

**EXECUTIVE
15 FEBRUARY 2011
5.00 - 6.10 PM**



Present:

Councillors Bettison (Chairman), Ward (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Ballin, Birch, Mrs Hayes and McCracken

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Dr Barnard and Kendall

81. Declarations of Interest

Councillor McCracken declared a personal interest in item 5.

82. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 18 January 2011 together with the accompanying decision records be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

83. Executive Decisions

The Executive considered the reports submitted on the items listed below and the decisions taken are recorded in the decision sheets attached to these minutes and summarised below:

Item 5: South Hill Park Annual Revenue Grant

RESOLVED that

- 1 An annual grant of £504,140 be awarded to South Hill Park Trust Ltd for 2011/2012.
- 2 The draft Partnership Agreement for 2011/12 detailed in the whole of Appendix B to the report be approved as the basis on which the grant is awarded.
- 3 Payment of the grant be conditional on the Partnership Agreement being signed and that the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities in consultation with the Executive Member for Culture, Corporate Services and Public Protection be given the delegated authority to agree changes to this draft Partnership Agreement including future plans and performance indicators for 2011/12.
- 4 The new method of paying the annual grant with effect from 1 April 2011 and payment of any balance due under the old grant system as at 31 March 2011 be approved.

Item 6: Capital Programme 2011/12 - 2013/14

RESOLVED that

- 1 The following be recommended to the Council
 - (a) General Fund capital funding of £6.227m for 2011/12, in respect of those schemes listed in Annexes A - E.
 - (b) In addition to the capital funding of £6.227m for 2011/12, the release of £4.00m in respect of new affordable housing resulting from the stock transfer receipt in 2008.
 - (c) The inclusion of an additional budget of £1m for 'Invest To Save' schemes.
 - (d) That those schemes that attract external grant funding are included within the 2011/12 capital programme at the level of funding received.
 - (e) The release of £1.5m from s106 monies to fund capital projects outlined in paragraph 5.7.
- 2 Capital schemes that require external funding can only proceed once the Council is certain of receiving the grant be agreed.
- 3 The indicative programme for 2012/13 and 2013/14 in the light of resources available and spending priorities in December 2011 be reviewed.

Item 7: Revenue Budget 2011/12

RESOLVED that, in recommending to Council a budget and Council Tax level for 2011/12:

- 1 The original budget proposals that have been subject to consultation since 14 December (section 7.1 of the report) be confirmed;
- 2 The provision for inflation of £0.545m (section 7.2 of the report) be agreed;
- 3 The additional budget proposals as set out in Annexe A and Annexe D and in sections 6.3 and 7.3 of the report be agreed;
- 4 That the Council should fund the Schools budgets at the level set out in section 8.1 of the report, subject to any amendments made by the Executive Member for Education be agreed;
- 5 A general contingency of £1.000m be included, use of which is to be authorised by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Borough Treasurer in accordance with the delegations included in the Council's constitution (section 9.5 of the report);

Subject to the above recommendations confirms the draft budget proposals;

- 7 The total expenditure before allowance for loss of interest from any use of balances of £76.248m, as shown in Table 6 (section 10) be approved;

- 8 A contribution of £1.590m from revenue balances to support revenue expenditure be agreed;
- 9 That the Council's total requirement for the Collection Fund, excluding Parish Council precepts, be set as £48.473m be recommended;
- 10 No change in the Council Tax for the Council's services be recommended. The Valuation Bands therefore remain as follows:

Band	Tax Level Relative to Band D	£
A	6/9	729.30
B	7/9	850.85
C	8/9	972.40
D	9/9	1,093.95
E	11/9	1,337.05
F	13/9	1,580.15
G	15/9	1,823.25
H	18/9	2,187.90

- 11 The Council approves the following indicators, limits, strategies and policies included in Annexe E:
- The Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2011/12 to 2013/14 contained within Annexe E(i);
 - The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy contained within Annexe E(ii);
 - The Treasury Management Strategy Statement, and the Treasury Prudential Indicators contained in Annexe E(iii);
 - The Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator in Annexe E(iii);
 - The Investment Strategy 2011/12 to 2013/14 and Treasury Management Limits on Activity contained in Annexe E(iv);
- 12 The virements relating to the 2010/11 budget as set out in section 16 be approved.

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Minute Annex

Bracknell Forest Council Record of Decision

Work Programme Reference	I026217
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1. **TITLE:** South Hill Park Annual Revenue Grant
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To determine the request for revenue grant aid submitted by South Hill Park Arts Trust. All recommendations are subject to the Council approving the final budget for 2011/12.

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

6. **DECISION:**

- 1 That an annual grant of £504,140 be awarded to South Hill Park Trust Ltd for 2011/2012.
- 2 That the draft Partnership Agreement for 2011/12 detailed in the whole of Appendix B to the report be approved as the basis on which the grant is awarded.
- 3 That payment of the grant be conditional on the Partnership Agreement being signed and that the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities in consultation with the Executive Member for Culture, Corporate Services and Public Protection be given the delegated authority to agree changes to this draft Partnership Agreement including future plans and performance indicators for 2011/12.
- 4 That the new method of paying the annual grant with effect from 1 April 2011 and payment of any balance due under the old grant system as at 31 March 2011 be approved.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The basis behind the recommendation is detailed in the report.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Any significant reduction in grant aid would limit the ability of South Hill Park to function and offer a broad range of quality arts productions.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** N/A
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Councillor McCracken declared a personal interest in this item.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
15 February 2011	23 February 2011

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I024864
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1. **TITLE:** Capital Programme 2011/12 - 2013/14

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Corporate Services

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To approve the Council's Capital Programme.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that

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- (e) The release of £1.5m from s106 monies to fund capital projects outlined in paragraph 5.7.

2 Capital schemes that require external funding can only proceed once the Council is certain of receiving the grant be agreed.

3 The indicative programme for 2012/13 and 2013/14 in the light of resources available and spending priorities in December 2011 be reviewed.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The reasons for the recommendation are set out in the report.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The alternative options are considered in the report.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** General consultation open to all in Bracknell

Forest.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Corporate Services

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

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
15 February 2011	23 February 2011

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I024867
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1. **TITLE:** Revenue Budget 2011/12
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Corporate Services
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To recommend to Council the Annual Budget.

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

In recommending to Council a budget and Council Tax level for 2011/12:

- 1 That the original budget proposals that have been subject to consultation since 14 December (section 7.1 of the report) be confirmed;
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12 That the virements relating to the 2010/11 budget as set out in section 16 be approved.

7. REASON FOR DECISION

The recommendations are designed to enable the Executive to propose a revenue budget and Council Tax level for approval by Council on 2 March.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Background information relating to the options considered is included in the report.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** General consultation open to all in Bracknell Forest.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Corporate Services

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

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