

## **SHADOW EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE**

The following decision(s) were taken by Shadow Executive at its meeting held on **3 December 2019**. Decisions will (unless called-in) become effective at 5pm on 12 December 2019.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

#### **KEEPING IT LOCAL - COMMUNITY BOARDS**

##### **(a) Decisions**

This report sets out a proposed approach for the establishment of community boards following consideration of the consultation results.

##### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To agree to set up 16 community boards, with terms of reference as set out in Appendix 2, and boundaries as set out in Appendix 4.**
- 2. To agree to allocate funding to community board areas to support local projects in accordance with the funding framework as set out in Appendix 3. In 2020/21 there will be three funding streams:**
  - Community Area Priorities Fund**
  - Health & Wellbeing Fund (one year only)**
  - Local Infrastructure Fund**
- 3. To agree to give delegated authority to the portfolio holder for localism to appoint community board chairmen, normally the term of office shall be two years.**
- 4. To agree to review the performance of community boards annually, following the production of annual reports by each board, and to review boundaries in light of any future changes in electoral divisions.**

##### **(b) Reasons for decisions**

The recommended approach enables the Shadow Authority to deliver a key part of the intended benefits of single business case as set out in the structural Changes Order for the establishment of Buckinghamshire Council.

##### **(c) Alternative options considered**

The option of having no community boards was considered and is not recommended as it would restrict the ability of Buckinghamshire Council to ensure strong connections with local communities.

A wide range of options have been considered in regard to the detail of how community boards would work. This report provides a proposal in response to

detailed consultation feedback.

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS BOUNDARY OVERLAPS**

**(a) Decisions**

To make a recommendation about the new authority's membership of a Local Enterprise Partnership, addressing the overlap of membership in the Buckinghamshire area between the Buckinghamshire LEP (BLEP) and the South East Midlands LEP (SEMLEP).

**RESOLVED:**

**Option 1 is the preferred option as this gives the new Buckinghamshire Council a stronger link into central government through the BLEP. This will ensure that funding levered by BLEP will be spent wholly in Buckinghamshire rather than shared amongst a wider area.**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

Report outlining the suggested approach to the removal of Local Enterprise Partnerships Boundary Overlaps, as requested by MHCLG

**(c) Alternative options considered**

Option 1: Recommend Buckinghamshire Council withdraw membership from the SEMLEP the council are a member of BLEP only.

Option 2: Buckinghamshire Council withdraw membership from the BLEP and remain a member of SEMLEP.

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9**

**NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS**

**(a) Decisions**

The Customer and Digital workstream are seeking approval for the proposed, new set of Customer Service Standards and Feedback, Compliments and Complaints

Policy to be adopted by Buckinghamshire Council.

**RESOLVED:**

**That Formal Shadow Executive approves for the proposed, new Customer Service Standards and Feedback, Compliments and Complaints Policy as detailed in the report.**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

A single new Service Standards, Feedback, Compliments and Complaints policy and set of SLAs were identified as a must-have for vesting day.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

None – The single service standard and policy harmonises best practice across each of the existing authorities.

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 11**

**VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS**

**(a) Decisions**

To seek Shadow Executive's agreement to the revised organisational values and behaviours for Buckinghamshire Council.

**RESOLVED:**

**It is recommended that the new Organisational Values for Buckinghamshire Council are:**

- **Proud**
- **Ambitious**
- **Collaborative**
- **Trustworthy**

**(b) Reasons for decisions**

This is a follow up report for Shadow Executive and incorporates feedback based on the meeting of 15 October and also from Shadow Scrutiny Committee on 24 October 2019.

**(c) Alternative options considered**

N/A

**(d) Conflicts of interest/ dispensations**

None

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