

Executive Report 26 April 2017

Councillor Paul Bettison
Leader of the Council



Executive Meetings

Two Executive meetings

- 14 March
- 11 April

..... Plus two Executive Committee Meetings



Transformation Programme

Customer Contact Strategy agreed

- strong focus on delivering digitally
- common approach to contact with quick access to specialists when needed

Council Support Services implementation plan agreed

- new model based upon strategic and support hubs with departmental business partners
- should deliver around £800,000 in initial savings



Transformation Programme cont/d

Time Square refurbishment procurement plan agreed

- consolidation expected mid 2018

Library IT Procurement plan agreed

- underpins transformation project to enable increased opening and self-service



Transformation Programme cont/d

ICT & Digital Strategy 2017 – 2020

- sets out strategic direction
- key enabler of transformation
 - greater emphasis on digital technology for customers and internal support
 - more flexible working
 - more productive office systems
 - appropriate security



Children, Young People & Learning

Family Safeguarding Model

- successful bid led by Hertfordshire County Council focussing on new ways of supporting vulnerable families
- Bracknell Forest, Luton, Peterborough and West Berkshire as partners
- £1.9m to be received over 2 years
- key focus on keeping people out of care



Children, Young People & Learning

Examination & Test Performance in Schools

- review of 2015/16 results
- outcomes generally in line or above national averages
- gap for disadvantaged pupils a concern
- school improvement team restructured to enhance focus



Planning & Transport

Design Supplementary Planning Document adopted

- sets out design principles for future development

Integrated Transport & Highway maintenance capital programmes agreed

- includes £2.9m of funding secured from Local Growth Fund



Other Issues

Emergency Planning

- proposals for pan-Berkshire (except Reading) service agreed
- West Berkshire to host

Equality Scheme 2017-2020 agreed

Local Government Ombudsman complaint – no further action response agreed

- safeguarding concerns “without fault”



THANK YOU

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul".

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