

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I073962
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1. **TITLE:** Bracknell Forest Local Plan - Consultation on Draft Local Plan

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture and Communities

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The draft Local Plan (LP) will set out a planning framework for the Borough, including new planning policies and the allocation of sites for the period to 2034. This report seeks approval of the draft LP (see Appendix A to this report) and the Consultation Strategy (Appendix B) to go to Full Council for ratification and subsequent publication for a period of public consultation between Thursday 8 February and Monday 26 March 2018. Approval for the Local Development Scheme (LDS) to be updated and published is also sought.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** No

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

RECOMMENDED that:

1. Council agree the draft Local Plan (Appendix A) and Consultation Strategy (Appendix B) of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities report.
2. Council agree to the Local Development Scheme being updated and published to reflect the timescales set out in the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities report.

RESOLVED that:

1. subject to agreement of the recommendation set out at 2.1 of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities report, the draft Local Plan (Appendix A) of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities report and other supporting consultation material be published for a period of public consultation starting on Thursday 8 February and ending on Monday 26 March 2018.
2. minor changes to the draft Local Plan and other supporting material produced prior to the consultation be agreed with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport in consultation with the Chief Officer: Planning, Transport and Countryside.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. It is important that the Council has an up-to-date and robust planning framework to guide development which reflects current national policy and guidance. Production of the draft LP supports the Council's desire of having a plan-led approach to development rather than reacting to developers' proposals. The Government is clear that local authorities should have up-to-date plans and should seek to review plans

every five years, or risk Government intervention. The preparation of the LP will support the priorities set out in the Council Plan 2015 – 2019, in particular; ‘A strong and resilient economy’ and ‘A clean, green, growing and sustainable place’.

2. The Regulations¹ require that the LP is prepared in consultation with the local community and other stakeholders. The proposed consultation will allow continued engagement and comments received will help inform the content of the final Plan to be submitted to the Government.
3. Local planning authorities are required to publicise their intended timetables for producing a local plan in their Local Development Scheme, which must be published on the website and kept up-to-date².

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

1. The option of not preparing the LP would leave the Council vulnerable to a pattern of development in the Borough being led by developers and landowners through planning applications and potential appeals as policies and allocations would not be up-to-date. It could also ultimately lead to government intervention.
2. It is a statutory requirement under the planning regulations

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** As detailed in the report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
23 January 2018	30 January 2018