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EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY, 16 JUNE 2011

Councillors Present: Pamela Bale, Graham Jones, Alan Law, Gordon Lundie, Joe Mooney, Irene Neill and Anthony Stansfeld

Also Present: John Ashworth (Corporate Director - Environment), Teresa Bell (Corporate Director - Community Services), Nick Carter (Chief Executive), David Holling (Head of Legal and Electoral Services), Ian Pearson (Head of Education Service), Juliet Penley (Service Manager - Children), Andy Walker (Head of Finance), Stephen Chard (Policy Officer), Councillor Roger Hunneman, Councillor Mollie Lock, Councillor Royce Longton, Councillor Alan Macro, Councillor Gwen Mason, Linda Pye (Policy Officer), Councillor David Rendel, Robin Steel (Group Executive (Cons)), Councillor Julian Swift-Hook, Councillor Quentin Webb, Councillor Keith Woodhams and Councillor Laszlo Zverko

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Margaret Goldie (Corporate Director – Children and Young People)

PART I

120. Welcome

Councillor Graham Jones introduced the meeting by welcoming Councillor Irene Neill to the Executive as Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People and the Youth Service.

121. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2011 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Leader.

122. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Julian Swift-Hook declared an interest in Agenda Items 6-8, but reported that, as his interest was personal and not prejudicial, he determined to remain to take part in the debates.

123. Public Questions

(a) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to Executive Member for Community Care, Pensions, Insurance**

A question standing in the name of Mr. Richard Garvie on the subject of Adult Social Care budgets was answered by the Executive Member for Community Care, Pensions and Insurance.

(b) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to Executive Member for Partnerships, Equality, The Visions, Communities**

A question standing in the name of Mr. Richard Garvie on the subject of the siting of the Pavilion was answered by the Executive Member for Partnerships, Equality, The Visions and Communities.

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(c) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to Executive Member for Children and Young People, Youth Service**

A question standing in the name of Mr. Richard Garvie on the subject of Academy schools was answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People and Youth Service.

(d) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT, Customer Services**

A question standing in the name of Mr. Richard Garvie on the subject of condition of the highways was answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT and Customer Services.

(e) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to Executive Member for Children and Young People, Youth Service**

A question standing in the name of Mr. Richard Garvie on the subject of provision of Youth Services was answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People and Youth Service.

(f) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to Leader of the Council**

A question standing in the name of Mr. Richard Garvie on the subject of the cost base of the Council was answered by the Leader of the Council.

124. **Petitions**

Councillor Laszlo Zverko presented a petition containing 10 signatures relating to the road calming scheme along Oregon Avenue, Tilehurst. The petition was referred to the Head of Highways and Transport and would be responded to via an Individual Decision.

Councillor Laszlo Zverko presented a petition containing 24 signatures relating to the condition of trees in Skilton Road, Tilehurst. The petition was referred to the Head of Planning and Countryside and would be brought back to a future Executive meeting for consideration.

Councillor Mollie Lock presented a petition containing 140 signatures relating to the introduction of a pedestrian phased crossing at Padworth Lane. The petition was referred to the Head of Highways and Transport and would be responded to via an Individual Decision.

125. **Provisional Outturn Report 2010/11 (EX2116)**

(Councillor Julian Swift-Hook declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 by virtue of the fact that he was Chair of West Berkshire Mencap. As his interest was personal and not prejudicial he was permitted to take part in the debate).

The Executive considered a report (Agenda Item 6) concerning the provisional outturn for the 2010/11 financial year. Councillor Keith Chopping reported that the Council's provisional outturn was an underspend of £686k against its revised 2010/11 budget.

Councillor Chopping revealed that the financial year 2010/11 had been a particularly turbulent one for the Council. In June 2010 there was an emergency budget announced by the new coalition Government which reduced the in-year financial resources available to the public sector by £6.2bn. West Berkshire's share of this reduction was £1.054m to the revenue budget with further reductions due to the abolition of the Planning Delivery Grant and the removal of Local Area Agreement reward funding. Consequently it had been necessary to adopt a recruitment freeze and reduce budgets in areas previously in

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receipt of Area Based Grant in order to achieve a break even position at the end of the financial year.

