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Individual Executive Member Decision

West Berkshire Council Forward Plan - 14 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

Committee considering report:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date of Committee:	12 September 2017
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Graham Jones – Leader of the Council
Forward Plan Ref:	ID3237

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members and residents of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council over the next four months.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Leader of the Council agrees and where appropriate amends the West Berkshire Council Forward Plan.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** The Forward Plan has no financial implications.
- 3.2 **Policy:** The Forward Plan details the Policies to be adopted by West Berkshire Council.
- 3.3 **Personnel:** The Forward Plan has no personnel implications.
- 3.4 **Legal:** The Forward Plan has no legal implications.
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** The Forward Plan has no risk management implications.
- 3.6 **Property:** The Forward Plan has no property implications.
- 3.7 **Other:** Not applicable.

4. Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Graham Jones
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Emma Webster at Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission meetings.
Ward Members:	All Members
Opposition	Councillor Lee Dillon at Overview and Scrutiny Management

- Spokesperson:** Commission meetings.
- Local Stakeholders:** The West Berkshire Forward Plan will be published the first working day after the Individual Decision is signed.
- Officers Consulted:** Nick Carter, John Ashworth, Rachael Wardell, Heads of Service, Group Executive.
- Trade Union:** Not sought.

5. Other options considered

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix A – Supporting Information
- 6.2 Appendix B - Equalities Impact Assessment
- 6.3 Appendix C – West Berkshire Council Forward Plan - 14 November 2017 to 31 January 2018
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Individual Executive Member Decision

West Berkshire Council Forward Plan - 14 November 2017 to 31 January 2018- Supporting Information

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 West Berkshire Council's Forward Plan, which is published monthly, sets out the key decisions that the Executive (either collectively or by Individual Executive Members) are expected to take over the next four months.
- 1.2 Key decisions are defined by the Government (Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2001) as:
 - (1) Those which result in the Local Authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Local Authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision is related.
 - (2) Those which are significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the Local Authority.
- 1.3 The introduction of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 in September 2012 included a requirement to publish 28 clear days' notice of any intended key decision. It should be noted that "clear days" means working days, from midnight to midnight, and excludes weekends and public holidays, so 28 clear days equates to around 5½ normal weeks.
- 1.4 On occasions, however, situations may arise where an urgent decision needs to be made in respect of an item that does not appear on the Forward Plan. There are two different ways in which this can be done:
 - (i) The authority can take an urgent key decision without giving 28 days' notice where it is impracticable to give the full notice, provided that the authority gives at least five days' clear notice to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission, which can then call in the decision to check that it was genuinely urgent; or
 - (ii) Where a key decision is so urgent there is not even time to give five clear days' notice, the authority can take the decision if the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission has agreed that the key decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.
- 1.5 In addition The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 introduced an entirely new requirement for the Council to publish 28 clear days' notice of the intention to hold a private

meeting (or part of a meeting) of the Executive. This 28 day notice must be reinforced by a five day notice which sets out the reasons for the meeting to be held in private, details of any propositions received as to why the meeting should be open, and the Council's response. The response will be provided by the Monitoring Officer. The regulations again provide for an urgency procedure, under which the Council can decide the matter with shorter than 28 or five days' notice, provided that it has first obtained the consent of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission.

- 1.6 There is currently one confidential item scheduled for the 23 November 2017 Executive meeting. The required notice is attached as Appendix D and will be displayed at the Council. If any representations are received the five day notice will be issued on 15 November 2017. The item is:
- EX3343 – Proposed Property Investment - (*Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person*)
- 1.7 Details of decisions that Full Council, the Governance and Ethics Committee and the Personnel Committee are going to take are also included for ease of reference. It should, however, be noted that the 2012 Regulations only apply to Executive meetings.
- 1.8 It should also be noted that any changes made to Executive Member Portfolios will be reflected in the Forward Plan once they are known.
- 1.9 Publication of the Forward Plan remains a statutory requirement of the Local Authority. The Forward Plan, any General Exception Decision Notices and Notices of Private Decisions have to be available for inspection and also have to be published on the Council's website.

