

**MINUTES: of the meeting of the Woking Local Committee held at 10.00am on Wednesday 8 May 2002 at the H G Wells Conference Centre, Woking.**

**County Council Members**

\*Mr David Rousell (Chairman)  
\*Mr Geoff Marlow (Vice Chairman)

\*Mrs Elizabeth Compton  
\*Mrs Sheila Gruselle  
\*Mrs Margaret Hill  
\*Mrs Val Tinney

\* = Present

**PART ONE**

**IN PUBLIC**

[All references to Items refer to the Agenda for the meeting]

11/02 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** [Item 1]

None received.

12/02 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE** [Item 2]

**RESOLVED**

That Mr David Rousell be elected as Chairman for the year 2002/03.

13/02 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN** [Item 3]

**RESOLVED**

That Mr Geoff Marlow be elected as Vice-Chairman for the year 2002/03.

14/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 4]

There were no declarations of interest.

15/02 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

No petitions were received in accordance with Standing Order 62.

16/02 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** [Item 6]

There were no questions received.

17/02 **MEMBERS QUESTIONS** [Item 7]

No questions were received in accordance with Standing Order 45.

18/02 **FORWARD PROGRAMME FOR WOKING LOCAL COMMITTEE**  
[Item 8]

The Committee asked the LTM to provide a report on local bus services at the Highways meeting on 11 September.

The Committee asked the LTM to circulate an information paper on the County's policy on 20mph speed limit, prior to the next meeting on 12 June.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) That the Forward Programme be noted.
- (b) That a workshop on schools be programmed into the Forward Plan.
- (c) That a workshop on Crime & Disorder be programmed into the Forward Plan.
- (d) That a workshop on Woking Community Strategy/Healthy Woking/Changes to Social Services be programmed into the Forward Plan.
- (e) That day-to-day transport/highways are dealt with by the Local Transport Manager directly.

19/02 **LOCAL COMMITTEE FINANCES** [Item 9]

**RESOLVED**

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That Members agreed to report back to 25 July meeting on suggestions for each individual's £17.5k allocation and the final decision to be made at the October meeting.
- (c) To release £50,000 immediately for transport/highways projects and to reserve £50,000 for discussions on other projects.

20/02 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH WORKER** [Item 10]

The Committee were informed that the funding from this came out of a separate Crime and Disorder budget.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) That the report be noted and the collaboration agreed.
- (b) That a commitment be made of £15,000 p.a. to co-fund the cost of a DV Outreach Worker for a period of 3 years.

21/02 **STRUCTURE PLAN HOUSING ALLOCATION FOR WOKING**  
[Item 11]

Catrina Riddell, County Strategic Planning Manager, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the strategic context for new housing allocation in Woking (**Annexe 1**).

Following the presentation a number of questions were asked:

**Question:** “Will the strategy on 10 June carry figures?”

**Answer:** “There won’t be figures included in the report, but the Executive will have to make a decision on the 35,000 numbers allocated to Surrey”.

**Question:** “Will areas around Woking and Guildford be in the plan?”

**Answer:** “Nearly all the 35,000 will be allocated on a general basis, 7,000 of this will have to go onto Greenfield land. Specific sites will be dealt with through the local plan process”.

**Question:** “Is the Greenbelt land within the M25 sacrosanct?”

**Answer:** “From a planning point of view it is important to preserve this area. Priority will be given to protect this land but release other Greenbelt land away from this area”.

The Committee were told that before any long-term developments could be decided upon, access and transport needs would have to be addressed.

The Committee asked to be kept informed on all developments relating to this issue.

22/02 **UPDATES OF LOCAL ISSUES** [Item 12]

**Knaphill Library**

The position on the Library was noted.

**Rowley Bristow Memorial**

The Committee was informed that Woking Borough Council had agreed to fund the extra public liability insurance.

**[Meeting Ended 11.40am]**

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**Chairman**