Councillor Chopping stated that Adult Social Care, which was mainly demand led, had overspent significantly for much of the financial year at £1.6m. However, due to a change in accounting standards the Council had been able to capitalise around £1.5m of highways revenue expenditure and this had helped to reduce the overspend in Adult Social Care and finance the necessary restructuring costs. Councillor Chopping felt that it was a great achievement to have an underspend position for the 2010/11 financial year whilst also funding a significant restructuring exercise for the 2011/12 budget, managing over £1m of in-year reductions and maintaining the delivery of Council services, and he thanked all staff who had helped to achieve that result.

Councillor David Rendel stated that the correct overall position was a £1.266m underspend and some of that had been used for the cost of making staff redundant. He questioned how many staff would be in agreement with using savings to pay for redundancy costs which had been unnecessary. Councillor Rendel also queried the departmental reports and the interest and levies line in the budget. There was no report to explain the interest and levies and the Directorate reports set out where the savings had been achieved but not the reasons why and whether they could be achieved again in the future or whether it was a one-off saving. He was also concerned about the lack of explanation as to the difference between Month 9 and year end.

Councillor Graham Jones noted that in order to reduce the national deficit, policies had had to be put in place which had led to a reduction in local government support. It had therefore been necessary to react to the cuts in funding and to plan for difficult times ahead. Councillor Keith Chopping stated that the redundancies had not been unnecessary and would save £2-3m in ongoing revenue costs. In respect of the interest and levies he would ask Officers to provide a fuller explanation in future. The report was an outturn report which set out the figures at the end of the previous financial year and was not a plan for the future.

Councillor Keith Woodhams asked if the Council would consider spending some of the underspend to alleviate the flooding issues along the Bath Road and to provide a right turn for buses into the hospital to avoid the necessity of buses having to take a long detour. The Portfolio Holder for Highways asked if Councillor Woodhams could e-mail him with his requests which would duly be considered.

Councillor Julian Swift-Hook noted that Councillor Chopping had stated that the overspend in Adult Social Care had been £1.6m for most of the year but that was untrue as at one stage it was as much as £2m. Councillor Chopping had also stated that services had continued to be delivered but that was also not true as could be seen from the next report on the agenda on the achievement of outcomes in the Council Plan. Councillor Chopping responded that at one time the overspend had been £2m but at Month 10 a grant had been received from the Department of Health which had brought down the overspend to £1.6m. Councillor Joe Mooney clarified that the £1.6m overspend in Adult Social Care had all been attributable to overspends in relation to Learning Disability. This was due to the cost of the high level of care which was required for these clients. Adult Social Care had come in on budget.

In response to a query it was confirmed that underspends of approximately £800k in the Housing Service against its programme of housing repairs and improvements had helped to fund other capital investment priorities for the period 2011 to 2016.

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Councillor Graham Jones commended the outturn position and confirmed that West Berkshire continued to have an ageing population together with further cuts which would be required as a result of Government spending cuts. He also expressed his thanks to staff for their continued commitment in a period of uncertainty.

RESOLVED that the Provisional Outturn Report 2010/11 be noted.

Reason for the decision: This report forms part of the Council's performance monitoring framework.

Other Options considered: Not applicable.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 24 June 2011, then it will be implemented.

126. **Council Plan Outcomes 2010/11 Year End: Update on Achievement (EX2109)**

(Councillor Julian Swift-Hook declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 by virtue of the fact that he was Chair of West Berkshire Mencap. As his interest was personal and not prejudicial he was permitted to take part in the debate).

The Executive considered a report (Agenda Item 7) concerning year end outturns against each of the outcomes identified in the 2010/11 Council Plan and any remedial action that had been or would be taken where achievement had not been met.

