



Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015

Summons and Agenda



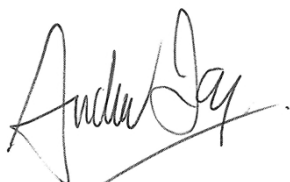
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To: All Members of the Council

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

on

Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015
at 6.30 pm



Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Monday, 23 February 2015

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. **MINUTES**

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 December 2014.

4. **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](#).



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5. PETITIONS

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

6. 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 Executive Member for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services, Countryside, Waste, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing submitted by James Spackman:**

"Please can the portfolio holder responsible for planning enforcement tell me the number of outstanding planning enforcement issues there are across the District? Please break this figure down into Wards?"

- (b) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Transport (Policy), Culture, Customer Services, Countryside, Waste, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing submitted by James Spackman:**

"Does the portfolio holder responsible for planning enforcement accept that the staffing levels in the Council's enforcement team is insufficient to keep pace with the number of planning infringements, especially in the Ward where I live, Aldermaston?"

- (c) **Question submitted to the Leader of the Council by Judith Bunting:**

"My question concerns the scandal of the empty affordable housing units in the Parkway development in Newbury. With 1092 Qualifying households currently on the social housing register in West Berkshire and almost £1million of tax-payers money spent on the 37 affordable units in the development, to allow them to stand empty when they have been ready for occupation for over 18 months is something of a disgrace.

Could the Council explain what financial sanctions were included in the original contract with Standard Life Investments that could be imposed if the affordable units were not let when ready for occupation and whether any of these sanctions have yet been imposed?"

- (d) **Question submitted to the Leader of the Council by Judith Bunting:**

"What is the amount of money due to the Council from Standard Life Investments representing the fee for lost car parking income in Park Way since the shopping centre was completed in 2011, and has any of this fee income been received?"

7. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

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



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8. LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

9. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Personnel Committee met on 9th February 2015.

10. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of Council, the Governance and Audit Committee met on 9th February 2015. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

11. DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

12. 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 27th January 2015 and 24th February 2015. Copies of the Minutes of these meetings can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

13. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Standards Committee met on 12th January 2015. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

14. INVESTMENT AND BORROWING STRATEGY (C2837)

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.

15. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS): 2015-18 (C2834)

To inform Members of the medium term financial planning and strategy for the organisation.

16. CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2015/16 TO 2019/20 (C2836)

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 Council's five year Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2019/20.



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17. REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 (C2835)

To consider and recommend to Council the 2015-16 Revenue Budget.

18. STATUTORY PAY POLICY STATEMENT (C2833)

To present a pay policy statement to be published in April 2015 for approval.

19. SANDLEFORD PARK: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (C2948)

To: (a) consider the representations received in response to the consultation on the amended Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) undertaken between 12 December 2014 and 30 January 2015; (b) consider whether any revisions need to be made to the Supplementary Planning Document in the light of these representations; and (c) consider the adoption of the Sandlesford Park Supplementary Planning Document.

Please note: A hard copy of Appendices A and B will be available at the meeting.

20. HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY - UPDATED VERSION (C2657)

To present to Members the amended Health and Wellbeing Strategy following a Public Consultation in November 2014.

21. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION - SCHEME OF DELEGATION (C2911)

To review and amend sections of the Scheme of Delegation in light of legislative changes and current practice.

22. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

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

“Can the Executive Member for Highways & Transport tell me why this Conservative administration has decided to leave it to the discretion of the 14 CEO's, to decide whether to issue fixed penalty notices or not, for motorists who have apparently contravened the ‘parked beyond bay markings’?”

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