

A great place to live!

Bracknell Forest Council Conservative Manifesto 2019 pledges.



Protecting our sense of community

Bracknell Forest Council delivers over 200 different services. To secure strong and safe communities we will continue to:

- Deliver a strong Local Plan which will identify where development will go for the next 15 years and encourage sustainable development with appropriate infrastructure.
- Oppose development that is not consistent with our Local Plan.
- Seek to maintain the viability of our community based shopping and employment areas and continue to support our community centres and libraries.
- Work with our local police to maintain good public order, reduce anti-social behaviour and combat drug related crime.
- Protect our highly valued green spaces and strategic green gaps to prevent places merging and losing their unique identities.
- Recognise the importance of our culture and arts facilities such as South Hill Park.
- Deliver housing services that focus on preventing homelessness.



We will continue to:

- Work with NHS partners and GPs to seek more or improved health facilities.
- Direct our housing strategy to explore ways for Downshire Homes Limited, (which is wholly owned by the Council and provides homeless accommodation), to increase the delivery of more affordable homes.
- Promote recycling and waste management and to seek new ways to enable you to recycle more.
- Seek and implement ways of improving parking for residents and bid for government money to support our road infrastructure and promote greater use of public transport and cycleways.
- Support the cultural diversity of our communities that has led to 96% of residents saying we all get on well together (Residents survey 2017).
- Invest in quality leisure facilities and seek to provide a new country park to help keep every one happy and healthy.
- Take into account the effects of climate change, the use of plastics and the need for more sustainable forms of energy.

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The Lexicon



A town centre to be proud of and more to come.

Bracknell Forest Council Conservative Manifesto 2019 headline pledges



Caring for you and your family

- We will focus on promoting healthy living and self-care to keep people out of hospital.
- We will focus on mental health services especially for young people.
- We will collaborate with the NHS, GPs and other health and care agencies to deliver more joined up services.

Supporting children and young people to reach their full potential.

- We will support school governors, headteachers and staff to provide the best education for your children.
- We will provide sufficient school places to meet demand.
- We will encourage local businesses to engage with local schools to provide expertise that will assist in preparing your child for life after school.



Local Conservatives keeping Bracknell Forest a great place to live.

Keeping Bracknell Forest prosperous

- We will continue our commitment to keep Bracknell Forest prosperous and thriving so employers see the borough as a great place to stay and grow.
- We will continue the phased regeneration of Bracknell town centre.
- But it's not just about Bracknell town centre. We will seek to keep neighbourhood centres thriving at the heart of each community.

Council of the Year 2018

Committed to doing more with less

- We will keep your Council Tax as low as possible.
- We will focus on strong financial management.
- We will listen to residents to ensure the services people need have the right priority and resources are delivered by the right people for the job.



A very green view from Point Royal.

Protecting our sense of community

- We will protect valued green spaces and strategic gaps between existing communities.
- Where development happens we will deliver better roads, school places, accessible open spaces and work with partners to get more health care facilities.
- We will support policy compliant development that also delivers social and shared ownership homes.

Local Conservatives delivering for local people



Doing more with less

We never lose sight of the fact that the money the council uses is your money. You can be confident that what we are spending your money on is targeted at the right things. The way your council is funded will continue to change, so will the way we will have to deliver the services you value and trust.

We will:

- Pledge again to keep the Council Tax as low as possible. Given our track record you can trust us to deliver. To do this we will have to work more closely with partners like the NHS, Police, Fire and Rescue service as well as with our excellent voluntary sector groups and community organisations.
- Direct our resources to make Bracknell Forest a destination of choice for people to live, work and play.
- Continue to seek new and innovative ways of delivering services and we will use new technology and new ways of working.
- Continue to invest prudently and wisely so that we can maintain our council's income.
- Share service delivery with other organisations to make things happen in a more "joined up" way.

You know that only the Conservatives have the know-how and experience to drive and maintain strong financial management. Your Conservative led council has consistently maintained low council tax whilst modernising and positively transforming services without cuts to statutory services.



Caring for you and your family

Bracknell Forest is one of the healthiest places to live. We don't want you to just live longer, we want you to live longer in good health.

We will continue to invest in preventing you and your family from needing health and care services in the first place.

We pledge to provide or buy the best possible services that meet the needs of our residents.

We will continue to:

- Place the right priority on mental health, particularly in young people.
- Seek the most modern and effective ways to keep you healthy from whoever is the best provider.
- Engage with GP practices to encourage improved and integrated provision.
- Seek the right facilities close to residents as we did with the well-used Urgent Care Centre at the Health Space.
- Transform the way children's centres work to provide a wider range of health and care services making them into family support centres.
- Pursue initiatives to reduce isolation and loneliness.
- Provide for our most vulnerable residents in a person and family centred way.
- Collaborate with Frimley Health and Care to deliver a new state-of-the-art elderly mental health facility at Heathlands in Bracknell which will see 66 beds available for those suffering from dementia.
- Transform our services to meet the needs of residents.
- Enhance facilities for young people and seek a new town centre based facility.
- Be an active member of the armed services covenant.



Jennetts Park school



We have delivered a new school at the Kings Academy Binfield.

Supporting children and young people to reach their full potential.

The Council has a small number of direct responsibilities with regard to schools. It is responsible for providing school places to meet demand, which we have done.

By ensuring we have enough school places we are supporting parents in their desire to have greater choice.

The Council is only responsible for passing the money from the government on to schools.

The running of your local school is the responsibility of its governors.

The Council supports schools through its highly rated school improvement service. Working with teachers and governors the school improvement service offers help with driving up standards and enhancing the learning environment. The results in our schools have continued to improve.

We will continue to:

- Actively promote apprenticeships.
- Encourage local businesses to engage with local schools to provide expertise that will assist in preparing your child for life after school.
- Work with schools to deliver the proper level of support to those children that most need it.
- Maintain the schools for which we are responsible.
- Support effective school governance.
- Encourage residents to become a school governor.
- Work with schools to achieve the highest standards possible.

Keeping Bracknell Forest prosperous.

Bracknell Forest is a great place to work and, if you are an employer, to grow. Your Conservative Council is working hard to make sure that we continue to thrive even with the challenges ahead for all sectors of the economy.

We promised to deliver a regenerated town centre and with over 16m visitors in its first year, The Lexicon is a great success and something we can all be proud of. We think it's a great place to work, shop, socialise and eat.

There is still a lot more to be done. It has been your local Conservatives who have stayed committed to the regeneration of the town centre.

Our commitment to residents is to continue the regeneration and over the next 4 years we will be delivering the next exciting phases.

Your Council will be supporting the next phases of the redevelopment of "The Deck" as well as the makeover of Princess Square. We will also deliver new housing including much needed social housing, in future schemes, helping the whole town centre flourish and grow, providing a rich 18 hour economy.

The world of work is changing and we will continue to work closely with all our employers as they look to their futures, and we are committed to helping new companies, start-ups and entrepreneurs. We have recently worked with a partner to turn the old Council offices at Easthampstead House into a location for creative related companies to start and grow.

Bracknell Forest has the highest employment rate in the country or put the other way around we have the lowest unemployment rate – we will ensure that Bracknell Forest remains a great place to live and work.



Royal Winchester House

We will continue to:

- Make sure our new Local Plan enables the development of employment areas as well as the right mix and location of houses for their employees.
- Remain committed to completing the town centre regeneration.
- Work with our local businesses to demonstrate that Bracknell Forest is open for business.
- Encourage existing companies in the area to remain as well as seeking to attract new companies.