

AGENDA

For the Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 15 July 2015.

Timothy Wheadon, Chief Executive



NOTICE OF MEETING

Council
Wednesday 15 July 2015, 7.30 pm
Council Chamber, Fourth Floor, Easthampstead House, Bracknell

To: The Council

Councillor Mrs Hamilton (Mayor), Councillor Virgo (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Mrs Angell, Allen, Angell, Dr Barnard, Bettison, D Birch, Mrs Birch, G Birch, Brossard, Brunel-Walker, Dudley, Finch, Finnie, Ms Gaw, Harrison, Mrs Hayes MBE, Ms Hayes, Heydon, Hill, Mrs Ingham, King OBE, Leake, McCracken, Mrs McKenzie, Mrs McKenzie-Boyle, McLean, Mrs Mattick, Ms Merry, Ms Miller, Peacey, Phillips, Porter, Skinner, Mrs Temperton, Thompson, Tullett, Turrell, Wade and Worrall

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The meeting will be opened with prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 29 April and 27 May 2015.

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3. Declarations of Interest

Any Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or an Affected Interest in a matter should withdraw from the meeting when the matter is under consideration and should notify the Democratic Services Officer in attendance that they are withdrawing as they have such an interest. If the Interest is not entered on the register of Members interests the Monitoring Officer must be notified of the interest within 28 days.

4. Mayor's Announcements

Mayor's Announcements to include:

- Presentation from the Mayor's chosen charity Make A Wish
- Presentation from Campbell Christie CBE, Principal and Chief Executive of Bracknell and Wokingham College to provide a strategic overview of how Bracknell and Wokingham College services the Bracknell Forest community.
- Presentation of MJ Award, Public Health Partnerships Award category

5. **Executive Report**

To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting held on 29 April 2015.

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6. Establishment of an Appointment Committee

To establish an Appointment Committee to recruit to the post of The Chief Officer: Human Resources from January 2016.

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7. Membership of the Local Plan Member Working Group

To agree the revised position regarding the appointment of Members to serve on the Local Plan Member Working Group.

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8. Standards Committee - Annual Report

To note the report advising Council of the work of the Standards Committee during the last municipal year.

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9. Questions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10

(i) <u>By Councillor Mrs Temperton to Councillor Dr Barnard,</u> Executive Member for Children, Young People and Learning

The Secretary of State for Education has raised the **floor** standards for attainment in both primary and secondary schools. The target for the number of students getting 5 GCSE Inc English and Maths at secondary level has been raised from the present 40% to 60% and for the pupils getting expected levels at Primary school from 65% to 85%. If schools do not achieve these floor standards then they could well be forced into becoming Academies.

- (a) How many schools in Bracknell Forest are expected to fall below the new floor standards bar?
- (b) Most of the many new schools to be built will be built as academies. If local authority schools are forced to also become academies, what will the implications be for Bracknell Forest as a Local education Authority?
- (c) With such a reduction in LA finances, what would be the implications for those schools that remain with Bracknell Forest, as most have always wanted to do?

(ii) By Councillor Mrs Temperton to Councillor Turrell, Executive Member for Executive Member for Planning and Transport

(a) What will the Council do to protect the bus services for those residents who depend on them now that First Bus is pulling out of Bracknell?