

To: **COUNCIL**
16 January 2019

EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL
The Leader

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Since the Council meeting on 28 November 2018, the Executive met on the 18 December 2018. This report summarises decisions taken by reference to the relevant portfolio within which they fall.
- 1.2 Updated Forward Plans are published every Friday and can be viewed online at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk. Full details on the decisions taken by individual portfolio holders can also be accessed online through the Council's website.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Council is asked to consider the recommendation set out at paragraph 5.4.1.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The reasons for recommendations are set out in the supporting information and in the reports considered by the Executive.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Alternative options are discussed in the relevant individual reports considered by the Executive.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Transformation and Finance

5.1 Capital Programme 2019/20 - 2021/22 and Revenue Budget 2019/20

- 5.1.1 The Executive approved for consultation a draft capital programme based on total spending of £27.212m of which:
- £11.436m of expenditure to be externally funded.
 - £1.025m of expenditure to be funded from S106.
 - £1m would be reserved for Invest-to-Save schemes.

The Executive also agreed a supplementary capital approval in 2018/19 of £0.25m, to be funded from the capital receipt for Easthampstead Park Conference Centre for the relocation of the Education Centre to the Open Learning Centre, along with the granting of a loan of £68,000 to the South Hill Park Trust and a number of the

virements reflect the changed needs and priorities within the Schools Capital Programme.

- 5.1.2 The Executive also agreed its draft revenue budget proposals for 2019/20 as the basis for consultation. These proposals included the Treasury Management Strategy and associated documents which the Executive requested that the Governance and Audit Committee review.
- 5.1.3 Both the draft revenue and capital programmes will now be considered by Overview & Scrutiny Panels and their views along with any submitted by residents and local groups will be reported to the Executive and Full Council in February when the final budget proposals for 2019/20 will be agreed.

Council Strategy & Community Cohesion

5.2 Council Plan Overview Report

- 5.2.1 The Executive noted the performance of the Council over the second quarter of the 2018/19 financial year (July - September 2018). At the end of the quarter, 104 actions (74.8%) were on target to complete within the timescales set; 13 actions (9.4%) had been completed whilst 20 actions (14.4%) were at risk of falling behind schedule and 1 actions (0.7%) had actually fallen behind schedule.
- 5.2.2 Progress against key performance indicators across the Council was also very positive, with 33 (71.7%) green – i.e. on, above or within 5% of target; 3 (6.5%) was amber – i.e. between 5% and 10% of target; and 10 (21.7%) were red – i.e. more than 10% from target. 25 further indicators had no set target.
- 5.2.3 Highlights of the second quarter included the implementation of the new organisational structure on 1 September 2018. Business as usual continued during implementation of the new structure and teams continued to deliver services to a high standard during a period of significant change. Alongside implementing the new structure, a major review of the Transformation Programme is underway to focus resources on projects that will deliver the most benefit.
- 5.2.4 Four of the red indicators within this quarter relate to the percentage of schools that are judged as good or outstanding by Ofsted. It takes time to change performance in this area due to the lengthy inspection cycle of schools. However, following the introduction of the Learning and Improvement strategy and newly restructured School Improvement team from September 2017, there have been 13 inspections. Of these 12 have resulted in a good, outstanding or improved rating, demonstrating the success of the new approach.

Planning and Transport

5.3 Publication of Submission Version of The Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan, Appoint an Examiner and Agree Delegations for Forthcoming Decisions.

- 5.3.1 The Executive agreed that a public consultation be undertaken on the submission version of the Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan, that an independent Examiner be appointed to undertake the examination of the Plan and that the costs associated with the examination and referendum not funded by grant should be funded by this Council and included as a one off item in the Commitment Budget for 2019/20.

- 5.3.2 Bracknell Town Council submitted its Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation to the Council on 28 November 2018. The Director of Place, Planning and Regeneration has confirmed in a letter dated 6th December 2018 to Bracknell Town Council that the submitted documentation complies with the statutory requirements as set out in the Act and Regulation 15 of the Regulations and the Town Council's document will, therefore, form the basis of the statutory consultation which the Borough Council must now facilitate.

Culture, Resources and Public Protection

5.4 Review of Statement of Gambling Principles

5.4.1 The Executive recommended to Council that they endorse the revised Statement of Gambling Principles at Appendix A.

- 5.4.2 Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to prepare and publish a statement of the principles that they propose to apply in exercising their functions under the Act. The Statement will last for a maximum of three years but can be reviewed and revised at any time. The present Statement was published on 31 January 2016 and therefore must undergo a review and be republished on or before 31 January 2019. The newly amended Statement was approved by the Licensing & Safety Committee on 18 October 2018.

Adult Services, Health and Housing

5.5 Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Tender

- 5.5.1 The Executive agreed to award a contract for the Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service and the Specialist Outreach Nursing Service, from 1 July 2019. They also agreed to extend the Specialist Outreach Nursing Service for Bracknell Forest until 30th June 2019 (for three months) to enable alignment of the two services.
- 5.5.2 The commissioning of sexual health services is a mandated public health responsibility for local authorities. The services contribute significantly to the overall health and wellbeing of the local population.
- 5.5.3 The sexual health outreach nursing service offers greater control to those most at risk of becoming pregnant and having a child taken into care or other adverse outcomes. Bracknell Forest is the only authority to be commissioning this service in East Berkshire and the Executive agreed to award this contract to the successful tenderer for the main sexual health service contract. This was to ensure an integrated clinical pathway between both services.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The Borough Solicitor's comments have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer's comments have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Equalities issues, where appropriate, have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Any strategic risks have been identified in the reports to the Executive.

Background Papers

Executive Agenda – 18 December 2018

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