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Executive

Monday 19 February 2018 at 6.00pm

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

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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

Pages

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).
2. **Minutes** 7 - 10
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 January 2018.
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 Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure**
"Can I ask how the Council deemed the tents at the football club to be empty before issuing letters to the occupants on the 1st February informing them that the tents would be cleared away?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure**
"Has the Council considered that the tents may have belonged to occupants of the night shelter who will need them once the night shelter closes this month?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Environment**
"With the greater understanding of the detrimental effect of road pollution especially on young people, does the Council agree with me that widening roads that brings traffic closer to mothers and young children would be a huge dereliction of duty to their constituents?"



(d) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure**

“With Sandleford currently out of the picture for meeting the Council’s Five year Housing supply target, and with other huge developments now occurring on the A339 most notably a minimum of 400 homes in North Newbury, and 3,500 homes in Manydown, Basingstoke (not to mention the numerous housing projects now given the go ahead in Greenham), is it not time to call time on the Core Strategy approved in 2012 and to take the opportunity to re-visit how we meet Newbury’s housing requirements in light of these developments?”

(e) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure**

“Will the Council take into consideration the Government’s announcement that we should be looking at our towns to deliver denser housing and look at existing building stock when determining how to meet future housing needs in the future?”

(f) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure**

“Would the Council support the idea that land value uplift caused by a change of planning use should no longer be to the sole benefit of the landowner, giving them a windfall to which they have contributed nothing?”

(g) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Leisure**

“Could the Council advise me of the average price of an affordable two bedroom unit over the last 12 months and how this compared with the average market price for a similar unit?”

(h) **Question submitted by Ms Julie Wintrup to the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships**

“Were the savings that the Citizens Advice West Berkshire generate for the Council factored into the Stage 1 Impact Assessment, which concluded there was no need for a Stage 2 Impact Assessment?”

(i) **Question submitted by Ms Julie Wintrup to the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships**

“What financial assessment was undertaken in order to reach the decision that no Stage 2 assessment was needed?”

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. Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2018/19 (C3274) (CSP: MEC & MEC1) Purpose: 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 2018/19.	11 - 26
7. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2020/21 (C3275) (CSP: MEC & MEC1) Purpose: To adopt the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19.	27 - 50
8. Capital Strategy and Programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 (C3276) (CSP: BEC, SLE, P&S, HQL, MEC, BEC1, BEC2, SLE1, SLE2, P&S1, HQL1 & MEC1) Purpose: To outline the five year Capital Strategy for 2018 to 2023, including the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement and the Asset Management Plans for Property and Highways, and to set out the funding framework for the Council's five year Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2022/23.	51 - 228
9. Revenue Budget 2018/19 (C3277) (CSP: BEC, SLE, P&S, HQL, MEC, BEC1, BEC2, SLE1, SLE2, P&S1, HQL1 & MEC1) Purpose: To consider and recommend to Council the 2018/19 Revenue Budget, which proposes a Council Tax requirement of £94.84m requiring a Council Tax increase of 2.99% in 2018/19 with a 3% precept ring-fenced for Adult Social Care. The Council Tax increase will raise £2.7m and the precept will raise a further £2.7m ring-fenced for Adult Social Care. The report also proposes the Fees and Charges for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix H and 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.	229 - 378
10. Financial Performance Report 2017/18 - Quarter Three (EX3305) (CSP: MEC & MEC1) Purpose: To inform Members of the latest financial performance of the Council for 2017/18.	379 - 408
11. 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.	



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- (a) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon**
“Why were the most recent air quality figures not published as expected at December’s Joint Public Protection Committee?”
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- (b) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Environment submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon**
“Under what legislation is the Council proposing to introduce charging of green waste collections?”
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- (c) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon**
“What economic impact assessment did the Council carry out on the impact to local business of on street car parking before proposing to introduce on street car parking for Thatcham Town Centre?”
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12. **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

Item not timetabled in the Forward Plan

	Pages
13. Activity Team West Berkshire and the future of the Dolphin Centre, Pangbourne (URGENT ITEM) <i>(Paragraph 1 - information relating to an individual)</i> <i>(Paragraph 2 - information identifying an individual)</i> <i>(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)</i> (CSP: HQL & HQL1) Purpose: To consider the closure of the service known as the Activity Team West Berkshire, redistribution of its equipment and the asset transfer of the Dolphin Centre.	409 - 424

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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