

**EXECUTIVE
7 JANUARY 2014
5.00 - 6.00 PM**



Present:

Councillors Bettison (Chairman), Ward (Vice-Chairman), Dr Barnard, Birch, Brunel-Walker, McCracken and Turrell

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Mrs Hayes

65. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

66. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 10 December 2013 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

67. Urgent Items of Business

There were no urgent items.

68. Executive Decisions

The Executive considered the reports submitted on the items listed below and the decisions taken are recorded in the decision sheets attached to these minutes and summarised below:

Item 5: Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Dementia 2014-2019

RESOLVED that

- 1 The 2014-2019 Dementia Strategy subject to suggested amendments, be approved.
- 2 The development of an Action Plan by the Dementia Partnership Board driven by the Dementia Strategy, be agreed.

Item 6: Local Development Scheme

RESOLVED that the Local Development Scheme at Appendix A to the report shall come into effect on 15 January 2014, be agreed.

Item 7: City Deal

RESOLVED that

- 1 The final Thames Valley Berkshire City Deal that was signed off by the Deputy Leader of the Council, along with the other Berkshire councils be noted.
- 2 The appointment of a Joint Committee of the six Berkshire Unitary Authorities under Section 102 (2) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 be agreed for the purposes of managing and delivering the agreed outcomes of the City Deal initiative, and in this regard:
 - That each of the six Berkshire Authorities appoint one Member to the Joint Committee, this being the Councillor who is their representative on the LEP Board;
 - That Reading Borough Council be recognised as the Accountable Body for the purposes of the City Deal initiative;
 - That Bracknell Forest Borough Council be appointed to the role of Secretariat to the Joint Committee on behalf of the six unitary authorities;
 - That the Berkshire-wide officer group set up to steer the development of the City Deal proposal continue in this role and report to the Joint Committee,
 - The Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Executive Member for Economic Development and Regeneration and the Borough Solicitor be authorised to agree to the terms of the inter-authority agreement establishing the Joint Committee.
- 3 It be noted that the development of the local Bracknell Forest element of City Deal is being co-ordinated through the Economic and Skills Development Partnership, and is focussed on business engagement and employment brokerage for 16-24 year olds.

69. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of item 9 which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

Item 9: Approval of the Council's Bus Strategy

RESOLVED that

- 1 The public and stakeholder consultation results and output from the Overview and Scrutiny Bus Strategy Working Group (BSWG), be noted;
- 2 The proposed Bus Strategy and Action Plan be approved;
- 3 The principal changes to supported bus services as outlined in paragraphs 5.27-5.29 of the report be approved and the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities be authorised to procure the new supported local bus service contracts in 2014.

Bracknell Forest Council Record of Decision

Work Programme Reference	I041994
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1. **TITLE:** Joint Commissioning Strategy for People with Dementia 2014-2019

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek approval to the Joint Commissioning Strategy for people with Dementia which has been developed by Bracknell Forest Council and Bracknell and Ascot Clinical Commissioning Group. The Strategy has been developed following a full 12-week public consultation held prior to the development of the strategy to ensure that people with dementia, their carers and families and the voluntary sector were involved in informing the commissioning priorities for the next five years.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

1 That the 2014-2019 Dementia Strategy subject to suggested amendments, be approved.

2 That the development of an Action Plan by the Dementia Partnership Board driven by the Dementia Strategy, be agreed.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The current Dementia Strategy for Bracknell Forest runs until the beginning of 2014. After this time, there is no local document providing strategic direction for the development of dementia support in Bracknell Forest.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

There are no alternative options.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** People with dementia
Carers of people with dementia
People working in Health and Social Care
Voluntary sector colleagues
Members of Bracknell and Ascot CCG
Other individuals with an interest in dementia support

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
Tuesday, 7 January 2014	Wednesday, 15 January 2014

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I043670
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1. **TITLE:** Local Development Scheme
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To bring an updated Local Development Scheme into effect

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

That the Local Development Scheme at Appendix A to the report shall come into effect on 15 January 2014, be agreed.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Planning has an important role to play in supporting the local economy and ensuring that communities' development needs are met in a sustainable way. Preparation and adoption of the documents specified in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) will give residents, businesses and potential investors a clear indication that the Council remains committed to having an effective planning policy framework in place.