Councillor Anthony Stansfeld introduced the report by making the following points:

- Of the 107 key activities or measures spread over the 16 different Council Plan themes, 78 (74%) of the targets had been met. This was a similar figure to the previous year and was achieved in a year of considerable disruption to the Council's budgets.
- A number of measures were not wholly within the Council's control or were subject to changes in Government guidelines.

Councillor David Betts was pleased to note that the outcome to maintain the continuing improvement in the condition of the district's roads by ensuring that no more than 5% of the principal road network was in need of repair was achieved. The positive perception of the condition of the local road and footway network was reported as a red indicator, this was based on the results of the 2010 National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey. The survey did show an improved overall satisfaction with Highways and Transport Services, which was particularly commendable when considering that the survey was held post the severe weather experienced in the winter of 2009/10 and the disruption this caused.

Councillor Joe Mooney referred to the two red indicators under the theme of Promoting Independence. The target to further increase the numbers of known carers and carers who were supported to 2,000 had only been missed by approximately 100 and Councillor Mooney felt this was a positive achievement when considering that a reduction in grant funding had reduced the capacity to provide carers services. The target to support 182 people with a learning disability to participate in a work placement was not met. However, a provisional total of 164 had been achieved and again Councillor Mooney felt this was a positive outcome as the availability of work placements had reduced in the past year due to the recession and depressed job market.

Councillor Alan Macro noted that only four work placements were provided through Pathways to Employment (P2E) and was disappointed that the P2E officer role was not

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backfilled while the substantive post holder was on secondment. He felt that this work needed to be given more priority.

Councillor Julian Swift-Hook also made reference to this target and asked whether the P2E role had been made redundant or whether it was considered as a managed vacancy factor. He also queried the number of clients with mental health problems and with learning disabilities who were engaged in voluntary employment.

Councillor Mooney responded to the points made with regard to P2E by advising that work was still undertaken. However, this was conducted in a different way and across different organisations, i.e. Jobcentre Plus.

Councillor Macro then pointed out that the target had been missed to install 'advanced metering' technology in at least five Council buildings. He questioned the decision to install this entirely in schools rather than in Council buildings which were in the Council's control. Councillor Hilary Cole advised that schools were selected in the first instance as they were high energy users. The technology had been installed in three schools and a further two were planned, but these were on hold until the schools concerned had confirmed a date convenient to them. There were plans to roll this out across Council buildings in due course.

Councillor Macro referred to the failure to meet the target to redevelop the Wharf Area. He felt that a greater level of activity was required to help meet the theme of Thriving Town Centres. In response to this point, Councillor Pamela Bale commented that the Wharf was currently used as a car park and this would remain the case until a car parking survey was conducted post the completion of Park Way to see if the Wharf parking provision could be released. Councillor Bale also advised that the economic situation made it difficult to take this work forward, but the project was still active and a design competition for the future of the Wharf would hopefully be held at an appropriate stage. She acknowledged that work had taken longer than was preferable.

Councillor Swift-Hook referred to the exception report on the red indicator to facilitate a total annual provision of 80 new affordable housing units with 25% of this total as new units in rural areas. He commented that this target was missed by some margin and questioned how many of the 31 units achieved were in rural areas. Councillor Alan Law acknowledged this oversight in the report and agreed to confirm this point outside of the meeting.

Councillor Royce Longton referred to the targets missed under the theme of High Quality Planning. Only 150 new homes had been delivered against a target of 265 with the reason given that the development industry had not recovered from the recession. The reasons given for missing the targets to determine 80% of major planning applications within 13 weeks and to determine 80% of minor planning applications within eight weeks were an increase in planning applications to the highest ever level, together with resource constraints created by the difficult national and local financial position. Councillor Longton asked if steps were being taken to fill the vacant posts to increase the level of resource and ensure that performance against these targets improved. This would also benefit the development industry.

