

Executive Report 29 April 2015

Councillor Paul Bettison
Leader of the Council



Adult Services, Health & Housing (1)

Joint Commissioning Strategy for Carers 2015 – 20

- Reflects recent legislation, local needs analysis and consultation with carers

Older Persons' Accommodation & Support Services Strategy

- Opportunity to work with Bracknell Forest Homes to provide improved intermediate care and re-ablement services



Adult Services, Health & Housing (2)

Local Housing Company

- 68% increase in homeless households in last year
- Increased spend on bed and breakfast
- Increased pressure on housing waiting list
- Poor outcomes for families
- Looking to establish Council owned housing company to discharge homeless duty



Children, Young People & Learning (1)

Redevelopment of Coopers Hill

- Endorsement of plan to create youth hub and creative arts centre with Thames Valley Housing Association
- Subject to financial viability study
- Final decision late 2015/early 2016



Children, Young People & Learning (2)

Troubled Families Phase Two

- Invited to be early starter because of phase 1 success
- 115 families (100% success rate)
- Phase 2 extends to 380 families
- Government financial support and performance rewards

Staying Put Policy

- Formalises existing practice for Looked After Children to remain with foster carers until age 21 where both agree
- Funding model agreed to support carers



Culture, Corporate Services & Public Protection

Overview & Scrutiny Review of Business Rates

- Looks to encourage small businesses to obtain premises in Borough
- Incentive scheme suggested
- Detail to be considered by Executive in September
- Very positive review



Community Safety Partnership Plan 2014 - 17

2015 refresh considered

Maintains CSP focus on reducing crime – lowest levels for 20 years

8 priorities identified – including protecting vulnerable people

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Preventing Violent Extremism

*** Recommended to Council**



Planning & Transport

Capital Programme – 2015/16

- Highway maintenance and integrated transport programmes agreed
- Includes £2.45M Government Support (£1.7M for maintenance and £0.75M for integrated transport)



Other Items

Leader approval of delegation for discharge of functions related to CIL

Binfield Learning Village

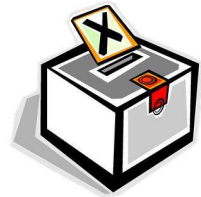
- Executive Committee awarded pre-construction contract

Town Centre

- Mace start on site 23 March
- Piling now underway
- Steelworks commence – early June



And finally



Good luck on 7 May and.....

Thank you to all retiring Members



THANK YOU

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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