



# Boston Borough Council

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## Notice of meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
on **Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 6.30 pm**  
in the Committee Room - Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, PE21 8QR

**Rob Barlow  
Chief Executive**

### Membership:

Chairman: Councillor Paul Gleeson  
Councillors: Richard Austin BEM, David Brown, Emma Cresswell, Anton Dani,  
Anne Dorrian, Neil Drayton, Stuart Evans, Andy Izard, Patricia Marson,  
Barrie Pierpoint, Ralph Pryke, Lina Savickiene, David Scoot and  
Suzanne Welberry

Quorum 5

**Members of the public are welcome to attend the committee meeting as observers except during the consideration of exempt or confidential items.**

**This meeting may be subject to being recorded.**

## Agenda

### Part I - Preliminaries

#### **A Election of Vice-Chairman**

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Committee following the resignation of Councillor Drayton from the position.

#### **B Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes (*if any*).

## **C Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

## **D Minutes** (Pages 1 - 6)

To sign and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

## **E Public Questions**

To answer any written questions received from members of the public no later than 5 p.m. two clear working days prior to the meeting – for this meeting the deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

## **Part II - Agenda Items**

### **1 Housing Standards Policies** (Pages 7 - 12)

(A report by Emily Spicer, Assistant Director – Communities and Housing Services)

### **2 Revised Housing Allocations Policy BBC/ELDC** (Pages 13 - 20)

(A report by Emily Spicer, Assistant Director – Communities and Housing Services)

### **3 Social Media Policy** (Pages 21 - 48)

(A report by James Gilbert, Assistant Director – Corporate)

### **4 Tree & Hedgerows Strategy Action Plan** (Pages 49 - 72)

(A report by Christian Allen, Assistant Director – Regulatory)

### **5 Annual Scrutiny Report 2024/2025** (Pages 73 - 84)

(A report by John Medler, Assistant Director – Governance & Monitoring Officer)

### **6 Quarter 2 25/26 Performance Report** (Pages 85 - 112)

(A report by James Gilbert, Assistant Director – Corporate)

### **7 Work Programme and Forward Plan** (Pages 113 - 124)

(For Members to note/discuss the Committee's current Work Programme and the Council's Forward Plan)

### **8 Exclusion of Public and Press**

To consider resolving - That under Section 100(A)(iv) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

To sign and confirm the exempt minutes of the previous meeting.

**Notes:**

Please contact Democratic Services ([demservices@boston.gov.uk](mailto:demservices@boston.gov.uk)) if you have any queries about the agenda and documents for this meeting.

Council Members who are not able to attend the meeting should notify Democratic Services as soon as possible.

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