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Executive

Thursday 28 March 2019 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, James Fredrickson, Graham Jones, Rick Jones and Richard Somner
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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** 9 - 20
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 14 February 2019.
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 Miss Louise Harriet Coulson to the Leader of the Council**
"Can you please tell me how much money does the Council pension pot hold and how much is made through its investment?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Communications**
"Does the Council consider itself 'The Council of Business' supporting enterprises of all sizes in the area?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
"Does the Council agree that one of the most effective ways to combat carbon emissions in our area is to ensure that every new home built is a zero carbon home requiring minimal energy requirements and built so as not to be reliant on any fossil fuels?"



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(d) Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste

“Can the Council confirm that in considering new planning applications it will be taking into full account the impact such developments have on pollution levels from the generation of extra traffic and the resultant detriment of air quality in the district, especially in considering the siting of new schools and indeed the impact on existing schools in the proximity of such developments?”

(e) Question submitted by Mrs Martha Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside

“How often are resident’s parking schemes reviewed, with particular reference to central Newbury areas where electric charging points are about to be installed?”

(f) Question submitted by Ms Lisa Cox to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste

“What action did the planning enforcement team take as a result of the information they were emailed by me on Wednesday 13 March about the poorly installed netting and trapped birds in Theale?”

(g) Question submitted by Ms Paula Crawford to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside

“Who sanctioned the installation of inappropriate hedge netting in Theale that is full of holes and not secured to the ground?”

(h) Question submitted by Mrs Sharon Cox to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste

“Can West Berkshire Council confirm they commissioned and implemented the recommendations of an independent Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement prior to the commencement of construction works in Theale?”

(i) Question submitted by Mr Tony Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside

“Why doesn’t this Council adopt a policy of 20mph speed limits outside all schools which have flashing lights at drop-off and pick-up times?”

(j) Question submitted by Mrs Martha Vickers to the Leader of the Council

“Will West Berkshire Council follow the lead of other Councils and institute Litter Champions across the District?”

(k) Question submitted by Mr Andy Moore to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste

“With the winter sleeping arrangements for the homeless nearing an end, what plans does the Council have for next winter’s provision?”



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- (l) **Question submitted by Mr Andy Moore to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“How will the interaction over next year’s winter provision with West Berkshire Homeless be managed?”
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- (m) **Question submitted by Dr Julie Wintrup to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care**
“How confident is the Executive that its mistake in managing its social care budget has not led to individuals being refused care or receiving a lower amount of care because the Council’s own financial projections were incorrect?”
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- (n) **Question submitted by Dr Julie Wintrup to the Leader of the Council**
“How will the Executive seek to rebuild confidence among the public that it is capable of managing large budgets and public services in ways that are open and transparent, and able to be properly scrutinised?”
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- (o) **Question submitted by Ms Carolyn Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“For how long has West Berkshire Council been without a trained senior ecologist?”
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- (p) **Question submitted by Mr Stephen Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**
“Is the Council seriously considering a western relief road as posited by Nick Carter in a recent interview?”
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- (q) **Question submitted by Ms Alison May to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“Does West Berkshire Council have a Rural Strategy for the defined rural areas of West Berkshire?”
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- (r) **Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Communications**
“Can the Council please share the business case and the associated up front and ongoing running costs for next 3 years, associated with its latest proposal for the Faraday Football ground? (that was announced last week)”
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- (s) **Question submitted by Mr Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“Why does the Council’s Positioning Statement on LRIE not disclose the fact that to meet the Government’s National Policy Framework (NPPF) it must replace the football ground?”
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- (t) **Question submitted by Ms Alison May to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**
“What proportion of North Wessex AONB meetings has West Berkshire Council attended during the current administration's four years in office?”
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- (u) **Question submitted by Mr John Stewart to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Communications**
“Will the new football facility that forms part of the investment in Northcroft Leisure be of better or equivalent quality of Faraday Road as per Sport Englands' mandatory requirements, should the Faraday Road Football Ground be given Planning Permission for a change of use?”
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- (v) **Question submitted by Mr Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Communications**
“Will the newly planned, bookable 5-a-side pitches at Faraday Road re-open and make available the existing toilets, changing room, stands and floodlights when it re-opens the facility to the public?”
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- (w) **Question submitted by Mr Stephen Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**
“What modelling and assessment does the Council use to analyse the cost benefits of road widening against the respective cost benefit analysis of spending on cycling and walking infrastructure, including impact on pollution and health as well as financial impact etc?”
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- (x) **Question submitted by Mr Stephen Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“Approximately what salary is required to purchase an ‘Affordable’ home with a 90% mortgage here in West Berkshire and how does this relate to average household incomes?”
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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

	Pages
6. West Berkshire Council Economic Development Strategy (EX3674) Purpose: To introduce the draft Economic Development Strategy.	21 - 52

7. **Key Accountable Performance 2018/19: Quarter Three (EX3422)** 53 - 100
(CSP: BEC, SLE, P&S, HQL, MEC, BEC1, BEC2, SLE1, SLE2, P&S1, HQL1, MEC1)
Purpose: To report quarter three outturns for the Key Accountable Measures (KAMs) which monitor performance against the 2018/19 Council Performance Framework; to provide assurance that the objectives set out in the Council Strategy 2015-2019 and other areas of significant activity are being managed effectively; to present, by exception, those measures which are predicted to be 'amber' (behind schedule) or 'red' (not achievable) at year end, and provide information on any remedial action taken and the impact of that action; and to recommend changes to measures/targets, as requested by services.
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8. **Senior Management Arrangements from April 2019 - Final Proposals (EX3679)** 101 - 162
Purpose: To set out the final proposals for a new emergent senior management structure which, if agreed, would start to be implemented from April 2019.
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9. **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 Mollie Lock to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People**
"Given that 20 local schools are heading towards being in deficit, what sum of money is needed to get them out of deficit without further spending cuts?"
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- (b) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care**
"Given Councillor Bridgman's comments reported in the Newbury Weekly News regarding the missing £2m from the Adult Social Care budget, does the Portfolio Holder now intend to get into the detail of the budget?"
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- (c) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services**
"We welcome the fact that you will consult and that there will be cross party working on the new LRIE plan, but can you confirm that there is no outstanding contract with St Modwen?"
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- (d) **Urgent Question submitted by Councillor Gordon Lundie to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
"Under what circumstances can a CIL charge be cancelled or set aside?"
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- (e) **Urgent Question submitted by Councillor Mollie Lock to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People**
“Can you provide an update on the Highwood Copse project, given that the contractor has gone into administration?”

10. **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

11. **Youth Offending Team - Redundancy Payments (EX3712)**

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(Paragraph 1 – information relating to an individual)
(Paragraph 2 – information identifying an individual)

Purpose: To seek approval for redundancy payments associated with the organisational change process in the Youth Offending Team.

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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