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EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2016

Councillors Present: Dominic Boeck, Hilary Cole, Roger Croft, Lynne Doherty, Marcus Franks, Graham Jones and Garth Simpson

Also Present: John Ashworth (Corporate Director - Environment), Martin Dunscombe (Communications Manager), Mark Edwards (Head of Highways and Transport), David Holling (Head of Legal Services), Robert O'Reilly (Head of Human Resources), Rachael Wardell (Corporate Director - Communities), Robert Alexander (Conservative Group Executive), Councillor Jeanette Clifford, Councillor Lee Dillon, Moira Fraser (Democratic and Electoral Services Manager) and Jo Reeves (Policy Officer)

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Nick Carter, Councillor James Fredrickson and Councillor Alan Law

PART I

76. Minutes

The Minutes of the two meetings held on 24 March 2016 were approved as true and correct records and signed by the Leader.

The Leader, on behalf of the Council, wished Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II a very happy 90th birthday.

77. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

78. Public Questions

A full transcription of the public and Member question and answer sessions are available from the following link: [Transcription of Q&As](#).

- (a) **Question submitted by Mr Gary Puffett to Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, Equality, Community Safety, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Waste and Customer Services**

A question standing in the name of Mr Gary Puffett on the subject of whether the Council was responsible for providing welfare facilities for licensed taxi drivers operating from taxi ranks in the Wharf or any other part of the district was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Housing, Countryside, Community Culture and Leisure Services.

- (b) **Question submitted by Mr Gary Puffett to Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing and Devolution**

A question standing in the name of Mr Gary Puffett on the subject of whether an impact assessment had been undertaken to establish if there would be any detrimental affect on public health due to the closure of all public toilets within Newbury was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Housing, Countryside, Community Culture and Leisure Services.

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(c) **Question submitted by Mr Gary Puffett to Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, Equality, Community Safety, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Waste and Customer Services**

A question standing in the name of Mr Gary Puffett on the subject of what the Council intended to do with the redundant public conveniences was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Housing, Countryside, Community Culture and Leisure Services.

79. **Petitions**

There were no petitions presented to the Executive.

80. **Better Care Fund 2016/17 (EX3109)**

The Executive considered a report (Agenda Item 6) which provided an update on the Better Care Fund which sought agreement to the West Berkshire Locality Plan for 2016/17. The Better Care Fund (BCF) was a government initiative established to fast track integration with Health and Social Care. 2015/16 had been the first year of implementation and all Councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) had had to agree a plan and then obtain approval from their Health and Wellbeing Boards. West Berkshire's BCF had been agreed at the meeting the previous week.

Councillor Hilary Cole explained that the initiative was originally announced as a one year programme, and consequently there was some uncertainty about its existence in future years. The recent Spending Review had confirmed that the BCF would continue into 2016/17 and that the allocations would be slightly higher as the national pot had been increased by 1.9%.

The total funding for West Berkshire Locality Better Care fund had been confirmed at just over £10.6m. This sum included a £4.367m revenue contribution to maintain the provision of social services and £1.4m of capital funding to provide adaptations for vulnerable people.

The CCG and Local Authority had agreed a plan that would allow for the continuation of projects including the Joint Care Provider Scheme, seven day week services and maintain the existing capacity within the re-ablement service. It would also allow for the support of the West of Berkshire projects. This work would continue to help support improvements pertaining to Delayed Transfers of Care and reduce Non-elective admissions which were key objectives of the Better Care Fund.

Councillor Marcus Franks commended the work that had been undertaken to date to reduce Delayed Transfers of Care. He welcomed the ongoing funding for this important area of work. The relationship between the CCGs and the Local Authority was good and he therefore looked forward to even better results in the second year of this scheme.

Councillor Graham Jones also noted the good working relationship between the Local Authority and the other partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board. He also thanked Councillor Mollie Lock for her input. He noted that there was cross party support for closer working relationships between Healthcare, Social Care and primary and secondary care providers in respect of this important piece of work.

RESOLVED that the West Berkshire Locality Plan for 2016/17 be agreed.

Reason for the decision: To agree the West Berkshire Locality Plan for 2016/17.

Other options considered: None.

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81. Members' Questions

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- (a) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, Equality, Community Safety, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Waste and Customer Services submitted by Councillor Billy Drummond**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Billy Drummond on the subject of the progress being made with discussions with partners for taking over CCTV services was asked by Councillor Lee Dillon and answered by the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships, Equality, Community Safety, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Waste and Customer Services.

- (b) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Education, Property and Broadband submitted by Councillor Mollie Lock**

This question had been withdrawn by Councillor Mollie Lock following the publication of the agenda for the meeting.

- (c) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Housing, Countryside, Community Culture & Leisure Services submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon**

A question standing in the name of Councillor Lee Dillon on the subject of whether the contract for the detailed needs assessment for the Library Service had been awarded, if so its timescales, and whether affected communities would be consulted by the Council, was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Housing, Countryside, Community Culture and Leisure Services.

82. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the under-mentioned items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as contained in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006. Rule 8.10.4 of the Constitution also refers.

83. Staffing Implications Associated with Additional Savings Put Forward to Deliver the 2016/17 Revenue Budget: Approval to Pay Redundancy Payments (EX3094)

(Paragraph 1 – information relating to an individual)

(Paragraph 2 – information identifying an individual)

The Executive considered an exempt report (Agenda Item 9) which sought approval to make the redundancy payments associated with the additional staffing savings put forward following the Government's Local Government Finance Settlement in December 2015.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in the exempt report be agreed.

Reason for the decision: as detailed in the exempt report.

Other options considered: as detailed in the exempt report.

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84. Award of 2016-2023 Highways, Bridges and Street Lighting Term Maintenance Contract (EX3105)

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

The Executive considered an exempt report (Agenda Item 10) which informed Members of progress made in securing a new long term highway maintenance contract and sought agreement to award the 2016-2023 Highways, Bridges and Street Lighting Term Maintenance Contract to the successful bidder in accordance with the Tender Assessment Report.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in the exempt report be agreed.

Reason for the decision: as detailed in the exempt report.

Other options considered: as detailed in the exempt report.

(The meeting commenced at 5.00pm and closed at 5.21pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature