

Notice of Meeting

Executive

Thursday, 27 March, 2014 at 5.00pm

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

Date of despatch of Agenda: Tuesday, 19 March 2014

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Agenda - Executive to be held on Thursday, 27 March 2014 (continued)

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** 1 - 8
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 February 2014.
- 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.

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

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| 6. West Berkshire Pupil Achievement 2013 (EX2792)
(CSP: 3)
<i>Purpose: To inform Members of school performance in 2013.</i> | 9 - 32 |
| 7. Voluntary Sector - Prospectus Adult Social Care (EX2741)
(CSP: 1 and 5)
<i>Purpose: To report on findings of the consultation on the proposal to introduce an outcomes focused grants prospectus to manage the investment in the voluntary sector by Adult Social Care.</i> | 33 - 50 |



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8. **Annual Report on Complaints Activity in Children's Social Care 2012-13 (EX2775)** 51 - 80
(CSP: 1,8 and 9)
Purpose: To report on the statutory complaints process for 2012/2013.
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9. **Non Domestic Rating - Discretionary Rate Relief (EX2782)** 81 - 100
(CSP:1,5 and 7)
Purpose: The purpose of this report is for the Executive to consider the Council's policy for discretionary rate relief, which was established in May 2009, in the light of the changed funding arrangements in the rate retention scheme; and to establish the Council's policy for relief introduced in the Chancellors Autumn Statement. Linked to both is the establishment of an appeals process.
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10. **Key Accountable Measures and Activities 2013/14. Update on progress: Q3 (EX2648)** 101 - 134
(CSP:1,2,3,4 and 9)
Purpose: To report quarter three outturns against the key accountable measures and activities contained in the 2013/14 Council performance framework and to report by exception those measures / activities, not achieved or behind schedule and cite remedial action taken and the impact it has had.
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11. **Proposed variation to the Trading Standards Shared Service Agreement (EX2816)** 135 - 140
(CSP: 6 and 8)
Purpose: To obtain approval from the Executive to vary and extend the current shared service agreement with Wokingham Council to align it with the Environmental Health and Licensing Shared Service agreement.
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12. **Strutt & Parker's Developers Submissions & Recommendation on Development Partner for the London Road Industrial Estate Regeneration (EX2713a)** 141 - 148
(CSP: 2 and 4)
Purpose: To note that Strutt & Parker are able to make a clear recommendation to the Council as to whom the Council should choose as its development partner in order to secure both enhanced revenue and regeneration of the London Road Industrial Estate (LRIE) and subject to satisfactorily agreeing the terms of any development agreement, that the Council will be in a position by mid Summer to enter into contract with its preferred development partner.
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13. **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**

"In the light of the comments on the front page of the NWN 13 March 2014, 'Penalty tribunal rules against bridge fines' can the Executive Member for Highways & Transport tell me if she will heed the Traffic Penalty Tribunals findings and correct the signage on the approach to Park Way bridge or ignore their advice?"

(b) **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 why Crookham Hill and the Boundary Road bridge were closed at the same time, causing severe delays for motorists on the A4 and other routes around Thatcham and Newbury?"

(c) **Question to be answered by the Leader of the Council submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams**

"Will the Leader of West Berkshire Council, apologise to motorists and voters for the insulting comments made by his former Executive Member for Highways & Transport, when he said publicly that he blamed the "stupidity" of motorists and "some people just drive about with their eyes shut" and more recently when he was invited by the NWN to comment about the adjudicators ruling that signs are "not adequately clear" etc on Park Way bridge, responded by saying that his views were unprintable?"

14. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item. [Rule 9.10.4 of the Constitution refers.](#)



Part II

15. **Strutt & Parker's London Road Industrial Estate Developers Submissions & Recommendation on Development Partner (EX2713b)** 149 - 206

(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)

(CSP: 2 and 4)

Purpose: To present the Strutt & Parker London Road Industrial Estate (LRIE) Developers Submissions and Recommendations on Development Partner Report and to acknowledge the contents of the report which demonstrates clearly a preferred candidate with whom the Council, subject to contract signing, can enter into partnership in order to secure enhanced estate revenue and regeneration of the LRIE.

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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