

# Individual Decisions

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## Individual Decision

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>West Berkshire Forward Plan – December 2006 to March 2007</b>		
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	<b>Leader of Council</b>	<b>on:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> November 2006</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	<b>ID1090</b>		

### Purpose of Report:

To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next 4 months.

### Recommended Action:

That the Leader of the Council agree and where appropriate amend the West Berkshire Council Forward.

### **Reason for decision to be taken:**

It is a statutory requirement that a Forward Plan be produced.

### **List of other options considered:**

N/A

### **Key background documentation:**

None

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## Supporting Information

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Forward Plan attempts to cover all decisions, not just those made by the Executive, which the Authority intends to make over the next 4 months. The Forward Plan, attached as Appendix A, also shows the decision path of each item so far including Council, Executive and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 As part of the continuing development of the Forward Plan we have now incorporated all Plans and Policies which are required to be approved by the Council under the Constitution. These items have been linked to the appropriate meetings of the Executive and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## Appendices

Appendix A – Executive Forward Plan – December 2006 to March 2007

## Implications

<b>Policy:</b>	As set out in the report
<b>Financial:</b>	There are no financial implications for the Council

## Consultation Responses

<b>Members:</b>	
<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Leader of the Council was consulted by letter on the 24 October 2006
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Commission Chairman:</b>	OSC Chairman consulted by letter on the 24 October 2006
<b>Ward Members:</b>	N/a
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	N/a
<b>Policy Development Commission Chairman:</b>	N/a
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	The West Berkshire Council Forward Plan will be published the first working day after the Individual Decision is signed.
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Nick Carter, John Ashworth, Margaret Goldie, Teresa Bell, Steve Clark, Katharine Durrant and there has been widespread consultation with senior managers across the Authority on the content of the Forward Plan. Given its rolling nature this consultation will be ongoing.
<b>Trade Union:</b>	Not sought

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# West Berkshire Council

## Forward Plan

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# West Berkshire Council Forward Plan- December 2006 to March 2007

Reference	Decision and Purpose	Decision Body	Decision Path	Service Area	Contact & Ext. No.	Lead Member	Part II	Date Report Published	Notes
<b>DECEMBER 2006 (Individual Decision(s))</b>									
ID1323	<b>Speed Limit Review - October 2006</b> <i>Purpose: To approve the statutory consultation for altering the speed limit on a number of roads following a meeting of the Speed Limit Task Group</i>	ID	ID - 01/12/06	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Keith Chopping		24/11/06	
ID1325	<b>Parking Scheme - Broadway and High Street, Thatcham</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of the results of statutory and public consultation to amend the waiting restrictions within Thatcham Broadway and High Street and to seek approval of Officer recommendations.</i>	ID	ID - 01/12/06	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Keith Chopping		24/11/06	
ID1091	<b>West Berkshire Forward Plan - January 2007 - April 2007</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	ID - 14/12/06	Chief Executive	Moirra Fraser (2045)	Graham Jones		07/12/06	
ID1311	<b>Road Outside Downs School, Compton</b> <i>Purpose: Responses to Statutory and Public Consultation to introduce a 30mph speed limit.</i>	ID	ID - 21/12/06	Environment	Neil Stacey (3207)	Keith Chopping		13/12/06	
ID1312	<b>The Hampstead Norreys to Compton Road</b> <i>Purpose: Responses to Statutory and Public Consultation to introduce a 30mph speed limit.</i>	ID	ID - 21/12/06	Environment	Neil Stacey (3207)	Keith Chopping		13/12/06	
ID1313	<b>B4009 and Aldworth - Ashampstead Road</b> <i>Purpose: Responses to Statutory and Public Consultation to extend an existing 40mph speed limit.</i>	ID	ID - 21/12/06	Environment	Neil Stacey (3207)	Keith Chopping		13/12/06	

