



Council
Wednesday 3 December 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 24 September 2003** 5 - 12
3. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest in any matters on the agenda for the meeting.
4. **Mayor's Announcements**
5. **Question Submitted under Council Procedure Rule 9**
Question from a Member of the Public to the Executive Member for Education, Councillor Ward

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 [Public Participation], the following question has been submitted by Mr G Hine:

"What will happen to the Fox Hill Primary School site as the Consultation Technical Information document gives the release of the Fox Hill site as an advantage and the Executive report says you are going to see the site [reference Executive report 21 October 03 Appendix B] "Commence Planning and Site Disposal – May 2004" (Fox Hill Primary School is the only school that can be disposed of given Councillor Alan Ward's repeated public statements that Woodenhill will not close)?

Fox Hill takes 80% of its pupils from its catchment area unlike other schools in the review, therefore it is a true neighbourhood school serving its community, well managed, financially viable and yet planned for closure, why?

In the year 2000, Fox Hill Primary School was refurbished and enlarged at a cost of £500,000 following the fire. The LEA insisted that three additional classrooms be provided to cater for Staff College

development. These three classrooms can be shown to be the cause of the surplus places at Fox Hill due to the proposed change in designated area. Please justify the original expenditure and your subsequent decision to close the school?"

6. **Executive Report**

To receive the Leader's report on the work of the Executive since the Council meeting on 24 September 2003. 13 - 24

7. **Public Scrutiny Commission - Chairman's Progress Report**

To receive the half-yearly report on the work of the Public Scrutiny Commission from the Chairman of the Commission. 25 - 28

8. **Member Officer Protocol**

To receive the report of the Standards Committee. 29 - 42

9. **Review of Members' Allowances Scheme**

To receive the report of the Director of Corporate Services and of the Independent Remuneration Panel. 43 - 122

10. **Council and Committee Timetable 2004/05**

To receive the report of the Director of Corporate Services. 123 - 126

11. **Questions Submitted Under Council Procedure Rule 10**

Notice has been received of the following questions to members of the Executive from Councillor Earwicker

To the Executive Member for Social and Health Care Services and Housing

How will the decision taken by the Executive on 21 October to close Johnstone Court Day Centre contribute significantly to improving the quality of life for adults receiving day care support in the Borough?

To the Executive Member for Social and Health Care Services and Housing

What are the implications for other Day Centres receiving financial support from the Council at the present time of the decisions to close Johnstone Court and withdraw support from the Woodmancote Home and Day Centre in Crowthorne?

To the Executive Member for Planning and Transportation

What discussions have been held with local bus operators to maintain and improve local bus services following the decision by First Beeline to reduce certain services with effect from 26 October?

To the Executive Member for Public and Environmental Services and

Parish Liaison

How many mobile phone masts are located on Council property and what financial benefit does the Council derive from them.