EXECUTIVE16 DECEMBER 2014
5.00 - 6.25 PM



Present:

Councillors Bettison (Chairman), Ward (Vice-Chairman), Dr Barnard, Birch, Mrs Hayes, McCracken and Turrell

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Brunel-Walker

23. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 18 November 2014 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

24. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

25. **Executive Decisions**

The Executive considered the reports submitted on the items listed below and the decisions taken are recorded in the decision sheets attached to these minutes and summarised below:

Item 5. Executive Response to the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel Working Group on the Review of the Council's Role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services

RESOLVED that the following recommendations of the Working Group on "A Review of the Council's role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services":

i. Are accepted

Recommendation 6.3 Checks be made to ensure that local care providers adopt and implement a missing person's procedure which includes up to date contact details and reflects the outcome of the Thames Valley Police's review of missing persons' guidance on the procedure to be followed in the event of the unexpected absence of a person receiving care in order to safeguard vulnerable adults.

Recommendation 6.4 Validation Guidelines be expanded to include a section explaining how benchmarks are identified and giving information regarding the service aspects that the Council measures performance against.

ii. That the following recommendation is partially accepted

<u>Recommendation 6.2</u> The Quality Assurance Framework be expanded to include collection of the views of people who self-fund their care.

iii. That the following recommendation is not accepted:

Recommendation 6.1 The plan for the emergency evacuation of care / nursing home premises that is practiced regularly be reconsidered with a view to introducing a more practical emergency response procedure reflecting residents' disabilities and conditions as far as possible within safety requirements.

Item 6. Draft Capital Budget 2015/16

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- i. Approves, for consultation, an initial Council funded capital programme of £16.818m for 2015/16 as set out in paragraph 5.24 and summarised in Annex
- ii. A of the Borough Treasurer's report, including the schemes listed in Annexes B F.
- iii. Approves as a supplementary capital approval funding in 2014/15 of £0.447m for Binfield Learning Village at Blue Mountain, as outlined in the Funding Model agreed by Executive in October 2014.
- iv. Approves, for consultation, the inclusion of an additional budget of £1m for Invest to Save schemes.
- v. Approves, for consultation, the inclusion of £1.880m of expenditure to be funded from S106 as outlined in paragraph 5.25 of the Borough Treasurer's report.
- vi. Approves, for consultation, the inclusion of £17.804m of expenditure to be externally funded as outlined in paragraph 5.25 of the Borough Treasurer's report.
- vii. Approves the virements totalling £0.33m to the 2014/15 Children Young People and Learning Programme, as set out in Annex I of the Borough Treasurer's report, in order to meet the demands of the School Places Plan.

Item 7. Draft Revenue Budget 2015/16

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- Agree the draft budget proposals for 2015/16 as the basis for consultation with the Overview & Scrutiny Commission and other interested parties or individuals.
- ii. Agree the Treasury Management Strategy and associated documents at Annexe E of the Borough Treasurer's report and request that the Governance and Audit Committee review each of the key elements.
- iii. Agree that the 2015/16 Schools Budget be set at the estimated level of grant income plus any accumulated balances, with the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning authorised to make amendments and agree budgets for schools and services centrally managed by the Council.

iv. Approve the virements relating to the 2014/15 budget as set out in Annexes F and G of the Borough Treasurer's report and recommend those that are over £0.100m for approval by Council.

Item 8. Annual Audit Letter

RESOLVED that the Executive note the Annual Audit Letter 2013/14 at Appendix 1 of the Borough Treasurer's report.

Item 9. Joint Commissioning Strategy for Intermediate Care

RESOLVED that the overall approach within the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Intermediate Care 2015 – 2018 is approved, and that final approval, following comment from the Clinical Commissioning Group, is delegated to the Better Care Fund Programme Board.

Item 10. Corporate Performance Overview Report

RESOLVED that the performance of the Council over the period from July - September 2014, highlighted in the Overview Report in Annex A of the Chief Executive's report be noted.

Item 11. 2014 School Exam Results (Provisional)

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- i. Notes the expectation that schools continue to raise standards of pupil achievement to improve economic competitiveness in a global economy.
- ii. Notes the unvalidated test and examination results in Bracknell Forest schools in the academic year 2013-14 (validated results are not available until later in the academic year) and changes to the School Improvement Service.
- *iii.* Endorses the actions taken to develop School Improvement practice to meet a more challenging context.
- iv. Reaffirms the ambition for all Bracknell Forest Schools to be 'good' schools.

Item 12. Sexual Health Tender

RESOLVED that the Sexual Health contract commencing 1st April 2016 is awarded to Tenderer 1 (As detailed in the confidential Annex to the Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing's report) by Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire Local Authorities.

