

**EXECUTIVE
16 MARCH 2021
5.01 - 5.43 PM**



Present:

Councillors Bettison OBE (Chairman), Dr Barnard (Vice-Chairman), D Birch, Brunel-Walker, Harrison, Mrs Hayes MBE, Heydon and Turrell

135. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dr Barnard expressed a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 and would leave the meeting for the duration of the item.

Councillor Harrison expressed an affected interest in agenda item 6 but would remain in the meeting and be able to participate and vote on the item.

Councillor Brunel-Walker and Councillor Heydon expressed an affected interest in agenda item 10 as Board Members of the Bracknell Forest Cambium Partnership and would leave the meeting for the duration of the item.

136. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 9 February 2021 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

137. Urgent Items of Business

There were no Urgent Items of Business

Executive Decisions and Decision Records

The Executive considered the following items. The decisions are recorded in the decision sheets attached to these minutes and summarised below:

138. Apprenticeship Review

RESOLVED That

- i. the Executive works with Apprenticeship pathway providers to ensure our young people aged between 16-21 have the best opportunities and outcomes.
- ii. the Executive adopts an Apprenticeship policy which sets out expectations around pay, terms and conditions and that the Education, Skills and Growth Panel is consulted on the draft policy and for this to be completed by December 2021 to coronavirus capacity limitations.
- iii. the Executive promotes Apprenticeships externally and internally by producing a promotional video which highlights the benefit of becoming an apprentice, growing businesses, and supporting the economy by March 2022 to coronavirus capacity limitations.

- iv. the Executive reviews the current Apprenticeship webpages and updates the content to include more information, links to job vacancy websites and information about what to expect from an apprenticeship by December 2021 to coronavirus capacity limitations.
- v. the Executive investigates whether it would be possible to facilitate a mentoring scheme between large businesses and small/medium businesses to encourage more apprenticeship opportunities by March 2022 to coronavirus capacity limitations.
- vi. the Executive develops ongoing partnerships across Berkshire to provide a united gateway of support and guidance to businesses enabling them to take better advantage of the apprenticeship levy.

139. **Bracknell Forest Local Plan – publication and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for the purposes of independent examination (Regulations 19 and 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012**

RESOLVED that

- i. the Pre-Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan and Policies Map at Appendix A (along with the supporting documents) are approved for publication for a statutory period of consultation commencing on Tuesday 23rd March and closing on Tuesday 11th May 2021.
- ii. Under the provisions of Section 22 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), recommends to Council that the Pre-Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan, the Policies Map and all supporting documents be formally submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
- iii. Under the provisions of Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Executive **RECOMMENDED** to Council 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.
- iv. any minor changes to the Pre-Submission Bracknell Forest Local Plan and supporting documents (including the final versions of the Air Quality Report, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Viability Assessment), following Council, are agreed by the Director of Place Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport.

140. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED that pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) Regulations 2000, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of items 8,9 10 and 11 which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

141. **Procurement Plan for South Central Independent Fostering Agency Framework 2022**

RESOLVED that

- i. the recommendations contained in the Strategic Procurement Plan be agreed:
 - a. That Bracknell Forest Council enter into a partnership agreement (the Partnership) with 15 LA's where Southampton City Council will be the lead procuring authority for the procurement of a new framework for IFA provision (4 year term commencing on April 2022).
 - b. It is anticipated that the total expenditure by the Council through the South Central framework will be between £800,000 and £1,000,000 per annum, giving a maximum total for the four years of £4,000,000. Approval of this Strategic Procurement Plan therefore authorises all future call offs from this Framework that does not exceed £4,000,000 over the term of the framework.

142. **Strategic Procurement Plans for MS Teams Telephony and the Core Network**

RESOLVED that the Council access the approved frameworks, detailed in the Strategic Procurement Plans for MS Teams Telephony and the Core Network, to undertake a mini competition to select appropriate solutions and expert support for the implementations

143. **Initial site development Plan - Market Street**

RECOMMENDED to Council approval of the proposed Site Development Plan for Market Street, including land drawdown where conditions have been met as set out in confidential Annex B and to make available the Council's equal share of funding needed to undertake this development up to a peak requirement of £15.4m;

RESOLVED that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to appropriate the land at Market Street edged red on the plan attached as Annex 1 for planning purposes under Section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, when a planning consent is in place.

144. **Support package for Everyone Active**

RESOLVED that

- i. Everyone Active be granted a management fee break for the period from April to June 2021 (inclusive) (inclusive of Government Income Support funding which has been confirmed for the same period);
- ii. the Council will underwrite the estimated losses and costs for Everyone Active for the period April 2021 to June 2021 (inclusive) with the actual sum to be calculated on an "open book" basis;
- iii. the situation in relation to leisure is reviewed by the Executive every three months starting in May 2021 for the remainder of the financial year. Should further financial support for future quarters be required this will be presented at these reviews.

CHAIRMAN