

## Notice of Meeting

### Council

Councillor Ejaz (Mayor)  
Councillor Penfold (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillors Penfold, Allen, Bailey, Barnard, Bidwell, Brown, Cochrane, Collings, C Eberle, T Eberle, Egglestone, M Forster, S Forster, Frewer, Frost, Gaw, Gillbe, Haffegée, Harrison, Hayes MBE, Jefferies, Karim, McKenzie-Boyle, McLean, Mossom, Neil, O'Regan, Pickering, Purnell, Robertson, Smith, Temperton, C Thompson, P Thompson, Virgo, Watts, Webb, Welch, Wright and Zahuruddin



**Tuesday 19 March 2024, 7.30 - 9.30 pm**  
**Council Chamber - Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, RG12 1JD**

**Susan Halliwell**  
**Chief Executive**

### Agenda

*All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.*

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| 1.   | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>  |        |
| 2.   | <b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  | 7 - 30 |
|      | To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 January 2024 and Special Council held on 21 February 2024.  |        |
| 3.   | <b>Declarations of Interest</b>   |        |
|      | <p>Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or affected interests in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.</p> <p>Any Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter should withdraw from the meeting when the matter is under consideration and should notify the Democratic Services Officer in attendance that they are withdrawing as they have such an interest. If the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is not entered on the register of Members interests the Monitoring Officer must be notified of the interest within 28 days.</p> <p>Any Member with an affected Interest in a matter must disclose the interest to the meeting. There is no requirement to withdraw from the meeting when the interest is only an affected interest, but the Monitoring Officer should be notified of the interest, if not previously notified of it, within 28 days of the meeting.</p> |        |
| 4.   | <b>Mayor's Announcements</b>  |        |

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| 5. | <b>Executive Report</b>  | 31 - 36 |
|    | <p>To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting held on 10 January 2024.</p> <p>Council is asked to resolve a recommendation in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of a Joint Committee – The Berkshire Prosperity Board</li> </ul>   |         |
| 6. | <b>Adoption of the Bracknell Forest Local Plan</b>   | 37 - 46 |
|    | <p>To adopt the Bracknell Forest Local Plan incorporating the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspectors and Additional Modifications.</p> <p>The appendixes to the report can be found on the following links:</p> <p><b>Appendix A</b> - Bracknell Forest Local Plan for adoption<br/> <a href="https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304536">https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304536</a></p> <p><b>Appendix B:</b></p> <p>Polices Map 1 – Binfield<br/> <a href="https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304573">https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304573</a></p> <p>Policies Map 2 – Warfield and Winkfield North<br/> <a href="https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304575">https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304575</a></p> <p>Policies Map 3 – Bracknell and Winkfield South<br/> <a href="https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304576">https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304576</a></p> <p>Policies Map 4 – Crowthorne and Sandhurst<br/> <a href="https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304574">https://consult.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/file/6304574</a></p> |         |
| 7. | <b>Pay Policy Statement</b>  | 47 - 78 |
|    | To review and agree the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25.  |         |
| 8. | <b>Establishment of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)</b>   | 79 - 86 |
|    | Council to agree to establish a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).  |         |
| 9. | <b>Submissions under the Scheme of Public Participation</b>  |         |
|    | <p><i>To make a Statement to a Council meeting about a Council Service, about something the Council has or has not done, or about a matter of local interest or concern.</i></p> <p><b>Statement received by Bracknell Forest resident:</b></p> <p>I don't think there is anyone more angry about the chronic underfunding of SEND services than parents of disabled children. I also think a great disservice is done to parents when it is implied that we just don't understand</p>   |         |