Item 13. School Capacity Strategy and Funding Strategy

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- i. Note the forecast demand for school places, and the arrangements for creating new school places that are required to keep pace with the demand.
- ii. Endorse the School Capacity Strategy as set out in the confidential Appendix B appended to the Director of Children, Young People and Learning's report.

iii. Agrees the Funding Strategy as set out in the confidential Appendix C appended to the Director of Children, Young People and Learning's report

27. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of items 15 and 16 which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

(3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

Item 14. Bracknell Town Centre Supplementary Capital Expenditure

RESOLVED that the Executive recommends to Council approval for additional capital expenditure of £12.4m plus stamp duty of up to £0.6m.

Item 15. Coral Reef Enhancement Programme

RESOLVED that the Executive recommend to Council, subject to the outcome of the budget consultation, that:

- i. Capital provision of £11.23m be made to undertake the Coral Reef enhancement works as summarised in paragraph 6.14 of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities' report
- ii. revenue provision of £593,000 relating to the project be made as detailed in paragraph 6.16 of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities' report
- iii. The outline HR strategy described in paragraph 6.18 b of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities' report be endorsed;
- iv. The outline programme as detailed in paragraph 6.19 of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities' report be noted

CHAIRMAN

Work Programme Reference	1049648

- 1. **TITLE:** Executive Response to the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel Working Group on the Review of the Council's Role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing
- 3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

For the Executive to respond to the recommendations raised by the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel Working Group in its report on looking at the Council's Role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services.

- 4 IS KEY DECISION Yes
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

That the following recommendations of the Working Group on "A Review of the Council's role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services":

i. Are accepted

Recommendation 6.3 Checks be made to ensure that local care providers adopt and implement a missing person's procedure which includes up to date contact details and reflects the outcome of the Thames Valley Police's review of missing persons' guidance on the procedure to be followed in the event of the unexpected absence of a person receiving care in order to safeguard vulnerable adults.

<u>Recommendation 6.4</u> Validation Guidelines be expanded to include a section explaining how benchmarks are identified and giving information regarding the service aspects that the Council measures performance against.

ii. That the following recommendation is partially accepted

<u>Recommendation 6.2</u> The Quality Assurance Framework be expanded to include collection of the views of people who self-fund their care.

iii. That the following recommendation is not accepted:

<u>Recommendation 6.1</u> The plan for the emergency evacuation of care / nursing home premises that is practiced regularly be reconsidered with a view to introducing a more practical emergency response procedure reflecting residents' disabilities and conditions as far as possible within safety requirements.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

The Overview and Scrutiny Working Group has spent considerable time on the review of a very complex subject, which involves a range of agencies. The complexities have resulted

in some level of misunderstanding of the range of legislation, and of the responsibilities of the various regulatory bodies involved in services, and therefore in the powers available to the Council to implement the some of the recommendations.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: Not applicable

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health &

Housing

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1046445

1. **TITLE:** Draft Capital Budget 2015/16

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Corporate Services

3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To approve the Council's budget proposals for consultation.

4 IS KEY DECISION Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION**:

That the Executive:

- i. Approves, for consultation, an initial Council funded capital programme of £16.818m for 2015/16 as set out in paragraph 5.24 and summarised in Annex A of the Borough Treasurer's report, including the schemes listed in Annexes B F.
- ii. Approves as a supplementary capital approval funding in 2014/15 of £0.447m for Binfield Learning Village at Blue Mountain, as outlined in the Funding Model agreed by Executive in October 2014.
- iii. Approves, for consultation, the inclusion of an additional budget of £1m for Invest to Save schemes.
- iv. Approves, for consultation, the inclusion of £1.880m of expenditure to be funded from \$106 as outlined in paragraph 5.25 of the Borough Treasurer's report.
- v. Approves, for consultation, the inclusion of £17.804m of expenditure to be externally funded as outlined in paragraph 5.25 of the Borough Treasurer's report.
- vi. Approves the virements totalling £0.33m to the 2014/15 Children Young People and Learning Programme, as set out in Annex I of the Borough Treasurer's report, in order to meet the demands of the School Places Plan.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

The reasons for the recommendations are set out in the Borough Treasurer's report.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The alternative options are considered in the Borough Treasurer's report.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Targeted consultation exercises will be undertaken with business rate payers, the Schools Forum, Parish Councils and

voluntary organisations. In addition, this report and all the supporting information will be publicly available to any individual or group who wish to comment on any proposal included within it. Internal consultation is via officers, members and more specifically the Overview & Scrutiny Commission and its panels.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1046350

1. **TITLE:** Draft Revenue Budget 2015/16

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Corporate Services

3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To approve the Council's budget proposals for consultation.

