

To: Council
11 January 2023

Executive Report to Council The Leader

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Since the Council agenda for the meeting on the 30 November 2022 was published, the Executive met on the 13 December 2022. This report summarises decisions taken by reference to the relevant portfolio within which they fall.
- 1.2 Updated Forward Plans are published every Friday and can be viewed online at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk. Full details on the decisions taken by individual portfolio holders can also be accessed online through the Council's website.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 Council is asked to consider the recommendation set out at paragraph 5.3.1.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The reasons for recommendations are set out in the supporting information and in the reports considered by the Executive. The relevant reports that the Executive considered can be found [here](#).

4 Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 Alternative options are discussed in the relevant individual reports considered by the Executive. The relevant reports that the Executive considered can be found [here](#).

5 Supporting Information

Transformation & Finance

5.1 Capital Programme 2023/24 - 2025/26 and Revenue Budget 2023/24

- 5.1.1 The Executive approved for consultation a draft capital programme based on total spending of £6.427m of which:
- £5.866m of expenditure to be externally funded
 - £1.153m of expenditure to be funded from S106
 - £1m would be reserved for Invest-to-Save schemes.
- 5.1.2 The Executive also agreed its draft revenue budget proposals for 2023/24 as the basis for consultation. These proposals included the Treasury Management Strategy

and associated documents, which the Executive requested be reviewed by the Governance and Audit Committee.

- 5.1.3 Both the draft revenue budget and capital programme will now be considered by Overview & Scrutiny, and their views along with any submitted by residents and local groups would be reported to the Executive and Full Council in February when the final budget proposals for 2022/23 will be agreed.

5.2 Procurement of Corporate Cleaning Contract

- 5.2.1 The Executive agreed that the Strategic Procurement Plan for Corporate and School's Cleaning Services, with an estimated value of up to £5.5m over five years be approved and that authority for the contract award decision be delegated to the Executive Director: Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Transformation and Finance.
- 5.2.2 There is an on-going requirement for a reliable cleaning contractor within the Council's premises, including corporate buildings and schools. The proposal entails entering into call off contracts with the successful supplier for a total period of five years from 1 September 2023, which would enable the Council and individual schools to establish their own contracts under the umbrella of the proposed framework agreement.

Planning & Transport

5.3 Adoption of the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan

5.3.1 The Executive RECOMMENDED that Council:

- a. Adopts the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan incorporating the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector and non-material additional modifications (as set out in Appendix A of the Executive Director: Place, Planning & Regeneration's report).**
- b. Agrees to make the alterations to the Policies Map (Appendix B) that are necessary to give effect to the policies of the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan as modified.**
- c. Agrees that on adoption, the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan will become part of the development plan for the Borough and that its policies will supersede all saved policies in the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire (incorporating the alterations adopted in December 1997 and May 2001) and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (adopted 1998) for the purposes of decision making in Bracknell Forest.**
- d. Agrees that any other non-material additional modifications to the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan, can be agreed by the Director of Place Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport as considered necessary ahead of publication and publicity.**

- 5.3.2 Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Wokingham Borough Council worked together to provide an up-to-date planning framework for minerals and waste development in Central and Eastern Berkshire to 2036.

5.3.3 The Central and Eastern Berkshire (CEB) Joint Minerals and Waste Plan and accompanying Policies Map were submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination in February 2021. Hearings were held in September and October 2021 and a consultation on Main Modifications took place between February and April 2022. The Inspector's Final Report was received on 20 October 2022 and concluded that the CEB Joint Minerals and Waste Plan is capable of adoption with Main Modifications to make the Plan sound.

5.4 Making (adoption) of the Warfield Neighbourhood Plan 2013-2037

5.4.1 The Executive agreed the formal "making" (keeping in legal force) of the Warfield Neighbourhood Development Plan to continue to form part of the statutory Bracknell Forest Development Plan pursuant to Section 38A (4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and the form, content and publication of the Decision Statement pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

5.4.2 The Warfield Neighbourhood Development Plan ("the Neighbourhood Plan") came into legal force as part of the statutory Bracknell Forest Development Plan ("the Development Plan") when the results of the community referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan were published. The referendum result was that the majority of those who voted were in favour of Bracknell Forest Council ("the Council") using the Neighbourhood Plan to help decide planning applications in the Warfield Neighbourhood Area.

5.4.3 The Council was satisfied that formally 'making' the Neighbourhood Plan (keeping it in legal force) would not breach, or otherwise be incompatible with, any EU or human rights obligations and there has been no legal challenge related to the referendum.

5.4.4 The Council was required to formally make the Neighbourhood Plan as soon as reasonably practicable after the referendum was held, and within 8 weeks of the referendum (held on the 17 November 2022), therefore the decision was made in accordance with the General Exception procedure.

Council Strategy & Community Cohesion

5.5 Council Plan Overview Report

5.5.1 The Executive noted the performance of the council over the period from July to September 2022 highlighted in the Overview Report.

5.5.2 At the end of the second quarter, 96 actions (81%) were rated as "green" and 18 actions (15%) were "amber". 2 actions (2%) were complete, 1 action (1%) had a missing status and 1 action (1%) did not yet require an update.

5.5.3 Progress against key performance indicators across the council for each of the Council Plan's strategic themes was positive. 21 (40%) were "green", 3 (6%) were "amber" and 7 (13%) were "red". 22 further indicators (42%) have no set target or data was currently unavailable.

Adult Services, Health and Housing

5.6 Approval of the Strategic Procurement Plan for Accommodation Based Housing Related Support Service

- 5.6.1 The Executive approved the Strategic Procurement Plan for the provision of Accommodation Based Housing Related Support which included both accommodation and support. The contractual term of 7 years with a review of the provision in years 3 and 5 were also agreed.
- 5.6.2 The Executive also agreed that authority be delegated for the contract award decision to the Executive Director: People, in consultation with the Executive Member for Adults, Health & Housing and Executive Member for Children, Young People & Learning, subject to successful evaluation of bids within the estimated contract price set out in the Strategic Procurement Plan.
- 5.6.3 The procurement of the Accommodation Based Housing Related Support Service supported the delivery of the Council's Housing & Children's Social Care duties. There were currently market pressures around securing placements for children aged 16 to 18. The Accommodation Based Housing Related Support Service provided a cost-effective placement option for this group of children.
- 5.6.4 The proposed procurement, through a competitive tender process, will help maximise tender opportunities that would generate value for money and a high-quality Accommodation Based Housing Related Support Service.

6 Advice Received from Statutory and Other Officers

Legal Advice

- 6.1 The Borough Solicitor's comments have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

Financial Advice

- 6.2 The Executive Director: Resources' comments have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Equalities issues, where appropriate, have been addressed in the reports to the Executive.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 Any strategic risks have been identified in the reports to the Executive.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.5 The recommendations in Section 2 above are expected to have no impact on emissions of CO₂.

The reason the Council believes that this will have no impact on emissions is that the report is providing an update on decisions taken rather than proposing any action. The impact or not of each of the individual decisions was set out in the respective reports.

Health & Wellbeing Considerations

6.6 There are no considerations.

Background Papers

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