

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I124547
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1. **TITLE:** School Attendance Strategy - Request for Public Consultation

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Bracknell Forest Council and its partners recognise the need for a clear strategic vision to improve school attendance. This will ensure we are aligned with the Department of Education Guidance 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' which was developed to help schools, trusts, governing bodies, and local authorities maintain high levels of school attendance and improve consistency of support and became statutory from August 2024.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that

- i. Cabinet approve the request to undertake a public consultation on the proposed school attendance strategy.
- ii. the revised strategy to be presented to cabinet following the consultation.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Stakeholder consultation is an important part of the development of the school attendance strategy, enabling schools, parent/carers, children & young people, members, key stakeholders, and wider residents to understand and comment on the proposed strategy.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

There is no current strategy for school attendance within Bracknell Forest and with the introduction of the statutory guidance '[working together to improve school attendance](#)' the option of not doing anything has not been considered.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: People

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
12 November 2024	19 November 2024