

BCP Council Overview and Scrutiny Board – Work Plan Framework 2026/27

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, EXPERIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT**
- 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: 18 May 2026				
1.	Medium Term Financial Plan and Finance Strategy Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports
2.	Local Plan Process Scrutiny of the latest Cabinet report which sets out the key elements needed for the preparation of the Local Plan	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report	Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council	O&S Board selected this as a key issue in its work planning process
4.	Growth Plan – Regeneration To consider the developing Growth Plan for regeneration prior to future consideration by Cabinet	Committee Report	Director of Investment and Development / Leader of the Council	Coming to cabinet in June - O&S to receive at slightly earlier stage in order to be as proactive as possible
Meeting Date: 15 June 2026				
1.	Bournemouth Town Centre Progress	Committee Report with invite to Jessica Toale, MP	Portfolio Holder for Destination, Leisure and	KLOE document to be developed – Board

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	To consider a report on the current progress on this issue including Citizens' Panel work and HSRA.		Commercial operations and Leader of the Council	members asked to contribute
2.	Response from Cabinet on Consultation Framework responses To receive updates from the Portfolio Holder on the recommendations.	Update from Cabinet Portfolio Holders	Director of Marketing Communications and Policy / PH – Customer Communication and Culture	The recommendations were reported to Cabinet in March 2026
Meeting Date: 13 July 2026				
1.	Quarter 4 Financial Outturn 2025/26 To consider the financial outturn for 2025/26	Pre-decision scrutiny of a Cabinet report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	
2.	Planning Performance Update To receive an update from Planning on current performance and issues highlighted within the key lines of enquiry document and potential to include information on planning requested in the Lower Gardens item requested.	Committee Report	Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council	Using the currently completed KLOE – Board members are asked to contribute any further issues
Meeting Date: 24 August 2026				
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 21 September 2026				

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	Medium Term Financial Plan Update Report Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 19 October 2026				
	Quarter 1 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation.	Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 16 November 2026				
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 7 December 2026				
	Medium Term Financial Plan Update Report Scrutiny and monitoring of the latest Cabinet report of the MTFP update.	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			

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	Quarter 2 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation.	Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to monitor outturn reports
Meeting Date: 4 January 2027				
	Local Safeguarding Partnership – Annual Report Scrutiny of the annual report in the Board's role as designated crime and disorder scrutiny body.	Committee Report – Invite to Chair of the partnership	Corporate Director for Wellbeing – PH Housing and Regulatory Services	
Meeting Date: 1 February 2027 – BUDGET MEETING				
	2027/28 Proposed Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan	Scrutiny of Cabinet Report and verbal updates from Directors	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to scrutinise MTFP reports
	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined			
Meeting Date: 22 February 2027				
	Town Councils To consider a progress report on how the Town Councils are developing and any issues which have arisen since their formation.	Committee Report	Leader of the Council / PH – Communities and Partnerships	
Meeting Date: 22 March 2027				

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	Proactive/reactive scrutiny item(s) to be determined –			
	Quarter 3 Financial Outturn Report To enable the O&S Board to monitor the Council's developing financial situation.	Cabinet report to be circulated to Board members for information	Chief Finance Officer / PH – Finance	O&S Board regular request to monitor outturn reports
Items for scrutiny (Meeting dates and/or methods to be determined)				
	Regeneration Updates (x2) Regeneration was a strong focus for the Board in work planning and it is expected that the Board will consider at least 2 further regeneration reports during the municipal year - the timing of these will need to be scheduled	Committee Reports (TBC)	Director of Investment and Development / Leader of the Council	
	Local Plan Updates (x3) The Local Plan was a key priority for the O&S Board and as such it is expected that a number of updates will be considered by the Board – the timing of these will need to be scheduled.	Committee Reports (TBC)	Director of Planning and Transport / Leader of the Council	
	Estates and Asset Disposal (x2) This was also one of the most important areas identified – An initial report on the Asset transfer and disposal process is requested followed by a further reports on asset disposals later in the year	Committee Reports (TBC)	Director of Finance / PH - Finance	

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	<p>Councillor Involvement in the Complaints Process</p> <p>Initial rapporteur work being carried out. Report to come to a future Committee – date to be determined</p>	Committee Report	Director of Marketing, Communications and Policy	
	<p>Social Value Statement</p> <p>To consider the Cabinet report presenting the Council's proposed Social Value Statement</p>	Potential pre-decision scrutiny	Corporate Director for Wellbeing / PH - Transformation, Resources and Governance	This item was on the Cabinet Forward Plan but has been removed – date to be determined
	<p>Devolution</p> <p>The Board agreed to hold a slot for potential reactive scrutiny of this issue later in the year.</p>	TBC	TBC	
	<p>Domestic Abuse Strategies</p> <p>To consider a Cabinet report which outlines the proposed strategies.</p>	Pre-Decision scrutiny of a Cabinet Report	Corporate Director for Wellbeing / PH Housing and Regulatory Services	Currently on Cabinet FP with date TBD
Working Groups and items addressed through alternative scrutiny methods				
	<p>Residents Parking Policy</p> <p>It was suggested that this had high resident impact and could look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative practice in other councils • Creative solution-finding • Working alongside officers 	Potential topic for a Working Group	Director of Commercial Operations / PH – Destination, Leisure and Commercial Operations	Limited to one in depth piece of work across O&S bodies – suggestions from across scrutiny bodies to be agreed and prioritised by Chair's group

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	<p>Councillor involvement in the Complaints process</p> <p>The Board previously agreed to ask Cllr Aitkenhead as rapporteur to undertake to find out more information on this issue.</p>	Initially through a Rapporteur to gather information – Cllr S Aitkenhead		Cllr Aitkenhead will report on initial findings to the O&S Board meeting on 23 March
	Briefing Sessions			
	Dates for O&S Board Briefing Sessions for 2026/27:		Potential Topics for Briefing Sessions	
	• 1 June 2026		Residents Parking Schemes	
	• Monday 27 July 2026		Homes England	
	• Monday 5 October 2026		Voluntary Sector / BIDS /Partnerships	
	• Monday 25 January 2027			

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