



**Council
Wednesday 26 March 2003, 7.30 pm**

AGENDA

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| 1. Apologies for Absence | |
| 2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 February 2003 | 5 - 14 |
| 3. Declarations of Interest To receive any declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda for the meeting. | |
| 4. Appointment of Chief Executive To receive the report of the Chief Executive Appointment Committee. | 15 - 16 |
| 5. Mayor's Announcements | |
| 6. Executive Report To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting on 27 February 2003. | 17 - 26 |
| 7. Review of Contract Regulations To receive the report of the Director of Corporate Services. | 27 - 96 |
| 8. Questions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10 Notice has been received of the following questions to Members of the Executive <u>By Councillor Adams to the Executive Member for Education</u> Could the Executive Member for Education please explain the Borough policy for recycling waste at each of the school sites in Bracknell? <u>By Councillor Glasson to the Executive Member for Social and Health Care Services and Housing</u> | |

Regarding the Council's policy on the level of disregard of Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance applied to calculating charges for service users, can the Social Care Portfolio Holder confirm that he has abandoned his proposal to cut the disregard to 50% by 2005/06, and assure us that the level of disregard will be maintained at 80% over the whole of the next three years?

By Councillor Piasecki to the Leader of the Council

- a) Could the Leader advise this Council of the income, currently confirmed, from the onward sales to other authorities, of our Smartcard technology, which we have developed at great public expense, with our partners British Telecom, and which front line services will benefit from this income?
- b) When will the Smartcard be the subject of a Best Value Review?
- c) From our consultations with the Public, regarding the Budget for 2003/4 can the Leader tell us how many residents have even the vaguest idea what the Smartcard is, what it has cost them so far, what it will cost them in the future, and which front line services reductions they are happy to accept in lieu of the Smartcard?

9. Motion Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 11

Motion 2/2003 submitted by Councillors McCormack and Glasson

This Council welcomes the introduction of child tax credits as a major contribution towards the Government's drive to end child poverty, and resolves:

- i to support in conjunction with local voluntary agencies and statutory services a benefits take up campaign drawing on the LGA's good practice guide and supporting material;
- ii to encourage council employees to claim their entitlements;
- iii to apply the same principles to promote the launch of pension credits in Autumn 2003.

Council further calls on the Council Executive to report back on progress in implementing the above measures and on the impact of local take up campaigns.

Motion 3/2003 submitted by Councillors Beadsley and Piasecki

The Council requests the Executive to ensure that, within the next four years, youth centre facilities, staff and activities are provided in South Bracknell for young people aged 13 to 16.

(For the purposes of this motion South Bracknell is Great Hollands, Hanworth, Easthampstead, Wildridings, Crown Wood and Forest Park.)

