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Executive

Thursday 18 October 2018 at 5.00pm

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

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| To: | Councillors Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, 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 - 16
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the two special Executive meetings held on 12 July 2018 and the ordinary Executive meeting on the 6 September 2018.
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 Ms Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**
"Would the Council consider saving money by not cutting verges so often and instead allowing wild flowers to grow for the benefit of pollinators?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Ms Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
"How much has the Council spent so far during this financial year on collecting fly tipped waste, compared with how much it spent on the same task during the whole of the financial year 2017/18?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Leader of the Council**
"Given the £2.8m forecast overspend that the Council is having to try and bring under control, how can the organisation defend the employment of a Conservative Group Support Officer at Grade J £33k-£39k paid for by local taxpayers?"



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- (d) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Leader of the Council**
"Why do cuts and belt-tightening apply to all operations of the Council except the activity of Councillors themselves, who also benefitted from a 16.5% allowance rise which would appear to provide adequate resource for carrying out much, if not all, of the role?"
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- (e) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Leader of the Council**
"How does the Council propose to be taken seriously as an authority on the social media activity of staff when one of its own Executive has been found culpable of sharing deeply unpleasant views, emerged without any notable censure and further allowed to remain on the group executive?"
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- (f) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Leader of the Council**
"Following the investigation of the councillor previously mentioned in question (e) what steps have been taken to provide social media training for all council members of all levels of understanding?"
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- (g) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Carline to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Communications**
"Following a recent poll by the Newbury Weekly News on a second Brexit referendum (87% yes, 13% no), will this council join other councils in supporting a people's vote - or better still support the revoking of Article 50?"
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- (h) **Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Communications**
"What evidence did WBC take into account and what consultation took place to support the decision as outlined in the June press release relating to Newbury Football Club?"
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- (i) **Question submitted by Ms Susan Millington to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
"Given that a great many ratepayers, now feeling obliged to pay £50 annually for green bin collections, would have chosen to pay only for the spring and summer period, why did West Berkshire Council never publicise the option of a collection service from March to August 2019 at £25 (which is in fact available, although hidden in the terms and conditions section of your online information about this service), not in your letter to all ratepayers or in any other communications?"
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- (j) **Question submitted by Mr Lee McDougal to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**
"West Berkshire Council is one of the only Local Authorities to not have a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) in place, I understand that at Sport England's request a draft PPS is now being written. Can you advise when the public will be able to read the report and advise if WBC committed to adhering to any recommendations the PPS makes, including the retention of existing sporting facilities?"
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(k) **Question submitted by Mr Stephen Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**

“Does the Executive agree that if we as a community are serious about improving air quality in West Berkshire we should be drastically reducing our dependency on the use of automobiles on our roads and this should be a priority in any strategic planning?”

(l) **Question submitted by Mr Stephen Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**

“In the Executive’s opinion did the cuts to rural bus services help reduce car use and improve air quality or more likely have a detrimental effect?”

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. Procurement of Investment Portfolio Services (EX3642) (CSP: MEC & MEC1) Purpose: To consider the appointment of the Council’s Property Investment and Management Advisor. | 17 - 28 |
| 7. 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. | |
| (a) Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services <i>“What is the average margin paid to the temporary worker agencies on top of the agency workers costs?”</i> | |
| (b) Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services <i>“Are agency workers paid the national living wage?”</i> | |
| (c) Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste <i>“How was the part-year payment for the green bin charge publicised?”</i> | |



(d) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships**

"How do you expect residents to take part in the Newbury Vision 2026 conference when it is being held during a working day?"

8. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

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

Part II

9. **Contract extension (exception) for the Public Health School Nursing and Health Visiting Service: 0-19 (up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities) (EX3643)** 29 - 44

(Paragraph 6 – information relating to proposed action to be taken by the Local Authority)

(CSP: P&S, HQL)

Purpose: To seek Executive approval for an exception from the Contract Rules of Procedure to extend the current contract for the Public Health School Nursing and Health Visiting Service 0-19 (up to 25 for young people with special educational needs and disabilities). The exception will enable the Council to extend the current provision of the service by an additional 12 months.

Item not timetabled in the Forward Plan

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| 10. Approval for an exit payment over £10,000 (Urgent item) 45 - 52 <i>(Paragraph 4 – information relating to terms proposed in negotiations in labour relation matters)</i> Purpose: To seek approval from the Executive to make an exit payment in excess of £10,000. | |

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



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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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