

To: **COUNCIL**
24 April 2019

EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL
The Leader

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Since the Council meeting on 27 February 2019, the Executive met on the 12 March 2019 and 9 April 2019. 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 note the report.**

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

Adult Services, Health and Housing

5.1 East Berkshire Integrated and Delegated Continuing Health Care Service Proposal

- 5.1.1 The Executive endorsed the proposal to seek to develop an integrated continuing health care service (CHC) in conjunction with Slough and Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead Councils and the East Berkshire CCG.
- 5.1.2 The proposal sets out a vision for a more integrated and person centred approach to the assessment, care management and provision of continuing health care in East Berkshire. The shared aim is to harness the skills and expertise across CCG and local authority commissioners and practitioners to deliver better care outcomes and more seamless services for people with continuing health care and mental health aftercare needs. This will help make the best use of collective resources across the local care system, whilst opening opportunities for efficiencies from more collaborative working.

- 5.1.3 The proposal sets out a plan for Slough to become the lead commissioners and for Bracknell Forest Council to develop a trusted assessor model for integrated CHC assessment and care management services. These would be delivered on behalf of the East Berkshire CCG under a section 75 agreement. The Commissioning work lead by Slough Borough Council and the CCG represents the first phase of the proposal. Subject to progress with this, Bracknell Forest Council staff will lead the work to co-design and pilot the new model during 2019/20 with the hope that the new model will be fully operational by April 2020.

5.2 Public Health Arrangements

- 5.2.1 The Executive agreed to enter into an agreement with the pan-Berkshire Public Health Shared Team to share the services of the Strategic Director of Public Health (SDPH) from 1 April 2019. This arrangement will augment the support already received from the Bracknell Forest hosted Public Health Shared Team covering health intelligence, health protection and strategic leadership for health and wellbeing. The Council will recruit a Consultant in Public Health to lead the Bracknell Local Public Health Team.
- 5.2.2 There are a number of statutory duties and mandated functions that Local Authorities are required to deliver to achieve the aim of improving the healthy life expectancy of their residents and reducing inequalities in health between different groups in our community. In 2013, Berkshire developed a unique hub and spoke type model across the six unitary authorities locally. The current proposal recreates that arrangement.

5.3 Heathlands Redevelopment

- 5.3.1 The Executive agreed to work with the East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust to develop a detailed business case, design and planning application and to procure a contractor to run a replacement Heathlands facility. The Executive also agreed to receive a further update on the business case for the scheme alongside the proposed contractor appointment and Provider arrangements to ensure that the Council's overall level of risk exposure is fully evaluated in the summer.
- 5.3.2 Council agreed at its meeting on 27 February 2019 to include £10.95m in the capital programme for redevelopment of the former Heathlands residential care home, subject to a business case being considered and approved by the Executive in March 2019. The Business Case presented in this report includes the key strategic and financial considerations for the Council in developing such a facility to address the current shortfall in capacity for Elderly and Mentally Infirm (EMI) nursing and Health intermediate care beds on the site of the former Heathlands residential care home.

Planning and Transport

5.4 Capital Programme 2019/20 Integrated Transport

- 5.4.1 The Executive approved the Capital Programme for Integrated Transport for 2019/20 and its implementation. The programme supports the adopted Local Transport Plan which sets out the key challenges facing Bracknell Forest through the period 2011-2026.
- 5.4.2 Historically, funding for the programme has been made up of an Integrated Transport Grant from central Government, alongside developer contributions for transport

mitigation measures (S106/CIL). However, in addition to the grant allocation (£520k) and S106 funds (£400k), the Council has this year been successful in securing additional funds from Central Government through the Local Growth Fund and The National Productivity Investment Fund. Both funds are aimed towards implementing transport measures linked to economic growth and carbon reduction with a focus on removing pinch points which unlock regeneration and housing development.

- 5.4.3 A further £3.29m has also been secured from the Government's National Productivity Investment Fund for the dualling of A322 Downshire Way. This scheme commenced in February 2019 and will continue into 2020 with remaining funding allocated within the 2020/21 programme.

5.5 Highway Maintenance Works Programme 2019-20

- 5.5.1 The Executive agreed the Highway Maintenance Works Programme. This includes £1.369m for non-routine highway maintenance schemes provided via the Department for Transport's Highway Maintenance Capital Funding. This is the same amount as last year.
- 5.5.2 In addition to the capital programme, the Council also made provision in its revenue budget with around £2.4m included in the 2019/20 proposals. This will be used for routine and reactive maintenance purposes on all our highway network assets, our winter service and our 24/7 emergency event response service.
- 5.5.3 Even with this level of funding, the level of maintenance demand far exceeds the available budgets. Accordingly funding has to be targeted. The Local Transport Plan defines how we prioritise spending according to an assessment of need having regard to the condition of the asset.

Council Strategy & Community Cohesion

5.6 Council Plan Overview Report

- 5.6.1 The Executive noted the performance of the Council over the third quarter of the 2018/19 financial year (October - December 2018). At the end of the quarter, 98 actions (70.4%) were on target to complete within the timescales set and a further 18 (12.9%) had been completed.
- 5.6.2 Progress against key performance indicators across the Council was also positive, with 75% rated as green or amber.
- 5.6.3 Highlights of the quarter included the recruitment to a number of key senior posts in the organisational structure that was launched on 1 September 2018. During the quarter four family hubs were also launched. These are based around our children's centres – Oaks, Willows, Alders and the Rowans.
- 5.6.4 Importantly, the overall percentage of good and outstanding schools is improving over time. During this quarter we have demonstrated real success, with Cranbourne Primary achieving an 'outstanding' rating. This brings the percentage of outstanding schools in Bracknell Forest to 17.9%. Fox Hill Primary School have also moved from requires improvement to good.
- 5.6.5 Concerns this quarter included the satisfaction level expressed in the regular survey of contact with Customer Services, across all channels was 76.3% this quarter, down from 79.0% last quarter, against a target of 85.0%. We are investigating further,

particularly as our telephony SLA has been strong over this period and the new reception area at Time Square has resulted in positive comments from customers.

- 5.6.6 A further area of concern relates to our performance reporting itself. Our plans to replace the existing PARIS system and introduce interactive dashboards during 2018/19 have proved to be over optimistic. However, the Business Intelligence team are making good progress and a new InPhase system will be available from April. This will be piloted over the next two quarters so that when the next Council Plan is agreed in October, it will be underpinned by an improved, easy to use, intuitive performance reporting system.

5.7 Building Maintenance and Repair Services Procurement Plan

- 5.7.1 The Executive approved the Procurement Plan for the appointment Reactive Maintenance Contractor to provide a 24 hour Maintenance and Reactive Repair Services to the Council. As well as all Council buildings, the contract will cover a large number of school sites which have bought into the services provided by the Council's Construction and Maintenance Group.

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 – 12 February 2019 and 9 April 2019

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