Date: 21 June 2011

Mr Andy Day
Head of Policy and Communication
Market Street
Newbury
Berkshire
RG14 5LD

West Berkshire Council Liberal Democrat Group

Market Street Newbury Berkshire RG14 5LD

Please ask for: Susan Chivers Direct Line: 01635 519097 e-mail: schivers@westberks.gov.uk

Dear Andy

Call In of Provisional Outturn Report 2010-11 Report submitted to Executive on 16 June 2011

In accordance with Paragraph 6.4.5 of the Council's Constitution, I hereby give notice that the undersigned wish to call in the Provisional Outturn Report 2010-11 submitted to Executive on 16 June 2011. The reasons for the call in are as follows:

- 1. There has been no proper discussion of why the underspend shot up between Month 9 and year-end by nearly £1million.
- 2. In particular no explanation has been given in public about the underspend on "Levies and Interest" of over £1.7 million (approximately 37% of the budgeted amount)
- 3. There has been no proper discussion of what lessons need to be learnt to avoid the next year's budget being set on the basis of such inaccurate figures in future.
- 4. There has been no indication that the Executive understands the importance to the local economy in a time of economic difficulty of spending its full budget.
- 5. There has been no acknowledgement by the Council that the report contained an error worth over £350,000 which had not been corrected at the time they took their decision to accept the report.

Yours sincerely

1. David Rendel

David Rendel

2. Jeff Brooks

3. Keith Woodhams

9MG-

4. Julian Swift-Hook

5. Tony Vickers