Background Papers: None.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Appendix B

Equality Impact Assessment - Stage One

We need to ensure that our strategies, policies, functions and services, current and proposed have given due regard to equality and diversity.

Please complete the following questions to determine whether a Stage Two, Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Name of policy, strategy or function:	Forward Plan
Version and release date of item (if applicable):	
Owner of item being assessed:	Moira Fraser
Name of assessor:	Jo Reeves
Date of assessment:	4 October 2017

Is this a:		Is this:	
Policy	No	New or proposed	No
Strategy	No	Already exists and is being reviewed	No
Function	No	Is changing	No
Service	No		

1. What are the main aims, objectives and intended outcomes of the policy, strategy function or service and who is likely to benefit from it?	
Aims:	
Objectives:	
Outcomes:	
Benefits:	

2. Note which groups may be affected by the policy, strategy, function or service. Consider how they may be affected, whether it is positively or negatively and what sources of information have been used to determine this. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – Age, Disability, Gender Reassignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion or Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation.)		
Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this.
None		

Further Comments relating to the item:

3. Result	
Are there any aspects of the policy, strategy, function or service, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could contribute to inequality?	No
Please provide an explanation for your answer:	
Will the policy, strategy, function or service have an adverse impact upon the lives of people, including employees and service users?	No
Please provide an explanation for your answer:	

If your answers to question 2 have identified potential adverse impacts and you have answered 'yes' to either of the sections at question 3, or you are unsure about the impact, then you should carry out a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment.

If a Stage Two Equality Impact Assessment is required, before proceeding you should discuss the scope of the Assessment with service managers in your area. You will also need to refer to the Equality Impact Assessment guidance and Stage Two template.

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	
Stage Two not required:	Yes

Name: Jo Reeves

Date: 4 October 2017

Please now forward this completed form to Rachel Craggs, the Principal Policy Officer (Equality and Diversity) for publication on the WBC website.

West Berkshire Council Forward Plan

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West Berkshire Council Forward Plan 14 November 2017-31 January 2018

The items included in the Forward Plan were correct at the time of publication. The Forward Plan may however change and you are asked to contact Moira Fraser – Tel (01635) 519045 or email: moira.fraser@westberks.gov.uk to confirm the contents of any meeting agenda before attending. **Executive decisions may be taken by the Executive acting as a collective body or by officers acting under delegated powers.**

Reference	Item	Purpose	Decision Body	Month/Year	ID	Date Report Published	Council	Governance and Ethics Committee	OSMC	Other	Officer and Contact No	Directorate	Lead Member	Consultee(s)	Part II	Call In
DOD3385	Procurement of Ten Replacement Minibuses for Adult Social Care (Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)	To seek approval for the procurement of ten replacement wheelchair accessible minibuses for ASC in-house client resource centre transport.	DOD	01 November 2017		tbc				01/11/17 DOD tbc	Stephen Leadbetter	Communities	Adult Social Care		Yes	Yes
EX3343	Proposed Property Investment (Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)	To agree to the potential purchase of a property which does not conform with the criteria of the Property Investment Strategy	EX	01 November 2017		15/11/17					Richard Turner	Communities	Leader of the Council		Yes	No
EX3372	The transfer of the freehold of the Corn Exchange to the Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust	To transfer the freehold.	EX	01 November 2017		15/11/17					Paul James	Environment	Culture and Environment			
GE3370	Risk Management - Review for Governance and Ethics Committee	At the meeting of the G&E Committee on the 23rd November 2015 Councillor James Cole, commenting on a report outlining the Council's risk management	GE	01 November 2017				27/11/17 GE			Ian Priestley	Resources	Corporate Services			
GE3257	Financial Statements 2016/17 - Annual Audit Letter	To provide Members with the Final Annual Audit Letter 2015/16 from KPMG, this audit letter summarises the outcome from their audit work at West Berkshire Council in relation to the 2015/16 audit year.	GE	01 November 2017		17/11/17		27/11/17 GE			Lesley Flannigan	Resources	Finance, Transformation and Economic Development			
ID3374	A4 Newbury to Calcot Cycle Improvements (Phase 1)	To inform the Executive Member for Highways and Transport of responses received during public consultation on a highway improvement scheme and agree a course of action.	ID	01 November 2017	15/11/17	07/11/17					Neil Stacey	Environment	Highways & Transport			
ID3238	West Berkshire Forward Plan – 12 December 2017 to 28 February 2018	To agree the Forward Plan for the next four months.	ID	01 November 2017	09/11/17	01/11/17					Moira Fraser	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy	Corporate Directors and Heads of Service		
ID3239	West Berkshire Forward Plan – 05 January 2018 to 31 March 2018	To agree the Forward Plan for the next four months.	ID	01 November 2017	30/11/17	22/11/17					Moira Fraser	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy	Corporate Directors and Heads of Service		
ID3296	Approval of Community Plans	To agree any Community Plans which have been presented.	ID	01 November 2017	01/11/17	tbc					Jo Naylor	Resources	Community Resilience & Partnerships			
PC3214	Scale of Costs, Charges and Expenses at Elections of District Councillors and Town/ Parish Councillors	To consider the remuneration offered for various roles associated with elections.	PC	01 November 2017						tbc	Andy Day	Resources	Corporate Services		No	Yes

