

# Notice of Meeting

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## Executive

**Thursday, 31st March, 2011 at 6.30 pm**

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

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 23 March 2011

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## Agenda - Executive to be held on Thursday, 31 March 2011 (continued)

To: Councillors Barbara Alexander, Pamela Bale, David Betts, Keith Chopping, Hilary Cole, Graham Jones, Alan Law, Gordon Lundie, Joe Mooney and Anthony Stansfeld

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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 - 22  
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the special meeting of the Executive held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
3. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.
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 by Mr Graham Farquhar to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Transport Policy**  
"Could I please ask the Executive Member for Planning to provide a response to the following question: when a planning application is submitted and approved are the planning conditions and written comments provided by the Planning Officer with regard to measurements considered to be compulsory or arbitrary?"

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  - (b) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to the Portfolio Holder for Education**  
"Following on from comments made to local media outlets this year that our local facilities were safe, can the council assure me that no funding reductions will be made to our local Children Centre's and SureStart schemes?"

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  - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to the Leader of the Council**  
"Could the Leader of the Council please advise as to why Grundon were allowed to continue quarrying the proposed incinerator site for over two years after their planning consent ended?"

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  - (d) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to the Leader of the Council**  
"When social housing is sold off in the district, the proceeds are expected to be



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invested locally by said housing association (in this case Sovereign). When Sovereign initially sold off the local housing stock which was given to them in 1989, can the council advise as to where the proceeds were spent, and in 2006 when Sovereign made around £1m on the sale of garages by auction, can the leader advise as to where this money was spent?"

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(e) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to the Portfolio Holder for Community Care, Pensions, Insurance**

"Could the Executive advise on the future of Residential Care at Notrees and Windmill Court, and also inform me of any discussions that the portfolio holder for these facilities may have held regarding their sale?"

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(f) **Question submitted by Mr Richard Garvie to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economic Development, Property, Health & Safety**

"With the ageing demographic locally and with younger people moving away for higher paid employment, what is the council doing to attract new employment and investment in the district?"

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### 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

	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Page(s)</b>
6. <b>Community Led Planning - Performance Report (EX2207)</b> (CPT 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 & 15) <i>Purpose: To report on progress of Community Led Planning within the District for the first half of the 2010/11 financial year.</i>		23 - 44
7. <b>Report and Action Plan of the Annual Unannounced Inspection of Contact, Referral &amp; Assessment Arrangements within West Berkshire (EX2206)</b> (CPT 11 & 16) <i>Purpose: To present the findings to the Executive of the recent unannounced inspection of the authority's Contact, Referral and Assessment arrangements.</i>		45 - 56
8. <b>Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12 (EX2205)</b> (CPT 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 13 & 15) <i>Purpose: To seek approval of the Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme 2011/12.</i>		57 - 68



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9. **Children's Social Care Complaints Report (EX2224)** 69 - 90  
(CPT 10-16)  
*Purpose: To report on the statutory complaints process for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.*
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10. **Anti Child Poverty Strategy (EX2210)** 91 - 112  
(CPP 1 & 2/CPT 8,11)  
*Purpose: To deliver the Council's statutory duty to produce a Child Poverty Strategy by 31/3/11.*
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11. **Council Plan Outcomes 2010/11: Q3 Update on Achievement (EX2108)** 113 - 146  
(CPP1-3/CPT1-16)  
*Purpose: To report Q3 performance against each of the outcomes identified in the 2010/11 Council Plan and to report remedial action that is or has been taken, where achievement will not be met.*
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12. **Implementation Plan for the Local Transport Plan (EX2219)** 147 - 178  
(CPT1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 & 13)  
*Purpose: To present to the Executive the Implementation Plan which sets out the initial delivery plans for the new Local Transport Plan.*
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13. **Use of Local Resources - Local Food (EX2191)** 179 - 194  
(CPT 5 & 8)  
*Purpose: To provide Executive's response to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission.*
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14. **Decommissioning of Statutory Ceremony Room at Shaw House (EX2270)** 195 - 200  
(CPT 3)  
*Purpose: To consider proposals to decommission the current Ceremony Room at Shaw House and if agreed to provide the present Interview Room as the Statutory Room for ceremonies from 1st January 2012.*
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### Items not timetabled in the Forward Plan

Reference Page(s)

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15. **Flood and Water Management Act 2010** 201 - 216  
(CPT 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 & 12)

*Purpose: To consider the implications of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 for West Berkshire Council.*

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16. **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 to be answered by the Portfolio Holder responsible for Environment, Cleaner Greener, Public Protection & Customer Services submitted by Councillor Royce Longton**

"What measures have been taken to reduce the level of air pollution around the Burger King roundabout, and with what effect?"

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- (b) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children & Families, Youth Service, Culture & Leisure submitted by Councillor Gwen Mason**

"Are the Youth Centre Buildings that you are closing and want the local communities to run totally compliant with all disability requirements?"

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- (c) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder responsible for Highways, Transport (Operational) & ICT submitted by Councillor Tony Vickers**

"Why does this Council not require developers and (in effect) the occupiers of their proposed new developments, in areas with Residents Parking Schemes already in place (which indicates that on-street parking is at full capacity), to be denied the right to apply for parking permits, thereby ensuring that developers must make provision on-site for all parking required?"

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- (d) **Question to be answered by the Leader of the Council submitted by Councillor David Rendel.**

"Why was no new Council Plan produced before the production of the latest MTFS?"

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- (e) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cleaner Greener, Public Protection & Customer Services submitted by Councillor David Rendel**

"What can residents of Thatcham do to avoid any possible damage to their health caused by the excessive levels of Nitrogen Dioxide found in Central Thatcham?"

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- (f) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder responsible for Highways, Transport (Operational) & ICT submitted by Councillor Gabrielle McGarvey**

“Many local residents (including myself) live in areas covered by Resident’ Parking Schemes which are a service provided by this Council. They are designed to give local residents priority parking in their own streets, and an annual charge of £25 is requested as a contribution towards the administration cost of issuing the permits. Did the Executive Member for Highways and Transport approve the information about the Resident’s Parking Scheme displayed on the West Berkshire Council website as well as the explanatory letters, application form and accompanying documents that are sent out to first-time applicants when a new scheme is about to come into force?”

- (g) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder responsible for Councillor Anthony Stansfeld submitted by Councillor Alan Macro**

“Could the Executive Member responsible for public safety please give me the current status of CCTV in Theale, Pangbourne and Lambourn?”

Andy Day  
Head of Policy and Communication

#### West Berkshire Council Plan Priorities and Themes

##### Council Plan Priorities:

**CPP1 – Support our communities through the economic downturn** – to alleviate the impact on different communities and individuals who find themselves out of work and/or disadvantaged

**CPP2 – Raise levels of educational achievement** – improving school performance levels

**CPP3 – Reduce crime and the fear of crime**

##### Council Plan Themes:

**CPT1 - Better Roads And Transport**

**CPT2 - Thriving Town Centres**

**CPT3 - Affordable Housing**

**CPT4 - High Quality Planning**

**CPT5 - Cleaner and Greener**

**CPT6 - Vibrant Villages**

**CPT7 - Safer and Stronger Communities**

**CPT8 - A Healthier Life**

**CPT9 - Successful Schools and Learning**

**CPT10 - Promoting Independence**

**CPT11 - Protecting Vulnerable People**

**CPT12 - Including Everyone**

**CPT13 - Value for Money**

**CPT14 - Effective People**

**CPT15 - Putting Customers First**

**CPT16 - Excellent Performance Management**



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