

**COUNCIL
3 MARCH 2010**

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since the Executive report to the Council meeting on 27 January 2010, the Executive has met once on 16 February 2010. This report covers the decisions made at that meeting, summarised by reference to the relevant portfolio within which they fall.

2 COUNCIL STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY COHESION

2.1 Medium Term Objectives – Overview & Scrutiny Response

- 2.1.1 Draft Key Objectives for 2010/11 were approved by the Executive on 15 December 2009 who invited the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to comment on their proposals. The Commission consequently set up a small working group to review the Objectives and the Key Actions stemming from them. The working group have suggested a number of changes to the key actions.
- 2.1.2 The Executive has agreed that, of the 18 suggested changes, ten be accepted in full and two accepted partially but that there should be no change to six of the objectives. The issues raised in respect of these six would, however, be looked at again during the next full review of the MTO's. The amended Key Objectives will now be used as the basis for developing Service Plans for 2010/11.

2.2 Local Area Agreement Refresh 2009-10

- 2.2.1 The Local Area Agreement was originally adopted by the Executive in May 2008. In March 2009 an updated version was agreed. The Executive, at the meeting on 10 February 2010, has now agreed newly updated targets in a refreshed Local Area Agreement for submission to the Government office for the South East (GOSE). The Executive also agreed to give delegated authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the agreement of any outstanding targets for the refresh, with Partners.
- 2.2.2 All of the targets must be agreed for the final LAA Submission to GOSE on 12 March 2010.

2.3 Comprehensive Area Assessment Action Plans

- 2.3.1 The Executive has approved the action plan stemming from the Comprehensive Area Assessment published in December. It has also invited the Governance and Audit Committee to receive the Use of Resources response to the Audit Commissions recommendations.
- 2.3.2 Both action plans address the few the areas identified where some improvement is needed in response to audit recommendations. It is cross checked with existing plans across the Council and Partnerships as many of these issues were already in hand.

3 FINANCE, RESOURCES AND ASSETS

3.1 Capital Programme 2010-11 – 2010-13/ General Fund Revenue Budget 2010-11

- 3.1.1 The Executive approved at the meeting on 10 February 2010 a set of final recommendations on the Council's budget and capital programme proposals for the coming year, having regard to the consultation responses on the draft proposals published in December 2009. These are detailed separately in item 6 and 7 on the agenda.

4 ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Local Development Framework – Site Allocations Consultation

- 4.1.1 The Executive endorsed the consultation approach and the Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SADPD) for widespread public consultation. Minor changes to the consultation document will be agreed by the Executive Member for Planning, Transport and Economic Development in consultation with the Chief Officer of Planning and Transport.
- 4.1.2 The SADPD is a key document which will identify sites for meeting the Borough's development needs to 2026. It is an important step in securing delivery of the vision set out in the Council's adopted Core Strategy. Given its importance an extensive consultation process is planned, including exhibitions and 'roadshows' to ensure that the maximum number of people have an opportunity to give their views. The Executive will reconsider the plan in the light of these consultations and recommend the final site allocations development plan to Council later this year.

4.2 North Bracknell Bus Contracts

- 4.2.1 The Executive has approved that the company submitting the lowest tender be awarded a contract for the operation of buses and that the combined bid for the services be accepted as a single contract from the contractor identified in the confidential annexe to the report.
- 4.2.2 The contract will provide local bus services on a number of routes, principally to the north of Bracknell.

5 LOOKING AHEAD

- 5.1 The next Forward Plan will be published on 1 March 2010 and will be available for public inspection at Easthampstead House in the usual way and will also be available online at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk where you can also find full details on decisions taken by individual portfolio holders.