

Notice of Meeting



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Executive

Thursday 19th October 2017 at 5.00pm

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

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 11th October 2017

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To:	Councillors Dominic Boeck, Anthony Chadley, Keith Chopping, Jeanette Clifford, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, Marcus Franks, James Fredrickson, Graham Jones and Rick Jones
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Agenda

Part I

Pages

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).
2. **Minutes** 5 - 14
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of Executive held on 07 September 2017 and the Special meeting held on the 28 September 2017.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' [Code of Conduct](#).
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 Mrs Pearl Baker to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services**
"What formula does West Berkshire Council use when applying exempt status re Supported Accommodation and reclaiming a Housing Benefit Subsidy back from the DWP?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Mrs Pearl Baker to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care**
"Is the support to Garland Court in Newbury funded by the local authority in the form of Floating Support?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Mrs Pearl Baker to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care**
"How are residents living at Garland Court subject to Section 117 free aftercare identified and provided with free aftercare including accommodation as per the Care Act 2014?"



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- (d) **Question submitted by Ms Elizabeth Nonweiler to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People**

“Does the council have plans for improving the teaching of phonics in local authority schools in West Berkshire, following the poor results this year, when 22% of children in Year 1 failed to pass the threshold of the Phonics Screening Check?”

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

	Page(s)
6. Leasing the Hungerford Library building to Hungerford Town Council to increase community benefit (EX3371) (CSP: BEC P&S HQL MEC BEC1 BEC2 HQL1 MEC1) Purpose: To consider Hungerford Town Council’s (HTC) proposal to lease the Hungerford library building so that HTC can develop a range of community activities and the council can maintain the Library Service there while meeting the savings target for the service.	15 - 28
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7. Members’ Questions 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 for Planning, Housing and Leisure submitted by Councillor Alan Macro <i>“When will the Council use the powers it has to reduce loss of office space to residential space in the district?”</i>	
(b) Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure by Councillor Alan Macro <i>“What is the council doing to protect rough sleepers this winter?”</i>	
(c) Question submitted to the Leader of the Council by Councillor Lee Dillon <i>“What analysis has the Council done on the impact of Brexit to the local economy?”</i>	
(d) Question submitted to the Leader of the Council by Councillor Lee Dillon <i>“What is the Council doing to mitigate the risks of Brexit?”</i>	

(e) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure by Councillor Alan Macro**

“Do the recently announced delays to the Stirling cable site put at jeopardy the external funding for this project?”

Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support

West Berkshire Council Strategy Aims and Priorities

Council Strategy Aims:

- BEC** – Better educated communities
- SLE** – A stronger local economy
- P&S** – Protect and support those who need it
- HQL** – Maintain a high quality of life within our communities
- MEC** – Become an even more effective Council

Council Strategy Priorities:

- BEC1** – Improve educational attainment
- BEC2** – Close the educational attainment gap
- SLE1** – Enable the completion of more affordable housing
- SLE2** – Deliver or enable key infrastructure improvements in relation to roads, rail, flood prevention, regeneration and the digital economy
- P&S1** – Good at safeguarding children and vulnerable adults
- HQL1** – Support communities to do more to help themselves
- MEC1** – Become an even more effective Council

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