With regard to the build of new homes, Councillor Law advised that this came as a result of a reduced number of planning applications during 2009/10. However, there was positive news as demand was back up and the current level of building was at a higher rate than the peak position in 2007/08.

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Councillor Law went on to advise that the level of resource was an issue towards the end of 2010 and early in 2011. However, he was happy to report that staffing levels had returned to almost the previous level and the backlog of applications was being worked through and would hopefully be removed within four months time. Ultimately, Councillor Law felt that the most important measure for planning was the number of decisions made. The number of decisions made in quarter 4 of 2010/11 was above or equal to the position in quarter 4 of 2007/08 and 2008/09, and was almost back to the record levels achieved in 2009/10.

Councillor Longton also made reference to what he viewed as unnecessary repetition within the report. Councillor Stansfeld agreed with this comment and advised that it would be corrected in future reports.

Councillor Keith Woodhams asked what highways contingency plan was in place in the event of another difficult winter. Councillor David Betts gave an assurance that the successful contingency plan from the previous winter, which had been well received by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission, would be built upon for this year. He added the positive news that many parishes were opting to purchase their own grit bins.

Councillor Roger Hunneman noted with concern some of the measures that had been deleted. Particularly those relating to work with drug using offenders, attempts to reduce re-offending rates of prolific and priority offenders, and increasing the number of primary school pupils walking and cycling to school. He felt that these were important measures which should be retained in some way. Councillor Stansfeld shared the view that these were important measures and advised that the Safer Communities Partnership, which Councillor Hunneman was a member of, would continue to monitor performance in relation to work with offenders etc.

Councillor Hilary Cole added that a significant level of work had been undertaken to increase the percentage of primary school pupils walking and cycling to school, prior to activity being ceased as a result of in-year savings needing to be made. The continuation of this work was a decision for schools to make.

Councillor Hunneman was also concerned with regard to the performance against the target to prevent 450 people from becoming homeless through early intervention and suggested that funding allocated to the equity loan scheme, which had a low uptake, could be redirected to assist with this work. Councillor Law commented that this was an inappropriate target and suggested that a more sensible measure would be to record the level of success when working with those who had requested help. The number of people presenting as homeless, i.e. sleeping rough, was minimal and this was not a major issue in West Berkshire.

Councillor David Rendel referred to the 13 indicators which had reported red in the final quarter and suggested that there was an awareness that some amber indicators would turn red at the end of the third quarter, but this was not reported at the time. He felt this was a reoccurring theme. Councillor Stansfeld acknowledged that it would have been preferable to be aware of these reds at quarter three if possible. He also added that challenging targets continued to be set and a success rate of 75% was aimed for.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the performance against each of the outcomes identified in the 2010/11 Council Plan be noted;

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- (2) the remedial action being taken be noted and approved, where achievements had not been met at the end of the municipal year.

Reason for the decision: The Council Plan sets out the purpose and ambition of West Berkshire Council. It defines the Council's main focus of activities and the measures of performance against which it will assess itself.

Monitoring and managing performance within each of these main areas of work is key in making sure the Council delivers what it has set out to achieve – and where this has not happened, in ensuring that appropriate action is taken to mitigate the impact of the target not being met.

Other options considered: Not to report against the Council's stated aims and ambitions.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 24 June 2011, then it will be implemented.

127. **Response to the Scrutiny Review into the Council's Common Housing Register (EX2287)**

(Councillor Julian Swift-Hook declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 by virtue of the fact that he was Chair of West Berkshire Mencap. As his interest was personal and not prejudicial he was permitted to take part in the debate).

The Executive considered a report (Agenda Item 8) concerning the Executive's response to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission.

