

Executive Report

22 July 2020

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Leader of the Council



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Executive Meetings

- 5 meetings since last “normal” Council meeting
- Pre-Covid-19
 - 10 March
- Post –Covid-19
 - 28 April
 - 30 June
 - 15 June [Special]
 - 14 July [Special]
- Presentation Structure
 - Key Decisions
 - Recommendations to Council
 - Other important action
 - Covid related
 - Non Covid
 - BFC response to national issues



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Key Decisions: Recommendations to Council

- **Community Safety plan 2020-23**
 - Genuine Partnership plan draws together BFC, PCC and TVP priorities and issues
 - Widely consulted upon
 - 497 responses – 93% agreed with priorities
- **Central and East Berks Joint Minerals and Waste Plan**
 - prepared with Wokingham, Reading and Windsor and Maidenhead to cover the Central Berkshire area
 - Runs to 2036
 - No new sites in Bracknell Forest
 - 6 week statutory consultation 3 Sept – 15 Oct



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Key Decisions: Recommendations to Council [cont]

- **Revenue Outturn 2019/20**
 - Budget plans for £74.969m: Actual spend £74. 323
 - 22nd year of spending within budget
- **Selection of Joint Venture Partner**
 - Preferred bidder appointed
 - Important step in facilitating the development of major town centre sites including:
 - Market Street
 - Coopers Hill
 - Jubilee Gardens
 - Funding for Bracknell Forest Council 50% share recommended



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Other Major Decisions [Non Covid]

- Highways' and Transport capital programme agreed
- Service Plans 2020/21 agreed
- Emergency Duty Service Contract agreed
 - Essential pan Berkshire out of hours services
 - Hosted by BFC since 1998
- Relocation of EDS/Forestcare to Waterside Park



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Other major Decisions [Covid related]

- Support for Everyone Active
 - Part of overall strategy to ensure we have capacity to re-open services
- Outbreak Management Plan
 - Signed off by DPH and CEO – endorsed by Executive
 - Part of East Berkshire Health Protection Board arrangements
 - Local Outbreak Engagement Board chaired by Cllr Brunel-Walker
- Residents Covid-19 Impact Survey
 - Telephone survey format agreed
- Greening Waste Collection
 - Implementation of weekly food and three weekly general waste collection delayed to 1 March 2021 [HMO/flats Autumn 2021]
 - Allows for further post covid-19 engagement with residents



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Major National Issues and the Bracknell Forest Response

PPE

- Major national shortage in first few weeks
 - Local team established
 - Never ran out
 - >30 providers assisted so far
- Shielding
 - Total number advised to shield 4,137
 - Contacted national hotline 2,528



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Major National Issues and the Bracknell Forest Response

Support to Businesses

- 3 different national grant schemes – administered locally
 - First 2: Common criteria: £25k or £10k
 - Businesses which as at 11 March 2020 were paying NNDR
 - Retail, hospitality and leisure grant
 - Discretionary Grants
 - focussing on smaller businesses not paying NNDR
- >£10m paid out in c800 grants
- Test and trace – links to Outbreak Control Plans
- Care home resilience plans
 - Appeared in national good practice guides



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THANK YOU

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