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Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

Thursday 14 September 2017

Summons and Agenda



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To: All Members of the Council

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West Berkshire Council

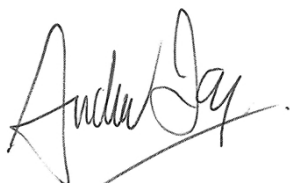
to be held in the

Council Offices Market Street Newbury

on

Thursday 14 September 2017

at 7.00pm



Andy Day
Head of Strategic Support
West Berkshire District Council

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 6 September 2017

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman to report on functions attended since the last meeting and other matters of interest to Members.

3. **MINUTES**

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th July 2017. (**Pages 7 - 12**)



4. 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](#).

5. PETITIONS

Councillors may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate body without discussion.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Council's Constitution:

(a) Question submitted in the name of Mr Jamie Heath to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport

The Pothole Policy clearly states that potholes over 50mm in depth and over 300mm in diameter should be repaired within 24 hours, whereas the Intervention Levels guide states potholes over 50mm depth to be within 28 days. Why does the WBC 'Pothole Policy and Guidance' public document published in January 2017 differ to the WBC intervention levels?

(b) Question submitted in the name of Mr Jamie Heath to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport

The Head of Transport and Countryside has confirmed that the Pothole Policy is not however considered as part of the Council's formal maintenance policy. Why does this Policy not form part of the formal maintenance policy and why do you issue this Pothole Policy to the public when you do not use or follow it?

7. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The Monitoring Officer to advise of any changes to the membership of Committees since the previous Council meeting.

8. LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Licensing Committee met on 18th July 2017. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

9. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Personnel Committee has not met.



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10. GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of Council, the Governance and Ethics Committee met on 21st August 2017. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

11. DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the District Planning Committee met on 23rd August 2017. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

12. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission has not met.

13. JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Joint Public Protection Committee has not met.

14. APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (C3310)

Purpose: To agree the membership of the West Berkshire Council Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) for 2017 and the scope of the allowances the IRP will consider at its next meeting. (Pages 13 - 16)

15. NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPEALS PANEL (C3361)

Purpose: To propose an increase in the number of Members on an Appeals Panel from three to four and to remove the requirement for a substitute. (Pages 17 - 20)

16. WEST BERKSHIRE'S CHILDREN'S SERVICES ARE "GOOD" (C3383)

Purpose: The report informs Council of the outcome of the Children's Services Ofsted Inspection of May 2017, responds to Ofsted's recommendations arising from that inspection and sets out our ambition to build on the successful 'Good' Ofsted grading to achieve excellent and sustainable Children's Services. The report also notes that future consideration will be given to going beyond the action plan in response to Ofsted's seven recommendations, to further develop and improve the service. (Pages 21 - 62)

17. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

(a) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Environment submitted by Councillor Mollie Lock:**

“Can the Portfolio Holder please explain the delays in the Highwood Copse School building program and outline what steps they are undertaking to get this project back on track?”

(b) **Question to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Culture and Environment submitted by Councillor Alan Macro:**

“Will the Council review the payment charges at HWRC in light of the public outrage of this latest round in increase and new charges?”

(c) **Question to be answered by the Leader of the Council submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon:**

“Would the Leader of Council agree that the current proposals from the Boundary Commission do not take enough local views on board?”

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