



Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

Thursday 2 March 2017

Summons and Agenda

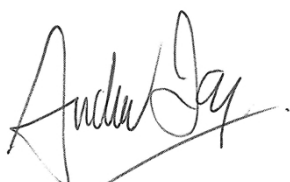


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To: All Members of the Council

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

on
Thursday 2 March 2017
at 6.30pm



Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 22 February 2017

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

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

3. **MINUTES**

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 December 2016 and the Extraordinary meeting held on the 7 February 2017. **(Pages 7 - 28)**



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4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any Personal, Disclosable Pecuniary or other interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' [Code of Conduct](#).

5. PETITIONS

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

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

(a) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways and Transport submitted by Mr Nigel Whiston:**

"Can the Council confirm that the urgently needed Bear Lane roundabout improvements will be implemented in 2017?"

(b) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Corporate Services and External Affairs submitted by Mr Ian Waters:**

"Can the Council confirm that West Berkshire District Council employs or has in the past employed temporary senior staff and if so what is the average remuneration per person per day (month) engaged in this capacity?"

(c) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways and Transport submitted by Mr Ian Waters:**

"In relation to the proposed £5.7million cycle path scheme to be built linking Newbury with Ascot, can the Council confirm how this scheme will be funded and can we be reassured that none of the costs of construction or maintenance will be borne by West Berkshire residents?"

(d) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Culture and Environment submitted by Ms Susan Millington:**

"Can you please assure me that there are no plans to introduce charges at the Household Waste Recycling Centre in Newtown Road for disposal of bulky household waste?"

(e) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Culture and Environment submitted by Ms Susan Millington:**

"Will the Council rigorously pursue fly tippers through the courts?"

(f) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Highways and Transport submitted by Mr Matthew Lowe:**

"After the new link road from Hectors Way to Boundary Road is built, exactly what infrastructure changes are planned for Kings Road and the surrounding roads to ensure that this area of Newbury is no longer used as a rat-run?"



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7. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

The Monitoring Officer to advise of any changes to the membership of Committees since the previous Council meeting.

8. **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

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

9. **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Personnel Committee met on 8 February 2017. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

10. **GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of Council, the Governance and Ethics Committee met on 13 February 2017. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

11. **DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the District Planning Committee met on 15 December 2016. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

12. **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 has not met.

13. **INVESTMENT AND BORROWING STRATEGY 2017/18 (C3118)**

In compliance with the Local Government Act 2003, this report summarises the Council's borrowing limits as set out by CIPFA's Prudential Code, and recommends the Annual Investment and Borrowing Strategy for 2017/18. **(Pages 29 - 42)**

14. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2017/18 TO 2019/20 (C3119)**

To agree the medium term financial planning and strategy for the organisation. **(Pages 43 - 66)**

15. **CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2017/18 TO 2021/22 (C3120)**

To outline the five year Capital Strategy for 2017 to 2022, including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement and the Asset Management Plans for Property and Highways, and to set out the funding framework for Council's five year Capital Programme for 2017/18 to 2021/22. **(Pages 67 - 200)**



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16. REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 (C3121)

To consider and agree the 2017-18 Revenue Budget, which proposes a Council Tax requirement of £88.4m requiring a Council Tax increase of 1.99% in 2017-18 with a 3% precept ring-fenced for Adult Social Care. The Council Tax increase and Adult Social Care precept will raise £4.2m, leaving a gap of £4.7m to be met from savings and income in 2017-18.

This report also proposes the Fees and Charges for 2017-18 as set out in Appendix H, the Parish Special Expenses as set out in Appendix I and recommends the level of General Reserves as set out in Appendix F and Appendix G. **(Pages 201 - 416)**

17. STATUTORY PAY POLICY 2017 (C3122)

To seek Council's approval of the Statutory Pay Policy Statement for publication from 1 April 2017. **(Pages 417 - 434)**

18. PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS (C3211)

To provide Members with the opportunity to discuss the merits of West Berkshire Council opting into the national scheme for auditor appointments for the financial year 2018/19 onwards. The report was discussed at the Governance and Ethics Committee meeting on the 13 February 2017 and they supported the Officer's proposal to opt into the national scheme for auditor appointments. **(Pages 435 - 486)**

19. HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY REFRESH (C3114)

To seek approval of the refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy. **(Pages 487 - 530)**

20. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted relating to items not included on the agenda.

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