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C3093	Amendments to the Constitution - Scheme of Delegation	To review and amend sections of the Scheme of Delegation in light of legislative changes and current practice.	C	01 December 2017		18/11/17	07/12/17 C	27/11/17 GE			Sarah Clarke	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy		No	No
C3221	Proposed Member Development Programme - 2018/19	To agree the proposed Member Development Programme for 2017/18.	C	01 December 2017		29/11/17	07/12/17 C				Jude Thomas	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy			
C3222	Activity Team West Berkshire Fees and Charges 2018/19	To consider the fees and charges for the 2017/18 Activity Team West Berkshire programme in order to enable the service to competitively advertise and promote activities and maximise advanced bookings and income.	C	01 December 2017		29/11/17	07/12/17 C				Jim Sweeting	Environment	Health and Wellbeing			
C3223	Leisure Centre Fees and Charges 2018	To implement the contractual requirement for an annual price review for 2018 for the leisure contractor to come into effect from 1st January 2018.	C	01 December 2017		29/11/17	07/12/17 C				Jim Sweeting	Environment	Health and Wellbeing			
C3224	2018/19 West Berkshire Council Timetable of Public Meetings	To recommend a timetable of meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.	C	01 December 2017		29/11/17	07/12/17 C				Moira Fraser	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy			
C3225	Presentation of the West Berkshire Community Champion Awards	The Chairman will present the following Community Champion awards for 2017: <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Year; <input type="checkbox"/> Community Group of the Year; <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement Award.	C	01 December 2017			07/12/17 C				Jude Thomas	Resources	Chairman of Council			
EX3369	Staffing implications associated with savings put forward to deliver the 2018/19 Revenue Budget: approval to pay redundancy payments (Paragraph 1 - information relating to an individual, Paragraph 2 - information identifying an individual)	To seek approval to make the redundancy payments set out in this report associated with savings to deliver the 2018/19 Revenue Budget.	EX	01 December 2017		13/12/17					Robert O'Reilly	Resources	Corporate Services		Yes	No
EX3304	Financial Performance Report 2017/18 - Quarter Two	To inform Members of the latest financial performance of the Council.	EX	01 December 2017		13/12/17					Melanie Ellis	Resources	Finance, Transformation and Economic Development		No	Yes
EX3381	Waste Management Savings Phase 1 (Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)	To consider a Council change to the Integrated Waste Management Contract relating to Street Cleansing and Litter Picking Services.	EX	01 December 2017		13/12/17					Jackie Ward	Environment	Culture and Environment	6 weeks public consultation from 11/09/17	Yes	Yes
EX3247	Key Accountable Performance 2017/18: Quarter Two	To report quarter two outturns against the Key Accountable Measures contained in the 2017/18 Council Performance Framework and any additional performance intelligence.	EX	01 December 2017		13/12/17					Catalin Bogos	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy			
EX3344	Proposed Property Investment (Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)	To agree to the potential purchase of a property which does not conform with the criteria of the Property Investment Strategy	EX	01 December 2017		13/12/17					Richard Turner	Communities	Leader of the Council		Yes	No

