

Executive Report 30 April 2014

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Residents' Parking Scheme (1)

- Town Centre regeneration and construction will increase pressures on local parking
- Consultation with residents in seven areas (1600 properties) in July 2013
 - 78% currently experience parking difficulties
 - 81% believe a parking scheme would be beneficial
 - 55% would support scheme even if charged for permits



Residents' Parking Scheme (2)

- Scheme to meet residents' needs and aspirations developed
- 4 key principles
 - protect residents from increased parking pressures
 - simple to use
 - cost effective
 - no cost to families requiring less than 3 permits during trial
- Evaluation and review of all aspects after two years
- Consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders currently in progress



Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

- Overview & Scrutiny Review of 'Francis Report' [mid Staffs NHSFT]
 - most recommendations directed at other bodies and Overview & Scrutiny Members
 - recommendation to Executive accepted
- Fixed Civil Penalties for benefit claims change of information
 - set at £50 if overpayment is £250
 - Government guidelines suggest overpayment threshold = £65
 - inadvertent over-claiming extremely unlikely at Bracknell Forest level
- Learning Disabilities Community Strategy 2014 – 19 agreed



Public Realm Contract

- 3 major contracts covering highway maintenance, street cleansing and grounds maintenance
- Detailed evaluation 60% cost : 40% quality with 80% quality on grounds maintenance
- Successful tenderers:
 - Highway maintenance – Ringway
 - Street cleansing – Continental Landscapes
 - Grounds maintenance – Continental Landscapes
- Savings exceed £0.5M/annum
- Key part of 'glide path' strategy



Other Significant Issues

- £1.76M Highway Maintenance Programme agreed
- Strategy for use of Pupil Premium agreed
 - Focus on narrowing gap between eligible and other pupils
- Service Plans 2014/15
- Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Facilities Management Category Strategy



THANK YOU

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