

Appendix 14(b)

Proposed Aims and Objectives of Area Forums	
AIM 1 – To provide an opportunity to meet the local community, including local councils, to discuss and consult on any issues and topics of local concern and interest, to look at potential solutions	
1.1	To provide information about Council services and those of other agencies relevant to the area in question
1.2	To consider community safety issues
1.3	To provide an opportunity for the local community to influence the work of the Local Strategic Partnership and associated Action Groups
1.4	To provide a key tool for consultation on issues of relevance to the local area.
1.5	To provide a means for the local community to lobby agencies for action.
1.6	To provide advice and support to the local community.
1.7	To receive and consider local petitions.
AIM 2 – To assist in the planning and monitoring of local services	
2.1	To help shape and monitor the effectiveness of the West Berkshire Community Strategy
2.2	To oversee and support the preparation and implementation of Parish Plans
2.3	To consider, monitor and scrutinise the delivery and performance of local services
2.4	To put forward proposals for the improvement of local services either directly or through formal plans and strategies
AIM 3 – To enable decision making to be taken at the local level where this is practical and effective	
3.1	To take decisions in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governor appointments - Local grants to voluntary bodies - Local Member appointments to outside bodies - Local traffic management projects (subject to the budget allocated to each forum)
3.2	To act as a major consultee in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School developments - Other major capital projects - Highway maintenance and traffic management works - Local changes in service delivery
AIM 4 – To commission and monitor those local services that are best procured at the local level (including joint commissioning with local councils and others)	
4.1	To act as the focal point for commissioning services with Parish Councils
4.2	To act as a watchdog in respect of local community services
4.3	To foster a closer working relationship between the District Council and Parish Councils in the area
4.4	To encourage more active involvement in the planning of local services