



**Council  
Thursday 26 February 1998, 7.30 pm**

**AGENDA**

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| <b>1. Apologies for Absence</b>  |         |
| <b>2. Minutes</b>  |         |
| To approve as correct records the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 October 1997 and of the Special Meeting held on 17 December 1997.                                   | 3 - 14  |
| <b>3. Mayor's Announcements</b>  |         |
| 1. The late former Councillor John Mattick   |         |
| 2. The late former Councillor Arthur Cheney  |         |
| <b>4. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of Committees</b>   |         |
| • Education Transition Committee - 5 November 1997   | 15 - 70 |
| • Education Transition Committee - 11 December 1997  |         |
| • Social Services Transition & Housing Committee - 6 January 1998  |         |
| • Public & Environmental Services Committee - 8 January 1998   |         |
| • Leisure Services Committee - 13 January 1998   |         |
| • Planning & Transportation Committee - 15 January 1998  |         |
| • Education Transition Committee - 22 January 1998   |         |
| • Social Services Transition & Housing/Housing Sub Committee - Joint Meeting - 4 February 1998   |         |
| • Strategy & Policy Committee - 11 February 1998   |         |
| <b>5. Financial Plans and Revenue Budget 1998/99</b>   |         |
| To consider the recommendations in Minute 501 of the Strategy & Policy Committee held on 11 February 1998 as set out in the accompanying report by the Director of Corporate Services. | 71 - 76 |
| <b>6. Question: Standing Order 9</b>   |         |
| (1) Question to Chairman of Strategy & Policy Committee  |         |

(Councillor Bettison) by Mrs J Oxenbury

“In view of recent events and the Prime Minister’s statements on corrupt practices in local government, would the Leader of the Council answer the following questions:-

Have any investigations into alleged corrupt practices by a Councillor taken place in Bracknell Forest Borough Council since 4 April 1997?

What action should the Council, police, political party or political group take when such allegations are made?

What action can be taken against any Councillor found guilty of such practices?”

7. **To receive reports (if any from Members of the Council).**

8. **To receive reports from Officers of the Council.**

(i) Local Government Reorganisation - Joint Arrangements :  
Report by Chief Executive attached.

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9. **To consider the following motion submitted under Standing Order 6**

1/98 Submitted by Councillors Mills and Mrs Pile

“In light of the recent refusal of the Secretary of State for Defence to donate the RAF Staff College site to the people of Bracknell, this Council reaffirms its commitment to protecting this key site from overdevelopment.

Balanced open space in the centre of Bracknell is vital and this Council recognises the strategic importance of the RAF Staff College site to the existing and future communities in the Borough.

Therefore, this Council resolves to seek sources of external funding, including support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, to purchase the land for the people of Bracknell, thereby empowering our residents to control their future and preserve their environment.”