

Notice of Meeting



Executive

Thursday, 15 July 2004 at 6.30pm

in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Market Street, Newbury

Date of Despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 7 July 2004

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To: Councillors Phil Barnett, Billy Drummond, Miss Denise Gaines, Mrs Sally Hannon, Owen Jeffery, Mollie Lock, Dr Royce Longton, Mike Rodger

Agenda

Part I

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| 1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any). | |
| 2. Minutes
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 June 2004. | 1 |
| 3. Declarations of Interest
To receive any declarations of Interest from Members. | |
| 4. Questions | |
| (a) Public Questions
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution. <i>(Note: There were no questions submitted relating to items not included on this Agenda.)</i> | |
| (b) Members' Questions
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution. | |
| (i) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People submitted by Councillor Tim Metcalfe
<i>"Can the governors and headmistress of Purley Church of England Infant School be assured that the promise made to them of being able to hold their nativity play in a new hall this Christmas will be kept?"</i> | |
| (ii) Question to be answered by the Executive Member with responsibilities for Libraries submitted by Councillor Paul Bryant:
<i>"May I have an update on the current state of the Council's financial claim with respect to the remedial work to the Newbury Library? If negotiations are now concluded what was the outcome and if there are still outstanding issues when are they expected to be resolved?"</i> | |
| (iii) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People submitted by Councillor Graham Pask:
<i>"If the majority of consultation responses are against the proposed merger of schools in West Berkshire (i.e. Winchcombe Junior/Infant, Calcot Junior/Infant and St Mary's Junior/ Dunston Park Infants) will the Executive Member recommend that the merger option is not pursued?"</i> | |
| (iv) Question to be answered by the Executive Member with responsibility for Newbury Town Centre submitted by Councillor Graham Jones:
<i>"Why is the Council refusing to release the papers from the Newbury Town Centre Task Group of 1st September 2003 relating to the required S106 contribution for a cinema in Newbury?"</i> | |

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- (v) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People submitted by Councillor Brian Bedwell:**
“In view of the refusal to agree to my request at the last Executive meeting to extend the period of consultation for the merger of the two Calcot schools, why is it now seen as acceptable to extend the consultation period to 30th September?”
- (vi) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Culture and Leisure Services submitted by Councillor Keith Chopping:**
“Why did the Theale Green Recreation Centre swimming pool fail to reopen this May?”
- (vii) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People submitted by Councillor Marcus Franks:**
“Some residents in the catchment area of Winchcombe Junior and Infant Schools have received the consultation papers on school mergers relating to Calcot Schools in error. At the time of submitting this question (5th July) the correct papers have not been issued to all residents despite the fact that the main consultation meeting is due to take place on 7th July. Does the Executive Member agree that the consultation process is in danger of turning into a shambles?”
- (viii) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People submitted by Councillor Graham Pask:**
*“All of the Consultation documents on the merger of six schools in West Berkshire (Winchcombe Junior/Infant, Calcot Junior/Infant, St Mary’s Junior/Dunston Park Infant) state that: ‘Focussing the new school on one site will free resources to enable the creation of extended schools at the heart of the community, delivering services and facilities for community use.’
Can I assume that this statement categorically precludes the sale of any part of these school sites for housing?”*
- (ix) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member with responsibility for Policy submitted by Councillor Paul Bryant:**
“Are the remedial works to the County Records Office now complete and satisfactory? If so what were the financial arrangements for payment for this work and if there are still outstanding issues when are they expected to be resolved?”
- (x) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member with responsibility for Planning and Sustainability submitted by Councillor Brian Bedwell:**
“In view of the recent exhibition and intense public interest in Prudential’s Kennet Valley Park housing project, can the Executive Member tell me what dialogue the Executive has had with Prudential on this matter?”
- (xi) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways and Transportation submitted by Councillor Graham Jones:**
“Can the Executive Member tell me when the Executive intends to reconsider the draft ‘Occupational Road Risk Policy’ and can I have an assurance that it will either be extensively re-written or indeed scrapped altogether?”
- (xii) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member with responsibility for Information submitted by Councillor Paul Bryant:**
“Does the Executive Member think it wise for the Council to have issued a press release promoting Starbucks considering that they opened their Northbrook Street coffee shop without the benefit of planning permission and also removed the green tiles on the building which were of historic interest?”

