

Executive Report 20 April 2022

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Leader of the Council



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Peer Review

LGA programme on behalf of DLUCH

Five Peer visit November 2021

An organisation that knows what it wants to do and how to do it

- *“Bracknell Forest is performing well and [is] rightly proud of its achievements. Members have a clear focus on the delivery of good services in the Borough and a clear set of priorities, with a golden thread from the political manifesto, through to the Council Plan to service delivery”*
- *“Bold but realistic”*
- *“...’can do, well organised and positive with a clear focus on the delivery of good services for residents”*



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Peer Review continued

Eight recommendations

- 1 – 3 Chief Executive replacement and approach
- 5 – 8 emerging from Covid and re-engaging with residents

Puts us in good place to deal with future challenges – but not the full story



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Place, Planning & Regeneration

National Bus Strategy

- Enhanced partnership agreed with local bus operators
- Requirement to access future funding allocations

Highways Infrastructure & Asset Management Plan

- Sets out future approach to long term maintenance of assets including:
 - Highways 460km
 - Footways/cycleways 534km
 - Structures (e.g. bridges) 193
 - Drainage 21,598 gullies
 - Street furniture 14,138 lamp columns, 20km railings

Highways & Transport Capital programme 2022/23

- Total programme of £4.013m agreed
- 85% externally funded



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Other Issues

Procurement Plans agreed for:

- Domestic Abuse Refuge & Outreach Services
- Environmental monitoring

S75 Agreement with Frimley CCG extended to allow new agreement to be developed with ICS for 2023/24 onwards



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Ukrainian Refugee Update

Two Government Schemes introduced since Executive Meeting

- Family Visa Scheme
- Homes for Ukraine
 - 51 sponsors
 - 114 “guests” (41 children & 5 aged over 65)
 - 18 arrivals to date



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THANK YOU

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