



Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

Tuesday, 22nd July, 2014

Summons and Agenda

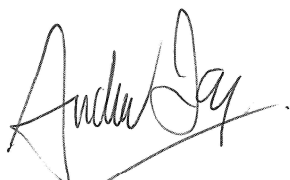


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To: All Members of the Council

You are requested to attend a meeting of
WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
to be held in the
**COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET,
NEWBURY**

on
Tuesday, 22nd July, 2014
at **7.00 pm**



Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Monday, 14 July 2014

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman to report on functions attended since the last meeting and other matters of interest to Members.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

The Chairman will make presentations to Members who are in receipt of long service awards.

4. **MINUTES**

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 May 2014. **(Pages 1 - 14)**



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5. **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](#).

6. **PETITIONS**

Councillors may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate body without discussion.

7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Council's Constitution:

(a) **Question to be answered by the Leader of the Council submitted by Mr David Peacock:**

“Why is there no publicly-available minute of West Berkshire Council's decision to give away the freehold to the whole of Marsh Lane in Newbury, which includes the access to Jack of Newbury's House (probably Newbury's most important historic building); and why was the Newbury public not consulted about this specific proposal?”

8. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

The Monitoring Officer to advise of any changes to the membership of Committees since the previous Council meeting.

9. **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Licensing Committee met on 03 June 2014. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

10. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Personnel Committee met on 28 May 2014. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

11. **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of Council, the Governance and Audit Committee has not met.

12. **DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the District Planning Committee has not met.

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13. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission met on 20 May 2014, 01 July 2014 and the 21 July 2014 (Special). Copies of the Minutes of these meetings can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

14. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Standards Committee met on 16 June 2014. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

15. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14 (C2864)

To inform Members of the Scrutiny activity undertaken during the Municipal Year 2013/2014. **(Pages 15 - 20)**

16. RESPONSE TO S106 AND CIL COUNCIL MOTION SUBMITTED ON 12TH DECEMBER 2013 (C2820)

To provide a response to the Motion agreed at Council on 12th December 2013 concerning S106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy ("CIL"). **(Pages 21 - 34)**

17. NORTH WESSEX DOWNS AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014-19 (C2847)

To consider the adoption of the North Wessex Downs AONB Management Plan for 2014-2019. **(Pages 35 - 196)**

18. WEST BERKSHIRE HOUSING SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD): PREFERRED OPTIONS FOR CONSULTATION (C2844)

To consider the preferred options version of the West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document. **(Pages 197 - 336)**

19. NOTICES OF MOTION

No motions have been submitted.

20. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

- (a) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams:**

“Currently, when a single vehicle uses the left hand exit lane from the West Berkshire Community Hospital to access the A4 at Benham Hill, traffic lights on



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the A4 and Lower Way change to red. This leads to unnecessary traffic queues and congestion leading up to the road junction especially at peak time. Can the Executive Member for Highways & Transport tell me what timescale she has in mind for converting the left hand exit lane to a 'Give Way' lane but retaining the pedestrian lighted crossing, to allow traffic at the junction to flow more freely?"

- (b) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams:**

"Can the Executive Member for Finance give me a break down of the £300k 'estimated efficiency savings' that he says the Head of Service for Highways & Transport had 'pushed the highway contractors to achieve'?"

- (c) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams:**

"Since the introduction of the 20 mph speed limit covering Market Street, a number of motorists are still driving well in excess of the new limit. Will the Executive Member for Highways & Transport take on board my urgent request to paint 20 mph roundels on the surface of the road on the approach to the mini roundabout outside the Council offices, to slow vehicles down so that pedestrians including the elderly and parents with young children are able to cross safely?"

- (d) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams:**

"When will the Executive Member for Highways & Transport investigate the potential to save tax payer's money by sharing the Highways & Transport services with another Council such as Hampshire County Council?"

- (e) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Finance, Economic development, Health and Safety, HR, Pensions and Property submitted by Councillor David Rendel:**

"What is your estimate of the interest lost by the Council in the current financial year as a result of the decision made by the Executive on 08/05/14 to take £522,000 from balances to pay for flood repairs? "

- (f) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Finance, Economic development, Health and Safety, HR, Pensions and Property submitted by Councillor David Rendel:**

"What is your estimate of the interest lost by the Council for the full 2014/15 financial year as a result of the decision made by the Executive on 08/05/14 to take £522,000 from balances to pay for flood repairs?"



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