

Notice of Meeting

Governance and Ethics Committee

Monday, 24th August, 2015 at 5.00 pm
in Council Chamber Council Offices
Market Street Newbury

Date of despatch of Agenda: Thursday 13 August 2015

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Agenda - Governance and Ethics Committee to be held on Monday, 24 August 2015
(continued)

To: Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, Jeff Beck (Vice-Chairman), Chris Bridges, Graham Bridgman, James Cole, Barry Dickens, Lee Dillon, Rick Jones, Anthony Pick and Quentin Webb (Chairman)

Substitutes: Councillors Billy Drummond, Sheila Ellison, Alan Macro and Tim Metcalfe

Agenda

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1	Apologies To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	
2	Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held on 22 June 2015 and to note the record of the Virtual meeting of the Standards Committee held on the 22 June 2015.	1 - 6
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 Members' Code of Conduct .	
4	Forward Plan <i>Purpose: To consider the Forward Plan for the next 9 months.</i>	7 - 12

Standards Matters

5	Monitoring Officer's Quarterly Update Report on the Governance and Ethics Committee - Quarter 1 of 2015/16 <i>Purpose: To provide an update on local and national issues relating to ethical standards and to bring to the attention of the Committee any complaints or other problems within West Berkshire.</i>	13 - 26
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Governance Matters

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| 6 | West Berkshire Council Financial Statement 2014/15 including KPMG Opinion (GE3006)
<i>Purpose: To provide Members with the final copy of the Council's Financial Statements.</i> | 27 - 106 |
| 7 | Internal Audit Annual Report 2014/15 (GE3001)
<i>Purpose: To provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control framework</i> | 107 - 124 |
| 8 | Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 (GE3002)
<i>Purpose: To allow the committee to review the Annual Governance Statement prior to signature by the Leader and Chief Executive</i> | 125 - 140 |
| a | Annual Governance Statement - Statement in Support by the Section 151 Officer
<i>Purpose: To provide evidence and independent verification of governance matters which may impact on the Annual Governance Statement from the viewpoint of the Section 151 Officer.</i> | 141 - 146 |
| b | Annual Governance Statement - Statement in Support by the Monitoring Officer (GE3004)
<i>Purpose: To provide evidence and independent verification of governance matters which may impact on the Annual Governance Statement from the viewpoint of the Monitoring Officer.</i> | 147 - 152 |

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