BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION NO. 1822

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The form must be completed and passed to the Chief Officer responsible for Legal and Democratic Services no later than NOON on the second working day after the day on which the decision is taken. No action may be taken to implement the decision(s) recorded on this form until 7 working days have passed and the Chief Officer responsible for Legal and Democratic Services has confirmed the decision has not been called in.

Description of decision

- 1. That the decision of the Executive held on 29 September 2025 headed 'Medium Term Financial Strategy Refresh' in respect of decision number (4) be rescinded.
- 2. That Full Council be recommended to:
 - (i) Approve the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy, as appended at Appendix C to the report submitted to Full Council on 8 October 2025.
 - (ii) Note the financial forecast, as appended at Appendix A(i) to the report submitted to Full Council on 8 October 2025.

2. Date of decision

7 October 2025

3. Reasons for decision

Full Council is required to approve the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy as it forms part of the Council's Policy Framework.

This revised recommendation clarifies the requirement of Full Council to approve the strategy document as opposed to the strategy <u>and</u> financial forecasts. The recommendation to Full Council to note the financial forecasts will still provide Members with the opportunity to consider and debate the financial forecasts, but approval of them is not a requirement of Full Council as part of its requirement to approve the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

4. Alternatives considered and rejected

The alternative option is to maintain the existing recommendation to Full Council. However, the wording of the original recommendation from the Executive could be misconstrued to suggest that Full Council is approving financial forecasts as well as the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

5. How decision is to be funded

There are no financial implications associated with this change in recommendation from the Executive.

6. Conflicts of interest			
Name of all Executive members who were consulted AND declared a conflict of interest.	Nature of interest	Did Standards Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and date of dispensation)	Did the Chief Executive give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and the date of the dispensation).
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Mayor has been consulted on this decision: Not Applicable			
Signed:	Date: 7	October 2025 Name	of Decision Taker: Mayor Tom Wootton
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Date decision published:7 October 2025			
Date decision can be implemented if not called in:n/aasexempt			

(Decision to be made exempt from call in......YES......)