

# Notice of Meeting

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## Special Executive

**Thursday 25 February 2016 at 5.00pm**

in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Market Street, Newbury

Date of despatch of Agenda: Friday 19 February 2016

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To:	Councillors Dominic Boeck, Hilary Cole, Roger Croft, Lynne Doherty, Marcus Franks, James Fredrickson, Graham Jones, Alan Law and Garth Simpson
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# Agenda

## Part I

- 1. Apologies for Absence**  
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).
- 2. 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](#).

## Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

	<b>Pages</b>
<b>3. Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2016/17 (C2976)</b> (CSP: MEC and MEC1) Purpose: 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 2016/17.	5 - 18
<b>4. Capital Strategy and Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21 (C2978)</b> (CSP: BEC, SLE, P&S, HQL, MEC, SLE2, P&S1, HQL1 and MEC1) Purpose: To outline the five year Capital Strategy for 2016 to 2021, including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement and the Asset Management Plans for Property and Highways, and to set out the funding framework for the Council's five year Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2020/21.	19 - 134
<b>5. Revenue Budget 2016/17 (C2979)</b> (CSP: BEC, SLE, P&S, HQL, MEC, BEC1, BEC2, SLE1, SLE2, P&S1, HQL1 and MEC1) Purpose: To consider and recommend to Council the 2016/17 Revenue Budget. This report highlights that for West Berkshire residents there will be a Council Tax requirement of £82.28m requiring a Council Tax increase of 1.99% in 2016/17 and a 2% ring-fenced precept for adult social care. The Council has had to find savings of £14m in 2016/17, the highest in the	135 - 260



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Council's history.

Given the scale of task to arrive at a balanced budget for next year a number of significant saving proposals have been made including reductions to libraries, children centres, home to school transport, public transport subsidy, highway maintenance, provision of care services and many others.

The proposed savings will have significant implications for staff. Subject to the outcome of public consultations, 127 employees will be at risk of redundancy and associated exit costs are estimated to be in the region of £2m.

The report also proposes the Fees and Charges for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix H and the Special Expenses as set out in Appendix I.

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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