

Notice of Meeting



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Executive

Thursday 23 November 2017 at 5.00pm

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

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 15 November 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 - 12
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 19 October 2017 and the special meeting also held on the 19 October 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 Mr Peter Logan to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services**
"How many families in West Berkshire could be affected by the roll-out of Universal Credit next month?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Mrs Martha Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships**
"In recent years this Council has cut its Grant to the CAB. In view of the forthcoming introduction of Universal Credit in West Berkshire can the Council reassure me that they are not planning further cuts to this very necessary service?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Andy Moore to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services**
"It is being widely reported that there are delays in receipt of Universal Credit where it has been rolled out in other parts of England. What allowances are the Council preparing to make if UC recipients are unable to make payments (eg. of council tax) on time?"



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

	Pages
6. Financial Performance Report 2017/18 - Quarter Two (EX3304) (CSP: MEC and MEC1) Purpose: To inform Members of the latest financial performance for 2017/18.	13 - 36
7. Transferring the freehold of the Corn Exchange premises to the Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust (EX3372) (CSP: SLE, HQL and HQL1) Purpose: To consider the transfer of the freehold of the Corn Exchange premises to the Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust (CET) in order to strengthen the sustainability of the trust in the long term.	37 - 50
8. 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 Corporate Services submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon <i>"Given the reported 6 week delay in payment has the Council requested to DWP that they delay the roll out of Universal Credit for West Berkshire residents until after Christmas?"</i>	
(b) Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Environment submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon <i>"It has been reported that architect plans are being developed to turn Reading Prison into a Theatre. Will West Berkshire Council receive any funds from the disposal of this site as part of the old Berkshire County Council arrangements?"</i>	
(c) Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure submitted by Councillor Alan Macro <i>"What effect will the recent refusal of the planning applications for the Sandleford site have on the Council's housing land supply targets?"</i>	
(d) Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Environment submitted by Councillor Alan Macro <i>"What is the amount of the compost made from recycled green waste sold to commercial organisations over the last year and how much income was made from this source?"</i>	



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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