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|     | <p>the scale of the challenge for statutory services: we do. However, the problems that the council face in terms of its provision for SEND come down to so much more than money.</p> <p>The Local Government Ombudsman cases and frequent news stories show that poor or misinformed attitudes are not isolated incidents in Bracknell. The September 2023 council 'SEND Written Statement of Action implementation update' - which reports 'iterative improvements [...] at pace' - does not reflect the opinion of families. In November 2023 the Bracknell Parent Carer Forum stated 'we know that the <b>majority</b> of us are not seeing the changes on the ground [...]. We know improvements made at council level have not started to have the impact we would have hoped for at this point.'</p> <p>While parents of children with severe Emotionally Based School Avoidance are still being threatened with prosecution, we can never say we are a fair place to live for children with significant mental health needs. While the LA continues with arbitrary policies preventing the use of bespoke education packages for children in extreme need, we cannot say we have a needs based system. While we still have harsh behaviour policies in schools which humiliate and discriminate against disabled children, we can never claim equity.</p> <p>SEND Case Officer time should not be wasted preparing to fight tribunal cases that they will not win and the LA should find better use of its time and resources than arguing with or fining parents who are already struggling. Furthermore, it is not uncommon for some of the solutions parents ask for to cost less than the highly specialist school placements their children will require if accommodations are not made at an early stage. Believe parents the first time round.</p> <p>Nothing will change until everything changes. While Bracknell's SEND services are being overhauled, I urge the council, along with schools, to radically review school behaviour policies, approaches to attendance and Education Otherwise and Alternative Provision pathways.</p> <p>The evidence for a new model is mounting - what side of history will Bracknell Forest Council be on?</p> |  |
| 10. | <b>Questions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10</b>   |  |
|     | <p><b><u>By Councillor Smith to Councillor Wright, Executive Member for Adult Services, Health &amp; Housing</u></b></p> <p>Can the Executive Member give an update on what is being done to encourage the Department of Health and Social Care and the NHS to ensure that there are sufficient NHS dental services in Bracknell Forest? This is important as more and more of our residents are having difficulty accessing an NHS dentist. This is of particular concern for children's dental health and due the fact that private dental treatment is increasingly unaffordable for many of our residents, who face significant cost of living pressures.</p>  |  |
| 11. | <b>Motion (or Motions) Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 11</b>   |  |
|     | <b><u>Motion 02/2024 moved by Councillor C Eberle and seconded by Councillor Smith</u></b>   |  |

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The future of public healthcare provision is of paramount importance to Bracknell Forest residents.

The aging nature of many of our hospitals in combination with the recent RAAC concrete crisis in public buildings is driving an accelerated decision making process, with major redevelopment projects for healthcare facilities being brought forward at an increased pace. This Council welcomes proposals to fully replace Frimley Park Hospital by 2030 as part of the government's New Hospital Programme. We also note longer term plans for the replacement of the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading. Council recognises that Bracknell Forest residents rely upon these two hospitals for provision of a wide range of critical medical services including accident and emergency, maternity, surgical units and many more.

Whilst healthcare is not a Council run service, and decisions regarding future provision are ultimately made by others, the Council is none-the-less a significant consultee and has a duty to represent the views and needs of our residents at all appropriate opportunities. We understand this is specifically to be achieved via our engagement in a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHSOC), to be formed jointly with Hampshire County Council and Surrey County Council, with regards the Frimley Park redevelopment, and likely similar joint committees formed with other neighbouring authorities in relation to future projects.

Council notes that Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust has already completed initial public consultations in relation to future proposals. While the returns were geographically balanced, there was significant imbalance on gender and minority representation.

This Council believes that it is important that our appointed representatives to the JHSOC (and other future joint committees in relation to healthcare provision) hear directly from our residents, particularly those who are under-represented in the existing public consultations, to ensure that we are able to properly advocate for their needs in these forums. Council therefore requests that the Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing commission our own public consultation (or alternative process as appropriate) to solicit the views of our residents in relation to future healthcare provision in and around the borough. Furthermore, we request that, so far as possible, any such process actively seeks to address the demographic imbalances in the public responses to the Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust consultation and that all reasonable efforts are made to engage with minority groups who have been under-represented in the consultation responses so far.

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