In July this year the Council adopted the Site Allocations Local Plan (SALP) which provides the required five year supply of housing land. However, there have been a number of changes in the national and regional context that have made aspects of the existing Core Strategy and Bracknell Forest Borough Local Plan out of date. These include:
Introduction of the Localism Act;
Introduction of the National Planning Policy Framework;
Introduction of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites;
Additional change of use permitted development rights; and,
Partial revocation of the South East Plan (all policies revoked apart from NRM 6 – Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area)

The changes in national policy mean that the Council's current planning framework requires updating or it will be less effective in delivering the growth planned in the Core Strategy and SALP. In time, it will also need updating to provide a planning framework beyond the current plan horizon of 2026.

It is a statutory requirement to prepare and maintain a LDS. The LDS is a statement of the Council's intentions for the preparation of planning policy documents to deliver a spatial planning strategy for the Borough over the next three years. The changes referred to in paragraph 3.2 above mean that there is a need to review the scope and nature of the documents in the current LDS including a review of policy areas in the current Core Strategy and the 2002 Bracknell Forest Borough Local Plan. There is also a need to establish a robust and up to date evidence base.

An up to date LDS is also necessary to ensure that resources are properly planned to deliver the work programme.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The option of not updating the LDS was considered but the current LDS (which came into effect in October 2012), in respect of the Site Allocations Local Plan which has now been adopted and the proposed scope and format of a new Local Plan has changed. Not publishing an up to date LDS would mean a lack of clarity for the community, including the business community, about the Council's intended approach to producing planning policies to guide future development.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: None.

10. DOCUMENT CONSIDERED: Report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities

11. DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None.

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Tuesday, 7 January 2014	Wednesday, 15 January 2014

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I044008
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1. **TITLE:** City Deal
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Chief Executive's Office
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The Executive are asked to agree the governance arrangements for City Deal.

- 4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

- 1 That the final Thames Valley Berkshire City Deal that was signed off by the Deputy Leader of the Council, along with the other Berkshire councils be noted.
- 2 That the appointment of a Joint Committee of the six Berkshire Unitary Authorities under Section 102 (2) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 be agreed for the purposes of managing and delivering the agreed outcomes of the City Deal initiative, and in this regard:
 - That each of the six Berkshire Authorities appoint one Member to the Joint Committee, this being the Councillor who is their representative on the LEP Board;
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 - That the Berkshire-wide officer group set up to steer the development of the City Deal proposal continue in this role and report to the Joint Committee,
 - The Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Executive Member for Economic Development and Regeneration and the Borough Solicitor be authorised to agree to the terms of the inter-authority agreement establishing the Joint Committee.
- 3 That it be noted that the development of the local Bracknell Forest element of City Deal is being co-ordinated through the Economic and Skills Development Partnership, and is focussed on business engagement and employment brokerage for 16-24 year olds.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Government's minimum requirement in terms of governance is for the establishment of a Joint Committee arrangement for decision making between local authorities covered by the City Deal. The creation of this Joint Committee requires agreement from the Executive.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not applicable.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** N/A

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

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**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I043469
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1. **TITLE:** Approval of the Council's Bus Strategy
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek approval to the Council's Bus Strategy.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

1. That the public and stakeholder consultation results and output from the Overview and Scrutiny Bus Strategy Working Group (BSWG), be noted;
2. That the proposed Bus Strategy and Action Plan be approved;
3. That the principal changes to supported bus services as outlined in paragraphs 5.27-5.29 of the report be approved and the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities be authorised to procure the new supported local bus service contracts in 2014.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

To ensure that future bus passenger transport reflects the principles set out within the Bus Strategy.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The alternative options are set out in the report.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** The Public.
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

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