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EX3384	Devolution of Open Space to Thatcham Town Council (<i>Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of a particular person</i>)	To propose the delegation of responsibility for four playground areas and associated open space in Thatcham (i.e. Crowfield Drive, Dunstan Park, Kennet Heath and Simmons Field) to Thatcham Town Council in accordance with the Council's Devolution Programme.	EX	01 December 2017		13/12/17					Paul Hendry/ Stewart Souden	Environment	Community Resilience & Partnerships		Yes	
ID3377	A339 Newbury - No Right Turn Traffic Regulation Order Between Swan Roundabout & Pinchington Lane	To consider the response received during statutory consultation	ID	01 December 2017	01/12/17	tbc					Glyn Davis	Environment	Highways & Transport			
ID3297	Approval of Community Plans	To agree any Community Plans which have been presented.	ID	01 December 2017	01/12/17	tbc					Jo Naylor	Resources	Community Resilience & Partnerships			
ID3379	Approval of Community Plans	To consider the response received during statutory consultation	ID	01 December 2017	01/12/17						Glyn Davis	Environment	Highways and Transport		No	Yes
ID3391	Newbury Town Design Statement	To report on the formal public consultation undertaken on the Newbury Town Design Statement and to consider its adoption as part of the community planning process.	ID	01 December 2017	tbc	tbc					Sarah Conlon	Economy and Environment	Planning and Housing	Statutory consultees, local stakeholders and members of the public. Community involvement has been an integral part of the process to date.	No	Yes
PP3352	Public Protection Partnership Scheme of Delegation	To consider the Scheme of Delegation.	PP	01 December 2017						JPPC 12/12/17	Steve Loudon (Bracknell)	Environment	Community Resilience & Partnerships		No	Yes
PP3320	Air Quality Action Plan	To agree the Air Quality Action Plan outlining measures for improving air quality within the Air Quality Management Areas declared for the Twyford and Wokingham Town Centres	PP	01 December 2017						12/12/17 JPPC	Sean Murphy	Environment	Community Resilience & Partnerships		No	No
PP3390	Public Protection Partnership Strategic Assessment	To consider the Draft Strategic Assessment and Approve the Service Priorities for 2018/19	PP	01 December 2017						JPPC 12/12/17	Paul Anstey 01635 519002	Economy and Environment	Cllr Norman Jorgensen - WokinghamBorough Council		No	Yes
PP3386	Public Protection Partnership Budget 2018/19	To consider the Draft Budget prior to submission to the Councils	PP	01 December 2017						JPPC 12/12/17	Sean Murphy 01635 519930	Economy and Environment	Cllr Norman Jorgensen - WokinghamBorough Council		No	Yes
PP3387	Public Protection Partnership Community Fund Applications	To consider applications for the Public Protection Community Fund and where appropriate approve for payment	PP	01 December 2017						JPPC 12/12/17	Paul Anstey 01635 519002	Economy and Environment	Cllr Norman Jorgensen - WokinghamBorough Council		No	Yes
EX3345	Proposed Property Investment (<i>Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person</i>)	To agree to the potential purchase of a property which does not conform with the criteria of the Property Investment Strategy	EX	01 January 2018		10/01/18					Richard Turner	Communities	Leader of the Council		Yes	No
	School Funding Formula 2018/19	To agree the school funding formula for 2018/19	EX	01 January 2018		09/01/18					Claire White	Resources	Children, Education & Young People		No	No
ID3322	Parking scheme - Consolidation Order Amendment 26	To consider the responses received during statutory consultation	ID	01 January 2018	01/01/18	tbc					Alex Drysdale	Transport and Countryside	Highways & Transport			
ID3240	West Berkshire Forward Plan – 06 February 2018 to 30 April 2018	To agree the Forward Plan for the next four months.	ID	04 January 2018	04/01/18	22/12/17					Moira Fraser	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy	Corporate Directors and Heads of Service		

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NOTICE OF A PRIVATE MEETING OF A DECISION-MAKING BODY¹

Notice of an imminent occasion when the public may be excluded from a meeting due to the likelihood that if members of the public were present during an item of business confidential or exempt information would be disclosed to them.

