Notice of Meeting

West
Berkshire
COUNCIL

Executive

Thursday, 9 December 2004 at 6.30pm

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**   **Page No.**
   To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).

2. **Minutes**   1
   To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 November 2004.

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. *(Note: There were no questions submitted relating to items not included on this Agenda.)*

   (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 Leader of Council submitted by Councillor Keith Chopping:**
   "How many Amey staff would the TUPE provisions apply to if their posts were transferred back to the Council, and what extra costs would this involve?"

   (ii)   **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Culture and Leisure Services submitted by Councillor Keith Chopping:**
   "What was the total capital expenditure on the closure of Wash Common library?"

   (iii)   **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Culture and Leisure Services submitted by Councillor Brian Bedwell:**
   "Will the Executive Member encourage the library service to issue a single timetable for the mobile library service, so that residents can identify the times of visits to their areas without having to collate information from several separate timetables?"

   (iv)   **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Environment and Waste submitted by Councillor Brian Bedwell:**
   "Given the established and respected 'brand' of the Council's Streetcare service, can the Executive Member tell me why the use of this name has been dropped by the Council when answering calls to the Streetcare telephone number?"

(v)   **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Financial Management submitted by Councillor Graham Jones:**
"What was the total cost of installing and painting the new concrete bollards outside the Council's Market Street Offices?"

(vi)   **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Financial Management submitted by Councillor Graham Jones:**
"How many employees were covered by the additional expenditure of £300,000 on early retirement costs approved by the Executive last month?"

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 - January 2005 to April 2005.** (This item is not linked to a Corporate Plan Priority but is a statutory requirement.) *Purpose: To advise the Executive of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.*	EX0704	9
7.	**Proposed School Mergers - Calcot** (S4 – Maintaining high standards of educational achievement across all our schools.) *Purpose: To seek Members approval for the recommended action.*	EX0858	19
8.	**Performance Report for Level ONE Indicators – Quarter Two 2004/05** (CP1- Providing stronger community leadership. DT1 - Performance improvement.) *Purpose: To outline current performance levels across the Council for the second quarter 2004/05 and to consider, where appropriate the remedial action that is required.*	EX0712	47
9.	**Internal Audit – Interim Report 04-05** (D4 – Stronger governance.) *Purpose: To support the production of the Statement of Internal Control for 2004-05.*	EX0718	79
10.	**Commissioning Strategy for Older People** (CP3 – Promoting independence for older people and people with disabilities.) *Purpose: Identifying the steps West Berkshire Council will take, in collaboration with is partners to deliver services to older people that are fit for current and future challenges.*	EX0646	87
11.	**Update on Procurement Strategy 2004 – 2006** (D1 – Performance improvement. D2 – Building capacity through partnership and innovation. D3 – Customer focus.) *Purpose: To appraise the Executive of updates to and progress against the Council's three year Procurement Strategy.*	EX0801	117

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20. **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

		Reference	Page No.

21. **Developing Services for Older People** — EX0824 — 305
    (Paragraph 9 - terms proposed in negotiations)
    (CP3 - Promoting independence for older people and those with disabilities.)
    Purpose: To seek approval to increase the provision of sheltered housing for older people with high support needs.

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