

Individual Decision



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Individual Executive Member Decision

West Berkshire Council Forward Plan - 12 December 2017 to 28 February 2018

Committee considering report:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date of Committee:	9 November 2017
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Graham Jones – Leader of the Council
Forward Plan Ref:	ID3238

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 - 12 December 2017 to 28 February 2018
- 6.4 Appendix D – Notice of Private Decisions

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- (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.
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- 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.
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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:

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| 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"/> |
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| Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Appendix B

Equality Impact Assessment - Stage One

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

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Version and release date of item (if applicable):	
Owner of item being assessed:	Moira Fraser
Name of assessor:	Jo Reeves
Date of assessment:	30 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: 30 October 2017

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

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EX3397	Short Breaks Statement		EX	01 December 2017	21/12/17 EX		13/12/17					Juliet Penley	Communities	Children, Education & Young People			
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	21/12/17 EX		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	21/12/17 EX		13/12/17					Richard Turner	Communities	Leader of the Council		Yes	No
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	21/12/17 EX		13/12/17					Jackie Ward	Environment	Culture and Environment	6 weeks public consultation from 11/09/17	Yes	Yes
EX3384	Devolution of Open Space to Thatcham Town Council (Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial/business affairs of a particular person)	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	21/12/17 EX		13/12/17					Paul Hendry/ Stewart Souden	Environment	Community Resilience & Partnerships		Yes	
EX3393	Transfer of Half Share of the Legal Interest in the Waterside Centre	To seek agreement to transfer half share of the asset to a third party	EX	01 December 2017	21/12/17 EX		13/12/17					Nick Carter/Shiraz Sheikh	Resources	Culture and Environment			
EX3400	Street Cleansing Consultation Responses	To provide feedback on the consultation.	EX	01 December 2017	21/12/17 EX							Jackie Ward/ David Lowe	Resources			No	
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			
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, No 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

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EX3394	School Funding Formula 2018/19	To agree the school funding formula for 2018/19	EX	01 January 2018	18/01/18		09/01/18					Claire White	Resources	Children, Education & Young People		No	No
EX3345	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 January 2018	18/01/18 EX		10/01/18					Richard Turner	Communities	Leader of the Council		Yes	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	01 January 2018		04/01/18	22/12/17					Moira Fraser	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy	Corporate Directors and Heads of Service		
EX3305	Financial Performance Report 2017/18 - Quarter Three	To inform Members of the latest financial performance of the Council.	EX	01 February 2018	15/02/18 EX		07/02/18					Melanie Ellis	Resources	Finance, Transformation and Economic Development		No	Yes
EX3346	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 February 2018	15/02/18 EX		07/02/18					Richard Turner	Communities	Leader of the Council		Yes	No
GE3258	Internal Audit – Interim Report 2017-18	To update the Committee on the outcome of internal audit work.	GE	01 February 2018			26/01/18		05/02/18 GE			Ian Priestley	Resources	Corporate Services			
ID3241	West Berkshire Forward Plan – 20 March 2018 to 31 May 2018	To agree the Forward Plan for the next four months.	ID	01 February 2018		15/02/18	07/02/18					Moira Fraser	Resources	Leader of the Council, Strategy	Corporate Directors and Heads of Service		

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.
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Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support
West Berkshire Council

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