

Executive Report

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Leader of the Council



Executive Programme

3 Meetings

- 23 September
- 21 October
- 18 November

Focus on key issues only



Corporate Issues (1)

Community Hubs

- Five new communities planned before 2026
- CIL allocates 15 or 25% (with Neighbourhood Plan) to Town & Parish Councils
- Future of community centres given to local bodies
- Gives opportunity to Town & Parish Councils to be at heart of community facilities



Corporate Issues (2)

Polling District & Polling Places Review

- Electoral Review Steering Group completed review
- 30/33 polling districts meet statutory criteria
- Changes to improve access relating to areas within Jennett's Park and The Parks
- **Recommend to Council**



Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report (1)

Key areas in last year include:

- Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy
- Children's Society Survey of more than 2000 children/young people
- Conference on neglect with Frank Field MP



Children, Young People & Learning

Provision of Short Breaks

- Changes to provision for disabled children approved
- Decision made following independently led consultation exercise with parents, carers, children & young people using services
- Widespread understanding of drivers for change
- Focus on increasing charges to minimise reductions in actual provision
- Total savings of £106K made possible



Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report (2)

Focus for 2014/15 includes:

- Further development of CSE protection & support
- Early intervention framework
- Domestic abuse
- Reducing impact of substance and alcohol misuse in children & young people
- Reducing impact of parental mental illness on children
- Understanding harm associated with misuse of technology



Binfield Learning Village & Community Facilities

- Since 2003 more than 5000 new school places created
- Additional capacity in north of Borough still essential
- Blue Mountain proposals in Binfield will deliver:
 - Nursery
 - 2FE primary school
 - 7FE secondary school
 - SEN provision
 - Total 1,851 additional places
- Project scope & £39M of funding agreed
- Community Reference Group engaged and active



Other Significant Issues Considered

- Office Accommodation Strategy
- Enforcement Policy
- Amendment to RIPA Policy
- Roles & responsibilities of Director of Children's Services & Lead Member
- Business & Enterprise Work Plan
- Complaints
- Corporate Performance

Customer Contact Strategy 2011 - 2014

Review of progress over last three years highlighted

- Improved online access to libraries
- School admissions applications reached
 - Secondary 65.9% (from 22%)
 - Primary 70.5% (from 33.8%)
- Digital Inclusion Project
- Automated telephony service
- Redesigned Benefits & Housing Service



THANK YOU

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