

# Notice of Meeting

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## **Special Stronger Communities Select Committee**

**Thursday, 7 April, 2011 at 5.30pm**  
in Committee Room 2 Council Offices  
Market Street Newbury

Date of despatch of Agenda: Friday, 1 April 2011

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**To:** Councillors David Holtby, Mollie Lock, Alan Macro (Vice-Chairman), Irene Neill (Chairman) and Ieuan Tuck

**Substitutes:** Councillors George Chandler, Billy Drummond, Adrian Edwards and Roger Hunneman

## Agenda

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Page No.</b>
1. <b>Apologies</b> To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	
2. <b>Minutes</b> To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 17 March 2011.	1 - 2
3. <b>Declarations of Interest</b> To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.	
4. <b>School Academies - discussion of a school's perspective of taking academy status</b> <i>Purpose: To continue the review into the effect of schools becoming academies on the capacity of the Local Education Authority with information provided by Paul Dick, Headteacher of Kennet School.</i>	
5. <b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b> <b>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.</b>	
<b>Part II</b>	
6. <b>Impact of School Academies on various Council Services</b> <i>Purpose: To note the information provided for the entire review and begin consideration of recommendations for both the Council and schools.</i>	3 - 10

Andy Day  
Head of Policy and Communication

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**STRONGER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2011**

**Councillors Present:** Jeff Beck (Substitute) (In place of Ieuan Tuck), Mollie Lock and Irene Neill (Chairman)

**Also Present:** Councillor Barbara Alexander, Ian Pearson (Head of Education Service), Shiraz Sheikh (Solicitor), and Stephen Chard (Policy Officer)

**Apologies for inability to attend the meeting:** Councillor David Holtby, Councillor Alan Macro and Councillor Ieuan Tuck

**PART I**

**31. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2011 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Irene Neill referred to the actions relating to the reports of the Standards and Effectiveness Panel, and advised that these would be progressed as part of the next round of Panel meetings.

**32. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**33. 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 Paragraph 3 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 4.2 of the Constitution](#) also refers.

**34. School Academies**

*(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)*

The Committee considered an exempt report (Agenda Item 5) which provided supporting information for the School Academies Review.

**RESOLVED that:**

- (1) The content of the report would be noted by the Committee, this gave sufficient information for this stage of the review. It did however raise some concerns.
- (2) The level of buy back for Kennet School and community use of leisure facilities on the school site would be discussed at the next meeting when the Headteacher, Paul Dick, would be in attendance.

*(The meeting commenced at 5.30pm and closed at 7.00pm)*

**CHAIRMAN** .....

**Date of Signature** .....

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

# Agenda Item 6.

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