4 IS KEY DECISION Yes

DECISION MADE BY: Executive

6. **DECISION**:

That the Executive:

- i. Agree the draft budget proposals for 2015/16 as the basis for consultation with the Overview & Scrutiny Commission and other interested parties or individuals.
- ii. Agree the Treasury Management Strategy and associated documents at Annexe E of the Borough Treasurer's report and request that the Governance and Audit Committee review each of the key elements.
- iii. Agree that the 2015/16 Schools Budget be set at the estimated level of grant income plus any accumulated balances, with the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning authorised to make amendments and agree budgets for schools and services centrally managed by the Council.
- iv. Approve the virements relating to the 2014/15 budget as set out in Annexes F and G of the Borough Treasurer's report and recommend those that are over £0.100m for approval by Council.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

The recommendations are designed to allow the Executive to consult on its draft budget proposals for 2015/16 as required by the Local Government Act 2003.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The range of options being considered is included in the Borough Treasurer's report and its annexes.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:

Targeted consultation exercises will be undertaken with business rate payers, the Schools Forum, Parish Councils and voluntary organisations. In addition, this report and all the supporting information will be publicly available to any individual or

group who wish to comment on any proposal included within it. Internal consultation is via officers, members and more specifically the Overview & Scrutiny Commission and its panels.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1050376

1. TITLE: Annual Audit Letter

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Corporate Services

3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To approve the External Auditor's Annual Audit Letter.

4 IS KEY DECISION Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION**:

That the Executive note the Annual Audit Letter 2013/14 at Appendix 1 of the Borough Treasurer's report.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

The Annual Audit Letter must be considered in public by those charged with governance. In Bracknell Forest this is the Governance and Audit Committee. However, given the Executive's overall responsibilities it is important that it also receives the report.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1050129

- 1. **TITLE:** Joint Commissioning Strategy for Intermediate Care
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

The three year Joint Commissioning Strategy for Intermediate Care is being submitted to the Executive for approval. Intermediate Care is funded by Bracknell Forest Council and Bracknell and Ascot Clinical Commissioning Group through a section 75 Agreement. This strategy defines the future vision, principles and outcomes for intermediate care within the local area, analyses current service delivery and future demand, models for development and priorities for future development.

- 4 IS KEY DECISION Yes
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

That the overall approach within the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Intermediate Care 2015 – 2018 is approved, and that final approval, following comment from the Clinical Commissioning Group, is delegated to the Better Care Fund Programme Board

7. REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that the strategic direction for people who require Intermediate Care and their carers continues to reflect:

- · the needs of the people concerned
- national strategic direction
- · recognised best practice

This strategy builds on the successful approach to the provision of Intermediate Care currently provided by the Council in partnership with Berkshire Healthcare NHS Trust (BHFT), and which is jointly commissioned through a S75 pooled budget arrangement between the Council and Bracknell and Ascot Clinical Commissioning Group (BACCG). The current arrangements are detailed in Appendix 2 of the Joint Commissioning Strategy

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

To continue to provide intermediate care as defined in current contracts, however this would risk not taking account of new duties in the Care Act or national and local developments in integrated health and social care services or the feedback from the local population.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: Commissioners and providers of

Intermediate Care Services

Organisations that refer to the service Feedback from people who have used the

service

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health &

Housing

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1047847

- 1. TITLE: Corporate Performance Overview Report
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Chief Executive's Office
- 3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To inform the Executive of the Council's performance over the second quarter of 2014-15

- 4 IS KEY DECISION No
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

That the performance of the Council over the period from July - September 2014, highlighted in the Overview Report in Annex A of the Chief Executive's report be noted.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

To brief the Executive on the Council's performance, highlighting key areas, so that appropriate action can be taken as appropriate if needed.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None applicable.

- 9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: N/A
- 10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Assistant Chief Executive
- 11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1050132

- 1. **TITLE:** 2014 School Exam Results (Provisional)
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning
- 3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To brief the Executive on the Bracknell Forest schools' examination results and end of key stage results for 2014.

