

# Supplemental Items for Council

**Tuesday, 26 March, 2024 at 7.00 pm**  
In the Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Market Street, Newbury

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## Agenda Item 6

### Public Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 26 March 2024

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

- (A) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity submitted by Alison May:**

*“West Berkshire District Council's (WBDC) declaration of a Climate Emergency on 2 July 2019 subsequently further strengthened on 5 October 2023 to include an Ecological Emergency, is an acknowledgement by WBDC of their commitment to reversing Climate change. Can the council therefore confirm: Whether they intend to develop a Decarbonisation Plan and if this plan is part of their 'Net Zero by 2030' target?”*

- (B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Acting Leader, Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Communications, Governance and Transformation submitted by Richard Garvie:**

*“Can the Leader of the Council tell me whether West Berkshire Council has participated in discussions to be part of a larger Combined Local Authority?”*

- (C) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity submitted by Alison May:**

*“West Berkshire District Council's (WBDC) declaration of a Climate Emergency on 2 July 2019 subsequently further strengthened on 5 October 2023 to include an Ecological Emergency, is an acknowledgement by WBDC of their commitment to reversing Climate change. Can the council therefore confirm. How they intend to deliver a Net Zero Change to their existing Private Funding Initiative (PFI) waste contract?”*

- (D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Richard Garvie:**

*“Can the Council tell me how many social housing units have been sold off by Housing Associations in West Berkshire since the Local Elections in May and how many units have been acquired to replace the units sold?”*

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- (E) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Richard Garvie:**

*“Can the Council inform me what discussions have taken place with Housing Associations (if any) relating to the sale of affordable housing units in West Berkshire and whether concerns have been raised with the Leadership of those entities about the number of housing units laying empty?”*

- (F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council submitted by Richard Garvie:**

*“At the Extraordinary Meeting in December, Councillor Dillon talked about Viable Villages and the need for affordable housing units in the villages. During his time as Leader of the Council, can Cllr Dillon inform me how many times he met with Leadership of the Housing Associations and what discussions were had about the future provision of affordable housing in our villages?”*

## Agenda Item 22

### Public Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 26 March 2024.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

**(A) Question related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council submitted by Dominic Boeck:**

*“The discussions between Berkshire local authorities on the transfer of funding from LEPs were entered into in response to technical guidance given by government in August of last year. What involvement from WBC members has there been in these discussions and what contribution, if any, was made?”*

**(B) Question related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People's Services submitted by Dominic Boeck:**

*“How will council ensure that Delivering Better Value Programme targets are achieved in the one-year period proposed for the new Service Director post?”*

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