ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 7 January 2004 (7:00 - 8:10 pm)

PRESENT

Councillor J Davis (Chair)

Councillor J L Alexander Councillor Ms M G Baker Councillor W F L Barns Councillor Mrs J Blake Councillor G J Bramley Councillor Mrs J E Bruce Councillor Mrs D Challis Councillor H J Collins Councillor Mrs J Conyard Councillor B Cook Councillor A H G Cooper Councillor Mrs J E Cooper Councillor Mrs V W Cridland Councillor R J Curtis Councillor W C Dale Councillor J R Denver Councillor M A R Fani Councillor C J Fairbrass Councillor Mrs K J Flint Councillor C Geddes Councillor A Gibbs Councillor Mrs D Hunt Councillor I S Jamu Councillor F C Jones Councillor T J Justice Councillor S Kallar Councillor M A McCarthy Councillor M E McKenzie Councillor D O'Brien Councillor B M Osborn Councillor Mrs C T Osborn Councillor R B Parkin Councillor J W Porter Councillor Mrs V M Rush Councillor A G Thomas Councillor Mrs P A Twomey Councillor T G W Wade Councillor J P Wainwright Councillor L R Waker Councillor Mrs M M West

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor D F Best Mrs E E Bradley
Councillor A C Clark Councillor L A Collins
Councillor M W Huggins Councillor R J E Jeyes
Councillor R C Little Councillor D S Miles
Councillor Mrs J E Rawlinson Councillor L A Smith

76. To confirm as correct the minutes for the Assembly meeting held on 10 December 2003

Agreed.

77. Petition relating to traffic issues in Lambourne Road

Ms L Rich, lead petitioner, introduced the petition.

Agreed the recommendations set out in the report.

78. Local Issues:

(i) Annual Audit Letter 2002/03

Received the Annual Audit Letter for 2002/03, introduced by Peter Flamank of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

(ii) <u>Safeguarding Children: A Multi Agency Review of Child Protection Services</u>

Graham Farrant introduced a report setting out the main findings and recommendations arising from a wide-ranging multi agency review of services to safeguard children undertaken by the Area Child Protection Committee.

79. Report of the Executive

Noted.

80. Leader's Question Time

Councillor Justice asked if consideration had been given to granting a civic award to Jason Leonard for his services to Rugby Union, as he had been a local resident and was educated at Warren School. Councillor Fairbrass responded that the matter had to be discussed with the person concerned first.

81. Report of the Scrutiny Management Board

Noted.

82. Report of the Development Control Board

Noted.

83. Report of the Personnel Board

Noted.

84. Report of the Community Forums

Noted.

85. Report of the Anti Age Discrimination Policy Commission

Councillor Denyer commended the report to Members and thanked all those involved in producing it for their hard work.

Agreed the recommendations set out in the report.

86. Report of the Director of Finance: Proposed Change to the Constitution - Council Tax Base

Agreed that the authority to set the Council Tax Base for 2004/05 be delegated to the Director of Finance.