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Executive

Thursday 17 January 2019 at 5.00pm

**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, James Fredrickson, Graham Jones, Rick Jones and Richard Somner
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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 - 20
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 20 December 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 Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
"What are the reasons behind the Planning Department allowing over 9 months for Bloor Homes and Donnington Homes to have their linked applications for the Sandleford Park development to be determined, especially given the original time frame given was 13 weeks and the delay is causing unnecessary costs and stress for nearby residents of the development?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Ms Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
"What is the total income from the garden bin charge since it was introduced?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Ms Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
"What requirements does West Berkshire Council have for new developments in West Berkshire to provide their own onsite renewable energy?"
 - (d) **Question submitted by Mr Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture**
"Why is the Council spending £88k to turn Newbury Football Ground from a



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venue that consultation has shown previously met the needs of the community (organised team football) into a facility that the community have not requested or been consulted on (turn-up and play any sport)?”

(e) Question submitted by Mr Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services

“Can Councillor Boeck outline the table of events that could lead to the Newbury Football Ground being ready for development in December 2019, as he stated, given it is a protected green space within WBC’s own Core Strategy?”

(f) Question submitted by Ms Carolyn Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste

“What is West Berkshire Council doing to encourage the retrofitting of social and private housing to improve energy efficiency?”

(g) Question submitted by Mr Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Property

“What is the total area of roofing across West Berkshire Council buildings including schools?”

(h) Question submitted by Dr Julie Wintrup to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services

“In what ways does the Council’s Executive group plan to share with the public their learning – corporate and in terms of governance - from the mistakes made from the unlawful deal with St Modwens?”

(i) Question submitted by Dr Julie Wintrup to the Deputy Leader of the Council

“When is the Council’s Executive going to apologise to the council-tax-payers of Newbury and West Berkshire, for wasting public money on agreeing an unlawful deal, while continuing to make financial cuts to public health services, some of which will cease to exist?”

(j) Question submitted by Dr Julie Wintrup to the Deputy Leader of the Council

“Would the next phase of £300k proposed cuts to health and care services “that will impact the public” be unnecessary had the council not spent £363k in legal expenses unsuccessfully defending in court their unlawful deal with St Modwens?”

(k) Question submitted by Mr Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Transformation and Property

“Taking into account suitable orientation requirements, what percentage of West Berkshire Council roofing are utilised for solar power generation?”



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- (l) **Question submitted by Mr David Marsh to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**
“What action is the council taking to follow the advice of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence that, for public health reasons, new and upgraded roads should prioritise pedestrians, cyclists and public transport over motorised vehicles?”
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- (m) **Question submitted by Mr John Stewart to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture**
“The large spectator stand at Newbury's main football ground in Faraday Road has been there for 25 years, so when the council states that it has always been a tenant fixture, how did it pass through 2 defunct tenants to the last tenant when none of these clubs co-existed while the council owned the property all that time?”
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- (n) **Question submitted by Mr Jason Braidwood to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture**
“In October's Executive meeting, Councillor Fredrickson stated that the Playing Pitch Strategy would be approved and adopted by the Council and published on the Council website in early January. Can you provide a progress and status update please including confirmation that the recommendations will be adhered to by the Council?”
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- (o) **Question submitted by Mr Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships**
“How does West Berkshire compare to other South Eastern Local Authorities in regards to the amount of CO2 emissions per Capita?”
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- (p) **Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services**
“Following the Appeal Court ruling with respect to the legal challenge against the Development Agreement (DA) between West Berkshire Council and St Modwen Developments Limited who in the Council will be responsible to ensure that the necessary governance is put in place to ensure that “the unlawful direct award of contracts” cannot and will not happen in the future?”
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- (q) **Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture**
“Would it not make sense to allow Newbury Community Football Group (NCFG), a legally recognised Community Interest Company (CIC) to run Newbury Football Ground on behalf of the community as a bookable facility for organised football teams for the community to hire at no cost to the public purse and as a not for profit operation, until the outcome and timing of either planning applications is determined?”
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- (r) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“With the council estimate of rough sleepers from October at 26, what is the figure now and is there sufficient provision for those numbers once SWEF is active?”
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- (s) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“How has the council spent the £210,000 rough sleepers grant received in June?”
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- (t) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“With the Commitment by the council to spend £80,000 on the football club, would it be protecting the campsite from eviction during any construction works?”
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- (u) **Question submitted by Mrs Amey Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“Compared with the same period of 2017, has there been an increase in the amount both on weight and cost being sent by West Berkshire to landfill?”
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- (v) **Question submitted by Mrs Amey Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**
“What is the councils strategy for increasing the percentage of plastics that can be collected and recycled such as trays and yoghurt pots?”
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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. The following petition is expected to be presented at the meeting:

- Petition to be presented by Mr Steve Masters, requesting that the Council declare a climate emergency and work towards West Berkshire becoming net zero carbon by 2030.

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

	Pages
6. Devolution of Moorside Community Centre (EX3608) (CSP: HQL & HQL1, MEC & MEC1) Purpose: To consider the transfer of the freehold of Moorside Community Centre, Urquhart Road, Thatcham, RG19 4RE and adjacent playing field, by way of devolution to Thatcham Town Council.	21 - 46

7. **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.

(a) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Deputy Leader of the Council**

"Does the Leader of Council agree that to ensure complete transparency in the LRIE Review, no Member that has been directly involved in any decisions regarding LRIE should chair the investigation?"

(b) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Deputy Leader of the Council**

"Can the Leader of Council outline what service areas have had an impact assessment completed in the event of a no deal Brexit and when will these be made public?"

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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