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ID1314	<b>Structural Weight Limits on Bridges</b> <i>Purpose: To seek authority to advertise a traffic regulation order to impose structural weight limits on a series of bridges across the district.</i>	ID	ID - 21/12/06	Environment	Neil Stacey (3207)	Keith Chopping		13/12/06	
<b>DECEMBER 2006</b>									
C1321	<b>Tax Base Setting</b> <i>Purpose: To agree the 2007/08 Tax Base.</i>	C	Council - 14/12/06	Chief Executive	Bill Blackett (2305)	Laszlo Zverko		06/12/06	
C1343	<b>Planning Application 0602155/FULD - Trunkwell Farm, beech Hill Road, Beech Hill</b> <i>Purpose: To consider a Planning Application referred up to Council by the Members of the Eastern Area Planning Committee to ensure a consistent approach to decision making across the Council.</i>	C	Council - 14/12/06	Environment	Sara Appleton (2111)	Keith Chopping		06/12/06	application referred to Council at the 01/11/06 EAP meeting
C1255	<b>Decision-making Authority of HR Policies and Procedures</b> <i>Purpose: To propose amendments to the Council's decision making authority in respect of new and revised HR Policies and Procedures.</i>	C	Council - 14/12/06	Chief Executive	Robert O'Reilly (2367)	Anthony Stansfeld		06/12/06	
<b>JANUARY 2007 (Individual Decision(s))</b>									
ID1327	<b>Newbury Parking Study - Zones SW1 &amp; SW2 Review</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of results of statutory and public consultation to introduce and amend the existing waiting restrictions within Zones SW1/SW2 of the Newbury Parking Strategy and to seek approval of Officer recommendations.</i>	ID	ID - 01/01/07	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Keith Chopping		TBA	

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Reference	Decision and Purpose	Decision Body	Decision Path	Service Area	Contact & Ext. No.	Lead Member	Part II	Date Report Published	Notes
ID1291	<b>New Policy for Gypsy &amp; Travellers in West Berkshire</b> <i>Purpose: To provide a new policy for gypsy and travellers in West Berkshire.</i>	ID	ID - 01/01/07	Environment	Bill Jennison (2560)	Geoff Findlay		TBA	Moved from November
ID1326	<b>Newbury Parking Study - Zone C1</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of results of statutory and public consultation to introduce waiting restrictions within Zone C1 of the Newbury Parking Strategy and to seek approval of Officer recommendations.</i>	ID	ID - 01/01/07	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Keith Chopping		TBA	
ID1328	<b>Newbury Parking Study - Zone W1 Review</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of results of statutory and public consultation to introduce and amend the existing waiting restrictions within Zone W1 of the Newbury Parking Strategy and to seek approval of Officer recommendations.</i>	ID	ID - 01/01/27	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Keith Chopping		TBA	
ID1322	<b>Cold Ash Hill, Parking Restrictions</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of the results to statutory and public consultation to introduce waiting restrictions on Cold Ash Hill, Cold Ash and to seek approval of Officer recommendations.</i>	ID	ID - 08/01/07	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Keith Chopping		TBA	
ID1121	<b>West Berkshire Forward Plan - February 2007 - May 2007</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	ID - 11/01/07	Chief Executive	Maira Fraser (2045)	Graham Jones		04/01/07	
<b>11 JANUARY 2007</b>									
GAAC109 7	<b>Update of Internal Audit Work</b> <i>Purpose: To inform Members of the outcome of internal audit work for the last six months.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Chief Executive	Ian Priestley (2253)	Laszlo Zverko		04/01/07	

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EX1342	<b>A4 Corridor Study Proposals</b> <i>Purpose: To agree an outline programme of improvements for the A4 between Robin Hood Roundabout, Newbury and M4 Junction 11 at Theale. The improvements are to inform the planning process to secure funding from future developments along the route.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Environment	Jon Winstanley (2087)	Keith Chopping		04/01/07	
EX1337	<b>Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act - "Enviro Crime" - Task Group Report</b> <i>Purpose: To report the recommendations of the Safer, Stronger and Sustainable Policy Development Commission</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Environment	Carole Ruse/Andre w Deacon (2972)	Geoff Findlay		04/01/07	
EX1210	<b>Half Year Report of the Adoption Service</b> <i>To consider the report in compliance with Adoption Regulations.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Children and Young People	Maggie Short (3101)	Graham Pask		04/01/07	
EX1297	<b>Three - Year Adult and Community Learning Development Plan 2007/08 -2009/10</b> <i>Purpose: To approve the Three Year Adult and Community Learning Development Plan 2007/08-2009/10.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Children and Young People	Moyra Blake (2059)	Graham Pask		04/01/07	
EX1186	<b>Engagement Strategy</b> <i>Purpose: To approve the Council's Strategy for involving local people in decision making.</i>	EX	Exec - 30/11/06	Chief Executive	Jason Teal (2102)	Anthony Stansfeld		Exec - 23/11/066 OSC - TBA	Moved from September 2006 Executive.
EX1309	<b>Local Area Agreement - 2007/08 Refresh</b> <i>Purpose: To seek approval for the 2007/08 refresh of the Local Area Agreement.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Chief Executive	Andy Day (2459)	Graham Jones		04/01/07	
EX1098	<b>Procurement Strategy</b> <i>Purpose: To present the Council's Procurement Strategy.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Chief Executive	Tom Herring	Laszlo Zverko		04/01/07	moved from Nov Exec at Officer's request

