

To: **COUNCIL**  
**17 July 2019**

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**EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**The Leader**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Since the Council meeting on 24 April 2019, the Executive met on the 18 June 2019. This report summarises decisions taken by reference to the relevant portfolio within which they fall.
- 1.2 Updated Forward Plans are published every Friday and can be viewed online at [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk). Full details on the decisions taken by individual portfolio holders can also be accessed online through the Council's website.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **Council is asked to note the report.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The reasons for recommendations are set out in the supporting information and in the reports considered by the Executive.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 Alternative options are discussed in the relevant individual reports considered by the Executive.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Children, Young People and Learning**

**5.1 Improving the experience and outcomes of Pupil Premium (double disadvantaged) children.**

- 5.1.1 The Executive agreed the twelve recommendations detailed in paragraph 5.3 of the Director: Delivery's report which presented the findings from the Overview & Scrutiny Task & Finish Groups review which aimed at improving the experience and outcomes of pupil premium (double disadvantaged) children.
- 5.1.2 Pupil Premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to diminish the difference between them and their peers. During the course of the Task & Finish Group members assessed a number of options and, based on evidence, agreed the recommendations set out in the report.

## **Culture, Resources and Public Protection**

### **5.2 Horseshoe Lake New Country Park - Procurement Plan**

- 5.2.1 The Executive approved the Procurement Plan to tender the construction works to create a New Country Park Pavilion at Horseshoe Lake.
- 5.2.2 On the 12 February 2019 the Executive approved the business case for the implementation of a new Country Park and the application for capital funding. It is a formal requirement of the Contract Standing orders that the Executive approve any Procurement Plan with a value more than £1m. In agreeing the procurement plan, the Executive emphasised that full consideration would need to be given to any potential traffic issues arising from the park. This would form part of any planning application and subsequent consideration by the Planning Committee.

## **Transformation and Finance**

### **5.3 Sale of Commercial Unit at Waterside Park, Bracknell**

- 5.3.1 The Executive agreed that authority be given to the Assistant Director: Property to sell Unit C to the Bracknell Islamic Cultural Society (BICS) at market value.
- 5.3.2 Assistance had been provided to BICS in exploring opportunities for an Islamic centre on Council owned and privately-owned property over a number of years. No alternative properties owned by the Council had been identified as being suitable for BICS. BICS have also looked at a number of sites including a vacant office building on the market for over £2m and a former church site. However, all options were found to be unviable. Again, BICS will need to seek planning permission for change of use, but if that proves possible, the location and cost of this venue makes it an appropriate cultural centre.

### **5.4 Sale of Land at Winkfield Manor**

- 5.4.1 The Executive agreed to give authority to the Assistant Director: Property to arrange the joint marketing of land owned by the Council and Silva Homes at Winkfield Manor. The Executive also agreed that authority be given to the Assistant Director: Property to sell land owned at Winkfield Manor to the highest bidder, with proceeds being divided in relation to the value of each partners contribution.

## **6 NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE LEADER**

- 6.1 The Leader endorsed the streamlined approach for LA Governor nominations which would be approved by the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning in conjunction with the Executive Director: People.

## **7 NOTIFICATION OF URGENT DECISION MADE BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

- 7.1 A administrative error was made at Annual Council in constituting the Licensing and Safety Committee at 18 members. The maximum permitted under legislation is 15. Therefore, the Chief Executive took an urgent decision on 5 June 2019 to reduce the size of the Committee and confirm the new membership. Because of the change, the Committee needs to reaffirm the appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman and the

establishment of Licensing Panels. This was formally agreed at the Licensing & Safety Committee on 6 June 2019.

## **8 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

### Borough Solicitor

- 8.1 The Borough Solicitor's comments have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

### Borough Treasurer

- 8.2 The Borough Treasurer's comments have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

### Equalities Impact Assessment

- 8.3 Equalities issues, where appropriate, have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

### Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 8.4 Any strategic risks have been identified in the reports to the Executive.

### Background Papers

Executive Agenda –18 June 2019

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