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- (xiii) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways and Transportation submitted by Councillor Brian Bedwell:**
“Is the Executive aware that when distributing travel tokens Officers are advising members of the public that the reason for the reduction in value is that the government has given insufficient funding to West Berkshire Council?”

- (xiv) **Question to be answered by the Leader of Executive submitted by Councillor Graham Jones:**
“Is the Executive Member aware of Section 5.5.11 of the Council's Constitution (Executive Rules of Procedure) which states: 'Members of the Council who are not Members of the Executive may attend meetings of the Executive and any Committees of the Executive? They shall have the right to address the Executive on any item of the agenda...’
Why was this rule not upheld at the Executive meeting on 26th May?”

5. Petitions

- (a) Councillors or Members of the public may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate Committee without discussion.

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

	Reference	Page No.
6. West Berkshire Forward Plan August 2004 to November 2004 (CP – This item is not linked to a Corporate Plan Priority but is a statutory requirement) <i>Purpose: To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	EX0594	9
7. Corporate Plan Annual Refresh (CP – This item supports all the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities) <i>Purpose: To agree the annual update of the Council's five year Corporate Plan 2003-2008.</i>	EX0708	20
8. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2004 - 2008 (CP- This item supports all the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities) <i>Purpose: To outline to Members how the Council's priorities, service delivery objectives and targets can be achieved in the medium term.</i>	EX0707	51
9. Supplementary Planning Guidance on House Extensions and on Replacement Dwellings and Extensions in the Countryside. (CP9 – improving environmental resource management) <i>Purpose: To report on the consultation exercise on the draft supplementary planning guidance, the representations received and the Council's response, including modifications to the guidance.</i>	EX0788 & EX0787	65
10. Member Training and Development Needs Analysis 2004 (CP1 – providing strong community leadership DT2 – building capacity) <i>Purpose: To propose a way forward in relation to the formulation of the 2004/05 Member Development Programme.</i>	EX0811	102
11. Resource Community Café (CP2- tackling all forms of social exclusion across the District) <i>Purpose: To use West Berkshire's wellbeing powers to enable the Health Authority grant money to Resource Mental Health Charity.</i>	EX0810	109

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12. Heritage Lottery Fund Grant for Shaw House (CP4 – maintaining high standards of educational achievement across all our schools CP 9 – improving environmental resource management CP10 – creating attractive and vibrant town centres) <i>Purpose: To update Executive Members on the outcome of this application for grant funding and agree further actions that are required.</i>	EX0802	111
13. Enabling Land Transactions Associated with the Shaw House Project (CP4 – maintaining high standards of educational achievement across all our schools CP9 – improving environmental resource management) <i>Purpose: To seek the necessary approval to acquire and to dispose of land interests adjacent to Trinity School and to rationalise land at Fir Tree Lane Primary School.</i>	EX0815	118

Item not timetabled in the Forward Plan

	Reference	Page No.
14. Consumer Direct <i>Purpose: To determine whether the Council wishes to join the SE Region of the DTI Consumer Direct Initiative.</i>	N/a	<i>To follow</i>
15. Exclusion of the Press and Public <i>RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item. Rule 9.10.4 of the Constitution also refers.</i>		

Part II

	Reference	Page No.
16. Provision of Nursing Home Beds for Elderly Mentally Frail People in West Berkshire (Paragraph 9 – terms proposed in negotiations) (CP3- promoting independence for older people and people with disabilities) <i>Purpose: To seek approval to enter into contracts to secure long term provision of specialist residential and nursing home beds for older people with dementia.</i>	EX0809	123

Item referred to Executive following call-in

	Reference	Page No.
17. Organisational Change Issue – Following Call-in by Select Committee (Paragraph 1 – particular employee) <i>Purpose: To request the Executive to consider the recommendations, if any, of the Strategy and Commissioning Select Committee arising from its meeting held on the 8 July 2004.</i>	N/a	<i>To follow</i>