



**Council
Wednesday 18 November 1998, 7.30 pm**

AGENDA

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1. **Apologies for Absence**
 2. **Prayers - The Mayor's Chaplain The Reverend David Osborne has been invited to open the meeting with prayers.**
 3. **Mayor's Announcements**
- (1) The Late Councillor W Onions
 - (2) Former Councillor R Angell
4. **To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 22 July 1998.**
 5. **Report of Returning Officer**

To receive the following report:

- (i) Great Hollands South Ward

Following the resignation of Mr R Angell as Ward Councillor for the Great Hollands South Ward, with effect from 24 September 1998, a by-election was held on Thursday 12 November 1998 and the votes cast for each candidate were as follows:

HENFREY Diana Simone Olivia	-	329
MAXWELL David James	-	58
PIASECKI John Stefan	-	638

- (ii) Harmans Water Ward

The Council is formally advised that a vacancy for one Ward Councillor for Harmans Water Ward has arisen following the untimely death of Mr W Onions and that Notice of Vacancy will therefore be published immediately after the meeting.

6. Allocation of seats on committees

To note that following the by-election for the Great Hollands South Ward, the membership of political groups represented on the Council is as follows:

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Conservative Group	-	22
Labour Group	-	17

In determining the allocation of seats on committees, the Council is required to take account of the proportion of seats on the Council held by each Political Group. At present 39 seats are held by the two Political Groups as noted above with one vacancy. The statutory rules therefore require the 106 seats currently available on committees appointed by the Council to be allocated in the ratio 60 : 46.

7. Appointment of Members to serve on committees 1998/99

Report of Chief Executive enclosed.

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8. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of committees:

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Leisure Services Committee With Strategy & Policy Committee - 21 July 1998

Social Services & Housing Committee - 15 September 1998

See Notes (1) and (2) below

Public & Environmental Services Committee - 22 September 1998

Planning & Transportation Committee - 1 October 1998

Leisure Services Committee - 13 October 1998

Education Committee - 15 October 1998

See Note (1) below

Strategy & Policy Committee - 28 October 1998

Direct Services Board - 17 September 1998

NOTES

- (1) Further copies of the undermentioned reports which have given rise to references to this meeting can be obtained from Committee Services (01344 352260)

Housing Sub Committee

Minute 20 – Review of Housing Allocations Policy

Education Committee

Minute 293 – Early Retirement Arrangements for Teachers

Minute 294 - Handling Staff Reductions in Schools Policy

In connection with both items above, the Minutes of the meeting of the Teachers' Joint Consultative Committee held on 29 September 1998 may also be obtained from Committee Services.

- (2) The attention of Members is drawn to the Officer Report at Agenda Item 11 (a) relating to the Review of Housing Allocations Policy.

9. Questions - Standing Order 11

1. Questions To Chairman of Strategy and Policy Committee from Councillor McCormack

1. Since the statement on balances at the Finance and Property Committee in September this year, could the Chairman of Strategy and Policy Committee confirm whether additional factors justify a reassessment of the anticipated general balance at 31 March 1999?
2. Can the Chairman of Strategy and Policy Committee confirm the total number of managed vacant posts and the consequential level of savings to the Council?

2. Questions to the Chairman of Planning and Transportation Committee from Councillor Jones

Development in the Green Belt

1. Since 1 May 1997, how many applications for new developments and extensions in the green belt have come before the Planning Control Sub Committee?
2. Of those, how many have been recommended for approval and how many for refusal?
3. How many recommended for refusal by officers have been approved by the Committee? How many recommended for approval by officers have been refused by the Committee?

3. Questions to the Chairman of the Education Committee from Councillor Wheaton

Rhos-y-Gwaliau Outdoor Education Centre

1. What is the latest position with regard to the Council's financial support for the Centre after 31 December 1998?
2. Have any discussions taken place with the other unitary authorities in Berkshire on longer term support for the Centre? If so, have any conclusions been reached?

10. To receive reports from Members of the Council

Windsor Theatre Fund

Report by Cllr Finnie enclosed

11. To receive reports from Officers of the Council

- (a) Review of Housing Allocations Policy
Report of Director of Social Services and Housing and Director of Corporate Services enclosed.
- (b) Representation on Outside Bodies
Report of Director of Corporate Services enclosed
- (c) Calculation of Council Tax Base 1999/2000
Report of Director of Corporate Services enclosed

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