



COUNCIL
Wednesday, 13 July 2005

Present

Councillors: Brian Allinson, Jane Allinson, Pat Apps, June Bamford, Julian Barge, Ian Blair, Linda Boon, Bill Bowrey, Alan Bracey, Malcolm Bridge, Jo Byron, John Calway, Roger Coales, Sheila Cook, Keith Cranney, Kay Crowe, Jim Cullimore, Ken Dando, Ruth Davis, Tony Davis, Mike Drew, Clare Fardell, David Fletcher, Gary Fox, Howard Gawler, Heather Goddard, John Goddard, John Godwin, Sandra Grant, Neil Halsall, Allan Higgs, Sandra Hobson, Dave Hockey, Pat Hockey, Sue Hope, Justin Howells, Colin Hunt, Roger Hutchinson, David Kearns, Geoff King, Alan Lawrance, Valerie Lee, Arnold Lovell, June Lovell, Deanna MacRae, Virginia McNab, Sheila Mead, Andy Perkins, Terry Pomroy, Shirley Potts, Matthew Riddle, Mike Robbins, Pat Rooney, Marc Scawen, Stan Sims, Ian Smith, Rudolph Springer, Mike Thomas, Philip Trotman, Maggie Tyrrell, Peter Tyzack, David Upjohn, Sue Walker, Terry Walker, Jeanette Ward, Jon Williams

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillors: Kenneth Graupner, Marjorie Graupner, Christopher Lees, Sandra O'Neill.
Alderman: Dennis Beer

14 EVACUATION PROCEDURE (Agenda Item 2)

The Chair drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out on the Agenda.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)

Keith Cranney, John Goddard, Deanna MacRae, Sheila Mead and June Bamford declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 14 as members of the Shadow Board (Housing Stock LSVT) and left the room during its consideration.

Councillor David Fletcher declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 14 as a leaseholder of a Council owned property .

Councillor Geoff King declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 11 by virtue of his employment and left the room during its consideration.

16 MINUTES - 18TH MAY 2005 (Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

17 CHAIRS ANOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 5)

1. At the Chair's request, Council observed a minute's silence in memory of all those who died in the recent terrorist attack in central London.

2. Council agreed with the Chair, that he should write to the Mayor of London, expressing the Council's shock at the terrorist attack, expressing the Council's sorrow for the fatalities, condolences for the friends and families of those who had perished, admiration of the emergency and other public services involved in the aftermath of the attack and recognising the fortitude of the people of London who had shown such determination to carry on with their lives as normal despite the appalling attack on the capital.

3. The Chair informed Members that the Council had been presented with 2 new plaques from the HMS Protector Association in recognition of the support given by Kingswood Urban District Council to HMS Protector during World War II.

4. The Chair announced that the Environmental Health, Licensing and Trading Standards Team had recently been awarded a Charter Mark for Excellence in Customer Service. Council congratulated the Team on this achievement. The Chair then presented the Charter Mark Certificate, plaques and badges to representatives of the Team.

5. The Chair informed Members that he had recently met a delegation from the People's Government of the Republic of China which had presented the Council with a commemorative embroidered silk print.

6. The Chair announced that Christine Cranney (wife of Councillor Keith Cranney) had run in the 18th June Playtex Moonwalk and had raised £260 to date for Breast Cancer Research. Council congratulated Christine on her achievement.

7. The Chair suggested that Members might like to consider sponsoring Mark Pullin, Trading Standards Manager, who had offered to run the upcoming Bristol Half Marathon to raise funds for the Chair's Charity.

18 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (Agenda Item 6)

Councillor Neil Halsall officially announced his resignation from the position as Leader of the Council effective from this meeting.

He then reflected on the many changes that had occurred within the authority and its relationship with the wider community during his 6 years as Leader. He thanked all those Members and staff who he had worked with, making special mention of current and former Executive members and Leaders of the other political groups. He made particular reference to all the help given to him by Louise Bennett, his PA, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers as a token of his appreciation.

He then moved, seconded by Councillor Alan Bracey:-

" That Councillor Ruth Davis be elected Leader of South Gloucestershire Council with immediate effect."

There were no other nominations for Leader.

On being out to the vote it was unanimously: -

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ruth Davis be elected Leader of Council with immediate effect.

Councillor Ruth Davis then paid tribute to Councillor Neil Halsall with whom she had worked for the previous 15 years. This was followed by tributes from Councillors John Calway and Roger Hutchinson. Councillor Ruth Davis then moved, jointly seconded by Councillors John Calway and Roger Hutchinson, a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Halsall.

RESOLVED: That a Vote of Thanks be recorded to Councillor Neil Halsall for all his contributions to the achievements of South Gloucestershire Council as Leader of the Council.

19 APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS TO FILL ANY VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE OR IN THE OFFICE OF CHAIR OF SELECT OR OTHER COMMITTEES (Agenda Item 7)

The Chair then explained that because of the election of the new Leader there were now vacancies for the Executive Member (Traded Services portfolio) and Chair of the Public Rights of Way

and Commons Registration Committee (both currently allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group.)

It was then moved by Councillor Ruth Davis, seconded by Councillor Dave Hockey and unanimously: -

RESOLVED: That Councillor Howard Gawler be elected as Executive Member (Traded Services portfolio)

It was moved by Councillor Ruth Davis, seconded by Councillor Neil Halsall and unanimously: -

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Peter Tyzack be elected as Chair of the Public Rights of Way and Commons Registration Committee.

20 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC (Agenda Item 8)

1. Mr Graham Kennedy of the Save Cossham Hospital Group reminded Council that the engagement and consultation on the future of healthcare services for Kingswood and District was to start again shortly and that the Group intended to become fully involved in that consultation. The Group wished to see Cossham continue a major centre for its local area especially in the context of the proposal to re-designate Frenchay Hospital as a Community Hospital. Members noted his comments

2. Ruth Pedder, a local resident, the presented a petition calling for some form of speed check in Victoria Street Staple Hill to enhance the safety of persons walking along the street, to reduce the noise of undue acceleration / breaking, and to allow traffic emerging from side roads to safely join the main road. The petition was referred to the executive member for PTSE.

3. Dave Redgewell of Transport 2000 called attention to the unsatisfactory specification for the new Great Western Rail Franchise against which bids had been invited. He urged the Council to lobby the DfT (via the South West Regional Assembly); the Regional Development Agency and seek an urgent meeting with the Secretary of State for Transport, Alistair Darling. The Executive Member for PTSE noted the comments made.

21 PETITIONS (Agenda Item 9)

1. Councillor Virginia McNab drew attention to a petition which had been submitted to the Planning Department protesting about the current parking arrangements outside the Ellacombe Road Shops at Longwell Green and asking for angled parking and a limited

waiting period. The petition was referred to the Executive member for PTSE.

2. Councillor Jon Williams presented a petition relating to nuisance being caused to residents by the heavy traffic and speeding lorries and cars in Woodlands Lane, Almondsbury, during unsocial hours. The petition was referred to the Executive member for PTSE.

22. QUESTIONS TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS UNDER S.O. A31 (Agenda Item 10)

1. Question to the Executive Councillor for Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment from Councillor Roger Coales:

How many cases are currently under investigation or awaiting investigation by Planning Enforcement, and how does this number compare with this time last year?

Reply from the Executive Councillor for Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment

Our computer records as at 1 July 2005 show that the Enforcement Team is currently investigating a total of 822 enforcement cases. This figure breaks down as 352 new cases received in 2005 and 470 older cases received before 2005. This is a reduction of nearly 300 (26%) on the figure of 1115 outstanding cases as at 27 July 2004.

This demonstrates that, in the past 12 months, the team has made significant progress in reducing the backlog of enforcement cases. This is against the backdrop of a 16% increase in new cases received so far in 2005; i.e. 502 in January to July 2005 (of which 150 have already been resolved) compared with 434 for the same period in 2004.

Closer analysis of the total of 822 cases currently being investigated reveals that between 70 and 80 of these cases represent complex and serious breaches of planning control that have required/will require the issue of formal enforcement notices or are going/will be going through the appeal process. However, the majority of the 822 cases represent less serious breaches of planning control that can be remedied through negotiation or do not constitute a breach of planning control at all.

The closure and remedy of these cases is now one of the Enforcement Team's main priorities following the recent appointment of a new Senior Enforcement Officer and the team is currently continuing to make good progress in closing both current

and 'smaller' outstanding cases.

It is also worth noting that the computer-generated figures quoted above have the effect of overstating the total number of actual cases being investigated by the team. This is because the system logs every individual who reports a potential breach of planning control rather than the number of sites actually being investigated by the team. In some instances there can be between 2 and 10 individuals who have reported activities on one particular site. This duplication means that the actual number of outstanding sites with potential breaches of planning control is considerably less than the figures quoted above.

In addition to dealing with the backlog of outstanding cases, the enforcement team has also been more persistent in pursuing breaches of planning control through the appeals process and, ultimately, prosecutions through the courts. In particular, over the past 12 months the team has been successful in winning 9 out of 10 appeals against Enforcement Notices at Public Inquiries and Informal Hearings on some sites with longstanding enforcement problems. This positive approach will continue.

This Council's Enforcement Team was also the first in the country to serve a Temporary Stop Notice (TSN) to stop unauthorised development causing significant and serious harm to the environment, following the introduction of the new power on 7 March 2005. Four TSN's have now been served, all of which have been a success in stopping unauthorised development.

Supplementary Question:

This is good news, thank you. Will you keep monitoring the 470 cases still outstanding from 2004 and earlier?

Answer to Supplementary question:

Yes. Enforcement is very important. I can also advise that we now have an officer from the Environment Agency working with the enforcement team on waste related issues. We hope that the numbers will reduce in the foreseeable future.

2. Question to the Executive Councillor for Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment from Councillor Deanna MacRae:

What is the council's time standard for repainting road markings after tarmacing work?

Reply from the Executive Councillor for Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment

The Highway Maintenance Code of Practice states that Stop and Give Way marks should ideally be replaced permanently within 7 days, other mandatory lines within 14 days and other road markings and road studs within 28 days of completion of work. "No Road Markings" boards should be displayed until all markings have been replaced.

This Council attempts to comply with this code but times may vary due to the type of surface laid. On surfaces where loose chippings result there will be a longer period required for the surface to bed in before the markings can be replaced. Also if there is a period of wet or cold weather following resurfacing a delay can occur and it is not possible to renew road markings if there has been a recent application of salt in icy conditions.

Occasionally our Contractors may take longer than we would like due to the sheer volume of work they have to carry out particularly in the warmer months of the year when most resurfacing is carried out.

Supplementary Question:

Thank you for that. But it does not explain why yellow and white markings at the junction of Kingsholme Road and New Cheltenham Road took 8 weeks to put in. Why was that?

Answer to Supplementary question:

In that instance, there was an unfortunate, but isolated situation, when only one contractor was available rather than the usual two. This situation should not arise again.

3. Question to the Executive Councillor for Community Services from Councillor Stan Sims:

What policies and strategies is the council developing to attract tourists into South Gloucestershire?

Reply from the Executive Councillor for Community Services

A recent tourism impact study estimates that South Gloucestershire attracted over 600,000 staying visitors in 2003 (24,000 from overseas) and over four million day visitors (visitors living over 20 miles away). Visitor expenditure is estimated to earn over £200 million per annum and direct employment generation is of the order of 5,000 jobs.

Much is already being done to attract tourists into South Gloucestershire. The Council is a member of Destination Bristol and is represented on the Destination Bristol Board. The Council also links with Thornbury Town Council to publish the annual South Cotswolds and Vale of Severn Visitors Guide.

The current policy is to continue and strengthen this partnership working in the belief that this represents the most efficient and effective approach, particularly as the South West of England Tourism Strategy groups South Gloucestershire with Bristol as a tourism destination.

Destination Bristol

Destination Bristol employs eleven staff and has an annual budget of over £800,000.

Destination Bristol: -

- Markets Bristol/South Gloucestershire as a leisure and business travel destination.
- Promotes improvements to the range and quality of the tourism “offer”.
- Raises awareness of the importance of tourism to the local economy.
- Provides a comprehensive information service to visitors and residents.