Councillor Alan Law, in introducing the report, advised that the Stronger Communities Select Committee had been asked to review the operation of the Common Housing Register. At that time an audit of the Common Housing Register was already scheduled and therefore the scrutiny work was delayed until the completion of the audit. The audit had been conducted in March 2010 and the terms of reference for the audit, the audit report and the resultant action plan were presented to the Stronger Communities Select Committee at its meeting on 8th July 2010. A time limited task group was set up to investigate the communication undertaken with residents on the Common Housing Register and in particular the more vulnerable. The scrutiny review had made six recommendations for the consideration of the Executive. It was proposed that recommendations five and six would be rejected by the Executive.

Councillor David Rendel felt that recommendations five and six should be allowed as Members had the right to that information under the Freedom of Information Act and he would be taking that route if he was unable to obtain the information voluntarily. Councillor Law advised that the Housing Register had changed over the years to a Choice Based Letting system which required those on the Common Housing Register to actively bid for accommodation. Councillor Law felt that it was therefore unnecessary to spend further funding on changing systems in order that Ward Members could see who was no longer on the register.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) recommendation one be approved with the deletion of the line "An amendment to the letters should include notification that data will be shared with their Ward Member(s)" (in line with recommendation 5);
- (2) recommendation two as presented be approved;

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- (3) recommendation three to be acknowledged but that this matter would be addressed through an alternative forum;
- (4) recommendation four as presented be approved;
- (5) recommendation five be rejected for the reasons set out within the report;
- (6) recommendation six be rejected.

Reason for the decision: To provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission.

Other options considered: None.

Councillor Irene Neill abstained from voting on this item as she had been a member of the task group who had considered this issue.

128. **Charging for West Berkshire Council Home Care Re-ablement Service (EX2285)**

The Executive considered a report (Agenda Item 9) concerning recent statutory guidance on charging for re-ablement services.

Councillor Joe Mooney explained that recent Department of Health guidance had confirmed that work which fell within their definition of intermediate care was required to be provided free of charge for the first six weeks. Officers were of the view that the Council's intake service fell within this definition and therefore proposed that the charge for the service should be removed for the first six weeks, effective 1 July 2011.

RESOLVED that the recommendations for removing the charge for WBC re-ablement services (Home Care Intake) for the first six weeks of service be agreed.

Reason for the decision: To ensure compliance with recent statutory guidance issued by the Department of Health.

Other options considered: None.

This decision is not subject to call in as a delay in implementing the decision this would cause the Council serious financial implications or could compromise the Council's position; therefore it will be implemented immediately.

129. **Central Energy Contract**

The Executive considered a report (Agenda Item 10) concerning a proposal to implement and enter into a Customer Access Agreement under the Buying Solutions Framework for the procurement of the Council's energy supplies with effect from 1st April 2012.

Councillor Keith Chopping advised that the current arrangements for the Council's central energy contract came to an end on 31st March 2012. The Council had originally purchased its energy through the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency (PASA) together with the other Berkshire authorities. However, PASA had been dissolved in September 2010 and the responsibilities, along with the framework agreements, transferred to Buying Solutions who were a national procurement partner for all UK public services. The role of Buying Solutions was to maximise the value for money obtained by Government departments and other public bodies through the procurement and supply of goods and services.

The former PASA framework would expire on 31st March 2012 and would not be re-tendered. Instead it was proposed that they would be replaced by the Buying Solutions frameworks from 1st April 2012.

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Councillor Roger Hunneman queried whether the Council was achieving the best deal by going through that group. Councillor Chopping responded that it was a big and powerful purchasing organisation who would be able to achieve best value for money. However, the Council would have a choice as to whether it stayed with those arrangements after one year.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) it be supported that Buying Solutions be implemented as the Council's expert buying partner for gas and electricity supplies under its Framework;
- (2) such energy requirements be provided at a fixed rate rather than a variable rate be approved;
- (3) authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Environment) to enter into the Customer Access Agreement with Buying Solutions provided that the Corporate Director (Environment) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal & Electoral Services shall have delegated authority to determine the length of the procurement round and make any necessary drafting or other amendments to the terms of the agreement which are necessary to reach final agreement but which do not materially affect the intent and substance of the agreement;
- (4) authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, Environment to enter into the Customer Contracts with supplier(s) under the above mentioned Customer Access Agreement.

