

To: **COUNCIL**
22 July 2020

EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL
The Leader

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Since the Council agenda for the 22 July 2020 was published, the Executive met on the 14 July 2020. This report summarises decisions taken by reference to the relevant portfolio within which they fall.
- 1.2 The reports for the Executive decisions that contain recommendations for Council are annexed to this report for further information.
- 1.3 Updated Forward Plans are published every Friday and can be viewed online at 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 consider the recommendations set out at paragraphs 5.1.2, 5.3.2, 5.3.3 and 5.4.2.**

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

Planning and Transport

5.1 Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan

- 5.1.1 The Executive approves the Proposed Submission Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan (along with the supporting documents and Policies Map) for publication for a statutory six week period of consultation commencing on Thursday 3rd September and closing on Thursday 15th October 2020.
- 5.1.2 **The Executive recommended that Council approve the Proposed Submission Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan, the Policies Map and all supporting documents be formally submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination and that the appointed Inspector be requested to recommend main modifications to the submitted Plan, in the event that the Inspector considers that such modifications are necessary to make the Plan sound.**

- 5.1.3 The Executive also agreed that any minor changes to the Proposed Submission Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan and supporting documents (relevant to Bracknell Forest), following Council, are agreed by the Director of Place Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport.
- 5.1.4 It was important that the Council has an up to date and robust planning framework to guide development which reflects current national policy and guidance. The Joint Minerals and Waste Plan will ensure that this is in place.

Environment

5.2 Greening Waste Collection Update

- 5.2.1 The Executive approved that the introduction of food waste and the move to three weekly refuse collections for households be postponed until the 1st March 2021 as a result of the Coronavirus and that the communications relating to the changes be paused and restarted in October 2020 with a refreshed and revised communications plan. The Executive also agreed to postpone the introduction of food waste collections to flats and Houses of Multiple Occupation with communal bins until the Autumn of 2021 following work being completed by Overview & Scrutiny after roll out of the household service.
- 5.2.2 Following approval by The Executive on 28 January 2020 work began on communicating with residents on the changes, however as a result of the Coronavirus, since early March online and social media communication has stalled. This means our residents are not as informed about the changes as planned at this time.

Transformation and Finance

5.3 Revenue Expenditure Outturn 2019/20

- 5.3.1 The Executive noted the outturn expenditure for 2019/20 subject to audit, of £74.323m. This represents an under spend of -£0.646m compared with the approved budget. The Executive also noted carry forwards of £0.054m and approved the earmarked reserves as set out in Annexe C, within the attached Appendix 2.
- 5.3.2 The Executive approved the virements relating to the 2019/20 budget between £0.050m and £0.100m and recommend to Council that those that are over £0.100m be approved by Council as detailed in Annexe E, within the attached Appendix 2.**
- 5.3.3 The Executive recommended that Council note the Treasury Management performance in 2019/20 as set out in Annexe B, within the attached Appendix 2.**
- 5.3.4 At its meeting on 27 February 2019, Council approved a revenue budget for 2019/20 of £74.969m. The Borough Treasurer's report attached as Appendix A informs Members of the outturn expenditure position, subject to audit, for the financial year 2019/20, highlighting that the Council is within budget for the twenty-second successive year and under spent by -£0.646m. The Council has therefore withdrawn £1.968m from General Reserves as opposed to a budgeted withdrawal of £2.614m.

5.3.5 Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic the statutory deadline for the signing of the Draft Financial Statements by the Director: Resources has been extended to the 31 August 2020 and the audited version now needs to be approved by the Council or a specific committee by 30 November 2020.

5.4 Contract Award of a Joint Venture Partner for the Development of Multiple Sites in Bracknell Forest

5.4.1 The Executive agreed to appoint bidder A as “Preferred Bidder” for the Council’s property joint venture partnership and authorise the Director: Resources and the Borough Solicitor to finalise the necessary contractual agreements on such terms as best protect the Council’s interests. The Executive also agreed the contents of the delegation policy to be incorporated in the partnership Members’ Agreement, subject to any non-material changes agreed by the Director: Resources and the Borough Solicitor as part of finalisation of the contractual agreements and the incorporation of the Bracknell Forest Limited Liability Partnership (“LLP Joint Venture”) with the Preferred Bidder following the execution of legal Contracts.

5.4.2 The Executive recommended to Council that funding be made available as required to support the Council’s 50% investment in the joint venture, with requirements for individual site development to be agreed as part of the Executive and Council’s consideration of the initial JV business plan later this year.

Culture, Delivery and Public Protection

5.5 Procurement of Cloud-based Hosting and Support Services

5.5.1 The Executive approved the strategic procurement plan for Cloud-based Hosting and Support.

5.5.2 Most organisations are moving to a Cloud-based operational model to provide their ICT facilities instead of investing in on-premise, or on-site facilities with the additional overheads of energy consumption, physical security and local management of hardware and systems. The cloud-based model is scalable (to cope with increased or reduced demand) more secure and future-proof in terms of the technical development and provision of applications software going forward.

5.6 Support to enable the renewal of Leisure Activities

5.6.1 The Executive agreed measures to support Everyone Active in reopening Bracknell’s leisure facilities from 25 July 2020.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

6.1 The Borough Solicitor’s comments have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

Borough Treasurer

6.2 The Borough Treasurer’s comments have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

Equalities Impact Assessment

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

Strategic Risk Management Issues

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

Background Papers

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