

# Supplemental Items for Executive

**Thursday 12 February 2026 at 6.00 pm**  
in Council Chamber Council Offices  
Market Street Newbury

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Executive Director - Resources

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## Item 4:

### **Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 12 February 2026.**

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 John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:**

*"Who is paying for the ongoing repairs and maintenance of the rain gardens in faraday Rd?"*

**B. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement, Economic Development and Regeneration and Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation:**

*"Please may we have an update on the current thinking around West Berks Council and Newbury Town Council 2027 ELECTIONS. N.B., I do not expect this to take up more than one minute of the precious time."*

**C. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement, Economic Development and Regeneration and Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation:**

*"Is the cafe culture promoted by the extension of pedestrianisation a success?"*

**D. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Leader of the Council:**

*"What or who determines whether a manifesto pledge is acted on or not?"*

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## Item 14:

### **Member Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 12 February 2026.**

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 Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources:**

*"At the Executive meeting on 18th December, you and the Leader of the Council refused to accept the findings of CIPFA that -*

- West Berkshire Council is in a perilous financial position and has no clear plan for resolving the issue.*
- There is a perception within the Council that the successful application for EFS in January 2025 obviates the need to address the structural gap.*
- Roles and responsibilities between members and officers are blurred, which contributes to a lack of focus and undermines accountability.*

*Can you reassure residents, members and the Government that you are now willing to accept the findings of the independent CIPFA report in full and have a clear plan in place to address them?"*

**B. Question submitted by Councillor Dominic Boeck to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing:**

*"The unauthorised development of land to the site of Reading Road in Tadley has caused considerable anxiety among residents. When do you anticipate seeing the satisfactory conclusion of Council's legal action aimed at preventing further development of the land?"*

**C. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Leader of the Council:**

*"At the Budget Council meeting in March 2021, how many members of the Liberal Democrat group failed to cast a vote on the Revenue Budget?"*

**D. Question submitted by Councillor Dominic Boeck to the Leader of the Council:**

*"How many letters has the Leader sent to government ministers without permission from the council since taking office?"*

**E. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:**

*"Since the introduction of three-weekly bin collections, how many applications from households for larger or extra bins have been refused?"*

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