



**Council**  
**Wednesday 3 March 1999, 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 18 November 1998.**
3. **Mayor's Announcements**
4. **Report of Returning Officer**

To receive the following report :

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Following the death of the late Councillor W Onions, a by-election was held to elect a Borough Councillor for the Harmans Water Ward on Thursday 25 February 1999. The by-election result will be formally reported to the meeting.

5. **Public Participation at Meetings**

To receive the following submission by Mr R Crew on behalf of the Bracknell Forest Senior Citizens Forum.

"This Forum wishes to express its concern at the proposal to transfer the management of Heathlands and Ladybank Residential Homes to private hands. The financial savings to the Council resulting from this transfer will not be great, as the amounts that will have to be paid to the private organisations concerned must be deducted from the income obtained from Residential Care Allowances. Also, we understand that proposals have been made to end these Allowances.

Our concern is for the welfare of the residents of these Homes. The present management and staff provide an excellent service and any action by the Council for short-term gain may well lead to a marked worsening of the service in the longer term.

We therefore ask the Council not to jeopardise the welfare of the residents of Heathlands and Ladybank for the sake of indeterminate short-term advantage".

6. **To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of Committees.**

Planning & Transportation - 19 November 1998

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Strategy and Policy - 6 January 1999

Social Services and Housing - 19 January 1999

Education - 20 January 1999

Planning & Transportation - 21 January 1999

Public & Environmental Services - 26 January 1999

Leisure Services - 27 January 1999

Direct Services Board - 9 February 1999

Social Services and Housing - 16 February 1999

Strategy and Policy - 16 February 1999

7. **Finance Plans and Revenue Budget 1999-2000**

To consider the recommendations in Minute 473 of the Strategy and Policy Committee held on 16 January 1999 as set out in the accompanying report by the Director of Corporate Services (Page 5).

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8. **Questions submitted under Standing Order 11**

Question to Chairman of Planning and Transportation Committee (Councillor Mrs Ballin) submitted by Councillor Adams.

Could the Chairman confirm the cost of the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposal of opening Ringmead onto the Crowthorne Road, the estimated cost of the public consultation due to take place on Great Hollands South, as recommended by the Highways Sub Committee on 7 January 1999, and the latest estimate for the full implementation of the scheme should it proceed?

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

Local Government and Housing Act 1989

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The result of the By-election for the Harmans Water Ward will be reported to the Council under Agenda Item 4. Arising therefrom, it is possible that a Notice under Regulation 9 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 will be received, relating to the membership of one of the two political groups represented on the Council. In that event a report will be submitted which will deal with any actions necessary with regard to membership of main committees for the remaining cycle of meetings in the current Municipal Year.

10. **Motions submitted under Standing Order 8**

(i) 3/98 Submitted by Councillor Mills and Mrs Pile

This Council commends the achievement of the majority group in securing, through its motion to Council on 26 February 1998, a KONVER grant towards the cost of planning the future of the JSCSC site in Broad Lane, Bracknell.

As a result and in order to assist this planning process the Council recognises the need to:-

- (i) re-affirm the site primarily for community, education, leisure and sporting uses,
- (ii) minimise any housing development to a level which does not add detriment to the quality of life of the existing community and residents,
- (iii) work in partnership with other organisations and individuals to achieve these objectives for Bracknell Forest,
- (iv) continue to pursue and positively exploit all relevant sources of external funding and assistance, and
- (v) establish an effective communication link with all residents in the vicinity of the Staff College site.

The Council will act to ensure that avaricious and dogmatic attempts to overdevelop this important site, as evidenced by the actions of the previous Labour administration will not be permitted.

- (ii) 4/98 Submitted by Councillor Mrs Keene and Adams

This Authority marks the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a document which sets out the human rights that belong to us all, and pledges our support for human rights, through:

- Calling on all Libraries in Bracknell Forest to display the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Encouraging local schools to display the text of the Universal Declaration.
- Thanking local people for making their pledges to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, presented to the United Nations on 10th December 1998.
- Providing the opportunity for Bracknell Forest Borough staff and users of our services to sign up to the Universal Declaration.