

Executive Report

30 November 2016

Councillor Paul Bettison OBE
Leader of the Council



Two Meetings

- 27 September
- 15 November

Plus extensive budget/transformation preparations

- New senior officers
 - Nikki Edwards, Director, Children, Young People and Learning
 - Stuart McKellar, Borough Treasurer



Transformation and Finance

Regulatory Services

- creation of joint service with Wokingham and West Berkshire
- Joint Committee; 2 Members per Council
- provides long term resilience and savings
- **Recommended to Council**

Commercial Property Investment Strategy

- investment strategy agreed
- **Recommended to Council**



Children, Young People & Learning

Priority Schools Building Programme 2

- 5 year Government funded programme 2016 – 2021
- major rebuild/refurbishment projects based upon need
- bids submitted January 2015
- Brakenhale and Edgbarrow bids successful
- Bracknell Forest Council to deliver Edgbarrow project
- Education Funding Agency (EFA) to deliver Brakenhale



Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

Housing Strategy

- Agreed as basis for consultation including:
 - looking at Council role in intervening in market
 - Downshire Homes Limited role
 - National Landlord Association led review of private rented sector
 - engaging with pension funds etc to develop private renting opportunities
 - establishing a Bracknell Forest Extra Care & Retirement Village Developers Forum



Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

Housing Allocation Policy

Significant changes to allocation policy:

- residency requirement increased to 4 years
 - those currently with 3 year residency exempted
- offers of private rented housing to discharge homeless duty
- special arrangements for families with children taken into care
- maximum of 3 lettings per annum under “right to move”



Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme

- new scheme agreed for working age households
- discount to be focused on income levels
- maximises Incentive to Work



Culture

South Hill Park Trust Governance

- nomination rights to South Hill Park Trust removed to allow greater flexibility in attracting appropriate skills
- closely linked to progress with Arts Transformation Review

Community access at Edgbarrow and Sandhurst Sports Centres

- direct management by schools from April 2017
- follows comprehensive consultation
- majority support for 'no change' but minimal support for resulting price increases



Planning & Transport

Residents' Parking Scheme

- two year trial introduced around town centre in 2015
- consultation on extending scheme on self funding basis
- many areas showed majority against paying for scheme
- solution recognises local preferences so proposals redrawn to focus on areas where residents support scheme
- will need to be kept under review post Lexicon opening



Environment

Minerals & Waste Local Development Scheme

- Joint Minerals & Waste Plan to be developed with Wokingham, Reading and Windsor & Maidenhead
- important protection against unwanted extraction etc
- Hampshire Services appointed to undertake work
- new Local Development Scheme (LDS) recognises new timetable



THANK YOU

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