

**EXECUTIVE  
23 JANUARY 2024  
5.30 - 5.48 PM**



**Present:**

Councillors Temperton (Chair), Neil (Vice-Chair), Bailey, Bidwell, Gillbe, Jefferies and Purnell

**Present Virtually:**

Councillor Wright

**58. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**59. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 12 December 2023 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record.

**60. Urgent Items of Business**

There were no Urgent Items of Business.

**Executive Decisions and Decision Records**

The Executive considered the following items. The decisions are recorded in the decision sheets attached to these minutes and summarised below:

**61. Quarter two Council Plan Overview Report**

**RESOLVED** that the performance of the council over the period from July-September 2023 highlighted in the Overview Report in Annex A be noted, this includes any recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny in Annex B.

**62. Bracknell Forest Economic Strategy 2024-2034**

**RESOLVED** that

- i. the consultation responses and the suggested amendments to the Strategy are noted.
- ii. the Bracknell Forest Economic Strategy 2024-2034 and action plan is approved.
- iii. the repositioning of the Bracknell Forest Economic & Skills Development Partnership to the Bracknell Forest Economic Partnership as set out in paragraphs 5.12-5.15 of the Executive Director's report is endorsed.

**63. Procurement Plan for the Children's Residential Framework 2024**

**RESOLVED** that the Executive agrees to the recommendations contained in the Strategic Procurement Plan:

- i. That BFC enter into a partnership agreement (the Partnership) with 20 local authorities' where Southampton City Council will be the lead procuring authority for the procurement of a new framework for children's residential provision (4 + 2 + 2-year contract commencing in October 2024).
- ii. It is anticipated that the total expenditure by the Council through the South Central Children's Residential framework will be between £3,500,000 and £4,000,000 per annum, giving an estimated total expenditure for the initial four-year term of £16,000,000. Approval of this Strategic Procurement Plan therefore, authorises all future call offs from this Framework up to £16,000,000 for the initial 4 year term of the framework, and up to a maximum of £40,000,000 for the total 4 + 2 + 2 year term of the framework.
- iii. That at the Framework Board Meeting on the 12th December 2024, BFC votes for the following uplift approach for the new Framework recognising that a quorate (50%) decision needs to be reached which may be slightly different from BFC's preferred position:
  - Placements on the current residential framework will be uplifted in line with new framework placements.
  - Uplifts will be given annually at the start of the financial year from the second year of the framework onwards. This means providers will be eligible for their first uplift in April 2026 and every April thereafter.
  - Uplifts should be determined by Consumer Price Index including owner occupiers housing costs (CPIH) average for the year with a cap applied.
  - The cap should be set at a maximum of 7-8%.
  - Uplifts will apply to both existing and new placements.

**CHAIR**