

BCP Council Overview and Scrutiny Board – Work Plan. Updated 09.10.2025

Guidance notes:

- 2/3 items per committee meeting is the recommended maximum for effective scrutiny.
- The O&S Board will approach work through a lens of **RESIDENT IMPACT AND EXPERIENCE**
- Items requiring further scoping are identified and should be scoped using the Key Lines of Enquiry tool.

	Subject and purpose	How will the scrutiny be done?	Lead Officer/Portfolio Holder	Additional Information
Meeting Date: 20 October 2025				
1.	NEW - Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update Report To consider the updated MTFP including progress towards delivering a balanced 2026/27 budget.	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH – Finance Chief Finance Officer	Item identified from Budget timeframe
2.	BCP Libraries Strategy To consider a Cabinet report which presents the key elements of the new draft Library Strategy ahead of a second stage consultation process.	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH – PH - Customer Communication and Culture Director of Customer and Property	Item identified from Cabinet FP – Moved from 1 October Cabinet
Meeting Date: 17 November 2025				
1.	Carters Quay To scrutinise the Cabinet report which provides an update to Councillors on the current situation	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH – Housing and Regulatory Services	Item added to the Cabinet FP - June 2025. Originally scheduled for October - moved to November (TBC0

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2.	Blue Badge Update For the O&S Board to consider an update on the current situation with the processing of Blue Badges and potential future actions	Committee Report	PH – Customer, Communication and Culture Director of Customer and Property	The Board agreed to add this as an item to the work plan following a request for an (unvalidated) Councillor call-for-Action
3,	Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report For the Board to consider the annual report for the BCP Overview and Scrutiny Function which details O&S work over the past year.	Committee Report	Scrutiny Specialist and O&S Committee Chairs	
Meeting Date: 8 December 2025				
1.	Parking Enforcement Around School For the O&S Board to consider how illegal parking can be addressed around schools. To potentially include input from schools and parking enforcement team.	Enquiry session Scrutiny Rapporteur - Cllr A Chapmanlaw	PH – Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations PH – Childre, Young People, Education and Skills	Initial enquiries will be made through a scrutiny rapporteur to lead to an enquiry session with different parties. Date TBC dependent upon outcome of Rapporteur enquiries
2.	Crime and Disorder Scrutiny of Community Safety Partnership The Overview and Scrutiny Board is the statutory body for crime and disorder scrutiny and will consider the annual report of the community safety partnership.	Annual Report	PH – Housing and Regulatory Director of Housing and Communities	

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3.	Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget Update and Budget monitoring Cabinet Reports To consider the updated MTFP including progress towards delivering a balanced 2026/27 budget.	Pre-decision Scrutiny of Cabinet reports	PH – Finance Chief Financial Officer	O&S Board previously agreed to receive MTFP update reports
4.	Bournemouth Development Company: Winter Gardens Site Development Plan To consider a report which presents a new site development plan for Cabinet approval.	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH – Leader Chief Operations Officer / Director of Investment and Development	Item agreed to be added from the Cabinet Forward Plan by the Board at its September meeting.
Meeting Date: 5 January 2026				
	No currently scheduled reports – items to be determined			
Meeting Date: 2 February 2026				
	Budget 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Plan	Pre-decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet/Council report	PH – Finance Chief Finance Officer	Annual Budget report
Items for scrutiny (Meeting dates and/or methods to be determined)				
	Carter's Quay Development To consider the impact of the Carter's Quay Development on residents living in the locality of the site.	TBC	TBC	Item agreed by the Board at its September 2025 meeting – following referral from the Audit and Governance Committee

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	Accounting for Social Value in decision making	Committee Report	TBC	Item requires further scoping - KLOE document
	Working more collectively across BCP geographical areas / Locality Governance – This item is interdependent with the progressing Community Governance Review and will be revisited once this is completed.	TBC	TBC	This requires further scoping – KLOE document
	Culture of the Council To consider a number of different elements regarding the culture of the Council including member/officer relations, accountability and record keeping and recognition of different geographic localities.	TBC	TBC	Scrutiny Request received and agreed by the Board - June 2025
	Business Improvement Districts To consider issues raised by the business improvement districts operating within BCP.	Report/presentation to the O&S Board (TBC)	Leader of the Council	This was requested June 2025 as there was an existing item for issues arising from the preceding briefing from the BIDs which hadn't been progressed
	Investment and Development Directorate - Regeneration Programme This report provides a bi-annual update on the progress of the Council's regeneration programme.	Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	PH - Leader of the Council Director Investment and Development	Tracking Cabinet report – moved from July meeting to September, now expected at December Cabinet

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Working Groups and items addressed through alternative scrutiny methods				
	Public Consultations Framework Development – This group has completed its work into the consultation framework and will report its findings back to the Board inline with the timetabling of the draft framework.	Working Group	Director of Marketing, Communications and Policy PH – Customer, Communications and Culture	The Board established this working group at its meeting on 18 November The Group is continuing its work to look into recent consultations.
	Member involvement in the Complaints Process To investigate how this links with members ward work in specific issues.	Scrutiny Rapporteur – Cllr S Aitkenhead	PH - Customer, Communications and Culture	
	Briefing Sessions			
	Dates for O&S Board Briefing Sessions for 2025/26:		Potential Topics for Briefing Sessions	
	- Monday 24 November - Monday 9 March		- Regeneration and BDC - Performance of the Council	

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