

COUNCIL
28 JULY 2004
(7.30 pm – 8.45 pm)

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Browne), Councillors Adams, Baily, Mrs Ballin, Barnard, Mrs Barnard, Beadsley, Mrs Beadsley, Bettison, Birch, Mrs Birch, Brunel-Walker, Dudley, Earwicker, Edger, Finch, Finnie, Grayson, Harrison, Miss Haydon, Mrs Hayes, Jones, Kendall, Leake, McCracken, McLean, Mihell, Mills, North, Osborne, Packham, Piasecki, Sargeant, Mrs Shillcock, Thomas, Thompson, Turrell, Wade, Ward, Worrall

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillors Mrs Pile and Mrs Ryder

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Guy Cole, St Michael's Church, Easthampstead, opened the proceedings with prayers.

29. **Minutes (Item 2)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 June 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

30. **Declarations of Interest (Item 3)**

Councillor Bettison declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 6(a), Local Plan Alteration - Amen Corner, on the basis of a friendship with an affected landowner.

31. **Mayor's Announcements (Item 4)**

Memorial Service

The Mayor announced that the annual open air Memorial Service would be held at Easthampstead Park Cemetery and Crematorium on Sunday 5 September at 3.00pm.

Annual Civic Service

The Annual Civic Service would be held at St Michael's Church, Easthampstead, on Sunday 12 September.

Crowthorne Enterprise Centre

On the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Wade announced the success of the Crowthorne Enterprise Centre in going into profit for the first time since it was established in June 2001. It was reported that the co-operation between all the partners, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Legal and General and Oxford Innovations and the users of the Centre had contributed to its success.

32. **Executive Report (Item 5)**

The Leader of the Council presented the Executive report to the Council which had been circulated as a separate enclosure. Since the last meeting of the Council, the Executive had met on 12 and 20 July 2004 and had taken decisions on the following matters:

- Amen Corner Local Plan Alterations
- Early Years and Childcare Strategic Plan 2004-2006
- Licensing Policy – approval for formal consultation
- Provisional Outturn Revenue Expenditure 2004/04 and Commitment Budget 2005/06 – 2007/08
- Capital Programme Outturn 2003/04
- Treasury Management Annual Report 2003-04
- Authority to Dispose of Current Crowthorne Library Site.

The Leader highlighted the development of the South East Plan and the implementation of three phases to improve Customer Services. The Leader also referred to the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment for which self assessment documentation was being compiled. The full re-inspection was expected in the week commencing 11 October.

The Leader of the Council then responded to questions on the report.

33. **Local Plan Alterations – Amen Corner (Item 6(a))**

Pursuant to the interest declared at Minute 30 above, Councillor Bettison withdrew from the Council Chamber during the consideration of this item.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved by Councillor Mrs Ballin and seconded by Councillor Worrall. On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried. It was thus

RESOLVED that:

- (i) a modest change to the settlement boundary at Amen Corner (referred to as Option 2 in the reports to the Executive on 18 May and 15 June 2004) be approved as an alteration to the Local Plan; and
- (ii) a review of the entire Amen Corner area be undertaken as part of the work of the Local Development Framework.

34. **Early Years and Childcare Strategic Plan 2004 – 2006 (Item 6(b))**

The approval of the Early Years and Childcare Strategic Plan 2004 – 2006 was moved by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Wade. On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared carried. It was thus

RESOLVED that the Early Years and Childcare Strategic Plan 2004 – 2006 be approved.

35. **Questions Submitted under Council Procedure Rule 10 (Item 7)**

Question by Councillor Beadsley to the Leader of the Council.

“Is a record held of the consultants who work for the Council during a year and what they cost?”

Councillor Bettison in response stated that in the last financial year £1.1m had been spent on consultant specialist expertise and two thirds of that figure was on three projects: the Town Centre Redevelopment, the Waste PFI and the Stock Condition Survey.

Councillor Bettison then responded to a supplementary question from Councillor Beadsley.

THE MAYOR