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# Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

**Tuesday, 3rd July, 2018**

***Summons and Agenda***



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To: All Members of the Council

*You are requested to attend a meeting of*

**West Berkshire Council**


*to be held in the*

**Council Offices Market Street Newbury**

*on*

**Tuesday, 3rd July, 2018**

**at 7.00 pm**



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West Berkshire District Council

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Monday, 25 June 2018

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## AGENDA

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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 08 May 2018. **(Pages 7 - 14)**



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**4. 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](#).

**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 Leader of the Council submitted by Mr Stephen Masters:**

"With the delay to implementation of the 'Bin Tax', will council delay the rise in allowances and expenses to minimise and offset the impact of lower revenues?"

**(b) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste submitted by Mr Stephen Masters:**

"With the delay to the implementation of the Green waste 'Bin Tax' what impact does council expect this to have on its revenue projections?"

**(c) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste submitted by Mr David Marsh:**

"Does the council's contract with Veolia allow residents of West Berkshire to dispose of garden waste in their black bins, as advised by the current portfolio holder at the executive meeting on June 14?"

**(d) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste submitted by Mr David Marsh:**

"What financial impact does the current portfolio holder expect as a result of her advice to West Berkshire residents to dispose of garden waste in their black bins free of charge, bearing in mind that the £50 green bin charge that was due to be introduced on 1 July was, or so we were told, going to bring in £900,000 in the financial year 2018/19?"

**7. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

To agree changes to the membership of Council appointed Committees if necessary.

**8. LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Licensing Committee met on 08 May 2018 and the 25 June 2018. Copies of these Minutes of this 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 08 May 2018. 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 08 May 2018. 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 met on 08 May 2018. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting 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 08 May 2018. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

**13. JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Joint Public Protection Committee met on 12 June 2018. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

**14. PROPERTY INVESTMENT ADDITIONAL FUNDING (C3572)**

*Purpose: To agree that the current capital budget for the acquisition of commercial property of £50m, approved as an addendum to the Council's Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2017/18, be extended by an additional £50m to offer a total capital budget of £100m. (Pages 15 - 42)*

**15. NOTICES OF MOTION**

- a) **The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Jeanette Clifford:**

**"Western Rail Access to Heathrow and Third Runway".**

This Council believes that West Berkshire is almost perfectly positioned relative to Heathrow Airport, one of the world's premier international airports, carrying 78 million passengers to 204 destinations in 85 countries and two thirds of the UK's air cargo. West Berkshire is close enough to benefit, distant enough to be spared inconvenience.

Furthermore, this Council asserts that the benefits of this relative proximity to Heathrow

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will be enhanced by proposed investment in two major infrastructure projects: rail access to Heathrow and the third Heathrow runway. As the time approaches for final decisions to be made about these projects, the Council seeks a clear expression of support from across this Chamber.

This Council has consistently supported a **Rail Link** from the Great Western Main Line to Heathrow Airport because it will bring significant benefits for the residents, businesses, economy and environment of West Berkshire. It backs Thames Valley Berkshire LEP and the Stakeholder Steering Group, co-chaired by Newbury MP Richard Benyon, in championing the link, crucial to Thames Valley Berkshire's growth ambitions.

This Council notes that because of the Link:

- Travel to Heathrow Airport from West Berkshire will be easier and quicker, with direct trains from Reading Station taking only 26 minutes.
- People will choose public transport over road, eliminating CO2 emissions to the equivalent of 30 million road miles a year and reducing congestion on the M4 and other major roads as well as at Paddington Station.
- The UK economy will be boosted by £2 billion with 42,000 new jobs, including apprenticeships, which will benefit our District.

The case for better rail connectivity to Heathrow is strong, whether the airport has two runways or three. However, this council has also consistently supported a **third runway at Heathrow**. West Berkshire businesses will benefit from even better connectivity to markets around the world, West Berkshire residents from new travel opportunities.

This Council invites all Members to record their support in a letter to West Berkshire MPs, Network Rail, the Western Rail Access to Heathrow Stakeholder Steering Group and Heathrow Airport for these two projects that will keep West Berkshire open for business and a make it an even greater place to live, work and learn.

### **16. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were no Member questions submitted in relation to items not on the agenda.

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