



**EXECUTIVE
17 OCTOBER 2017
5.00 - 5.18 PM**

Present:

Councillors Dr Barnard (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair), D Birch, Brunel-Walker, Mrs Hayes MBE, Heydon, McCracken and Turrell

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Bettison OBE

26. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

27. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 26 September 2017 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

Executive Decisions and Decision Records

The Executive considered the following items. The decisions are recorded in the decision sheets attached to these minutes and summarised below.

28. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items of business.

29. Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2017 - 2019

RECOMMENDED that the Youth Justice Plan 2017-19 be adopted.

30. Children, Young People & Learning Post Ofsted Action Plan

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the Ofsted report (Annex 1 of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning's report) which concludes that the overall effectiveness of Bracknell Forest services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers are good, with areas of outstanding practice be noted.
- 2 That the action plan and departmental vision be endorsed.
- 3 That the Council's thanks to partners and staff on the successful outcome of the inspection be formally recorded.

31. Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report

RESOLVED that the key messages and recommendations made in the annual report of the LSCB are noted.

32. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED that the 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 item 8 on the agenda (item 33 on the minutes) 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).

33. **Residential Nursing Care Service Contract Award**

RESOLVED that the procurement plan for Adult Social Care, Health and Housing to enter into a maximum of four block contracts to purchase a maximum of twenty two nursing beds with local providers be approved and that the contract award decision be delegated to the Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing.

LEADER

Bracknell Forest Council Record of Decision

Work Programme Reference	I071137
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1. **TITLE:** Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2017 - 2019
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

For the Executive to recommend the adoption of the Youth Justice Plan 2017-19 to Council.
4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
6. **DECISION:**

That the Youth Justice Plan 2017-19 be adopted.
7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to prepare a Youth Justice Plan. This needs to be endorsed by Council.
8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None applicable.
9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Children's Social Care Management Team.
Children, Young People & Learning
Departmental Management Team.
Youth Offending Service Management
Board
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

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**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I069260
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1. **TITLE:** Children, Young People & Learning Post Ofsted Action Plan

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

For the Executive to endorse the Action Plan and vision following the Ofsted inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

1 That the Ofsted report (Annex 1 of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning's report) which concludes that the overall effectiveness of Bracknell Forest services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers are good, with areas of outstanding practice be noted.

2 That the action plan and departmental vision be endorsed.

3 That the Council's thanks to partners and staff on the successful outcome of the inspection be formally recorded.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Every Local Authority will have an inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers. The Local Authority is required to prepare and publish a written statement of the action it intends to take in response to the report within 70 working days of receiving the final report

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None applicable.

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

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

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

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**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I069713
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1. **TITLE:** Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Children, Young People and Learning
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

For the Executive to receive the annual report of the LSCB and to note the key messages and recommendations made.
4. **IS KEY DECISION** No
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
6. **DECISION:**

The key messages and recommendations made in the annual report of the LSCB are noted.
7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

To enable ensure ongoing accountability of the department and the development of continually improved outcomes for children and young people in Bracknell Forest in accordance with statutory expectations.
8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None applicable.
9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Members of Children, Young People & Learning Leadership Team
Members of Corporate Management Team
Local Safeguarding Children Board Partners
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Children, Young People & Learning.
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

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**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I071761
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1. **TITLE:** Residential Nursing Care Service Contract Award

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

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve the recommendation to award a number of block contracts for Residential Nursing Care Services following a competitive tender.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

That the procurement plan for Adult Social Care, Health and Housing to enter into a maximum of four block contracts to purchase a maximum of twenty two nursing beds with local providers be approved and that the contact award decision be delegated to the Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. Since 2013/14; the council has seen an overall reduction of 205 residential and nursing beds. Whilst the demand has not reduced, the supply has, which has led to much higher prices than we should be paying. Recent cost modelling evidences that the situation is getting worse.
2. Whilst placement costs are becoming unsustainable, they are also becoming increasingly less reflective of a client's needs and more about how much a provider can get paid for a bed. Other Berkshire local authorities also report experiencing the same problems, as care managers vie for the limited beds available, regardless of the true cost of care and value for money.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

1. To approach current nursing providers in the market and negotiate better rates. A large number of beds are now being sold privately at well above market value, leaving providers less inclined to sell to social services or enter into a block contract at competitive rates. Following several conversations with local providers and other Berkshire Commissioners; this option does not seem realistic without a shift in the current supply/demand climate.
2. To adopt a similar approach to West Berkshire Council's Residential & Nursing Care Placement Policy (2012-ongoing), which has helped them to maintain sustainable rates. Among other things, the policy recognises:
 - that they do not have enough affordable supply to meet demand within borough;

- that the ability to have services available from a wider geographical market means that they are better able to manage demand within existing resources and provide enhanced choices for their residents;
- local authorities may take their resources into account when considering how to meet needs.

Whilst it would be beneficial to seek to implement something similar to this policy in addition to the block contract option, it cannot immediately fix the problems that we are facing and would be more of a long-term solution.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** None.
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

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