



## NOTICE OF MEETING

### Council

**Wednesday 11 July 2018, 7.30 pm**

**Council Chamber - Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell,  
RG12 1JD**

### To: The Council

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

TIMOTHY WHEADON  
Chief Executive

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## **AGENDA**

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 25 April and 23 May 2018.

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3. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or affected interests in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

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Any Member with an affected Interest in a matter must disclose the interest to the meeting. There is no requirement to withdraw from the meeting when the interest is only an affected interest, but the Monitoring Officer should be notified of the interest, if not previously notified of it, within 28 days of the meeting.

4. **Mayor's Announcements**

Including attendance by:

- Reverend Jim Barlow, the Mayor's Chaplain, from Bracknell Team Ministry to introduce himself
- Mary Durman, Joint Chief Executive Officer Mencap to update members on the work being undertaken by the charity
- Councillor Love, Chairman of South East Employers to present the Council with an award for retaining Charter Plus standard for member development

5. **Question submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (Public Participation), a question was submitted to Councillor Turrell, Executive Member for Planning and Transport by Mrs C Doran, resident of Crowthorne with regard to strategic gap in the Draft Local Plan on behalf of CVAG (Crowthorne Village Action Group).

The following question will be asked at the meeting by CVAG's chairman, Mr A Holley:

*We are interested to note that the Executive is to be asked to make a Key Decision on 17th July, when authority is sought to carry out consultation on new sites that have emerged through the recent consultation on the Borough Local Plan.*

*You will of course know that the Crowthorne Village Action Group made a series of representations on the Draft Local Plan in March this year. We are particularly concerned, as a community, that the Strategic Gap between Crowthorne and Bracknell is not mentioned in the Draft Plan, and that in its place there is proposed to be a development site for 570 houses (Policy LP4, land at The Hideout and Beaufort Park), which will effectively occupy what will remain of the Gap following the development of the TRRL site.*

*You will know that local people would like to see this gap clearly maintained, and that they have taken comfort from the fact that its importance was underlined in the Council's Core Strategy of 2008, when it says;*

*These predominantly undeveloped areas are often subject to development pressures which if left unrestrained could over time lead to the merging of settlements and the loss of individual identity. In order to protect their existing open and undeveloped character, it is important that gaps are identified to steer development away from those settlements where coalescence is a real threat.*

*This was reinforced in the Inspector's Report on the SDL in 2013, and more recently by the Council's landscape consultants in their recommendations, which form part of the evidence base for the Draft Local Plan.*

*Our question, therefore is in two parts. First: Do you share the significance of this Strategic Gap – as with the five other Strategic Gaps which remain listed in paragraph 11.2.12 of the Draft Local Plan - to the wider community of Bracknell Forest, and their quality of life? Second: would you share our optimism that among the new sites which have emerged and which will be discussed by Executive on 17th July, there will be one or more which can be substituted for the site at Policy LP4, enabling the Council to provide for housing needs whilst respecting the longstanding policy of maintaining a strategic gap between Crowthorne and Bracknell.*

6. **Executive Report**  
To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting held on 25 April 2018. 39 - 44
7. **Appointments to external organisations**  
To clarify the current position regarding the appointment of Members to serve on the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority. 45 - 48
8. **Standards Annual Report**  
To note the activity within the Council's Standards framework from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. 49 - 56
9. **Question Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10**  
By Councillor Mrs Temperton to Councillor Turrell, Executive Member for Planning and Transport:

*At the Council meeting on 26 April 2017, I asked a question about responding to the consultation on the expansion to Heathrow Airport. The Council's response, signed by Councillor Turrell and Councillor Brunel-Walker, was submitted on 19 March 2018. This stated that the Council generally supports the proposed expansion but with some conditions and many questions. A decision has now been made and residents are asking what is the position of the Council.*

*Will this submission be publicised so that all can see , as promised last April, that it represents the interests of all residents?*

*Has a response been received concerning the many questions and conditions?*