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Executive

Thursday, 12 February, 2015 at 5.00pm

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

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 4 February 2015

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To:	Councillors Pamela Bale, Keith Chopping, Hilary Cole, Roger Croft, Marcus Franks, Alan Law, Gordon Lundie, Irene Neill, Graham Pask and Garth Simpson
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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** 7 - 14
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 December 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 Mr Ed Sturgess to the Leader of the Council**
"Does not responding to email correspondence from a member of the West Berkshire electorate contravene 2 of the seven principles (openness and accountability) and the general obligation to 'Treat members, officers, members of the public and service providers with courtesy and respect' found in the Code of Conduct for Members of West Berkshire Council - December 2013?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Emergency Planning, answering on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport (Operations) and Newbury Vision**
"Why is the Council pushing ahead with a new junction to the A339 when they don't yet know what traffic is going to be generated from a regenerated London Road Industrial Estate?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services, Countryside, Waste, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing**
"The traffic modelling that has been done regarding the new junction on the A339, does it account for all the new traffic being generated by the over development of South Newbury?"



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- (d) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economic Development, Health & Safety, Human Resources, Pensions, Property**
“Why is the Council putting so many jobs in jeopardy by not engaging with current employers on the London Road Industrial Estate with their plans for regenerating the area?”
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- (e) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economic Development, Health & Safety, Human Resources, Pensions, Property**
“In appointing Strutt and Parker to consider options for the regeneration of London Road Industrial Estate does the Council consider that the criteria they set: i.e. Employment and Revenue enhancement for the Council, are still relevant?”
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- (f) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services, Countryside, Waste, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing**
“Does the Council now accept that the original criteria used to select Sandford as a strategic site are totally redundant as they totally underplayed the infrastructure needs of the development that makes a mockery of what the local area can provide in terms of schooling, health provision and sports facilities?”
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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

	Pages
6. Response to the Scrutiny Review into the reasons for the apparent prevalence of homelessness amongst young families in West Berkshire (EX2947) (CSP1) Purpose: To provide the Executive’s response to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission.	15 - 32
7. Financial Performance Report 2014/15 - Quarter Three (EX2831) (CSP6) Purpose: To inform Members of the latest financial performance of the Council.	33 - 56

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8. **Council Performance Report 2014/15: Q2 (Key Accountable Measures and Activities) (EX2778)** 57 - 84
(CSP: 1-4 & 8)
Purpose: To present the basket of key accountable measures and activities for 2014/15; to report quarter two outturns against the key accountable measures and activities contained in the 2014/15 Council Performance Framework; and to report by exception those measures/activities not achieved/expected to be achieved and to cite remedial action taken/its impact.
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9. **Creation of a new Head of Service post in the Communities Directorate (EX2952)** 85 - 104
(CSP: 1-3, 7-8)
Purpose: To secure agreement for the creation of a new position of Head of Prevention and Developing Community Resilience within the leadership team of the Communities Directorate.
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10. **Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2015/16 (C2837)** 105 - 116
(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 2015/16.
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11. **Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS): 2015-18 (C2834)** 117 - 136
(CSP6)
Purpose: To inform Members of the medium term financial planning and strategy for the organisation.
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12. **Capital Strategy and Programme 2015/16 to 2019/20 (C2836)** 137 - 270
(CSP: 1-7)
Purpose: To outline the five year Capital Strategy for 2015/16 to 2019/20, including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement and the Asset Management Plans for Property and Highways, and to set out the funding framework for the Council's five year Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20.
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13. **Revenue Budget 2015/16 (C2835)** 271 - 346
(CSP6)
Purpose: To consider and recommend to Council the 2015/16 Revenue Budget.
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14. **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. *(Note: There were no questions submitted relating to items not included on this Agenda).*
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15. **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 8.10.4 of the Constitution refers.](#)

Part II

16. **New School for Newbury (EX2904)** 347 - 354
(Paragraph 3 - information relating to the financial/business affairs of a particular person (CSP3)
Purpose: To confirm the outcome of the invitation for proposals (following an evaluation and interview process) to find the Council's preferred bidder to run the new 210 place primary school and 26 place nursery.

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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