



Bracknell Town Council Strategy and Finance Committee Meeting

To the **Members** of the **Strategy and Finance Committee**
You are hereby summoned to attend the **Strategy & Finance Committee Meeting** on
Tuesday 29th April 2025 from **19:30 - 21:30** in the **Council Chamber at Brooke House**

AGENDA

SF124/25 ATTENDANCE

To receive apologies, substitutions and requests for co-option

SF125/25 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

SF126/25 MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 28th January 2025

SF127/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

- Mayoral Chain - quotes being obtained from SHP engraving contacts
- Financial Regulations and Standing Orders
- Pump track - Planning update
- Play equipment - Update
- Website - Completed
- Bracknell Matters - On Hold
- Local Council Award Scheme - On Hold
- Mill Park - conversations re: tree planting strategy are continuing

SF128/25 BUDGET MONITORING WORKING GROUP

To review the report from the Budget Monitoring Working Group following the meeting on 9th April 2025

SF129/25 INTERIM INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

To review and note the interim internal audit report as deferred from the previous meeting

SF130/25 INSURANCE SCHEDULE

To note the insurance schedule attached



SF131/25 BRACKNELL HISTORY WORKING GROUP

To receive an update from a member of the working group

SF132/25 GREAT HOLLANDS PAVILION PERFORMANCE

- To note the performance growth of Great Hollands coffee shop since opening 7 days a week and the implementation of many positive changes. Until June 2024 Jocks Lane coffee shop was bringing in a higher percentage of the total weekend sales, but slowly Great Hollands has been growing and is now bringing in more than 75% of the total weekend income across both sites.
- To note that a similar plan will be followed at Jocks Lane coffee shop to bring the sites in line

April 2024	45%
May 2024	48%
June 2024	50%
July 2024	59%
August 2024	55%
September 2024	56%
October 2024	56%
November 2024	68%
December 2024	69%
January 2025	75%

SF133/25 AGM REFRESHMENTS

To discuss if Council would like refreshments to be provided at the AGM as in previous years

SF134/25 STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

To receive an update from the Chairs of the Committees regarding the review of the Strategic Plan as deferred from the previous meeting

SF135/25 ARMED FORCES COVENANT

To discuss the idea of BTC Signing the armed forces covenant - draft proposals attached

SF136/25 LIBRARIES

To discuss library provision within Bracknell Forest



SF137/25 SOUTH HILL PARK UPDATE

- To receive an update from Councillor Paul Bidwell as a Member of the South Hill Park Trust meetings
- To discuss the cashless status of SHP

SF138/25 BRACKNELL FOREST COMMUNITIES STRATEGY MEETINGS

To discuss a request and nominate a Councillor as a BTC representative to attend the Community Strategy Meetings as per the letter attached

SF139/25 EVENTS

To note the upcoming events and to review the recommendations from Environmental Services, if any:

Completed Events:

- 21st February Twinning Quiz Night Great Hollands 7pm
- 21st March - 6th April - Great British Spring Clean Event
- 22nd April 2025 70th Anniversary of Bracknell Town Council - the exhibition is currently in the foyer at Brooke House until Friday 25th April at 4pm - this will be celebrated at every event over the next year
- 27th April Marathon run for Home-Start 10am

Upcoming Events:

- Skate Competition will be held on the closest school holiday to the pump track being completed or part of the opening event
- 8th May 2025 VE Day 80
- 7th June 2025 Pride Event
- 11th June 2025 Teddy Bears' Picnic
- 21st - 25th June 2025 SHP Food Festival - Permission given for the use of North Lake for parking as per last year
- 19th July 2025 Culture and Community Day
- 6th August Great Hollands Summer of Fun • 15th August 2025 VJ Day 80
- 20th August Braybrooke Summer of Fun Environmental Services - 24/04/2025 3 • 3rd September 2025 Merchant Navy Day
- End of September MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 10th October Mental Health Day: Planting a tree
- 9th November 2025 Bracknell Town Remembrance Event
- 11th November 2025 Armistice Day at The Angel
- 2027 60th Anniversary of Great Hollands



SF140/25 CIL

- To review the CIL report - to be tabled at the meeting
- To discuss new ideas put forward for CIL funding from the Environmental Services Committee

SF141/25 CONFIDENTIAL - BROOKE HOUSE SUB-TENANT REQUEST

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 discuss a request from the Brooke House sub-tenant

SF142/25 CONFIDENTIAL - FREEDOM OF THE PARISH

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To discuss the options put forward for the Freedom of the Parish award that have previously been received and to recommend a way forward to Full Council including a request to install a board in the Council Chamber detailing the previous and current Leaders of BTC