

Notice of Meeting

Executive

Thursday, 13 February, 2014 at 5.00pm

**in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Market Street, Newbury**

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 5 February 2014

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To:	Councillors Pamela Bale, Dominic Boeck, Hilary Cole, Roger Croft, Marcus Franks, Alan Law, Gordon Lundie, Joe Mooney, Irene Neill and Graham Pask
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Agenda

Part I

Pages

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).
- 2. Minutes**
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 January 2014. 1 - 2
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any Personal, Disclosable Pecuniary or other interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' [Code of Conduct](#).
- 4. Public Questions**
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution. *(Note: There were no questions submitted relating to items not included on this Agenda.)*
- 5. Petitions**
(Councillors or members of the public may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate Committee without discussion).

We have been notified that the following petition will be presented to the Executive:

- Save Pangbourne Library

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

Pages

- 6. Financial Performance Report - Quarter Three 2013/14 (EX2670)** 3 - 30
(CSP: 6 & 8)
Purpose: To inform Members of the latest financial performance of the Council.



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7. **West Berkshire Council Strategy: Refresh 2014/15 (C2744)** 31 - 54
(CSP: 1-9)
Purpose: To present the refreshed Council Strategy.
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8. **Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2014/15 (C2747)** 55 - 62
(CSP6)
Purpose: In compliance with the Local Government Act 2003, this report summarises the Council's borrowing limits as set out by CIPFA's Prudential Code, and recommends the Annual Investment and Borrowing Strategy for 2014/15.
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9. **Capital Strategy and Programme 2014/15 to 2018/19 (C2746)** 63 - 122
(CSP: 1-7)
Purpose: To outline the five year Capital Strategy for 2014 to 2019, including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement and the Asset Management Plan, and to set out the funding framework for Council's five year Capital Programme for 2014/15 to 2018/19.
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10. **Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS): 2014-17 (C2748)** 123 - 142
(CSP: 6 & 8)
Purpose: To inform Members of the medium term financial planning and strategy for the organisation.
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11. **Revenue Budget 2014/15 (C2749)** 143 - 264
(CSP: 6 & 8)
Purpose: To consider and recommend to Council the 2014-15 Revenue Budget.
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12. **Response to the Scrutiny Review into the Adult Social Care Eligibility Criteria (EX2786)** 265 - 296
(CSP: 1, 5, 7 & 8)
Purpose: To respond to the recommendations of the investigation into the operation of the Adult Social Care Eligibility Criteria.
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13. **Local Enterprise Partnership - Strategic Economic Plan and response to the Airports Commission Interim Report (EX2757)** 297 - 354
(CSP2)
Purpose:
(i) To inform the Executive of the Local Enterprise Partnership's (LEP) Strategic Economic Plan and seek any comments on the current consultation draft.
(ii) To outline the conclusions of the Airports Commission Interim Report and to establish West Berkshire's position in response to the Interim Report.
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14. **Update on Apprentices (EX2753)** 355 - 370
(CSP: 2 & 5)

Purpose: To seek approval for:

1. A change to the pay rates for apprentices with effect from 1st April 2014.
2. Two apprenticeship posts to be created; one to be funded by Public Health and a budget to be identified by the Head of Finance.
3. To provide information for the Executive on the employment of apprentices at the Council to date.
4. To set a target of appointing a minimum of 15 apprentices each year.

15. **Members' Questions**

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

(a) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport (Operations) Emergency Planning and Newbury Visions submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams**

"Can the Executive Member for Highways & Transport tell me what action is being taken to stop the partial and repeated flooding on the roads listed below, where I have witnessed pedestrians and cyclists trying to avoid being soaked or splashed by passing vehicles?"

- *East corner of pedestrian crossing - Post Office to Kennet Centre entrance.*
- *South corner of bend in road - Entrance to Bear Lane from Sainsbury's roundabout.*
- *A4 London Road outside Dreams Bedding.*
- *A4 London Road northside, east of Skylings.*
- *A4 London Road southside approaching B&Q roundabout.*
- *A4 London Road southside, opposite Dorneywood Way.*
- *A4 Bath Road northside, opposite Southdown Road.*
- *A4 London Road north side, opposite Tesco's.*
- *Hambridge Road east side of road, after junction with A4 London Road.*
- *Hambridge Road west side of road, just north of the new roundabout.*
- *Underpasses in Newbury town centre in vicinity of Sainsbury's roundabout is frequently flooded too."*

(b) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport (Operations) Emergency Planning and Newbury Visions submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams**

"What advice would the Executive Member for Highways & Transport give to school children and adults crossing the north side of the Thatcham Garden Centre Roundabout, when faced with traffic moving in a 40 mph speed limit and where vehicle crashes have led to road signs being demolished by vehicles at or near the crossing points?"



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- (c) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services and Countryside submitted by Councillor Alan Macro**
"Could the Executive Member for Planning please tell me by which date the Council is likely to have identified additional sites for travellers and gypsies?"
- (d) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport (Operations) Emergency Planning and Newbury Visions submitted by Councillor Roger Hunneman**
"Can the Executive Member for Highways tell me when the Newbury On Street Car Parking Charging Scheme will now be implemented together with the improvements to traffic management, parking offers and road safety measures promised from this new cash flow?"

Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support

West Berkshire Council Strategy Priorities and Principles

Council Strategy Priorities:

- CSP1** – Caring for and protecting the vulnerable
- CSP2** – Promoting a vibrant district
- CSP3** – Improving education
- CSP4** – Protecting the environment

Council Strategy Principles:

- CSP5** – Putting people first
- CSP6** – Living within our means
- CSP7** – Empowering people and communities
- CSP8** – Transforming our services to remain affordable and effective
- CSP9** – Doing what's important well

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