



Council
Thursday 24 April 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 26 March 2003	3 - 10
3. Declarations of Interest To receive any declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda for the meeting.	
4. Mayor's Announcements	
5. Scheme for Public Participation Notice has been received of two submissions from members of the public under the scheme for public participation:	11 - 12
(i) a statement on genetically modified crops which has been submitted by Ms D Gier is set out in Appendix 1.	
(ii) the following question for the Leader of the Council has been submitted by Mr T Packham: "Is it true that like the recently much publicised move by Swindon Borough Council with regards to assisting the Government's asylum policy by accepting 1,000 asylum seekers, that Bracknell Forest Borough Council may be told by the Government to accept asylum seekers in Bracknell as part of the Government's dispersal policy?"	
6. Executive Report To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting on 26 March 2003.	13 - 18
7. Review of Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements To receive the report of the Chief Executive.	19 - 40

8. **Amendments to the Council Constitution**
To receive the report of the Acting Director of Corporate Services. 41 - 52
9. **A Protocol for Members in Dealing with Planning Matters**
To receive the report of the Acting Director of Corporate Services-Legal and the Director of Environment. 53 - 64
10. **Questions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10**
Notice has been received of the following question
- By Councillor Glasson to the Executive Member for Social and Health Care Services and Housing
- Recently announced grants to Bracknell's voluntary organisations reveal that the Council proposes to give them just 46% of what they have requested for the year ahead. We are forever, and quite rightly, lauding Bracknell's many voluntary groups for the vital contribution they make to the life of our community. Does it not reveal a grotesque lack of priorities to invest 4 times as much over the past year on the "Dumb Card" than it would have cost to fully fund our voluntary groups and give them the support and encouragement they deserve?
11. **Motion (or Motions) Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 11**
Motion 4/2003 submitted by Councillors Mills and Turrell
- This Council calls on the Government and Ministry of Defence, as landowners of the Meteorological Site, to allocate sufficient land for a future hospital, to honour the long-term promise and increasing need for a more comprehensive, modern, and localised provision of health services and leading edge health facilities in Bracknell Forest.
- In making this request, the Council is mindful of the opportunity for the Government to learn from its previous mistake in refusing to provide land, once again in its ownership, for a hospital at the Ramslade Site in Broad Lane, Harmans Water.
- The Chief Executive is, therefore, instructed to write to the Prime Minister and the respective Secretaries of State for Defence and Health, to formally and accurately communicate to them the sincerely held views of this Council.