

Notice of Meeting

Council

Councillors Ejaz, Allen, Bailey, Barnard, Bidwell, Brown, Cochrane, Collings, C Eberle, T Eberle, Egglestone, M Forster, S Forster, Frewer, Frost, Gaw, Gillbe, Haffegee, Harrison, Hayes MBE, Jefferies, Karim, McKenzie-Boyle, McLean, Mossom, Neil, O'Regan, Pickering, Purnell, Robertson, Smith, Temperton, C Thompson, P Thompson, Virgo, Watts, Webb, Welch, Wright and Zahuruddin



Wednesday 29 November 2023, 7.30 pm
Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, RG12 1JD

Agenda

All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.

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1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	5 - 16
	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 September 2023.	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
	<p>Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or affected interests in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.</p> <p>Any Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter should withdraw from the meeting when the matter is under consideration and should notify the Democratic Services Officer in attendance that they are withdrawing as they have such an interest. If the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is not entered on the register of Members interests the Monitoring Officer must be notified of the interest within 28 days.</p> <p>Any Member with an affected Interest in a matter must disclose the interest to the meeting. There is no requirement to withdraw from the meeting when the interest is only an affected interest, but the Monitoring Officer should be notified of the interest, if not previously notified of it, within 28 days of the meeting.</p>	
4.	Mayor's Announcements	
5.	Executive Report	17 - 26
	<p>To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting held on 13 September 2023.</p> <p>Council is asked to resolve a recommendation in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waste Collection Vehicle Purchase• Bridgewell Supported Living	

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6.	Council Plan 2023-2027	27 - 60
	To present the Council Plan and new business change programme to Council setting out agreed priorities for the period to 2027.	
7.	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy	61 - 190
	To agree to adopt the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.	
8.	Schedule of Meetings 2024/25	191 - 196
	To approve the proposed Schedule of Meetings 2024/25.	
9.	Establishment of an Appointment Committee	197 - 200
	To agree the Establishment of an Appointment Committee.	
10.	Question Submitted Under the Public Participation Scheme	
	<p><u>By resident, David McMullan to Councillor Wright, Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing</u></p> <p>Could the Council please let us know what information and support will be available to the approximately 2030 households currently receiving either legacy benefits (Jobseeker's Allowance and Income Support) and/or tax credits during the first stage of the upcoming managed migration to Universal Credit, when people living in the Bracknell Job Centre area receive their Migration Notices from the DWP and has the Council plans to update its website to include information advising people to complete a benefit calculation to ensure they are getting their full entitlement to legacy benefits before moving onto Universal Credit and stressing when residents receive their Managed Migration Notice they need to make a claim for Universal Credit themselves by the 3-month deadline giving in this Notice or their benefits will end.</p>	
11.	Questions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10	
	<p><u>By Councillor C Eberle to Councillor Gillbe, Executive Member for Planning and Transport</u></p> <p>Can the Executive Member give an update on the Council's plans and progress in increasing the use of public transport, both in pursuance of the Climate Change Action Plan, and also to help those residents who do not have access to car transport; particularly in relation to bus transport to and from Crowthorne and Sandhurst railway stations?</p> <p>-</p> <p><u>By Councillor Harrison to Councillor Jefferies, Executive Member for Culture, Delivery and Public Protection</u></p> <p>Following the agreed motion of the Council on 12 July 2023, when the Executive was called on to consider additional CCTV cameras to detect and deter fly tipping in the Borough, how many new CCTV cameras has the</p>	

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	Council acquired for this purpose?	
12.	Motion (or Motions) Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 11	
	<p><u>Motion 08/2023 moved by Councillor Temperton and seconded by Councillor Bidwell</u></p> <p>In 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24 Bracknell Forest administered many grants on behalf of central government in support of our most vulnerable residents.</p> <p>In 23/24 a total of £1,649,426 was distributed in Household Support grants, Council tax energy rebate scheme, support for energy bills and Council Tax support fund- all supplied from central government.</p> <p>This Council urgently asks the Government to award similar grants for the 24/25 financial year so that we can again support our most vulnerable residents in these very hard times. Like all other local councils, we do not have sufficient funds to replace such support ourselves but help is still urgently needed.</p> <p><u>Motion 09/2023 moved by Councillor T Eberle and seconded by Councillor Zahuruddin</u></p> <p>Council notes reports from residents of aggressive and dangerous driver behaviour on roads near to schools in the borough.</p> <p>Council also notes that a pedestrian is multiple times more likely to die if hit by a car travelling at 30 mph than they are at 20 mph.</p> <p>Council recognises our responsibility to protect residents in the borough, particularly children and young people, and therefore requests the Executive Member for Highways and Transport work with officers to explore options for making further improvements to road safety for pupils on their journey to and from school, including implementing 20 mph speed limits on roads adjacent to schools where needed.</p> <p><u>Motion 10/2023 moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Cochrane</u></p> <p>Council recognises that subsidised school transport provides vital support for many families within the borough, particularly for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Decisions around school transport provision should always aspire to compassionately address the specific needs of the individual and ensure that every child has equitable access to an appropriate place of education.</p> <p>Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National policy requires transport be provided for eligible children of statutory school age, including to schools named on an education, health and care (EHC) plan. • Post-16 schools transport is discretionary, with each local authority determining its own policies. • Young people are now required to continue in education or training until the end of the academic year in which they turn 18. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In accordance with its Post-16 Transport Policy Statement 2023-2024, Bracknell Forest Council will not currently provide post-16 transport support to a school or college named on an EHC plan where there is a nearer institution able to offer a suitable level of study.• EHC plans (with named schools) are only provided under limited circumstances, where there is a genuine requirement for the pupil to attend a specific institution due to their individual needs. <p>Council considers that we could be doing more to support families of SEND pupils post-16. Council therefore requests that the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning works with schools transport officers to explore options to extend our post-16 transport policy when it is reviewed for the 2024-2025 academic year, to cover transport support to institutions named on an EHC plan, so far as is financially viable.</p>	
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