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Executive

Thursday 17 October 2019 at 5.00pm

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

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To:	Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Jeff Cant, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, Rick Jones, Richard Somner and Howard Woollaston
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Agenda

Part I

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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 meeting of the Executive held on 5 September 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. *(Note: There were no questions submitted relating to items not included on this Agenda.)*
 - (a) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Mr Alan Pearce:**
"Has the A339 road junction for new access into London Road Industrial Estate been constructed with a sustainable drainage system?"

 - (b) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing by Mr Paul Morgan:**
"Can the Council please confirm that they will provide written confirmation regarding the availability of a Step 5 ground in Newbury to ensure that NCFG's application to enter an Under 23 team and an Academy U18 team into the Hellenic Football League (which is Step 5 league) for next season (2020/2021) is successful?"

 - (c) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing by Mr Jack Harkness:**
"Is the Council aware that Newbury Ladies FC is currently in a promotion position in the Southern Region Womens Football League and that if promotion is achieved to the FA Womens National League they would have to play outside Newbury as Faraday Road Community Football Ground has been closed by the Council and no other pitch is available that meets the appropriate ground grading requirements?"



(d) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Wellbeing by Mr Jason Braidwood:**
“Can the Council advise what it is doing to address the chronic shortage of children’s football training venues in Newbury?”

(e) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Wellbeing by Mr Lee McDougall:**
“How can the Council expect us to believe it is serious about its Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2017-2020) and specifically the declared Aim and Objective to “Support residents to be more physically active, achieve a healthy weight and eat a healthy diet”, when it unnecessarily closed the Community Football Ground a year ago?”

(f) **Question submitted to the Leader of the Council by Dr Julie Wintrup:**
“When and in what detail will the assessment of the effects of a no deal Brexit be shared with local residents and businesses, headlines of which were apparently leaked from a confidential Council briefing?”

(g) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Finance by Dr Julie Wintrup:**
“Does the Council know how many families and individuals are living in West Berkshire who are considered to have No Recourse to Public Funds?”

(h) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education by Dr Julie Wintrup:**
“What is the Council’s policy on free school meals entitlement of children from families that have No Recourse to Public Funds?”

(i) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education by Ms Caroline French Blake:**
“Can the Executive describe how and when it will reverse the 97% cuts in Youth Services since 2010, and re-establish or preferably exceed its 2010 funding level to meet the urgent need of young people for support?”

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. Key Accountable Performance 2019/20: Quarter One (EX3713) (CSP: All) Purpose: To report quarter one outturns for the core business measures which monitor performance against the 2019/20 Council Performance Framework.	17 - 44



7. **Members' Question(s)**

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 to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Alan Macro:**

"What is the Executive Member planning to do to make this council more responsive to requests for speed limit changes from councillors and members of the public?"

(b) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment by Councillor Carolyne Culver:**

"Will the council's draft environment (carbon neutral by 2030) strategy be shared at the conference on Monday 28 October?"

(c) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment by Councillor Carolyne Culver:**

"How will the council determine the questions asked in its online public consultation about the environment strategy?"

(d) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment by Councillor Carolyne Culver:**

"How will the council ensure that the draft environment strategy and public consultation are widely publicised to stakeholders and the public?"

(e) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

"How much council resource, in terms of officer hours, has been spent on the Sandford development applications to date?"

(f) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Finance by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

"Due to a lack of response from officers, can the Executive confirm how much of the £750k invest to save money has been spent to date?"

(g) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

"Given the slow progress in getting the new Environment Strategy completed, does the Executive agree that the EAG needs to meet more frequently?"

(h) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Alan Macro:**

"What is this Council planning to do to ameliorate the extra traffic congestion and resulting pollution likely to be caused on the roads leading to the Thatcham level crossing by the extra passenger train services to be introduced in December?"



(i) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Alan Macro:**

“What negotiations have taken place between this Council and the railway companies to request that the extra passenger train services to be introduced in December should call additionally at Thatcham and Theale?”

Sarah Clarke
Head of Legal and Strategic Support

West Berkshire Council Strategy Priorities

Council Strategy Priorities:

PC1: Ensure our vulnerable children and adults achieve better outcomes

PC2: Support everyone to reach their full potential

OFB1: Support businesses to start, develop and thrive in West Berkshire

GP1: Develop local infrastructure to support and grow the local economy

GP2: Maintain a green district

SIT1: Ensure sustainable services through innovation and partnerships

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