

Executive Report 25 November 2020

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Three Executive Meetings

22 September

20 October

10 November

13 significant reports, so focus on key issues



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COVID Response & Renewal (1)

Original Response Strategy based on five core principles

- Follow Government/PHE advice
- Maintain non-contact services where possible
- Close social contact services
- Support suppliers where possible to retain service capabilities
- Prepare for renewal as well as recovery



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COVID Response & Renewal (2)

Renewal Principles now agreed by Executive..... looking more long term based on seven principles

- Protect and promote physical and mental health
- Support Bracknell town centre, neighbourhood vitality and businesses to protect economic health
- Short term support to deal with COVID related spikes in demand
- Integrate services with partners and locate them within the community
- Involve community and voluntary sector in supporting people/services

Whilst

- Containing/reducing expenditure in the long term to achieve financial sustainability

And

- Maximising opportunities to address carbon reduction across all activities to achieve environmental stability



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COVID Response & Renewal (3)

Residents Survey: Headline Results

- Representative telephone survey covering 1,826 respondents
- 56% of population satisfied with Council Support for community during pandemic
- 73% who contact Council rated response good or excellent
- 20% of residents volunteered or helped in community
 - 93% no volunteering experience before pandemic

More detailed ward/demographic data available



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Public Health (1)

- Pan Berkshire agreement in place since 2013
- One Strategic Director Public Health shared by six Councils
 - Core Shared Team (hosted by Bracknell Forest)
 - Six Public Health Consultants lead local teams
- Public Health Consultants lead pan Berkshire activities (e.g. smoking cessation)
- Model under increasing stress pre-COVID as authorities look to introduce 'health in all policies'
- Review commissioned Autumn 2019



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Public Health (2)

- Review Outcome
- Moving to East/West split with
 - One Director Public Health for Bracknell Forest, Windsor & Maidenhead and Slough (hosted by Bracknell Forest)
 - One Director of Public Health for Reading, Wokingham and West Berkshire
 - Two core shared teams (East hosted by Bracknell Forest)
 - Local Consultant lead teams retained (and enhanced with Govt. financial support)
 - East Berkshire – CCG Collaborative co-funding Director of Public Health to increase integration with Health
- Model gives great capacity and more local access to Director of Public Health



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Health (3)

Joint Working blue print agreed with CCG

- Initial plans to develop joint commissioning capability
- Roadmap points to closer integration in other support service areas
- Endorsed by Executive and CCG Place Committee



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Planning & Transport

Government Consultation on Planning for Future

- Two consultations
 - a) Fundamental changes to system
 - b) Technical changes to current system and housing numbers
- Response submitted emphasising need for local democracy and accountability

Bus Services

- Changes to supported bus network agreed (based on pre-COVID passenger data)
- Route 299 extended to allow withdrawal of Route 162/162A
- Annual saving of around £125,000
- Procurement plan agreed for new services



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Major Change and Renewal Projects (1)

Heathlands

- Major new 66 bed health and care joint venture
- Frimley Health to provide 20 bed Intermediate Care
- Procurement process agreed for care provider for dementia nursing care and 'hotel services' to complete offer



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Major Change and Renewal Projects (2)

Joint Venture Business Plan

Joint Venture with Countryside already agreed to develop key sites around town centre after extensive procurement

Joint Venture Business Plan recommended to Council including:

- **Site Development Plan for Coopers Hill**
- **Council funding for Coopers Hill development**
- **Formal incorporation to take place in December**



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