



Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

Thursday, 10th December, 2015

Summons and Agenda

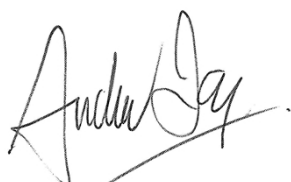


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To: All Members of the Council

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

on
Thursday, 10th December, 2015
at 7.00 pm



Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 2 December 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. **PRESENTATION OF THE WEST BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARDS (C2898)**

The Chairman will present the following Community Champion awards for 2015:

- Pat Eastop Junior Citizen of the Year Award;
- Volunteer of the Year;
- Community Group of the Year Award;
- Lifetime Achievement Award.



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4. MINUTES

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 17th September 2015, the Council meeting held on 17th September 2015 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 5th November 2015.

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. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

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

8. LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Licensing Committee met on 22 September and 10 November 2015. Copies of the Minutes of these meetings 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 5 October 2015. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

10. GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of Council, the Governance and Ethics Committee met on 23 November 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. Copies of Minutes of this Committee can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

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 15 September and 1 December 2015. Copies of the Minutes of these meetings can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).



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13. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2016/17 (C2931)

For Council to consider and make a decision on proposals to change the Council Tax Support Scheme from 1st April 2016.

14. COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT ON VACANT PROPERTY (C3064)

To consider changes to Council Tax discounts in the light of the Council's funding pressures.

15. A339/FLEMING ROAD JUNCTION COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER (C3061)

To obtain authority from full Council to purchase private land by agreement or by using compulsory purchase powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 to enable the new junction to be built from the A339 onto Fleming Road (the Scheme)(Appendix C) and to appropriate the land within the Scheme for planning purposes.

16. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION (C3011)

To review and if appropriate amend Part 11 (Contract Rules of Procedure) following a request from the Procurement Board to do so.

17. ACTIVITY TEAM WEST BERKSHIRE FEES AND CHARGES 2016/17 (C2932)

To consider the fees and charges for the 2016/17 Activity Team West Berkshire programme in order to enable the service to competitively advertise and promote activities and maximise advanced books and income.

18. LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES 2016 (C2933)

To implement the contractual requirement for an annual price review for 2016 for the leisure contractor to come into effect from 1st January 2016.

19. GAMBLING ACT 2005 (C3050)

To determine a Statement of Licensing Policy on Gambling.

20. PROPOSED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2016/17 (C2930)

To agree the proposed Member Development Programme for 2016/17.

21. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) **The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Billy Drummond:**

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“That this Council notes that:

Conflicts in the Middle East have created the largest refugee crisis in generations.

Thousands of people have died while seeking sanctuary from the violence this year alone trying to cross the Mediterranean sea; many of them were children.

The United Kingdom has played a leading role as one of the world’s top international donors, supporting refugees in Syria and the surrounding area.

The UN estimates there are over 320,000 people though who live in urgent need of resettlement. Survivors of torture or sexual violence, the very elderly or disabled, there are people who cannot survive in UN refugee camps near in countries surrounding Syria.

The UK has a long and important tradition of offering sanctuary to those who need protection. 100,000 Huguenots, 10,000 Jewish Kindertransport children spared the Nazi concentration camps, 160,000 Poles following the Second World War many of whom had served in the Battle of Britain, the Vietnamese Boat People, the 28,000 Asian Ugandans fleeing Idi Amin and the people who fled the war in Kosovo. This is our proud and decent tradition.

To play its part fully in solving this global crisis the British government must work for durable long term political solutions in the region, lead as a major international donor, and live up to its reputation as a place of sanctuary, integration and protection.

This Council believes:

- That this crisis will be better managed if incoming refugees are accommodated around the whole country;*
- We can best rise to the crisis if a National Welcome and Resettlement Board bringing together local and national government, civil society and business leadership, is created to oversee efforts to resettle refugees and mobilise public support as in times past;*
- Long term political solutions are needed to ease the crisis, but in the mean time we must do what we can;*
- The UK must welcome its fair share of refugees to ease this crisis.*

This Council resolves to:

- Formally express an interest in both the VPR and Gateway programmes to the Home Office, offering to resettle refugees;*
- Write to local housing associations to encourage them to make properties available to resettle refugees;*



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- *To commit to ensuring that refugees are welcomed in this area and help facilitate this process by coordinating local service provision and coordinating the immense public will to help;*
- *Write to the Prime Minister to assure him that the country stands ready and willing to help at this time of crisis”.*

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