

To: **Health and Wellbeing Board**
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Census 2021: Analysis results for Bracknell Forest
Director of Place, Planning and Regeneration

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Census is held every ten years and the Office of National Statistics has started to release local level data from the Census held on 21 March 2021.
- 1.2 The Bracknell Forest Public Health Intelligence Team are analysing the data at local level. Data from 2021 census was compared with 2011 census data. It was analysed at Local Authority level and lowest geographic level (Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) or Middle Super Output Area (MSOA)).
- 1.3 Census topics are released following a release schedule. The first iteration of the analysis covered the following census topics:
- Demography and migration
 - Ethnic group, national identity, language, and religion
 - Labour market and travel to work

The next iteration will be ready by mid-March and it include the following census topics:

- Housing
 - Sexual orientation and gender identity
 - Education
 - Health, disability, and unpaid care
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is to provide headline information on key demographic and socio-economic changes that have occurred in Bracknell. These changes impact on service and other plans of all agencies.

2 Key findings

- 2.1 A summary and more detailed report are attached. The key changes in Bracknell Forest are;
- An increase in size of population by 10%.
 - the age structure has changed with higher increases in the older population
 - there are small increases in minority ethnic groups
 - the census suggests higher proportion of people stated that they did not have any religion.

3 Equalities Impact Assessment

- 3.1 The analysis considered characteristics that affect equality, where possible.

4 Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 4.1 The increase in older population and small increases in ethnic minority population has potential impact on demand of services as the health and care needs are higher in this age group.

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