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EX1211	<b>Purpose: Statement of Purpose of the Fostering Service</b> <i>To consider the Statement of Purpose in compliance with Fostering Regulations</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Children and Young People	Maggie Short (3101)	Graham Pask		04/01/07	
EX1304	<b>Home to School Transport</b> <i>Purpose: To begin consultation process.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Children & Young People	Malcolm Berry (2770)	Graham Pask		04/01/07	
EX1302	<b>HR Service Review</b> <i>Purpose: To recommend changes to the Structure of the HR Service.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Chief Executive	Rob O' Reilly (2358)	Anthony Stansfeld		04/01/07	moved from Nov to allow consultaion with teachers
EX1310	<b>Leisure Centres Management Contract - Selection of a Preferred Bidder</b> (Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/ business affairs of particular person) <i>Purpose: To appoint a preferred bidder for the Council's Leisure Centres Management Contract.</i>	EX	Exec - 11/01/07	Community Services	Adrian Jones (2577)	Marcus Franks	Yes	04/01/07	May be Part I and Part II
<b>FEBRUARY 2007 (Individual Decision(s))</b>									
ID1330	<b>Theale Parking Strategy</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of results of statutory and public consultation to introduce and amend the existing waiting restrictions as part of the Theale Parking Strategy and to seek approval of Officer recommendations.</i>	ID	ID - 01/02/07	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Keith Chopping		01/02/07	
ID1329	<b>Hungerford Parking Strategy</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of results of statutory and public consultation to introduce and amend the existing waiting restrictions as part of the Hungerford Parking Strategy and to seek approval of the Officer recommendations.</i>	ID	ID - 01/02/07	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Keith Chopping		08/02/07	

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ID1159	West Berkshire Forward Plan - March 2007 - June 2007 <i>Purpose: To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	ID - 15/02/07	Chief Executive	Moira Fraser (2045)	Graham Jones		08/02/07	
<b>22 FEBRUARY 2007</b>									
EX1197	<b>Budget Monitoring Report - Quarter 3</b> <i>Purpose: To update Members on the budget monitoring position.</i>	EX OSC	Exec - 22/02/07 OSC - TBA	Chief Executive	Simon Freeman (2249)	Laszlo Zverko		Exec - 15/02/07 OSC - TBA	
EX1200	<b>Establishment Monitoring - Quarter 3</b> <i>Purpose: To update Members on staffing levels across the Council.</i>	EX OSC	Exec - 22/02/07 OSC - TBA	Chief Executive	Rob O' Reilly (2358)	Anthony Stansfeld		Exec - 15/02/07 OSC - TBA	
EX1092	<b>Risk Management Strategy</b> <i>Purpose: To present the Council's Risk Management Strategy.</i>	EX OSC	Exec - 22/02/07 OSC - TBA	Chief Executive	Ian Priestley (2253)	Anthony Stansfeld		Exec - 15/02/07 OSC - TBA	
EX1279	<b>Strategic Risk Register</b> <i>Purpose: To approve the Council's Strategic Risk Register.</i>	EX OSC	Exec - 22/02/07 OSC - TBA	Chief Executive	Ian Priestley (2253)	Anthony Stansfeld		Exec - 15/02/07 OSC - TBA	
EX1229	<b>Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter 3</b> <i>Purpose: To report the progress on the Capital Programme for the Third Quarter 2006/07.</i>	EX OSC	Exec - 22/02/07 OSC - TBA	Chief Executive	Andy Walker (2433)	Laszlo Zverko		Exec - 15/02/07 OSC - TBA	

