026.49	3,631.78

Determination of Excessiveness

6. BCP Council must determine whether its 2020/21 council tax is excessive by reference to the referendum principles set by the Secretary of State and approved by the House of Commons. The measure of excessiveness is the 'relevant basic amount of council tax' (essentially the Band D figure excluding local precepts). The Secretary of State may prescribe Alternative Notional Amounts (ANA) of relevant basic amounts to be used in respect of the preceding year where there has been a change of local authority functions. The transfer of functions in the Bournemouth and Poole predecessor areas to charter trustees means that ANAs have been set for BCP Council to use in respect of 2019/20. The financial year 2020/21 is the first year that the charter trustees will raise their own precept.

Alternative Notional Amount as regards the financial year beginning 1 April 2019

- (a) Bournemouth predecessor area of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council - **£1,471.30**
- (b) Poole predecessor area of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council - **£1,439.38**
- (c) Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council - **£1,476.70**

As BCP Council is calculating different amounts of council tax under Part 4 of the 2008 Regulations, it may apply the referendum principle to either the increase in the average ANA-adjusted relevant basic amount across the predecessor areas or - as is recommended here - to the increase in

the ANA-adjusted relevant basic amount in each individual predecessor area.

As such the authority's relevant basic amount of council tax for 2020/21 is excessive if the amount mentioned in section 52ZC(3C)(a)(a) of the 1992 Act is 4% (comprising 2% for expenditure on adult social care and 2% for other expenditure), or more than 4%, greater than the amount mentioned in section 52ZC(3C)(b) of that Act in one or more of its predecessor areas.

The value of the increase for Bournemouth is calculated as 3.99%, Christchurch as a 3.55% reduction, and Poole as 3.99% and therefore the council has determined that there is no excessive increase.

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 a recorded vote was taken on the item, the result of which was as follows:-

For

Cllr Lewis Allison	Cllr Lesley Dedman	Cllr Simon McCormack
Cllr Marcus Andrews	Cllr Millie Earl	Cllr Pete Miles
Cllr Julie Bagwell	Cllr L-J Evans	Cllr Sandra Moore
Cllr Steve Baron	Cllr George Farquhar	Cllr Lisa Northover
Cllr Stephen Bartlett	Cllr David Flagg	Cllr Pete Parrish
Cllr Mike Brooke	Cllr Nick Geary	Cllr Margaret Phipps
Cllr Nigel Brooks	Cllr Andy Hadley	Cllr Felicity Rice
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Cllr Chris Rigby
Cllr Simon Bull	Cllr Mark Howell	Cllr Mark Robson
Cllr Colin Bungey	Cllr Toby Johnson	Cllr Vikki Slade
Cllr Richard Burton	Cllr Marion LePoidevin	Cllr Tony Trent
Cllr Daniel Butt	Cllr Lisa Lewis	Cllr Kieron Wilson
Cllr Diana Butler	Cllr Rachel Maidment	
Cllr Mike Cox	Cllr Chris Matthews	

Against - None

Abstentions

Cllr Hazel Allen	Cllr Beverley Dunlop	Cllr Jane Kelly
Cllr Mark Anderson	Cllr Jackie Edwards	Cllr David Kelsey
Cllr Sarah Anderson	Cllr Duane Farr	Cllr Bob Lawton
Cllr John Beesley	Cllr Laurence Fear	Cllr Drew Mellor
Cllr Derek Borthwick	Cllr Anne Filer	Cllr Tony O'Neill
Cllr Philip Broadhead	Cllr Mike Greene	Cllr Susan Phillips
Cllr Judy Butt	Cllr Nicola Greene	Cllr Karen Rampton
Cllr Eddie Coope	Cllr May Haines	Cllr Robert Rocca
Cllr Malcolm Davies	Cllr Nigel Hedges	Cllr Ann Stribley
Cllr Norman Decent	Cllr Mohan Iyengar	Cllr Mike White
Cllr Bryan Dion	Cllr Cheryl Johnson	Cllr Lawrence Williams
Cllr Bobbie Dove	Cllr Andy Jones	

Voting: For – 40; Against – 0; Abstentions – 35

61. Notice of Motions in accordance with Procedure Rule 13

A – Restrictions on use of Sky Lanterns and Helium Balloons from land owned by, and events licensed by BCP Council

The Council was advised that the following motion had been proposed by Councillor V Slade, seconded by Councillor R Maidment

Background

Many organisations have drawn attention to the problem of sky lantern and balloon releases which end up as litter on land or sea and pose a risk to livestock and marine animals which mistake balloons for food and are injured by the metal in some sky lanterns.

Balloons have been found ingested in endangered turtles, dolphins, whales and seabirds. Livestock have died after eating degraded lanterns, which are accidentally picked up by harvesting machinery and put into winter feeds.

Lanterns also pose a fire risk to crops in the summer months and to thatched roof properties. In April 2016 a sky lantern landed on a Dorset Nature Reserve near Wareham starting a major gorse fire and just after Christmas 2019 in Germany sky lanterns were believed to have caused the death of dozens of zoo animals. In addition, sky lanterns are causing a number of false alarm call outs on the coast as people mistake them for distress flares.

