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Executive

Thursday, 13th February, 2020 at 5.00 pm

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

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To:	Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, Dominic Boeck, Councillor Graham Bridgman, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, Rick Jones, Ross Mackinnon, 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** 9 - 14
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 16 January 2020.
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 to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning by Mr Ian Morrin**
"Please could the Portfolio Holder for Planning provide evidence about the experience and capability that West Berkshire Council plan to bring to bear to deliver the Grazeley project including the promised infrastructure and positive environmental benefit?"
 - (b) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning by Mr Alan Pearce**
"In light of the recent recommendation by planning officers to refuse the application to develop the old Newbury Weekly News site with 81 apartments, primarily due to the risk of flood, does the Council honestly believe that building flats on the adjoining football ground will ever be a practical or sensible option?"
 - (c) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning by Mr Lee McDougall**
"Can the Council please detail what funds are currently held in "Developer contributions towards local infrastructure, services and amenities" account (contributions secured through the Community Infrastructure Levy ("CIL") and through S106 obligations?"



(d) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Wellbeing by Mr Paul Morgan**

“Please detail what requirements brief has been given to Avison Young to provide consultancy and a report on all options regarding the location / re-provision of the Football Ground at Faraday Road?”

(e) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Wellbeing by Mr Paul Morgan**

“Please advise on the anticipated cost and completion timescales for the brief given to Avison Young?”

(f) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Finance by Mr John Stewart**

“Please detail the total Council expenditure in the last 10 years on maintaining and keeping the Faraday Road Football Ground in a "good and decent state" as per its legal obligations under Section 10 of Open Spaces Act?”

(g) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing by Mr John Stewart**

“Please advise why the Faraday Road Football Ground cannot be re-opened for organised community 11-a-side football through the provision of temporary toilets and changing rooms, which will be less than the original budget allocation for the MUGA proposal?”

(h) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing by Mr Paul Morgan**

“Could the Council please provide the detail behind their latest announcement to put fencing around the abandoned grass area at the Faraday Football Ground instead of the unpopular "expensive" MUGA?”

(i) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing by Mr Paul Morgan**

“What consultation took place in order to justify yet another policy change with respect to the Faraday Football Ground Asset of Community Value (ACV)?”

(j) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing by Mr Jack Harkness**

“Can the Council confirm it still believes that Northcroft is a viable location for the re-provision of the existing Faraday Road football stadium, as it outlined at the Newbury Vision Conference in Oct 2018?”

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.



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Petition to be presented by Kathryn Bowie requesting that the Council install a footpath in Sulham Hill, Tilehurst to enable residents to safely and inclusively access the recreation ground.

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

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6. Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2020/21(C3809) Purpose: This report sets out the proposed Investment and Borrowing Strategy for 2020/21, as required by the Local Government Act 2003.	15 - 34
7. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2023/24 (C3810) Purpose: The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) is a rolling four year strategy which is built to ensure that the financial resources, both revenue and capital, are available to deliver the Council Strategy. The MTFS should be read in conjunction with the Revenue Budget, Capital Programme, and the Investment and Borrowing Strategy reports.	35 - 54
8. Capital Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23 (C3811) Purpose: To outline the Capital Strategy covering financial years 2020/21 -2022/23 and supporting funding framework, providing a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.	55 - 78
9. Revenue Budget 2020/21 (C3812) Purpose: To consider and recommend to Council the 2020/21 Revenue Budget, which proposes a Council Tax requirement of £102.06m, requiring a Council Tax increase of 1.99% and a 2% adult social care Council Tax Precept. The Council Tax increase will raise £2.1m and the precept will raise a further £2.1m ring-fenced for adult social care. The report also proposes the Fees and Charges for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix F and the Parish Expenses as set out in Appendix G and recommends the level of General Reserves as set out in Appendix E.	79 - 156
10. Capital Financial Performance Report 2019/20 Quarter Three (EX3801) Purpose: The financial performance report provided to Members on a quarterly basis reports on the under or over spends against the Council's approved capital budget. This report presents the Quarter Three financial position.	157 - 166
11. 2019/20 Revenue Financial Performance Quarter Three (EX3797) Purpose: This report is to report on the in-year financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets.	167 - 180



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12. **Treasury Management 2019/20 Mid Year Performance Report (EX3871)** 181 - 198
Purpose: To inform Members of the treasury management activity and performance of the Council's investments as at 30th November 2019.
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13. **Council Strategy Delivery Plan (EX3815)** 199 - 216
Purpose: To inform the Executive of the proposed performance measures and associated targets to be used as part of the Council Strategy Delivery Plan in order to monitor the progress of the Council Strategy 2019/23 delivery.
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14. **West Berkshire Playing Pitch Strategy (EX3870)** 217 - 274
Purpose: To adopt the Playing Pitch Strategy developed for West Berkshire.
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15. **Consent for Transport for the South East Becoming a Sub-National Transport Body (EX3791)** 275 - 318
Purpose: The purpose of this report is to consider the plans for Transport for the South East (TfSE) becoming a Sub-national Transport Body (STB).
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16. **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 to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care by Councillor Owen Jeffery**
"What was the average number of empty bed nights in West Berkshire Council care homes in December 2019?"
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- (b) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor David Marsh**
"What is the current amount of tree cover in West Berkshire (in hectares, and as a percentage of the total area of the district), and how much of this is on council-owned land?"
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- (c) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor David Marsh**
"How many trees has or will the Council plant on an annual basis between 2015 and 2021"
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(d) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Adrian Abbs**

“What is the council proposing to do about the maintenance program on drains which results in excessive flooding and long delays addressing reported issues, particularly on Monks Lane in Wash Common which took 3 months to address?”

(e) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Adrian Abbs**

“What is the council proposing to do about the maintenance program for paths which results in dangerous walking conditions for pedestrians, especially at the bottom of Andover Road, Wash Common?”

(f) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Adrian Abbs**

“What is the council proposing to do about the enforcement of hedge trimming that is forcing people off of poorly maintained footpaths into the roads, especially at the bottom of Andover Road and Fifth Road in Wash Common?”

(g) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing by Councillor Martha Vickers**

“In light of the recent allegations made by Clare Perry, the sacked president of the committee responsible for organising the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow this coming November, will this Council lobby the MP for Newbury who is vice chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on the Environment to challenge the Government on its commitment to Climate Change?”

(h) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment by Councillor Martha Vickers**

“Why, despite the Leader stating at a recent meeting of OSMC that the proposed merger of local CCGs would be discussed at the Health and Well Being Board, was it given barely two minutes?”

(i) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment by Councillor Martha Vickers**

“Can the Council tell me what plans there are in place to reduce food waste and ensure that existing food recycling facilities are used correctly?”

(j) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Tony Vickers**

“What evidence does the Council have that Newbury Car Club has been a success (or otherwise) when considering that Council policy now requires most Newbury housing developments to contribute towards ensuring the continued existence of the car club?”



17. **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

18. **Contract Award for the Provision of Education Packages for Young People with Severe Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties (EX3861)** 319 - 324

(Paragraph 3 - information relating to the financial/business affairs of a particular person)

Purpose: This paper seeks to inform Executive of the tender process that has been undertaken and seek delegated authority to award the contract.

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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