

Strategy and Finance Committee Agenda

26th November 2024 at 7.30pm

Council Chamber, Brooke House

AGENDA

SF96/24 ATTENDANCE

To receive apologies, substitutions and requests for co-option

SF97/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

SF98/24 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 17th September 2024

SF99/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

To discuss any matters arising from the minutes not discussed elsewhere on the agenda

- Mayoral Chain - meeting arranged
- Biodiversity Audit Reports - Due to be received in early December
- Financial Regulations and Standing Orders
- Pump track - planning update
- Play equipment update
- Website update
- Birch Hill lease update
- Braybrooke Kiosk

SF100/24 BUDGET MONITORING WORKING GROUP

To review the report from the Budget Monitoring Working Group following the meeting on 20th November 2024. Paperwork will be tabled at the meeting.

SF101/24 BRACKNELL HISTORY WORKING GROUP

To receive an update from the Chair of the working group

SF102/24 BUDGET 2025-26

To discuss budget principals to enable the figures to be finalised for the early 2025 Committee meetings. Report to follow.

SF103/24 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALIFICATION

To discuss the LCAS Qualification and decide on a way forward following the webinar that Officers attended

SF104/24 BROOKE HOUSE LEASE

The Brooke House Lease has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor and is ready to be signed by Bracknell Town Mayor and the Chair of the Strategy and Finance Committee at the Full Council meeting on the 10th December 2024. The Town Clerk will ensure the BTC Seal is available at the Full Council meeting.

To recommend to Full Council that Bracknell Town Mayor and Chair of the Strategy and Finance Committee sign the Birch Hill Lease.

SF105/24 TV GRANTS WORKING GROUP

Following the second meeting of the TV Grants Task and Finish Working Group, the responses from the 22,000 delivered leaflets were reviewed. The Working Group recommends that from 1st April 2025, the grant award is increased from £30 to £57 and then to remain at a third of the cost of a colour TV License moving forward. There are no changes recommended to the approval criteria for the grant.

SF106/24 STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

To review the Strategic Plan and to consider any updates that are required

SF107/24 COUNCILLOR TRAINING REQUEST

Committee are requested to review the following Councillor training requests which would be funded by the Councillor Training budget and cost £55 per session:

- Councillor Jodie Watts would like to attend the online training
 - 13th December Empowering the young Councillors of tomorrow
- Councillor Guy Gillbe would like to attend the online training
 - 20th November The Quest for devolution in Local Governance
 - 26th February Is the fight for standards a losing battle?
 - 26th March Breaking the mould of local Councils

SF108/24 TOWN CENTRE MASTER PLAN

To receive an update from Councillor Guy Gillbe on the Town Centre Master Plan

SF109/24 EVENTS

To review the recommendations from Environmental Services regarding donations to BFC and funding for BTC events.

- April Holidays Skate Competition Mill Park – Confirmed to go ahead and tie in with the pump track opening, it will require a small budget for prizes.
- 22nd April 2025 70th Anniversary of Bracknell Town Council – members of the working group to discuss this event to be confirmed at Full Council on the 10th December.
- 8th May 2025 VE Day 80 – Officers have not received any information regarding this event so will research what is expected of Town Councils. Likely to be the cost of a beacon to be lit on the day.
- June 2025 Community and Culture Day – BFC have asked for a contribution of £5000 or slightly more if possible.
- July 2025 Pride Event – BFC have asked for a contribution of £5000 or slightly more if possible.
- 15th August 2025 VJ Day 80 – Officers have not received any information regarding this event so will research what is expected of Town Councils. Likely to be the cost of a beacon to be lit on the day.

SF110/24 CIL

- To review the CIL report - to follow
- To discuss new ideas put forward for CIL funding

SF111/24 CONFIDENTIAL - GRANT AWARDS

Confidential Business To move that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

To review the Annual Grant Award recommendations and to recommend the final grant amounts to Full Council. The recommendations will follow.