

Notice of Meeting

Executive

Thursday 4 May 2017 at 5.00pm

at Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury

Date of despatch of Agenda: Tuesday 25 April 2017

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To:	Councillors Dominic Boeck, Anthony Chadley, Jeanette Clifford, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, Marcus Franks, James Fredrickson, Graham Jones and Rick Jones
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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 - 10
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 March 2017.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable 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 Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships**
"Does the Council accept that poor air quality as a result of road pollution is a major killer in this country and a significant factor in the rise of respiratory diseases in our youngsters?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure Centres**
"Given the go ahead to build 401 homes in North Newbury because of the ongoing issues with the delivery of Sandleford, is it time for the Council to re-appraise its housing strategy before it finds all three of the shortlisted strategic housing sites built upon and Newbury left with no green spaces?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure Centres**
"Is the Council aware that other local authorities have taken direct control of delivering housing projects on their own land, and in the case of Norwich this has resulted in 60% of the housing delivered being not only affordable but the housing built is passive housing with very low running costs and low carbon footprint?"



(d) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Acting Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing**

“Does the Council agree with me that a key long term aim in creating sustainable future and good health in our youngsters is to encourage them to walk and take active exercise?”

(e) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Environment**

“Is the Council aware that neighbouring Councils have a far higher recycling rate than West Berkshire and if so what lessons can be learnt from them?”

(f) **Question submitted by Ms Judith Bunting to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure Centres**

“As the Council’s adopted Core Strategy requires the protection and enhancement of green infrastructure and cultural facilities in West Berkshire, including named outdoor sporting facilities, what investment is planned to safeguard and enhance the protected community green infrastructure and cultural facility at Newbury Football Ground in Faraday Road?”

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

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6. Better Care Fund 2017/19 (EX3218) (CSP: P&S) Purpose: The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a government initiative established to fast track integration with Health and Social Care. The West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board’s Locality Integration Board has developed a draft plan based on the Department of Health’s 2017-19 Integration and BCF policy framework, however the national guidance has not yet been published. Advice from the Better Care Team is that all localities will need to submit plans to NHS England by 16th May 2017. In order to avoid any delay in the submission of the plan this report seeks the Executive’s approval for the draft BCF plan for 2017/19, subject to the Head of Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, ensuring the plan aligns with the BCF National Guidance once it is published.	11 - 48



7. **Children and Family Services: Adopt Thames Valley - The Development of a Regional Adoption Agency (EX3285)** 49 - 58
(CSP: MEC, MEC1)
Purpose: To approve plans for West Berkshire Council to join and progress developments as a Regional Adoption Agency as part of a shared service hosted by Oxfordshire County Council with a wider base group of partner authorities. This report provides an overview of plans to set up a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) across the Thames Valley region. It sets out the legislative framework, potential benefits for children and families and describes the planned timetable for setting up the RAA.
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8. **Draft Airports National Policy Statement (EX3280)** 59 - 174
(CSP: SLE, SLE2)
Purpose: To outline to the Executive the purpose and contents of the Draft Airports National Policy Statement and to establish West Berkshire Council's response to the Government's current consultation.
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9. **Merchant House, Newbury (EX3299)** 175 - 180
Purpose: To promote the purchase of the freehold of Merchant House, Oxford Road, Newbury, RG14 1PA.
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10. **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.
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- (a) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People submitted by Councillor Mollie Lock**
"How many schools have accessed the Emotional Health Academy since its commencement and how many children does that total?"
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- (b) **Question to be answered by the Acting Leader of the Council submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon**
"When will the outstanding data for the Q3 performance report get published, i.e. request for Q3 figures for affordable housing?"
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- (c) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships submitted by Councillor Billy Drummond**
"When does the Joint Public Protection Partnership aim to have the Public Protection Community Fund launched by?"
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- (d) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon**
"Why doesn't the Council monitor levels of Sulphur Dioxide in air quality monitoring?"
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11. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item 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 the item. [Rule 8.10.4 of the Constitution refers.](#)

Part II

12. **Merchant House, Newbury (EX3299)**

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(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)

Purpose: To promote the purchase of the freehold of Merchant House, Oxford Road, Newbury, RG14 1PA.

Andy Day

Head of Strategic Support

West Berkshire Council Strategy Aims and Priorities

Council Strategy Aims:

- BEC** – Better educated communities
- SLE** – A stronger local economy
- P&S** – Protect and support those who need it
- HQL** – Maintain a high quality of life within our communities
- MEC** – Become an even more effective Council

Council Strategy Priorities:

- BEC1** – Improve educational attainment
- BEC2** – Close the educational attainment gap
- SLE1** – Enable the completion of more affordable housing
- SLE2** – Deliver or enable key infrastructure improvements in relation to roads, rail, flood prevention, regeneration and the digital economy
- P&S1** – Good at safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- HQL1** – Support communities to do more to help themselves
- MEC1** – Become an even more effective Council

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