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Executive

Thursday 21 December 2017 at 5.00pm

**in the Council Chamber Council Offices
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To:	Councillors Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Anthony Chadley, Jeanette Clifford, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, Marcus Franks, James Fredrickson, Graham Jones and Rick Jones
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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** 7 - 12
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 November 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 Moz Bulbeck Reynolds to the Leader of the Council**
"What is the Council's response to the Social Mobility Commission's findings that this district is one of the worst performing council areas for Social Mobility, i.e. it's a terrible place to grow up poor?"

 - (b) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure**
"With the rise in homelessness and need for volunteer led services in Newbury such as the food bank, the soup kitchen and west Berkshire homeless, what is West Berkshire Council doing to reduce the number of homeless and offer them shelter especially in times of extreme weather?"

 - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure**
"Is the Council meeting its goals in terms of preventing homelessness?"



(d) **Question submitted by Mr Mark Knight to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transformation, Economic Development**

“What steps are being taken to ensure that Central and Local Government apply the same criteria to the income streams of West Berkshire’s Town and Parish level councils so that the present strict financial constraints imposed on West Berkshire Council also apply evenly across the other tiers of local government in the district?”

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

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6. OSMC Response to the Executive - Performance Investigation (EX3407) (CSP: P&S, MEC, SLE1, P&S1, MEC1) Purpose: To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission's response to the Executive following the requests to investigate areas of poor performance in the 2016/17 Q4 and 2017/18 Q1 Key Accountable Performance Reports.	13 - 28
7. Key Accountable Performance 2017/18: Quarter Two (EX3247) (CSP: BEC, SLE, P&S, HQL, MEC, BEC1, BEC2, SLE1, SLE2, P&S1, HQL1, MEC1) Purpose: To report quarter two outturns for the Key Accountable Measures which monitor performance against the 2017/18 Council Performance Framework; to provide assurance that the objectives set out in the Council Strategy and other areas of significant activity are being managed effectively; to present, by exception, those measures that are predicted to be ‘amber’ (behind schedule) or ‘red’ (not achievable) and provide information on any remedial action taken and the impact of that action; and to recommend changes to measures/targets, as requested by services.	29 - 80
8. Transferring the freehold of children’s playgrounds and associated public space to Thatcham Town Council (EX3384) (CSP: HQL & HQL1) Purpose: To consider Thatcham Town Council’s devolution proposal for the freehold transfer, and all future maintenance, of the open space and associated playgrounds at Crowfield Drive, Dunstan Park and Kennet Heath.	81 - 98



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| 9. | Transfer of half share of the legal interest in the Waterside Centre (EX3393)
Purpose: To set out a proposal to work collaboratively with Berkshire Youth to refurbish the Waterside Centre, Waldegrave Place, Northbrook Street, Newbury and allow it to provide a universal offer to the young people of West Berkshire. | 99 - 124 |
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| 10. | Short Breaks Services Statement (EX3397)
Purpose: To seek the approval of Members to the updated Short Breaks Services Statement 2017. There is a statutory requirement to update and review the Statement annually. As part of the response to the Judicial Review of the decision to reduce the funding for short breaks in July 2016, the Council undertook to hold a public consultation and then to review and publish the Statement this year. | 125 - 168 |
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| 11. | Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy Review Report (EX3403)
Purpose: To review the policy for discretionary rate relief which requires updating as some forms of rate relief no longer exist; to review and consider changes to the policy to ensure consistency and relevance; to agree the approach/criteria on how the new discretionary relief scheme introduced by Government in April 2017 is to be administered. | 169 - 188 |

Items not timetabled in the Forward Plan

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| 12. | Amendments to the Adult Social Care Charging Policy (EX3402)
Purpose: To amend the current Adult Social Care Policy to reflect the Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014. | 189 - 238 |
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| 13. | 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. <i>(Note: There were no questions submitted relating to items not included on this Agenda.)</i> | |
| 14. | Exclusion of Press and Public
RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item. Rule 8.10.4 of the Constitution refers. | |



Part II

15. **Staffing implications associated with savings put forward to deliver the 2018/19 Revenue Budget: Approval to pay redundancy payments (EX3369)** 239 - 246

(Paragraph 1 – information relating to an individual)

(Paragraph 2 – information identifying an individual)

Purpose: To seek approval to make the redundancy payments set out in this report associated with savings to deliver the 2018/19 Revenue Budget.

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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