

Executive Report

13 July 2022

Councillor Paul Bettison
Leader of the Council



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Recent Meetings

Four meetings since Annual Council

24 May

1 June (Special)

21 June

7 July (Special)



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Climate Change Annual Progress Report

- Climate change strategy published January 2021
- Annual updates to Full Council
- Action Plan consists of 46 projects
- Key projects delivered in 2021/22
 - Energy efficiency improvements
 - Implementation of kerbside food waste collection and residual waste change
 - Various highways initiatives improving active travel
 - CO2 emissions reduced from 6,178 tonnes in 2019 to 5,028 tonnes in 2021

Recommended – note and approve Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Report



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Greening Waste Collection Update

- Important part of Climate Change Strategy
- Food recycling introduced 1 March 2021 with residual refuse collection frequency extended to 3 weeks
- Over 6,000 tonnes of food waste collected
- Overall recycling rate increased from 43% to 56%
- Landfill rate reduced from 16% to 7%
- Bracknell Forest now in top 40 authorities for recycling



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Health & Wellbeing Strategy

- Produced by Health & Wellbeing Board as a strategy for whole Borough
- Reported to Executive for endorsement
- Six priorities:
 - 1) Give all children the best start in life
 - 2) Provide mental health
 - 3) Community connections
 - 4) Safety from infectious diseases
 - 5) Improve years lived in good health/happiness
 - 6) Secure funds for Health & Wellbeing Board priorities



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Health & Wellbeing Strategy/cont

- Underpinned by cross cutting themes of:
 - 1) Reducing health inequalities
 - 2) Creating healthy environment
 - 3) Enhancing seamless care
 - 4) Community development for wellness
- Dovetails with Frimley ICS strategic ambitions and Council Plan



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Other Important Developments (1)

Bridgewell Supported Living

- Important step in modernising residential care services
- 2 storey, 4 x 5 bedroom building to support adults with learning disabilities to be built
- Procurement of landlord and care/support provider and strategic procurement for design and build agreed



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Other Important Developments (2)

Household Support Fund Extension

- Household Support Fund (£185k) provided by DWP but local schemes needed within guidance framework
- Supermarket vouchers (£15/child/week) to cover Summer/October holiday to children qualifying for free school meals
- Qualifying pension age household (in receipt of housing benefit/Council Tax reduction): one off £100 supermarket voucher in June
- Low income working age disabled and carer households: £50 supermarket voucher
- Care Leavers: £50 supermarket voucher



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Other Important Developments (3)

Energy Rebate Discretionary Fund

- Local extension to mandatory Council Tax Energy Rebate
- Focus on care leavers and support to working age and pensioner households in Council Tax Band E – H who received Income Tax Council Tax support

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- Written Statement of Action (WSOA) submitted following Special meeting on 6 June
- Co-produced action plan with partner organisations, schools and parents
- WSOA signed off as 'fit for purpose' without modifications by DfE/Ofsted



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Other Procurement Activities

- Accommodation based housing related support
 - One year extension to Look Ahead
- Design and construction support procurement plans agreed
- Community Hub operator for Bucklers Park plan agreed



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Coopers Hill Settled Development Plan (Special (Part 2) Meeting
7 July 2022)

- Coopers Hill site to be developed by Bracknell Forest Cambian Partnership (JV between Bracknell Forest Council & Countryside)
- Settled plan allows for 52 new homes including 25% affordable

- **Recommended to Council**

“To approve the Settled Site Development Plan for Coopers Hill proposed by the Bracknell Forest Cambian Partnership as set out in Annex A (of the Executive Report), land drawdown when conditions have been met and the Council’s equal share of funding needed to undertake this development up to a peak requirement of £4.79m”.



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THANK YOU

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