



**Meeting of  
West Berkshire  
District Council**

**Thursday, 9th December, 2010**

***Summons and Agenda***

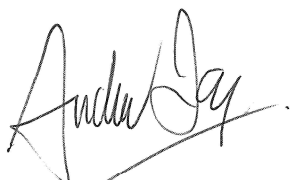
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To: All Members of the Council

*You are requested to attend a meeting of*  
**WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
*to be held in the*  
**COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET,  
NEWBURY**

on

**Thursday, 9th December, 2010**  
at 7.00pm



Andy Day  
Head of Policy and Communication  
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 1 December 2010

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## **AGENDA**

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).
2. **MINUTES**  
The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 September 2010. **(Pages 1 - 12)**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive notice of any Declarations of Interest from Members.
4. **JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR 2010**  
To present the Junior Citizen of the Year Awards for 2010.



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### 5. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman to report on functions attended since the last meeting and other matters of interest to Members.

### 6. **PETITIONS**

Councillors may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate body without discussion.

### 7. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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

*(Note: There were no questions submitted relating to items not included on this Agenda.)*

### 8. **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that the Licensing Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

### 9. **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of Council, the Governance and Audit Committee met on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Copies of the Minutes of these meetings can be obtained from Policy and Communication or via the [Council's website](#).

### 10. **DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that the District Planning Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

### 11. **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission met on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010. Copies of the Minutes of these meetings can be obtained from Policy and Communication or via the [Council's website](#).

### 12. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that the Standards Committee has not met since the last Council meeting.

### 13. **LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES 2011/12 (C2175)**

To determine a request from Parkwood Leisure to implement the annual price review on 01<sup>st</sup> January each year. **(Pages 13 - 18)**



**14. STRONGER LEADER AND CABINET MODEL - OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION (C2003)**

To advise Members of the outcome of the consultation undertaken by Democratic Services on the Stronger Leader and Cabinet Model. **(Pages 19 - 24)**

**15. 2011/12 WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL TIMETABLE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS (C1982)**

To recommend a timetable of meetings for 2011/12. **(Pages 25 - 32)**

**16. APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED SCRUTINY OFFICER (C2164)**

To advise Members of the statutory requirement to appoint a designated Scrutiny Officer. **(Pages 33 - 36)**

**17. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - SCHEME OF DELEGATION (C1886)**

To review and amend sections of the Scheme of Delegation. **(Pages 37 - 108)**

**18. LICENSING POLICY (C2173)**

To consider the Statement of Licensing Policy for the next three years **(Pages 109 - 140)**

**19. PROPOSED DESIGNATION PEASEMORE CONSERVATION AREA AND ADOPTION OF THE PEASEMORE CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL (C2162)**

To inform Members that the Planning Policy Task Group is recommending a new Conservation Area in Peasemore and the adoption of the Peasemore Conservation Area Appraisal. **(Pages 141 - 146)**

**20. STREATLEY CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL (C2163)**

To allow full Council to consider and adopt the Streatley Conservation Area Appraisal as a template for all Conservation Area Appraisals to follow. **(Pages 147 - 152)**

**21. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(a) The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Julian Swift-Hook:**

“Following the decision made by Executive on 8<sup>th</sup> November, this Council:

1. Regrets the hurried introduction of the reconfiguration of its day care provision (which includes the closure of five day centres across West Berkshire and the loss of a large number of valued staff) without having detailed alternative provision in place across the District;



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2. Regrets the distress that the announcement has caused to the hundreds of Day Care Centre Service Users across the District;
3. Regrets the uncertainty that the announcement has caused for all of the dedicated staff working in its Day Care Service;
4. Resolves to delay the implementation of all Day Centre closures and the consequent staff redundancies until:
  - a. a full consultation has been carried out with Service Users;
  - b. a full assessment of Service Users needs and preferences has been completed;
  - c. Personal Budgets are in place for all affected Service Users; and
  - d. comprehensive alternative service provision designed to meet Service Users' established needs and preferences is in place."

(b) **The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Tony Vickers:**

**"Council welcomes:**

The Government shifting power from Westminster to councils and communities, in particular many of the reforms proposed in the Government's Consultation Paper "Local Decisions: a Fairer Future for Social Housing".

"However Council notes that the proposed reform of the Housing Revenue Account, ending central government control of rents from council housing, leaves Councils like West Berkshire (where social housing is owned and operated by housing associations) at a disadvantage, allowing associations that operate across local authority boundaries to borrow from one area to invest in another, unlike Councils with their own housing stock.

**"Council therefore calls on Government** to require housing associations to:-

- a. publish their accounts in such a way that there is transparency as regards asset management of social housing, on a local authority area basis; and
- b. be obliged to balance their borrowing against housing assets - and their investments - in any one local authority area over any 5-year period; and



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- c. be allowed to borrow on the same favourable terms as public bodies such as local authorities.

**"Council requests that the Administration prepares a response to the consultation paper, due 17th January, which includes this."**

**22. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

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

- (a) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Transport Policy submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams:**

"Following the loss of the post of School Travel Plan Advisor, what action will the Executive Member for Planning, Housing & Transport Policy, take to ensure this excellent work is continued by schools in West Berkshire?"

- (b) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Transport Policy submitted by Councillor Keith Woodhams:**

"Can the Executive Member for Highways & Transport tell me what level of income the Council has gained from penalties imposed on contractors when they overrun their agreed schedule and who decides where that money is spent?"

- (c) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Transport Policy submitted by Councillor Royce Longton:**

"Given the recent comments of the Inspector into the Council's LDF Core Strategy, would the Member for Planning, Housing and Transport Policy agree that there is an urgent need to review our Employment Land Assessment and the possible use of Tax Increment Financing, the latter to mitigate the threat of flood risk that is currently reducing the potential for employment development and sustainable mixed use development in central Newbury."

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