

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I100207
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1. **TITLE:** Overview and Scrutiny Review of Blue Badges

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Delivery

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To consider the recommendations of the review into the blue badge application process. The review seeks to understand and address any disparities in approval rates between applications for visible and non-visible disabilities.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing

6. **DECISION:**

RECOMMENDED to the Executive Member for Adult Services, Health & Housing:

To consider whether to agree the Wellbeing and Finance Overview & Scrutiny Panel's recommendations as set out in the Panel report (attached as Appendix A) and paragraph 5.5, taking into account the comments of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

- i. It is the role of the SSO to advise the Council on any issues or concerns that may arise about the operation of the scrutiny function and the SSO may on occasion be required to make a determination about what the law says and how this should be applied to any particular situation. In carrying out this statutory role, there is a need to have a nuanced and meaningful understanding of the scrutiny function in order to accurately make judgments about its operation when disagreements or other issues arise.
- ii. The SSO is responsible for ensuring that the scrutiny function is adequately resourced and that service departments are contributing sufficiently to reviews to ensure that they are effective.
- iii. The SSO is also responsible for providing advice to the Commission and Executive on whether the recommendations within review reports are robust, taking account of resource, legal, climate change, equalities and strategic risk implications.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Executive could decide:

- to agree both recommendations as set out in the Panel's report
- to agree the recommendations in part
- to ask for further work to be undertaken recognising that this would delay the Panel's next piece of work

- to note the Panel report

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: Delivery

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

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
21 September 2021	30 September 2021