Target markets include day visitors resident in the M4 and M5 corridors, people visiting friends and relatives, organisers of business travel and conferences, the UK coach day trip market and independent leisure travellers from the USA, Germany and Spain.

With regard to marketing Bristol and South Gloucestershire a high priority is being accorded to further developing the Visit Bristol website which lists places to visit, accommodation, restaurants etc in Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

Destination Bristol is also planning the establishment of serviced information points at key locations including The Mall at Cribbs Causeway.

South Cotswold and Vale of Severn Visitors Guide

For the last five years the Council has worked in partnership with Thornbury Town Council and a publishing company to publish the annual South Cotswolds and Vale of Severn Visitors Guide. The Guide is circulated to tourism offices throughout the country. Plans are also in hand to circulate the Guide to hotels in South

Gloucestershire with a view to encouraging repeat visits.

Promoting Attractions

Responsibility for promoting individual tourist attractions in South Gloucestershire including Dyrham Park, Avon Valley Railway and The Mall at Cribbs Causeway lies with primarily these attractions.

Gaps / Opportunities

- There are relatively few self-catering units in South Gloucestershire limiting the opportunities families and groups of friends have for staying in South Gloucestershire for any length of time.
- Two new major visitor attractions are in the pipeline – The Aviation Heritage Centre and The Bristol Zoo scheme at Cribbs Causeway.
- We could do more to promote the historic linkages of South Gloucestershire.

The Council should ensure that all tourism related material is circulated to Destination Bristol (eg heritage leaflets, cycle path leaflets).

Supplementary Question:

Does South Gloucestershire wish to encourage tourist caravan sites?

Answer to Supplementary question:

Yes, if they were short stay or closely associated with significant tourist areas. If there were a demand for such sites we would look at them.

4. Question to the Executive Member for Planning, Transportation & Strategic Environment from Cllr. Justin Howells:

Can the Executive Member advise what progress has been made in pursuing the independent study into the Winterbourne Bypass?

Reply from the Executive Member for Planning, Transportation & Strategic Environment

A detailed study brief is currently being prepared to specify the work required from consultants on the Winterbourne Southern Bypass. We are expecting the early outputs from Greater Bristol

Strategic Transportation Study in September and these will be used to inform the final specifications for the study.

A member session with the Executive Member and the PTSE Select Committee Spokespersons will take place during September prior to the brief being finalised, and the work will then be handed over to consultants.

The work on the Winterbourne Southern Bypass study will be completed in time to feed into the Full Joint Local Transport Plan submission in March 2006.

Supplementary Question:

What are the implications of the delay in the completion of the Greater Bristol Strategic Transport Study (GBSTS) and why has it been delayed?

Answer to Supplementary question:

The delay is due to the consultants who have caused the GBSTS to slip. Until the GBSTS is available it will be difficult to complete the Bypass Brief. The situation is not good enough, but the GBSTS is not the fault of the unitary authorities.

5. Question to the Leader of Council from Councillor Terry Walker

I would like to ask for the leaders help in a matter which has gone on for some months now. Despite repeated appeals to senior Members and Officers no solution has been found. The gates of Made-for-Ever Youth Club have to be locked at the outside to stop the car park being used for late night parties and being used by cars and scooters using stereos. This is not being done and is a great nuisance to my constituents in Fisher Road. Can the Leader help in this matter?

Reply from the Leader of Council

I requested that the Community Services Department and the Department for Children and Young People work together in resolving this issue to the satisfaction of all concerned. Officers from both Departments have now been in contact and the following action has been proposed. The existing entrance gate is to be reinforced through the addition of lock protection shrouding. Consultation with the young people who frequent the site will be undertaken as a matter of urgency to change in the short term, usage of the car park and behaviour on site. This month a meeting will be set up with local residents, Ward Councillors, the Police, Youth Service and Community Development to determine exactly

how best we will tackle the individual issues and concerns for the longer term. A prioritised programme of recommendations from this meeting will be produced along with an itemised timetable of possible actions.

This programme will be reported to the Community Services Executive Member for consideration, should there be any significant spending pressure or change to the environment needed as a result of consultation.

