

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I115678
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1. **TITLE:** Council Plan 2023-2027
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Chief Executive's Office
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To present the Council Plan for 2023 to 2027 and to seek endorsement of the content prior to Council approval.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes
5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive
6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- i. **RECOMMENDED** to Council to approve the Council Plan attached at Appendix A;
- ii. Support delivery of the Council Plan and ensure the organisation remains resilient and sustainable by endorsing the proposed Business Change programme summarised in Appendix A;
- iii. **RECOMMENDED** that Council adopts with effect from 1 December 2023 a flexible use of capital receipts strategy as set out at Appendix B to provide funding needed to ensure the Council Plan and Business Change programme are successfully delivered.
- iv. Review and consider the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, included as Appendix D.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. The Council Plan is essential to the organisation's policy framework and effective operations. It outlines the priorities for the Council in the coming four years' and focuses the work to be undertaken.
2. The development of the Council Plan is based on multiple layers of engagement and development; this has led to incorporating significant feedback into the structure and wording of the content. There has been feasibility testing as part of the development, to ensure that the content has longevity for the plan period and ambitious, but realistic deliverability.
3. The plan includes a core enabling priority to be an ambitious, resilient and sustainable organisation. Much of this will be delivered through the business change programme to ensure the organisation is fit for the future. The aspiration is to be the best organisation possible. The proposed flexible use of a capital receipts strategy in Appendix B will enable the council to use capital receipts to support and enable the

delivery of the business change programme's priorities and facilitate the delivery of savings and improved outcomes for service users.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Alternatives have been explored through the development of the plan and incorporated into the final version. Funding to support the Business Change programme could be sought from the Council's reserves, however the scale of financial pressures being faced suggests that those should be protected for alternative uses.

9. DOCUMENT CONSIDERED: Report of the Chief Executive

10. DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
14 November 2023	21 November 2023