

Runnymede Borough Council

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

12 March 2002 at 7.30 p.m.

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor J.R. Ashmore) in the Chair

Members of the
Council present:

Councillors Mrs F.M. Angell, J.R. Ashmore, Mrs. F.J. Barden, V.E. Barker, E.G. Barrett, Mrs. J.R. Barrett, Mrs. P.I. Broadhead, B. A. Clarke, Ms. D.V. Clarke, A.G. Collins, D.P. Easton, J.M. Edwards, J.R. Furey, Mrs. L.M. Gillham, J.E. Haas, R.K. Habgood, Mrs. S.E. Jacobs, T.T. McGrath, H.W.V. Meares, A.M. Moore, C.J. Norman, R. Pate, P.J. Poole, Mrs. E.E. Price, Ms. C.M. Simmons, Mrs. V.A. Smallman, A.P. Tollett, P.B. Tuley, P.J. Waddell, K.J.T. Walmsley, J.R. Whiteley and G.B. Woodger

Members of the
Council absent:

Councillors P.C. Elding, Mrs C.Y. Jones, Mrs. V.R.T. Lenton-Smith, Mrs. J. Norman, D.W. Parr, E.C. Pattington, G.J. Thomas, and F. J. Tourlamain.

594. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20 December 2001 and of the meeting of the Special Council held on 14 February 2002 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

595. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked all those who had made such a success of the Charity Ball held at Wentworth on Friday 8 March. Particular thanks were extended to Councillor Mrs Broadhead, the Deputy Mayor, and Mr Paul Druce of the Borough Secretary's department.

The Mayor reminded Members that his Charity Golf Day would be held at Foxhills on Tuesday 16 April 2002. This was always a popular event and Members were encouraged to get tickets as soon as possible.

596. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. C.Y. Jones, Mrs. J. Norman, D.W. Parr, G.J. Thomas and F.J. Tourlamain.

597. PETITIONS

Councillor T.T. McGrath submitted a petition, with supporting photographs, on behalf of 32 residents of Woodham Park Way. The petition was in the following terms :

"I/We the undersigned residents of Woodham Park Way petition Runnymede Borough Council not to go ahead with the proposal to change the Wheelie-bin refuse collection system from a "backdoor" to "curtilage" one. It will have disastrous effects upon one of the most basic and essential services that the Council provides for all the many reasons set out in the Associations correspondence and representations. The decision has been made without any proper public consultation completely failing to honour the firm undertaking given in public consultation at the time of the introduction of the wheelie-bin system that residents would never have to pull the fully loaded bin from its normal storage place to the front of the property unless they chose to for their own convenience. The proposed system imposes an obligation to do so in complete disregard to the wide range of consequences. Nor does this provide "Best Value" or be seen in any way as "Open Government" in the manner in which decisions are being made."

The petition stood referred to the appropriate Committee in accordance with Standing Order 19.5.

598. THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE - GRANT AID FOR COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

RESOLVED that -

the recommendations of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 470, page 714 (Minutes of 10 January 2002), be approved.

599. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

RESOLVED that -

the recommendations of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 472, page 715 (Minutes of 10 January 2002), be approved.

600. AIMS AND TARGETS 2002/2003 - HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was agreed by the mover and seconder that resolution (ii) of para. 478, page 720 (Minutes of Housing and Community Services Committee, 16 January 2002) should have the words "subject to minor drafting changes" added to it.

Accordingly, the Council

RESOLVED that -

- i) the interim progress report in respect of the 2001/2002 Aims and Targets be noted; and**
- ii) the proposed Aims and Targets for 2002/2003, attached at Appendix 'B', of the Committee minutes be adopted, subject to minor drafting changes.**

601. AIMS AND TARGETS 2002/2003 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

It was agreed by the mover and seconder that the words "retail trading development" should be added to Objective 4 in Appendix 'B' on page 740.

Accordingly, the Council

RESOLVED that -

- i) the interim progress report in respect of the 2001/02 Aims and Targets be noted; and**
- ii) the proposed Aims and Targets for 2002/03, attached at Appendix 'B' of the Committee minutes, be adopted subject to the insertion by the Chief Executive Officer of key target dates in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and that Objective 4 be amended to read**

"Encourage and support the economic development, retail trading development, and well-being of villages and parades such as Englefield Green, Ottershaw and Pooley Green. Also to regenerate areas of decline so that they can benefit from the overall prosperity of Runnymede."