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EX1303	<b>Nursery Admissions Policy</b> <i>Purpose: To agree the Nursery Admissions Policy.</i>	EX OSC	Exec - 22/02/07 OSC - TBA	Children and Young People	Malcolm Berry (2770)	Graham Pask		Exec - 15/02/07 OSC - TBA	
EX1220	<b>Level One Performance Monitoring - Quarter 3</b> <i>Purpose: To outline performance levels across the Council and to consider, where appropriate, the remedial action that is required.</i>	EX OSC	OSC - TBA	Chief Executive	David Baker (2083)	Graham Jones		Exec - 15/02/07 OSC - TBA	
C1275	<b>Community Plan</b> <i>Purpose: To present the Community Plan.</i>	EX C	Exec - 22/02/07 Council - 01/03/07	Chief Executive	Mark Harris (2568)	Graham Jones		14/02/07	
C1277	<b>Annual Revenue Budget 2007/08</b> <i>Purpose: To approve the Annual Revenue Budget 2007/08.</i>	EX C	Exec - 22/02/07 Council - 01/03/07	Chief Executive	Andy Walker (2433)	Laszlo Zverko		14/02/07	
C1278	<b>Capital Strategy and Programme</b> <i>Purpose: To present the Capital Strategy and Programme.</i>	EX C	Exec - 22/02/07 Council - 01/03/07	Chief Executive	Andy Walker (2433)	Laszlo Zverko		14/02/07	
C1280	<b>Local Government Act 2003- Borrowing Limits and Annual Investment Strategy 2007/08</b> <i>Purpose: In compliance with the Local Government Act 2003, this report summarises the Council's borrowing limits as set out by CIPFA's Prudential Code, and recommends the Annual Investment Strategy for the coming year.</i>	EX C	Exec - 22/02/07 Council - 01/03/07	Chief Executive	Andy Walker (2433)	Laszlo Zverko		14/02/07	

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C1276	<b>Corporate Plan</b> <i>Purpose: To present the Corporate Plan.</i>	EX C	Exec - 22/02/07 Council - 01/03/07	Chief Executive	Nigel Owen	Graham Jones		14/02/07	
<b>MARCH 2007 (Individual Decision(s))</b>									
ID1298	<b>Speed Limit Review 2007</b> <i>Purpose: To approve the statutory consultation for altering the speed limit on a number of roads following a meeting of the speed limit task group.</i>	ID	ID - 15/03/07	Environment	Andrew Garratt (2491)	Cllr Keith Chopping		08/03/07	
ID1160	<b>West Berkshire Forward Plan - April 2007 - July 2007</b> <i>Purpose: To advise Members of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.</i>	ID	ID - 15/03/07	Chief Executive	Maira Fraser (2045)	Graham Jones		08/03/07	

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## Individual Decision

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Newbury Town Centre Pedestrian Priority Area - Waiting Restrictions</b>		
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	<b>Councillor Keith Chopping</b>	<b>on:</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> November 2006</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	<b>ID1335</b>		

### Purpose of Report:

To inform the Executive Member for Planning and Highways of the responses received during the statutory and public consultation on the proposals associated with the waiting restrictions within the Newbury Town Centre Pedestrian Priority Area and to seek approval of officer recommendations.

### Recommended Action:

That the Executive Member resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in section 4 of this report.

### **Reason for decision to be taken:**

To enable the waiting and loading restrictions in the Newbury Town Centre Pedestrian Priority Area to be progressed to implementation.

### **List of other options considered:**

Not applicable.

### **Key background documentation:**

- Newbury 2025 – A Vision for Newbury Town Centre
- Executive Committee Report EX1032
- A Market Place for All – Consultation Survey Results Nov 05
- Consultation plan Nos. TM81266/002 and TM81266/005

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## **Supporting Information**

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### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Council approved 'Newbury Vision 2025' in October 2003. This document sets out a future Vision for Newbury Town Centre and included a detailed Action Plan for the implementation of a range of initiatives and projects. Integral to Newbury Vision 2025 are a number of phased environmental enhancement projects some of which have already been completed. One of these projects is the Market Place Environmental Enhancement scheme, which is programmed for completion during November 2006.
- 1.2 In accordance with the environmental enhancement scheme design, the roads within the proposed pedestrian priority area have been re-laid with a variety of decorative road surfaces and with all kerbs being at grade to create a shared level surface for vehicles and pedestrians.
- 1.3 A public consultation, 'A Market Place for All', was undertaken during May 2005 seeking views on the future use of Market Place. The consultation letter indicated that once the scheme was complete, Market Place would be a pedestrian-focused area with the restriction currently in operation on Northbrook Street and Bartholomew Street between 10am and 6pm being extended to include Market Place and part of Wharf Street.
- 1.4 Executive Committee Report EX1032 presented the results of the consultation, part of which indicated that:
- (1) 76% of the respondents were either in favour of, or strongly in favour of, the proposed scheme as a whole.
  - (2) 75% of people agreed that the pedestrian priority scheme between 10am and 6pm should be extended to the Market Place.
  - (3) 64% of people were not in favour of the Market Place being retained as a short term car parking area.
  - (4) Responses from businesses in the area related largely to operational issues rather than indicating a preference for the scheme. The majority of businesses outside of the area were in favour of the scheme.
- 1.5 In conjunction with the proposal to prohibit waiting 'At Any Time' and loading between 10am and 6pm in the Environmentally Enhanced area, it is proposed under a separate Traffic Order to prohibit motor vehicles during the period 10am to 6pm and retain the existing one way traffic system and also extend the existing 20mph Zone throughout the area.
- 1.6 Traffic Regulations permit a prohibition of waiting 'At Any Time' restriction within a Pedestrian Zone to be enforced by way of traffic signs only using Category C and D of the Regulations. In order that road markings are not introduced to the decorative road surface of the enhanced area the proposed scheme introduces a continuous and uniform restriction throughout the entire enhanced area.
- 1.7 Statutory consultation and advertisement on the proposals was undertaken between 12<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006.