I am informed that we have over the past month had the gate locks cut on four occasions and the gates rammed on one. The other main issue has been the gathering of people and cars in the car park during official opening times of the facility. A combination of actions will be required to address what has become a rather complex issue of anti-social behaviour. I am confident that these matters can be addressed by the actions proposed.

Supplementary Question:

This is a disappointing reply. Despite repeated appeals using a procedure agreed with the former Chief Executive, the anti-social behaviour continues. What will happen if nothing comes of the meeting to be held next month?

Answer to Supplementary question:

We will continue to work with the youth in the area

**23 PROVISIONAL JOINT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (JLTP)
(Agenda Item 11)**

Councillor Geoff King declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item by virtue of his employment and left the room during its consideration.

Members also noted that the minority report of the Conservative Group on the Planning, Transportation and the Strategic Environment Select Committee had been amended as follows: - delete the final line of paragraph 5 of its minority report and replace it with: "Hence they could not support the JLTP at the Select Committee."

It was moved by Councillor Pat Hockey, and seconded by Councillor Bill Bowrey:-

"1. That the Council approves the submission of the Provisional Joint Local Transport Plan for the West of England sub-region in partnership with the Councils of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City and North Somerset, and that the document be

reviewed in the Autumn/Winter period for final submission in March 2006.

2. That the Executive Councillor for Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment fully consider and discuss the points and concerns highlighted in the report of the Planning, Transportation and the Strategic Environment Select Committee and the minority report by the Conservative Group on the Select Committee (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) with the executive members of the other 3 unitary authorities when the document is reviewed in the Autumn/Winter period.”

Councillor Ian Smith, seconded by Councillor Colin Hunt then moved the following amendment: -

“That the following be substituted as Resolution 2

That South Gloucestershire Council supports requesting the following changes being made and incorporated into the Joint Local Transport Plan by the time it is produced next year, compared with the current Provisional Joint Local Transport Plan:

- (i) That the requirement for comprehensive up front transport infrastructure improvements before road charging is introduced be given greater prominence throughout the document.
- (ii) That a requirement be incorporated that proposals to introduce road charging would have to be subject to a full franchise referendum across the four authorities which would be binding.
- (iii) That road user charging or workplace car parking charging would not be supported in South Gloucestershire.
- (iv) That proposals for Park and Rides at Nibley and Emersons Green should be included by name.
- (v) That proposals for an M32 Park and Ride are categorically rejected.
- (vi) That proposals to enable the extension of 2+ lanes are not supported unless on new highway.
- (vii) That the M4 Link should be specifically named as a potential JLTP Major Scheme Bid.
- (viii) That the Winterbourne Bypass Southern Section should be specifically named as a potential JLTP Major Scheme Bid.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST (21 members voting FOR and 44 voting AGAINST)

A vote was then taken on the substantive motion, in two parts:-

RESOLVED:

(1) That the Council approves the submission of the Provisional Joint Local Transport Plan for the West of England sub-region in partnership with the Councils of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol City and North Somerset, and that the document be reviewed in the Autumn/Winter period for final submission in March 2006.

(By a majority - 44 members voting FOR and 21 voting AGAINST)

(2) That the Executive Member for Planning, Transportation and the Strategic Environment fully consider and discuss the points and concerns highlighted in the report of the Planning, Transportation and the Strategic Environment Select Committee and the minority report by the Conservative Group on the Select Committee (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) with the executive members of the other 3 unitary authorities when the document is reviewed in the Autumn/Winter period.

(Unanimous vote)

**24 FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE PLAN 2005/2006
(Agenda Item 12)**

It was moved by Councillor Shirley Potts, seconded by Councillor Deanna MacRae and unanimously: -

RESOLVED: That the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2005/6 be approved as part of Policy Framework.

25 CRB CHECK FOR ELECTED MEMBERS (Agenda Item 13)

It was moved by Councillor Ruth Davis, seconded by Councillor Roger Hutchinson and unanimously: -

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council's constitution be amended to include the requirement (set out in Appendix 1 to the report) for all Member of Council to be subject to a CRB Standard Disclosure check and that such checks are renewed every fourth year.

