

COUNCIL
17 APRIL 2024
7.30 - 7.53 PM



Present:

Councillors Penfold (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Allen, Bailey, Barnard, Bidwell, Brown, Cochrane, Collings, C Eberle, T Eberle, Egglestone, M Forster, S Forster, Frewer, Gaw, Gillbe, Haffegée, Harrison, Jefferies, Karim, McKenzie-Boyle, Neil, O'Regan, Purnell, Robertson, Smith, Temperton, C Thompson, P Thompson, Virgo, Watts, Webb, Wright and Zahuruddin

Present Virtually:

Councillors Mossom and Welch

Apologies:

Councillors Ejaz, Frost, McLean and Pickering

60. Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 March 2024 be approved and signed by the Deputy Mayor as a correct record.

61. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

62. Mayor's Announcements

The Deputy Mayor reported on her activities since the last Council meeting, which included updates on the following:

- Launch of new area for homes in Warfield Park
- Bracknell Choral Society
- Ancient Egypt exhibition by Years 3 and 4 at Newbold College school
- Citizenship ceremonies
- Swearing in of the new High Sheriff of Berkshire at the Crown Court, Reading
- Update on the Mayoral Charity

63. Executive Report

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Temperton, presented the report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting on 19 March 2024. The Executive had met once since the last Council meeting, on 19 March 2024, prior to the Council meeting on the same date.

The Leader highlighted the matters that had been considered within her presentation:

[PowerPoint Presentation \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](https://bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

In answering a Councillors question regarding the Highways and Transport Capital Programme, the Executive Member for Planning and Transport responded stating that there had been an increase in the capital budget for 2024/25 and that the split for highway maintenance was 57% from Bracknell Forest Capital whilst 43% came from DFT grant funding. Assurance was also given that the capital budget was more than just highway maintenance with money allocated to identified infrastructure projects as part of the budget setting process. The Executive Member also provided the breakdown of the government grants given to other Berkshire authorities which wasn't a direct comparison given the size and scale of each area.

The Leader also noted the correction raised in paragraph 5.5.2 relating to the Council Plan Overview Report for quarter 3, where the two red actions would be 2% rather than 1%.

There being no recommendations to Council, the report of the Executive was noted.

CHAIR