### **2. Responses to statutory consultation**

- 2.1 At the end of the statutory consultation and advertisement period a total of 2 responses had been received.

- 2.2 Newbury Town Council made a general comment "It is the view of this Council that by sterilising the Market Place it will make it extremely difficult for Local Businesses to trade effectively." However the decision to proceed with the Environmental Enhancement of Newbury Town Centre, including the removal of the Market Place car park, has already been made by the Executive and included on the capital programme. It is considered that the environmental enhancement scheme will provide an attractive area for shoppers and Local Businesses. Restricting traffic movement and introducing waiting restrictions will ensure the safety of pedestrians visiting these businesses.
- 2.3 The one objector commented that there are no disabled facilities provided for persons wishing to access the businesses in the enhanced Market Place. The objector is a disabled driver who indicated that they are unable to use a wheelchair. The proposed scheme does however enable vehicles to access Market Place prior to 10am and disabled drivers will be able to park in the areas subject to a prohibition of waiting 'At Any Time' until 10am, when the prohibition of loading comes into force that would prevent this exemption from the waiting restrictions.
- 2.4 Regarding facilities for disabled drivers, there are parking bays at the north end of Northbrook Street and within the Wharf Street, Northbrook Street and Kennet Centre car parks. The Northbrook Street car park also contains a 'Shopmobility' facility that can provide a motorised wheelchair that is likely to address the objectors concerns and enable the shops to be accessed.

### 3. Conclusion

- 3.1 There has been extensive consultation on the proposals for Newbury town centre and the Environmentally Enhanced Area in particular, which has resulted in a relatively low response.
- 3.2 It is considered that the majority of residents or interested parties are either satisfied with the proposals following the consultation exercises or do not feel strongly enough about the issues to express an opinion either way.

### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the proposed restrictions be introduced as advertised.
- 4.2 That the respondents be informed accordingly.

### Implications

<b>Policy:</b>	Vision 2025 provides the policy context for this scheme. The consultation is in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedures.
<b>Financial:</b>	The implementation of the scheme will be funded from the approved Capital Programme.
<b>Personnel:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Legal:</b>	The sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order will be undertaken by Legal Services.

<b>Environmental:</b>	An urban design consultant has been used to prepare the design for the Scheme. There has been extensive consultation both within and outside the Council. The emphasis has been in preparing a high quality scheme that reflects the key role that the Market Place has within Newbury Town Centre. The proposals reduce the level of traffic able to use the Environmentally Enhanced area of Newbury town centre and consequently there are environmental benefits for residents, businesses, workers, shoppers and visitors to the area.
<b>Equalities:</b>	The 'A Market Place for All' consultation targeted groups representing specific groups – such as the Disability Alliance - to elicit reactions to the proposed scheme.
<b>Partnering:</b>	The Council is working in partnership with the Police to ensure that the project operates as it should.
<b>Property:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Community Safety:</b>	None arising from this report.

### **Consultation Responses**

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#### **Members:**

<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Councillor Graham Jones is happy with the recommended action provided that the ward members support the proposals.
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Commission Chairman:</b>	Unable to contact Councillor Jeff Brooks however any comments will be verbally reported when the decision is made.
<b>Ward Members:</b>	Councillor Michael Rodger is happy to support the recommended action. Councillor Roger Hunneman commented that he would like to ensure that bridal parties are able to access the Town Hall but otherwise supported the recommended action. Appendix C to EX1032 detailed the access that would be permitted for bridal parties.
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	Councillor Keith Woodhams is happy with the recommended action provided that the ward members support the proposals.
<b>Policy Development Commission Chairman:</b>	N/A
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	Have been consulted as part of the informal and statutory consultation process.
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Andrew Garratt, Mark Edwards, Mark Cole.
<b>Trade Union:</b>	Not Applicable.