

# Notice of Meeting

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## Executive

**Thursday, 9 October, 2014 at 5.00pm**

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

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 1 October 2014

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## Agenda - Executive to be held on Thursday, 9 October 2014 (continued)

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

## Part I

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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 4 September 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.
  - (a) **Question submitted by Ms Judith Bunting to the Portfolio Holder Responsible for Safeguarding**  
"Can the Council please provide residents of West Berkshire District with assurances that the systems, training and guidance in place in West Berkshire for Council Officers and elected Councillors are sufficiently robust that we could not have an abuse scandal of the type seen in Rotherham, happening here?"
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. **Treasury Management Annual Report 2013/14 (EX2875)** 9 - 18  
(CSP: 6 & 8)  
*Purpose: To inform Members of the treasury management activity and performance of the Council's investments for the financial year 2013/14.*



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7. **West Berkshire Schools' Funding Formula 2015/16 (EX2891)** 19 - 42  
(CSP: 3 & 6)  
*Purpose: To set out the recommended formula for allocating funding to schools in 2015/16.*
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8. **Proposal for Berkshire Shared Adoption Service (EX2738)** 43 - 76  
(CSP: 1 & 8)  
*Purpose: The report outlines a proposal for establishing a Berkshire Shared Adoption Service (West Berkshire, Bracknell Forest, Wokingham and Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead). This is being suggested as a cost neutral way of improving services and responding to new legislative requirements.*
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9. **Looked After Children - 'Staying Put' Policy (EX2894)** 77 - 108  
(CSP: 1, 5 & 8)  
*Purpose: To establish a policy for managing requests from Looked After Children who wish to remain in their foster care placement past the age of 18.*
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10. **Local Government Association Peer Challenge - West Berkshire (EX2893)** 109 - 128  
(CSP: 8)  
*Purpose: To publish the results of the LGA Peer Challenge for West Berkshire Council.*
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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** – Doing what's important well

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