

DECISION RECORD SHEETS

FOR

DECISIONS MADE AT THE

EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD ON

THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015

DECISION SHEET**ACTION BY****20. Travelling to Wokingham Town Centre - Our Vision for the Future**

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION**RESOLVED:** That the approach outlined in Travelling to Wokingham Town Centre – Our Vision for the Future, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be endorsed.**Reason for Decision**

To provide a co-ordinated, strategic approach to travelling to Wokingham Town Centre to ensure that visitors have choice and flexibility in how they travel.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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ACTION BY

21. Changes to Charging for Adult Social Care Services

Stuart Rowbotham, Director of Health and Wellbeing

DECISION

RESOLVED: That further to the Government's introduction of the Care Act 2014, the Executive agrees to introduce new social care charges for social care customers in Wokingham Borough. The Care Act requires the Council to review all of its charges for care services. The recommendations set out at 1) to 4) below are consistent with current practice; recommendation 5) is a new charge; and recommendation 6) updates current practice to be Care Act compliant. The recommendations are as follows:

- 1) That, in accordance with current practice, the council does not set a maximum charge for non-residential services;
- 2) That , in accordance with current practice, the council does not include any further disregards within the financial assessment other than those determined by the Department of Health;
- 3) that no charges for services provided to the carer will be introduced prior to April 2016 and then only by decision of the Executive;
- 4) that, in accordance with current practice, respite services continue to be treated as being provided for the cared for person and not the carer;
- 5) That for new Self-funders an administration charge for non-residential services is introduced from 1st July 2015. The charge to be £260 set up and £194 annually thereafter (both amounts exclusive of VAT). However for existing customers the effective date of the Annual charge will be 1st October 2015
- 6) That for Deferred Payment Agreements (DPA) effective from 1st July 2015:
 - a) an administration charge is introduced to be £755 or £600 plus disbursements at set up, and £261 or £172 plus disbursements annually thereafter (both amounts exclusive of VAT); and
 - b) an interest rate equivalent to the maximum set by the Department of Health is applied to all new agreements; and
 - c) the Council set an equity review limit of 70% of the asset value. However the Director of Health &Wellbeing could increase this to 80% as an exception to be determined on a case by case basis; and
 - d) the only acceptable security should be property related; and
 - e) the Council set the maximum rental income that can be retained at 50%. However the Director of Health &Wellbeing can increase this on an exceptional basis; and
 - f) that the DPA policy at Appendix D is approved.

Reason for Decision

The Council is required to review its current policies and consult upon a revised Charging Framework in accordance with the Care Act 2014 and associated regulations.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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22. Procedure for Dealing with Special Event Temporary Closures on Public Rights of Way

Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

DECISION

RESOLVED: That for applications for temporary closures on rights of way on the Thames Path and the Blackwater Valley Footpath for special events the following policy will be adopted:

- 1) prior consultation will be carried out with the following groups: The Ramblers' Association, The Open Spaces Society, Natural England, the relevant Parish Council and the ward member/s for the area through which the path is situated; and
- 2) the decision as to whether a closure will be made will be taken by the Executive.

Reason for Decision

To receive proposals from the Working Group that was set up in March 2014 to consider concerns frequently expressed in connection with the closure of the Thames Path for the holding of the Henley Festival of Music and Arts.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None.

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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23. Council Owned Companies' Business

Graham Ebers, Director of
Finance and Resources

DECISION

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the budget monitoring position for the financial year 2014-15 be noted;
- 2) the operational update for the financial year 2014-15 be noted.

Reason for Decision

The Executive agreed to provide information on the business of the Council owned companies on a regular basis.

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

None

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member

Councillors Pauline Jorgensen and Anthony Pollock declared personal interests.

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

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