



**Council
Wednesday 22 July 1998, 7.30 pm**

AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 25 March 1998.**
3. **Mayor's Announcements**
4. **Scheme for Public Participation - Standing Order 12**

(1) Petitions - to receive the following Petitions

(a) Petition to be presented by Ms J Lovell

We, the community of Chavey Down and St Martin's Church are opposed to the change of catchment area which excludes Chavey Down children from Winkfield, St Mary's C of E Primary School. We are also aggrieved about the manner in which this change was enforced and ask the new LEA to rectify the mistake made by the old Authority to ensure that justice prevails.

This Petition should be referred to the Education Committee for consideration.

(b) Petition to be presented by Mrs M D Langton

We, the Pensioners of Bracknell, and our supporters, believe that we have earned the right, common to pensioners throughout Britain, to free or at least concessionary bus fares, and we urge Bracknell Forest Borough Council to continue to honour this right.

This petition should be noted by the Council

(c) To receive a Petition submitted by Mr A Caines

We, the undersigned strongly object to any cuts in concessionary travel arrangements for the elderly; furthermore we maintain that we should have free travel as in many other areas.

This petition should be noted by the Council

- (2) Statement - to receive a Statement to be made by Mrs K Brinkman of Ullswater regarding the recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Committee in Minute 111

The Statement should be noted by the Council.

5. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of Committees:

Planning & Transportation Committee - 25 June 1998
All Standing Committees - 25 March 1998
Social Services & Housing Committee - 9 June 1998
Public & Environmental Services Committee- 16 June 1998
Education Committee - 18 June 1998
Direct Services Board - 23 June 1998
Leisure Services Committee - 30 June 1998
Strategy & Policy Committee - 15 July 1998

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6. Questions - Standing Order 11

- (i) Question to the Chairman of Planning and Transportation Committee (Councillor Mrs Ballin) by Councillor McCormack

"The proposed changes by the Conservative Group to the Concessionary Fares Scheme will impact on the Borough's elderly residents.

Could the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee please explain what consultation took place prior to the recommendation being presented to the Planning and Transportation Committee on 25 June 1998?"

- (ii) Question to the Chairman of Strategy and Policy Committee (Councillor Bettison) by Councillor Mrs Keene

"Is it acceptable for the Chairman of a Committee to use his casting vote on an issue concerning his own Ward other than to maintain the status quo?"

7. To consider the following Motion submitted under Standing Order 8

2/98 submitted by Councillors Ward and Bettison

This Council supports the "Town and Country Finance Issues Group" (TACFIG) in its efforts to persuade the Government to improve the distribution of the Central Government Grant.

We recognise that the poor treatment of this Authority by Central Government in the Grant has, in effect, caused the reduction in travel grant which we have had to make this evening.

We note that the independent research done for TACFIG by Rita Hale Associates would indicate that Bracknell Forest's allocation should be £896,000 more in the Environment and Cultural Block.

In the light of the above we will ask the Chief Executive to write to the DETR to commend the research and to request that they act upon it.

In accordance with Standing Order 8 (iv) the Mayor has determined that this Motion shall be dealt with at the Council meeting.