

Executive Report 14 September 2016

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Leader of the Council



Finance & Transformation (1)

Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed

- not set in stone, but
- reflected in Efficiency Plan

Four year settlement with Government recommended to Council

- Revenue Support Grant will reduce from £11.3m to £1.7m
- settlement without agreement likely to be worse



Finance & Transformation (2)

Transformation programme well underway to deliver Efficiency Plan and close £23.5m gap

Revenue & Capital Outturn 2015/16 agreed

- **virements and Treasury Management Report recommended to Council**
- 18th consecutive year within budget



Leisure & Environment

Community access at Edgbarrow & Sandhurst Sports Centres

- public consultation on future public access agreed
- school access only until 5:30pm during term time
- two options for other access
 - a) Leisure Services deliver with higher charges
 - b) schools manage community access with no 'pay as you go'

RE3 Waste Strategy endorsed

- key aim to increase recycling to meet 50% target



Children, Young People & Learning

Binfield Learning Village

- enabling works and main works contracts agreed
- **supplementary capital approval of £3.3m for inflation from 2014 prices recommended**
- contractor on site: opening September 2018

Youth Offending Service Inspection

"Overall we found the quality of the work at Bracknell Forest Youth Offending Service to be excellent"



Major Commissioning & Contracts (1)

Changes to commissioning and delivery of drug & alcohol services agreed

- move to commissioned service from direct delivery
- 15% efficiency savings (£92k)

Health Visiting Contract award

- local government responsibility since October 2015
- 15 month contract awarded to coincide with end of Public Health grant ring fence



Major Commissioning & Contracts (2)

Supported Bus Passenger Transport

- new framework agreement approved
- provides structure to procure individual contracts



Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

Massive international increase in asylum seekers

Children claiming asylum stay in care of local authority where they make claim

Disproportionate impact on authorities with, port, airport, motorway services

Clear immigration issue in Brexit Referendum

Government has decided impact of UASC, particularly on Kent, unsustainable

Separate from Syrian refugee issue



Government Response

Refugee Minister appointed

"Voluntary" dispersal scheme implemented 1 July underpinned by:

Immigration Act 2016

- S69 – mechanism to transfer care from one local authority to another
- S72 enables Secretary of State to **require** local authority to co-operation in transfer of UASC if they are unwilling to do so voluntarily

Secretary of State indicated he will use S72 if voluntary scheme fails



Bracknell Forest Council Response

Agreed to take part in scheme voluntarily in July

Highlighted lack of local infrastructure and concern about potential extra costs

Provisionally agreed maximum of two UASC by end of September to allow time to identify support infrastructure

Will review in October in light of other Councils' support for scheme



THANK YOU

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