Reason for the decision: Current arrangements for the Council's energy contract come to an end on 31st March 2012.

Other options considered: None.

This decision is not subject to call in as a delay in implementing the decision this would cause the Council serious financial implications or could compromise the Council's position; therefore it will be implemented immediately.

130. Members' Question(s)

- (a) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Transport Policy, Housing, Economic Development submitted by Councillor Adrian Edwards**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Adrian Edwards on the subject of an election statement made in respect of the proposed development at Sandford was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Transport Policy, Housing and Economic Development.

- (b) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT, Customer Services submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Keith Woodhams on the subject of traffic congestion around the Railway Station in Thatcham was answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT and Customer Services.

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- (c) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT, Customer Services submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Keith Woodhams on the subject of parking on and damaging highway verges in residential areas was answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT and Customer Services.

- (d) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT, Customer Services submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Keith Woodhams on the subject of street lighting in Westland, off Loundyes Close, Thatcham was answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT and Customer Services.

- (e) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT, Customer Services submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Keith Woodhams on the subject of the policy in place to inspect and empty road drains and metal trash screens was answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT and Customer Services.

- (f) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT, Customer Services submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Keith Woodhams on the subject of the engagement of a Road Safety Constable and budget and grant information on the Road Safety Team was answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT and Customer Services.

- (g) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Environment, 'Cleaner Greener', Public Protection, Culture and Leisure submitted by Councillor Alan Macro**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Alan Macro on the subject of the number of schools rated as adequate or below in the West Berks Award Scheme for food premises was answered by the Executive Member for Environment, 'Cleaner Greener', Public Protection, Culture and Leisure.

- (h) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Environment, 'Cleaner Greener', Public Protection, Culture and Leisure submitted by Councillor Alan Macro**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Alan Macro on the subject of warning the public about food premises whose hygiene standards were rated as "bad" or "very bad" was answered by the Executive Member for Environment, 'Cleaner Greener', Public Protection, Culture and Leisure.

- (i) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People, Youth Service submitted by Councillor Alan Macro**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Alan Macro on the subject of measures the Council had taken to dissuade West Berkshire schools from becoming academies was answered by the Executive Member for Children and Young People and Youth Service.

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(j) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Community Care, Pensions, Insurance submitted by Councillor Julian Swift-Hook**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Julian Swift-Hook on the subject of the number of residents in the Hollies, River View and the Hungerford Care Home were currently receiving a service from the Council or who were likely to become eligible in the next six months, was answered by the Executive Member for Community Care, Pensions and Insurance.

(k) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Transport Policy, Housing, Economic Development submitted by Councillor David Rendel**

A question standing in the name of Councillor David Rendel on the subject of the average number of days between the date on which a “minor” planning application was received in the Council offices and the date on which it was formally registered, was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Transport Policy, Housing and Economic Development.

(l) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Transport Policy, Housing, Economic Development submitted by Councillor David Rendel**

A question standing in the name of Councillor David Rendel on the subject of the average number of days between the date on which a “minor” planning application was formally registered by the Council and the date on which the decision was made, was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Transport Policy, Housing and Economic Development.

131. **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 1, 2 and 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.

132. **Review of Family Support Services and Future Use of Greenham House (EX2294)**

(Paragraph 1 – information relating to an individual)

(Paragraph 2 – information identifying an individual)

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

The Executive considered an exempt report (Agenda Item 13) concerning the outcome of a review of the Family Support Services and the impact on the service as well as the existing use of Greenham House.

RESOLVED that the recommendations as set out in the exempt report be agreed.

Reason for the decision: To make more appropriate arrangements for the delivery of the Family Resource Service following reductions to the budget.

Other options considered: As set out in the report.

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(The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 8.18pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature