

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I116168
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1. **TITLE:** Serious Violence Strategy 2024-2027

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To endorse the Bracknell Forest Serious Violence Strategy 2024 and governance arrangements for implementation of the strategy.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that:

- i. The Bracknell Forest Serious Violence Strategy 2024-2027 be endorsed.
- ii. A more detailed Action Plan be compiled which will be subject to review and approval by the Executive Director together with the portfolio holder Cllr Iskandar Jefferies.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 introduced a Serious Violence Duty on specified authorities within a local government area. As part of the Duty, a strategy is required to be prepared, publicised and implemented:

'In order to prepare and implement a strategy for exercising their functions to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area, the partnership must collectively develop a strategy which should outline the multi-agency response that the partnership will take to address the drivers identified in the strategic needs assessment'.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

No alternative options have been considered for the following reasons:

- The Duty is laid down in law
- This first Serious Violence Strategy for Bracknell Forest is a commitment to work effectively across organisational and professional boundaries to deliver a truly multi-agency approach. It is vital that relevant services work together, share information and target interventions effectively.
- Serious violence reduction and prevention is a multi-agency process which is best co-ordinated through a strategy
- Serious violence has a devastating impact on lives of victims and families, instils fear within communities and is extremely costly to society.

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

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

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
12 December 2023	20 December 2023