602. AIMS AND TARGETS 2002/2003 - PLANNING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Planning Committee as set out in paragraph 498, page 744 (Minutes of 23 January 2002), be approved.

603. AIMS AND TARGETS 2002/2003 - LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

It was pointed out that the words "free income" in paragraph (c) on page 786 should read "fee income".

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Leisure and Environment Committee set out in paragraph 507, page 750, as corrected, (Minutes of 24 January 2002), be approved.

604. KERBSIDE RECYCLING

The recommendation set out in the Summons at paragraph 513, page 755, was not moved.

Instead the Chairman moved the following motion which was duly seconded.

RESOLVED that -

consideration of the recommendation of Leisure and Environment Committee be deferred to a suitable meeting of the Council, to be specified by notice given by the Chairman of the Committee to the Chief Executive Officer, during the coming municipal year.

605. PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF MAYORAL SELECTION

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 530, page 804 (Minutes of 7 February 2002) be approved.

606. SURREY PENSION FUND

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 531, page 804 (Minutes of 7 February 2002), be approved.

607. AIMS AND TARGETS 2002/2003 - CORPORATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In moving acceptance of the Minutes, the Chairman, with the agreement of his seconder, amended the wording of Target 2(iii) on page 815 to read "Achieve further net reduction in revenue expenditure of £1m between 2003 - 2006". An Amendment was then moved by Councillor B.A. Clarke "that Target 6 (iv) on page 817 be amended by the substitution of the word 'proposals' for the word 'schemes'."

This Amendment was accepted by the mover of the original motion and his seconder before it was formally seconded.

Accordingly, the Council

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 533, page 807, (Minutes 7 February 2002) as amended, be approved.

608. PLANNING COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 538, page 808 (Minutes of 7 February 2002), be approved.

609. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2002/2003

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 539, page 809 (Minutes of 7 February 2002), be approved.

610. ALLOTMENT RATIONALISATION - CHERTSEY ALLOTMENT SITES

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 542(i), page 811 (Minutes of 7 February 2002), be approved.

611. REVIEW OF SERVICE GROUPINGS AND CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 7 March 2002.

RESOLVED that -

subject to full staff/trade union consultations:-

- (i) **The revised service groupings detailed in paragraphs 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of the agenda report and outlined diagrammatically in Appendices 'A' and 'B' herewith be approved;**
- (ii) **The post of Borough Environmental Services Officer (Number D0010) and a secretarial post be deleted from the establishment from 31 August and 31 July 2002 respectively;**
- (iii) **An Assistant Chief Officer post of Head of Environmental Protection be approved at Grade SM3 and applications be invited from amongst existing Divisional Environmental Health Managers and, should this be filled internally, the resultant vacancy be deleted;**
- (iv) **The present Borough Environmental Services Officer be retired on the grounds of redundancy on 31 August 2002;**
- (v) **The present Borough Housing and Community Services Manager be retired in the interests of the efficiency of the service on 31 August 2002;**
- (vi) **The Chief Executive Officer, together with the Personnel Officer, be authorised to make consequential changes to the administrative, clerical and secretarial support arrangements within the revised Borough Technical Services and Housing and Community Services Departments;**
- (vii) **Any surplus staff identified as a result of (vi) above be accommodated through redeployment or natural wastage;**
- (viii) **A salary acceleration of £2,000 per annum be approved for the Borough Technical Services Officer to reflect additional managerial responsibilities;**
- (ix) **A Sub-Committee be formed to settle on a person specification, job description and selection arrangements for the post of Borough Housing and Community Services Manager; and**
- (x) **The financial consequences of the proposals be approved.**

612. REVENUES AND BENEFITS DSO
(Ref: Minutes of Standards Committee December 2001, page 665, para. 414)

The Council received a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 7 March 2002.

RESOLVED that -

the Revenues DSO be wound up at the end of the current financial year on 31 March 2002 under the terms set out in the report to the Committee.

613. APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNOR - ONGAR PLACE INFANTS SCHOOL

RESOLVED that -

Mr A. Aylott-Green of Copperfield Rise, Addlestone be appointed as this Council's representative on the Governing Body of Ongar Place Infants School for a four year term of office.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 9.12 pm)