

Leader's Presentation

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Executive Report

11 September 2024

Councillor Mary Temperton

Leader of the Council

Good news

Silver award - The Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS)

Bracknell Forest Council was awarded a silver award in the ERS on 4 September.

The scheme recognises employers that have provided exceptional support to the armed forces community.

It encourages employers to support defence and inspire others to do the same. Silver awards are only available to organisations that have signed the Armed Forces Covenant

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise to ensure that those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly.

Cllr Georgia Pickering, armed forces community covenant champion, received the award on behalf of the council at a ceremony at Admiralty House in Portsmouth



Recent meetings

Held one meeting since the
July Council meeting:

16 July

Planning, Transport and Countryside

Overview and Scrutiny review of Thames Water

The executive agreed the environment and communities overview and

The review highlighted the responsibilities of the water companies and the Environment Agency.

It outlined the limitations of the current sewerage system and the planned improvements to capacity across the borough.



Environment, Community and Housing

Community Safety Plan 2024-2027

The executive approved a four-week public consultation on the recommended strategic priorities for the Community Safety Plan 2024-27.

There is a legal requirement to obtain the views of people who live and work in the area on what should be prioritised to reduce crime and disorder.

The consultation started on 22 July.



Environment, Community and Housing

Trial of hydro treated vegetable oil waste collection vehicle

The executive endorsed the trial of a hydro treated vegetable oil (HVO) vehicle for waste collection.

The trial will be for a minimum of 12 months from September 2024.

They also noted the purchase of a 5,000-litre fuel tank for the vehicle.

HVO provides a 90 per cent reduction in carbon dioxide equivalent emissions when compared to diesel.

Finance and Corporate re outturn 2023/24 Improvement

Capital expenditure

the 2023/24 capital programme to 2024/25.

The executive also noted the financing of capital expenditure and approved the capital virements.

The executive recommends that Council approves carry forwards for the specific schemes listed in paragraph 5.5 of the Capital Expenditure Outturn 2023/24 report, being.



Finance and Corporate Improvement

Revenue expenditure outturn 2023/24

The executive noted the outturn expenditure for 2023/24, subject to audit, of budget.

The executive also approved the earmarked reserves and the virements relating to the 2023/24 budget.

The executive recommends that Council notes the Treasury Management performance in 2023/24 as set out in Annexe B of the [Revenue Expenditure Outturn 2023/24](#) report.





Finance and Corporate Improvement

Bracknell Forest Council Productivity Plan

The Productivity Plan for Bracknell Forest Council was approved by the executive.

As part of the 2024/25 local government finance settlement, the government introduced a requirement for all local authorities to submit a Productivity Plan to the Department for Local Government, Housing and Communities by 19 July 2024.





Finance and Corporate Improvement

Procurement of neutral vendor for agency staff

The executive approved the procurement of a neutral agency vendor. This will provide the council with agency staff.

vendor (Matrix) expires on 31 March 2025.



Children and Young People

Procurement of an academy trust for SEMH school

The executive approved the strategic procurement plan to review and recommend an academy trust, with the Department for Education (DFE), to run the planned SEMH (Social Emotional Mental Health) on the All Saints Warfield site.

The proposed SEMH school will provide 50 places; 41 of these are expected to be used by pupils living in Bracknell Forest.

Council Strategy and Climate Change

Annual report on climate change

Motion 05/2023 passed by Full Council in September 2023 set the objective of achieving Net Zero by 2030 (or as close as possible), in emergency.

strategy and co-producing (with the community) a community climate emergency strategy.

expected to be finalised before the end of the financial year.

Council Strategy and Climate Change

Annual report on climate change

Progress against the existing climate change strategy is reported annually to Council.

The executive agreed the report and noted the progress made in relation to climate change.

Following a successful inaugural climate change conference in July 2023, the council helped convene a Joint Climate Action Board and planned a second conference for July 2024.



Thank You

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