- 4 IS KEY DECISION Yes
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

That the Executive:

- i. Notes the expectation that schools continue to raise standards of pupil achievement to improve economic competitiveness in a global economy.
- **ii.** Notes the unvalidated test and examination results in Bracknell Forest schools in the academic year 2013-14 (validated results are not available until later in the academic year) and changes to the School Improvement Service.
- *iii.* Endorses the actions taken to develop School Improvement practice to meet a more challenging context.
- iv. Reaffirms the ambition for all Bracknell Forest Schools to be 'good' schools.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

Education nationally has undergone a decade of transformation and ongoing change. The cumulative impact on schools of a raft of ongoing changes is challenging to manage. In addition to the impact on schools, the changes have implications for LA school improvement services. This report presents the current state of play and outlines the changes being made to better meet the emerging needs of schools.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

- 9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable
- 10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1050552

1. **TITLE:** Sexual Health Tender

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To agree to the recommendation contained within the report in respect of the provision of Sexual Health Services for Reading, Wokingham, West Berkshire and Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) Local Authorities all working under the umbrella of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing. This recommendation follows a robust evaluation of tenders submitted from shortlisted candidates. (Please note Bracknell Forest and Slough Borough Councils provision was agreed in May 2014.)

4 IS KEY DECISION Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION**:

That the Sexual Health contract commencing 1st April 2016 is awarded to Tenderer 1 (As detailed in the confidential Annex to the Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing's report) by Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire Local Authorities.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

To ensure that residents of Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire Local Authorities can access appropriate Sexual Health services subject to individual need that are focussed on achieving national outcomes, the reduction of need and value for money.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire Local Authorities considered no other options.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: All key stakeholders, including Local

Authorities, Public Health colleagues, the Voluntary and Community Services, Clinical

Commissioning Groups (CCGs),

Healthwatch, Elected Members, current and

interested providers and the Public.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health &

Housing

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1050521

- 1. **TITLE:** School Capacity Strategy and Funding Strategy
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning
- 3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To approve the School Capacity Strategy and Funding Strategy

- 4 IS KEY DECISION Yes
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

That the Executive:

- i. Note the forecast demand for school places, and the arrangements for creating new school places that are required to keep pace with the demand.
- ii. Endorse the School Capacity Strategy as set out in the confidential Appendix B appended to the Director of Children, Young People and Learning's report.
- iii. Agrees the Funding Strategy as set out in the confidential Appendix C appended to the Director of Children, Young People and Learning's report

7. REASON FOR DECISION

Provision of new school places will continue to constitute a significant element on the Council's Capital Programme with multiple projects across all sectors spanning many years.

The Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places, and the impact of rising rolls and new housing has made this an important issue for Bracknell Forest, carrying significant financial implications.

The Executive last approved the School Capacity Strategy in October 2012, and this has been updated to reflect the current revised requirements for new school places.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Options for creating additional school places include creation of surge classrooms, expansion of existing schools and construction of new schools, and these are set out in the body of the report.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: Pupil Place Planning Board

Education Capital Programme Board

Asset Management Group

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1050653

- 1. TITLE: Bracknell Town Centre Supplementary Capital Expenditure
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Chief Executive's Office
- 3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

Recommendation to Council for approval for additional capital expenditure which is essential to enable the delivery of the regeneration of Bracknell town centre.

- 4 IS KEY DECISION Yes
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

That the Executive recommends to Council approval for additional capital expenditure of £12.4m plus stamp duty of up to £0.6m.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

The regeneration of Bracknell town centre is one of the Council's overarching priorities.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Outlined in the report but, in short, the Council could choose not to approve the additional capital expenditure sought in the report. This would mean that the town centre development would not be financially viable and, as a result, it would not proceed.

- 9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: None
- 10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Assistant Chief Executive
- 11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014

Work Programme Reference	1050841

- 1. **TITLE:** Coral Reef Enhancement Programme
- 2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities
- 3. PURPOSE OF DECISION

To consider a request for capital funding to undertake refurbishment work at Coral Reef Waterworld.

- 4 IS KEY DECISION Yes
- 5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
- 6. **DECISION**:

That the Executive recommend to Council, subject to the outcome of the budget consultation, that:

- Capital provision of £11.23m be made to undertake the Coral Reef enhancement works as summarised in paragraph 6.14 of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities' report
- ii. revenue provision of £593,000 relating to the project be made as detailed in paragraph 6.16 of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities' report
- iii. The outline HR strategy described in paragraph 6.18 b of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities' report be endorsed;
- iv. The outline programme as detailed in paragraph 6.19 of the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities' report be noted

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Coral Reef has been an iconic feature of Bracknell Forest for 25 years but in order to ensure it can continue to provide a high quality leisure provision for the next 25 years it does require a significant investment to meet the needs and expectations of today's customers.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

A range of options have been explored including no refurbishment; modest investment over a number of years; prospect of on-going repairs to the roof structures; and different combinations of flumes and roof repairs or replacement. The current proposal is considered the preferred route forward.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: Borough wide

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

Communities

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
16 December 2014	23 December 2014