

CABINET FORWARD PLAN – 1 FEBRUARY 2026 TO 31 MAY 2026

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Council Tax Base 2026/27	To set the council tax base for 2026/27	No	Cabinet 14 Jan 2026 Council 10 Feb 2026	All Wards			Matthew Filmer	Open
Housing and Property Compliance Update (Housing Revenue Account)	To provide information on how the council is meeting its responsibilities in ensuring that all council housing is managed to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.	No	Cabinet 14 Jan 2026	All Wards	Council tenants and leaseholders BCP Homes Advisory Board	Through established meetings and residents panels.	Matti Raudsepp	Open

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Two Riversmeet Studios	Business Case for a two-story facility extension at Two Riversmeet Leisure Centre (2RM) creating two brand new multi-use studios.	No	Cabinet 14 Jan 2026	Christchurch Town			Helen Wildman	Open
Budget 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Plan	To set out for Cabinet's consideration and recommendation to Council the proposed 2026/27 budget and council tax.	No	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026 Council 10 Feb 2026	All Wards			Adam Richens	Open
Budget Monitoring 2025-26 at Quarter three	To update Cabinet on the financial position of the council.	No	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026	All Wards	N/a	N/a	Adam Richens	Open

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Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget setting 2026-27	To seek approval for rent and other charges to tenants and leaseholders for 2026-27 and proposed expenditure on the repair and maintenance of council homes.	No	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026	All Wards	Council tenants and leaseholders BCP Homes Advisory Board	Through established meetings and panels	Kelly Deane	Open
Revised Local Validation Checklist	To provide an update the clear list of required documents and plans required to validate a planning application	No	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026		agents/ developers and officers	28 days. now completed.	Katie Herrington	Open

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Bus Subsidy Review	To consider the outcome of a full network review of the council's subsidised local bus services and to recommend changes to Council to support budget setting for 2026/27 as well as informing the Medium Term Financial Plan.	Yes	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026 Council 24 Feb 2026	All Wards	Bus Passengers Bus Passenger Representative Organisations (including groups representing older people and people with disabilities) Schools Bus Operators Neighbouring authorities	Public consultation 16 June to 27 July 2025. On-line plus on-bus paper surveys.	John McVey, Richard Pincroft	Open
Pokesdown Railway Station	Update on progress and seek a steer from Cabinet regarding the Council contribution	No	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026	Boscombe East & Pokesdown			Richard Pincroft	Open

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Early Years and Mainstream School Funding Formulae 2026/27	To decide the funding formulae for mainstream schools and early years providers for 2026/27.	No	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026	All Wards	Schools Forum	Schools Forum in January (schools formula) and February (early years).	Nicola Webb	Open
School Admissions Arrangements 2027/28	Determination of the arrangements and proposed reduction of PAN for Burton Primary School following consultation.	No	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 27 Jan 2026 Cabinet 4 Feb 2026	All Wards	Public consultation	The proposal is detailed publicly from Monday 10 November 2025 until Monday 22 December 2025	Tanya Smith	Open
Hawkwood Road phase 2 update	To update requirements of previous recommendations	No	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026 Council 24 Feb 2026	Boscombe West			Remi Oshibanjo	Open

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Report to Update Members on a contractual claim and adjudication process	To Update Members on a contractual claim and adjudication process	Yes	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026 Council 10 Feb 2026	Poole Town			Nicholas Fisher	Fully exempt
Christchurch Business Improvement District	To consider the report	No	Cabinet 4 Feb 2026	Christchurch Town			Paula Sales	Fully exempt
Corporate Performance Report - Q3	Progress update on performance against key measures in the Corporate Strategy.	No	Cabinet 4 Mar 2026	All Wards	n/a	n/a	Isla Reynolds	Open

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Climate Action Annual Report	The annual update of progress made against the Council's climate action ambitions.	No	Cabinet 4 Mar 2026	All Wards			Isla Reynolds, Gail Scholes, Martin Gardner	Open
BCP Homes Performance	To provide quarterly performance to Cabinet to provide assurance that the management of council homes is effective	No	Cabinet 4 Mar 2026	All Wards	Council tenants and leaseholders BCP Homes Advisory Board	Through established meetings	Kelly Deane	Open

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Supported & Specialist Housing Strategy 2025 to 2035	To introduce the Supported & Specialist Housing Strategy for the next 10 years	No	Cabinet 4 Mar 2026 Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee 4 Mar 2026	All Wards	Experts by experience, Adults Social Care, Childrens Social Care, Adults Commissioning, Childrens Commissioning, NHS Dorset, Dorset Healthcare, Local Registered Providers	Workshops and meetings Autumn 2025	m	Open
The development of a framework of registered housing providers (RPs) to deliver affordable housing using BCP sites		Yes	Cabinet 4 Mar 2026	All Wards			Kerry-Marie Ruff	

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Water Safety Framework	The Water Safety framework's aim is to provide a clear approach to water safety for the prevention of drowning across the BCP Council conurbation	No	Cabinet 4 Mar 2026	All Wards			Amanda Barrie, Helen Wildman	Open
Children's Services Capital Strategy Report 2026-2028	The purpose is to update members of capital spend in the 2025/26 financial year and set out capital spending priorities for the next 3 years.	No	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee 27 Jan 2026 Cabinet 4 Mar 2026	All Wards			Jason Moors	Open

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Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-2031	To inform on the impact of the Strategy since 2021, propose new Strategy and agree the related Delivery Plan	No	Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee 25 Feb 2026 Cabinet 1 Apr 2026	All Wards			Rachel Stewart	Open
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Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4)	To present outputs from Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) consultation and to present proposed LTP4 Policy Document complete with Implementation Plan for approval/adoption.	Yes	Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee 20 May 2026 Cabinet 27 May 2026 Council 2 Jun 2026	All Wards	Residents (BCP and neighbouring authorities), partners, organisations and businesses that operate/exist in BCP area and are impacted by transport.	Exact dates tbc, but 6 to 8 week public consultation required, note: LTP4 engagement was facilitated in Spring 2024.	Wendy Lane, Richard Pincroft	Open
Housing Strategy Review	To provide an annual update about the delivery of the BCP Housing Strategy 2021-2027	No	Environment and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee 20 May 2026 Cabinet 24 Jun 2026	All Wards			Rachel Stewart	Open

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Special School Funding	It is recommended to: - Note the contents of this report - Agree for this piece of work to proceed as noted and be further considered with financial modelling available	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards				Open
DfE SEND review next steps	To consider the DfE review next steps	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed				Rachel Gravett, Shirley McGillick, Sharon Muldoon	Fully exempt
Children's Services Early Help Offer	Summary of findings and recommendations from an ongoing review of our current Early Help services	No	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards			Zafer Yilkan	Open

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BCP Council Domestic Abuse Strategies	To gain agreement by Cabinet to publish the Prevention of Domestic Abuse Strategy, Safe Accommodation Strategy and the Perpetrator Strategy including delivery plans.	Yes	Cabinet Date to be confirmed	All Wards	People with lived experience, Health, Social Care, Police, third sector specialist organisations, Local Providers have all been consulted prior to the Public consultation.	Public consultation 09-03-25 to 28-04-25 O&S Safe Accommodation Working Group.	m	Open