EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2014

Councillors Present: Dominic Boeck, Keith Chopping, Hilary Cole, Roger Croft, Gordon Lundie and Irene Neill

Also Present: John Ashworth (Corporate Director - Environment), Bill Bagnell (Manager - Special Projects), David Holling (Head of Legal Services), Shiraz Sheikh (Solicitor), Peta Stoddart-Crompton (Public Relations Officer), Rachael Wardell (Corporate Director - Communities), Councillor David Allen, Stephen Chard (Policy Officer), Councillor Roger Hunneman, Councillor Royce Longton, Councillor Alan Macro, Councillor Gwen Mason, Robin Steel (Group Executive (Cons)) and Councillor Keith Woodhams

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Councillor Pamela Bale, Councillor Marcus Franks, Councillor Alan Law and Councillor Graham Pask

PART I

42. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2014 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Leader.

43. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

44. Public Questions

(a) Question submitted by Mr Dan Maskell to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services and Countryside

A question standing in the name of Mr. Dan Maskell on the subject of cyclists on the tow path between Newbury and the West Fields area received a written response from the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services and Countryside.

(b) Question submitted by Mrs Lilian El-Doufani to the Portfolio Holder for Cleaner & Greener, Waste, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Thatcham Vision, Licensing

A question standing in the name of Mrs. Lilian El-Doufani on the subject of the dog warden service was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Cleaner & Greener, Waste, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Thatcham Vision, Licensing.

(c) Question submitted by Mrs Judith Bunting to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

A question standing in the name of Mrs. Judith Bunting on the subject of West Berkshire spend on mental health in 2013-14 was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care.

(d) Question submitted by Mrs Judith Bunting to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

A question standing in the name of Mrs. Judith Bunting on the subject of the percentage of the total health budget spent on mental health in 2013/14 was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care.

(e) Question submitted by Mrs Judith Bunting to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

A question standing in the name of Mrs. Judith Bunting on the subject of how the 2013/14 figures compared with spend on mental health so far in 2014/15 was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care.

45. Petitions

There were no petitions presented to the Executive.

46. Members' Questions

(a) Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services and Countryside by Councillor David Allen:

A question standing in the name of Councillor David Allen on the subject of planning applications for conversion of office accommodation to residential which had attracted nil S106 contributions for open spaces was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services and Countryside.

(b) Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services and Countryside by Councillor Alan Macro:

A question standing in the name of Councillor Alan Macro on the subject of an update on progress of the investigation into points raised by people who responded to the consultation on the preferred option sites in the Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services and Countryside.

47. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the under-mentioned item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as contained in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006. Rule 8.10.4 of the Constitution also refers.

48. London Road Industrial Estate Development Agreement (EX2882)

(Paragraph 3 – information relating to the business affairs of a particular person) (Paragraph 5 – information relating to legal privilege)

The Executive considered an exempt report (Agenda Item 8) concerning the London Road Industrial Estate (LRIE) Development Agreement between St. Modwen Developments Limited and West Berkshire Council, in order to acknowledge the contents of the agreement and for the Council to enter into contract with St. Modwen.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in the exempt report be agreed.

Reason for the decision: as set out in the exempt report.

Other options considered: as set out in the exempt report.

(The meeting commenced at 5.00pm and closed at 5.33pm)

CHAIRMAN	
Date of Signature	