

# Notice of Meeting

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# Executive

**Thursday, 14 October 2004 at 6.30pm**

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

Date of Despatch of Agenda: 6 October 2004

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## Agenda – Executive Meeting to be held on 14 October 2004 (continued)

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

# Agenda

## Part I

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| 1. <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).  |          |
| 2. <b>Minutes</b><br>To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 09 September 2004.   | 1        |
| 3. <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>To receive any declarations of Interest from Members.  |          |
| 4. <b>Questions</b>  |          |
| (a) <b>Public Questions</b><br>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) <b>Members' Questions</b><br>Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.   |          |
| (i) <b>Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People submitted by Councillor Geoff Findlay:</b><br><i>"The recent SEN Inclusion Policy report noted that the proposed collocation of special schools and mainstream schools could have significant financial implications. Does the Executive Member consider it wise to introduce a far reaching policy which as not been fully costed."</i>  |          |
| (ii) <b>Question to be answered by Leader of Council submitted by Councillor Alex Payton:</b><br><i>"Please can the Executive give the Council and members of the public an update on what is happening with the Post Office on Northfield Road."</i>  |          |
| (iii) <b>Question to be answered by Executive Member for Highways and Transportation submitted by Councillor Chris Webber:</b><br><i>"In light of the significant public opposition to the proposed increase in speed limit from 30 to 40mph along the A329 at Streatley does the lead member agree that:</i><br>1) <i>Local people are best placed to assess road safety in their neighbourhood and the Council should accept their view that increasing the speed limit would be a regressive step.</i><br>2) <i>The solution to speeding in the current 30mph speed limit area should be proper enforcement or the installation of traffic calming measures.</i><br>3) <i>That given the level of public interest in this item it would be undemocratic for a single Member to make the decision, and that this matter should at the very least be referred to the Executive for decision?"</i> |          |

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- (iv) **Question to be answered by the Leader of Council submitted by Councillor Keith Chopping:**  
*“When does the Executive Member expect the new Section 106 Officer to be in post?”*
- (v) **Question to be answered by Executive Member with responsibility for Libraries submitted by Councillor Keith Chopping:**  
*“Will the Executive Member give an undertaking that the Library Book Stock Fund will be increased year on year until the cut of £100,000 is fully restored?”*
- (vi) **Question to be answered by Executive Member for Highways and Engineering submitted by Councillor Graham Jones:**  
*“Would the Executive Member for Highways explain why speed data from traffic surveys is not routinely supplied to the public in its complete form and only given as the 85th percentile. Will she make a commitment that in future such data will, on request, be made available to members of the public who ask for such information?”*

**5. Petitions**

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**

	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Page No.</b>
6. <b>West Berkshire Forward Plan - November 2004 to February 2005.</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	EX0664	11
7. <b>Sales of Age Restricted Products</b> <i>Purpose: To seek Approval for the Public Protection (Trading Standards) Services approach to the enforcement of legislation relating to age restricted products.</i>	EX0677	24
8. <b>Commissioning Strategy for Learning Disabilities Services</b> <i>Purpose: To seek approval for the Commissioning Strategy for the Learning Disability Service.</i>	EX0645	27
9. <b>Waste Scrutiny Review Task Group Report</b> <i>Purpose: To report the findings of the review into Waste Management carried out by the Environment and Public Protection Select Committee</i>	EX0850	31
10. <b>Commissioning Strategy for Mental Health Services</b> <i>Purpose: To seek approval for the commissioning strategy for mental health services for 2004-2007.</i>	EX0647	62
11. <b>Proposed School Mergers Report - Winchcombe and Thatcham</b> <i>Purpose: To seek approval for the recommended action.</i>	EX0855	66
12. <b>Adoption of Berkshire Structure Plan 2001 – 2016</b> <i>Purpose: To ensure the new Structure Plan is adopted.</i>	C0854	117
13. <b>Creating a Legal Entity to Deliver Consumer Direct</b> <i>Purpose: To outline the proposal that West Berkshire District Council participate in a company limited by guarantee, along with potentially 19 other Local Authorities in the South East, to contract with the Department of Trade and Industry to deliver Consumer Direct.</i>	N/A	120
14. <b>Shaw House Project Appraisal</b> <i>Purpose: To outline further progress in development of this project and to seek approval for a range of actions to move towards commissioning the actual restoration of Shaw House.</i>	EX0829	<i>To follow</i>

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15. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**  
**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.*

## Part II

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| 16. <b>Accommodation Charging Issue</b><br>(Paragraph 4 – particular applicant for/recipient of financial assistance)<br><i>Purpose: To discuss residential accommodation charges which have accrued beyond the resident's share in property owned.</i> | EX0874    | 124      |

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