2 That the operational arrangements set out at paragraph 18 of the report be endorsed.

3. That all existing Members of the Council be subject to a Standard Disclosure (unless a check has been carried out in the last twelve months.)

4. That all documentation regarding CRB checks be in accordance with the CRB Code of Practice.

26 CONSULTATION AND BALLOT ON HOUSING LARGE-SCALE VOLUNTARY STOCK TRANSFER (Agenda Item 14)

Councillors Keith Cranney, John Goddard, Deanna MacRae, Sheila Mead and June Bamford declared personal and prejudicial interest in this item as members of the Shadow Board (Housing Stock LSVT) and left the room during its consideration.

Councillor David Fletcher declared personal and prejudicial interest in Item 14 as a leaseholder of a Council owned property and left the room during its consideration.

RESOLVED: That the Council 's the resolution of 17 November 2004 relating to consultation and ballot on Housing large - scale voluntary stock transfer be amended to the effect that leaseholders are fully included in the consultation process but are not to be included in the ballot.

27 MOTIONS (Agenda Item 15)

1. Green Belt

It was moved by Cllr. John Godwin, seconded by Cllr. Sandra Grant and unanimously: -

RESOLVED:

This Council reaffirms its strongest possible commitment to the retention of the Green Belt in South Gloucestershire in order to:

- check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another;
- assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

The Green Belt is a vital defence in protecting and sustaining the

quality of life for all South Gloucestershire residents and is an important legacy to future generations. It represents an important and key constraint upon excessive and over-development. Therefore Council urges that in any future review of the Green Belt or strategic planning decisions made about South Gloucestershire the critical importance of the Green Belt and its five purposes must be pre-eminent in any decision-making.

2. Former Kleeneze Factory, Hanham

It was moved by Cllr. Heather Goddard, seconded by Cllr. John Goddard and unanimously: -

RESOLVED:

“This Council recognises the significance of the former Kleeneze factory for the Hanham community and notes the considerable concern and disquiet amongst residents and traders due to the uncertainty regarding the future use of the site. Therefore the Council resolves to request the Executive Councillors for Communities and Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment to approach the owner requesting them to enter into a constructive dialogue with South Gloucestershire Council, Hanham Parish Council, the Hanham Regeneration Partnership and the local community towards developing a vision for the future use of the site which can secure the confidence and support of the people of Hanham.”

3. Future Development

It was moved by Cllr. From Pat Hockey, seconded by Councillor Dave Hockey and by a majority (The Liberal Democrat and Conservative Group voting in favour and the Labour Group abstaining): -

RESOLVED: -

This Council notes with grave concern that the Regional Assembly and GOSWA are promoting a greatly increased level of future development for our area. This could represent thousands of extra houses per year on top of that which is already contained within our area plan and on top of current estimates of the extra housing needed over the next 20 years.

This Council further notes that South Gloucestershire has in recent years received a large amount of development, with new towns such as Bradley Stoke and Emersons Green being developed and thousands of new houses being built. However our transport and social infrastructure has failed to keep pace, leaving us with an already chronic “infrastructure deficit.

This Council is also aware the greenbelt and countryside within South Gloucestershire are valuable resources that should be protected. Not only do they limit urban sprawl but they also provide valuable environmental benefits and give our rural and urban residents the opportunity to gain relaxation and exercise within a rural environment.

This Council therefore opposes any further significant development in our countryside. Further development would add to urban sprawl and bring with it an increased level of traffic and demand upon services, which cannot be sustained.

This Council resolves:

1. To write to GOSW and the Regional Assembly, informing them that:

- in light of the excessive development within South Gloucestershire in recent years and that already identified within the local plan, the amount of development within our area should be limited to a manageable amount.
- The amount of extra housing in South Gloucestershire should be no more than our area's infrastructure can cope with and should not require excessive development on the countryside.
- That the M4 forms a clear, logical barrier, to the growth of the Greater Bristol Urban Sprawl.

2. To request this Council's representatives on the Regional Assembly and West of England partnership to oppose any policies that are not in line with this position.

**28 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS ARE URGENT
(Agenda Item 16)**

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 5.20pm.

CHAIR:.....