The call to ban balloon and sky lantern releases nationally is supported by the Marine Conservation Society, RSPCA, RSPB, BASC and the National Farmers' Union.

Following the public outcry about plastic in our oceans and the recent Climate and Ecological Emergencies declared not just here but across hundreds of councils and other organisations, now is the time to put an end to this unnecessary activity.

BCP Council proposes that:-

- 1. Releases of Sky Lanterns and Helium Balloons should not be permitted from land owned by BCP Council.**
- 2. Releases of Sky Lanterns and Helium Balloons should not be permitted at any events licensed by BCP Council.**
- 3. BCP Council Communications team should consider amending their literature to include ideas for alternative commemorative actions, drawing attention to the ban on council land and discouraging organisers from using Sky Lanterns or Balloon Releases at events on private land.**

RESOLVED that the above motion be unanimously agreed.

B – Fur Free Markets

The Council was advised that the following motion had been proposed by Councillor R Maidment, seconded by Councillor V Slade

BCP Council notes that:

- **The United Kingdom has outlawed the farming of animals for their fur on ethical grounds since 2000 and that the use of one of the most common traps used to catch animals for their fur has been illegal for many years.**
- **Nonetheless fur products are imported from overseas nations, particularly China, where such bans do not operate and where there is virtually no animal welfare legislation in force.**
- **Real fur comes from animals raised in deplorable conditions or trapped in the wild and killed inhumanely.**
- **Regrettably these products are often found for sale on public markets in the UK and customers can inadvertently buy them thinking them to be made of imitation fur.**

Accordingly BCP Council resolves to:

- **Prohibit the sale of any product wholly or partially made with real animal fur on Council owned land and at Council run or Council leased markets. This ban to cover such items as fur coats, vintage fur, fur shawls, garments with fur trim, fur pompom hats, and fur accessories and trinkets.**
- **Support the Fur Free Markets campaign of the animal welfare charity, Respect for Animals, the UK's leading anti-fur organisation, by:**
 - **Becoming a signatory to the initiative.**
 - **Seeking the advice and assistance of the charity in the enforcement of this ban**

Members in considering the above commented on the importation of fur and the ability to police the policy.

RESOLVED that the above motion be agreed.

Voting: For – 64; Against – 2; Abstentions – 7

62. Questions from Councillors

Question from Councillor L-J Evans

Many Councillors have received emails from Friends of the Earth asking us to support a doubling of tree coverage in the BCP Council area. Would the Portfolio Holder please tell us whether we are planning to do this and how many trees we are currently planting.

Response by Councillor Felicity Rice (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change)

This Council is committed to delivering on its promise to tackle climate change and species loss. Last July we declared a climate and ecological emergency.

Whilst we are committed to planting more trees, we cannot commit to a doubling of numbers in the conurbation without understanding how this could be achieved. We recognise that much of our open space is already designated for its precious nature and habitats, including heathland and saltmarshes, and managing some of those places for endangered species means preventing an increase in tree cover.

Firstly, for the long term, we are working on a new Green Infrastructure Strategy to assess and plan for our green spaces for both now and in the future; this will be followed by a more detailed strategy for trees. We expect to have produced the Green Infrastructure Strategy within the next 12-14 months, which has been funded by the national Future Parks programme, a partnership with the National Lottery Heritage Fund, National Trust and Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government.

The early stages of this work are focussed on pulling together data from Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole into a single place. We are also gathering ideas and thoughts on how we can deliver real action, to this end we welcome the ideas that have been sent to us by residents, businesses and other local organisations. They can continue to send us ideas by visiting our website at www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/climate.

As this work progresses, we'll develop ideas into a plan, prioritising those proposals and projects that offer the best opportunities to impact positively on climate and ecology. We have already committed to exploring a number of ideas such as:

- Purchasing or identifying land available for large tree planting schemes
- Allowing natural woodland regeneration on some sites
- Investigating community tree planting schemes
- Tree planting on suitable grassed amenity spaces
- Additional street trees
- Natural burial sites
- Increasing protection to our existing trees in the conurbation through planning policy

In the shorter term we've taken some initial actions already:

Last year the Council announced that we'd start to carbon offset the Bournemouth Air Festival, a scheme that is allowing us to work with several local schools and nature reserves to plant over 200 new trees in 2020. The scheme also funds the protection of land within the Amazon forest from deforestation.

We have also planted a new hedgerow with 500 tree whips in Hicks Farm this year.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be working with residents so that residents are able to grow native trees from seed in their own gardens, ready for replanting in the next 2-3 years as part of our BCP tree strategy.

I am also pleased to announce that we'll be giving away 500 young native trees to residents this spring. We'll shortly be announcing more details on this scheme which has been funded jointly by the Council and through public donations to the Bournemouth Parks Foundation's climate fund.

The meeting ended at 10.21 pm

CHAIRMAN