

COUNCIL
29 MAY 2002
(7.30 pm to 10.20 pm)

Present: Councillors Adams, Mrs Ballin, Barnard, Beadsley, Bettison, Blatchford, Ms Brown, Browne, Edger, Egan, Fawcett, Finnie, Flood, Glasson, Harrison, Miss Haydon, Mrs Hayes, Henfrey, Kendall, McCormack, McCracken, Mrs Mattick, Mills, North, Piasecki, Mrs Pile, Mrs Ryder, Sargeant, Simonds, Thompson, Turrell, Wade, Wallace, Ward and Worrall

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillors Birch, Mrs Birch, Grayson, Jones and Mrs Shillcock

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR MRS HAYES, IN THE CHAIR

17. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 May 2002 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor, subject to an amendment to record the apologies of Councillors Browne and Henfrey and, on page 7, to indicate that Councillor Kendall is Vice Chairman of the Select Committee on Corporate & Resources Issues.

18. Declarations of Interest

No member of the Council declared any personal or prejudicial interest in any item of business on the agenda for the meeting.

19. Mayor's Announcements

(i) Bracknell Team Ministry – Golden Jubilee Service

The Mayor was grateful to all Members and officers who would be supporting the joint Golden Jubilee Service with Bracknell Team Ministry on Sunday 2 June 2002 at Holy Trinity Church, Bracknell. This would commence at 10.30am and be followed by a reception at The Grange Hotel.

(ii) Organ Donor Registration

The Mayor was pleased to announce that the NHS Organ Donor Register had informed her that the number of new recruits gained from the Council's campaign last year had totalled 7,854.

(iii) Lexcel Accreditation

The Mayor advised the Council that the Legal Services Section had been successful in achieving Lexcel accreditation, certifying that the Section was

implementing the Law Society's Practice Management Standards. The Legal Services Section was the first among the Berkshire unitary authorities to have secured Lexcel accreditation. The Borough Solicitor was asked to pass the congratulations of the Council to his staff.

20. **Executive Report**

The Leader of the Council reported on the main activities of the Executive since the meeting on 1 May 2002 and attention was drawn to the following topics:

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The Executive had considered and made decisions on the following important matters:

Children's Services – Action Plan
Voluntary Sector Compact: Good Practice Guidelines on Volunteering and
Community Action
Food Law Enforcement
Lily Hill Park Lottery Grant
Community Safety Strategy

Negotiations were now underway between officers and DTLR officials on the Public Service Agreement for Bracknell Forest.

The Constitution Review Group was due to meet on 30 May 2002 to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution. These would be reported to the Council for decision in due course.

The consultation period on the draft Community Strategy had been extended following discussion at the Co-ordination Select Committee. The draft would be considered by the Executive and submitted to the Council for adoption in July 2002.

Comprehensive Performance Assessment

The Leader outlined the process and timetable for the forthcoming Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The framework for self-assessment had been received from the Audit Commission and was to be completed and submitted by 1 July 2002. An on-site inspection would commence on 15 July for two weeks and feedback would be given to the Council at the end of July.

The Leader of the Council and appropriate Executive Members responded to questions on the Executive Report.

Section 106 Funding - Lily Hill Park Lottery Grant

The Leader moved a recommendation from the Executive regarding the release of Section 106 funds as part of the project for the restoration and landscaping of part of Lily Hill Park. A provisional award had been made by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the second stage of the application required the release of Section 106 funding held for recreational purposes.

RESOLVED that the release of £141,000 of Section 106 funds be approved as a contribution to the cost of landscape restoration at Lily Hill Park.

21. **Budget & Policy Framework**

(i) Food Law Enforcement Plan 2002/2003

Following a presentation by the Director of Environment, the Executive Member submitted the Draft Food Law Enforcement Plan 2002/2003 for consideration.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor North, that the Food Law Enforcement Plan 2002/2003 be adopted.

(ii) Community Safety Strategy 2002-2005

Following a presentation by the Director of Environment the Executive Member submitted the Draft Community Safety Strategy 2002-2005 for consideration.

RESOLVED on the proposition of Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor North, that the Community Safety Strategy 2002-2005 be adopted.

22. **Annual Report of the Voluntary Sector Champion**

The Voluntary Sector Champion, Councillor Mrs Ryder, submitted her first annual report and responded to questions thereon.

RESOLVED that the annual report of the Voluntary Sector Champion be received and that Councillor Mrs Ryder be thanked for the work she is doing to strengthen the Council's links with the voluntary sector.

23. **Motion Submitted under Council Procedure Rule 11**

Motion 1/2002, as set out in the agenda for the meeting, was moved by Councillor Glasson and seconded by Councillor Beadsley.

Councillor Bettison, seconded by Councillor McCracken, then moved an amendment as set out below. The amendment was put to the vote and declared carried. The substantive motion was then put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED that having commissioned an expert report on housing needs in the Borough the Council recognises the housing needs of its community and will seek, through its emerging housing strategy, to deliver a sustainable broad-based programme of affordable housing that fulfils the aspirations of its residents.

MAYOR