¹ In accordance with Regulation 5(7) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

1. At least 28 clear days before a private meeting² of a decision-making body, public notice³ must be given which must include a statement of reasons for the meeting to be held in private.
2. At least 5 clear days before a private meeting of a decision-making body, further public notice⁴ must be given which must include a statement of reasons for the meeting to be held in private, details of any representations received by the decision-making body about why the meeting should be open to the public and a statement of the Council's response to such representations.
3. Where the date by which a meeting must be held makes compliance with the above requirements impracticable, the meeting may only be held in private where the decision-making body has obtained agreement from the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission.

Date of Decision or period within which the decision is to be made	Ref No:	Matter in respect of which the decision is to be made	Short Description	Decision maker	Executive Member & Lead Officer	List of documents to be submitted to decision maker	Public or Private meeting. Statement of reasons if private.
14 November 2017	EX3343	Proposed Property Investment	To agree to the potential purchase of a property which does not conform with the criteria of the Property Investment Strategy	Executive	Councillor Dominc Boeck Richard Turner	Report and associated appendices	<i>(Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)</i>

Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support
West Berkshire Council

Date: 4 October 2017

² A 'private meeting' means a meeting or part of a meeting of a decision making body which is open to the public except to the extent that the public are excluded due to the confidential or exempt business to be transacted.

³ In accordance with Regulation 5(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

⁴ In accordance with Regulation 5(4) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Individual Executive Member Decision

Outside Bodies - amendments

Committee considering report:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date ID to be signed:	12 October 2017
Portfolio Member:	Keith Chopping
Date Portfolio Member agreed report:	
Forward Plan Ref:	ID3380

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider West Berkshire Council substitute nominations to the following outside body:
- **City Deal Joint Committee (Elevate)**

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To agree the Council's substitute representatives on the following outside body:
- **City Deal Joint Committee (Elevate)**

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** West Berkshire Council Members are not paid to attend Outside Body meetings. However, any costs associated with meeting attendance will be met from within existing Members Allowances budget where the Outside Body does not pay these costs
- 3.2 **Policy:** Appointments will be made in accordance with Part 13 Appendix J (Protocol for Council Representation on Outside Bodies) of the Council's Constitution
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None
- 3.4 **Legal:** None
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** None
- 3.6 **Property:** None
- 3.7 **Other:** None

4. Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Councillor Graham Jones
Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:	Councillor Emma Webster
Ward Members:	
Opposition Spokesperson:	Councillor Lee Dillon

Local Stakeholders:

Officers Consulted: Gabrielle Mancini

Trade Union: Not consulted

5. Other options considered

5.1 Not to appoint representatives.

6. Introduction/Background

- 6.1 The Council is required to appoint representatives to a range of Outside Bodies. The bulk of these appointments were made via an Individual Decision in June 2015 and the appointments were aligned to the Council's electoral cycle. From time to time the authority is required to revisit these appointments for a variety of reasons.
- 6.2 Appointments will be made in accordance with Appendix J to Part 13 of the Constitution (Protocol for council Representatives on Outside Bodies).

7. City Deal Joint Committee

- 7.1 The City Deal Joint Committee is the pan-Berkshire body accountable for the City Deal (now called Elevate). It is led by Reading Borough Council and is linked to the Local Enterprise Partnership Lead Members European Social Fund meeting. To date, West Berkshire Council has had one representative on the Committee (Councillor Anthony Chadley) and no substitutes. It has recently been requested, by the administrators, that a substitute be nominated to ensure that that each local authority is represented at each meeting. The representative has no legal responsibilities or voting rights.
- 7.2 The following Member has expressed an interest in being nominated as substitute to this Outside Body until May 2019: Councillor Jason Collis.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 That the Council appoints the representative to the organisation as set out in the paragraphs above.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

Wards affected:

All

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority:

MEC1 – Become an even more effective Council

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9. Appendices

None

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