

EXECUTIVE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY 2019

Councillors Present: Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Anthony Chadley, Hilary Cole, James Fredrickson, Rick Jones and Richard Somner

Also Present: John Ashworth (Corporate Director - Environment), Sarah Clarke (Acting Head of Legal Services), Tess Ethelston (Group Executive (Cons)), Tandra Forster (Head of Adult Social Care), Councillor Jeff Brooks, Councillor Lee Dillon, Councillor Mollie Lock, Councillor Alan Macro, Jo Reeves (Principal Policy Officer) and Councillor Quentin Webb

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Nick Carter, Councillor Jeanette Clifford, Councillor Lynne Doherty and Councillor Graham Jones

PART I

73. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2018 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Deputy Leader.

74. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Graham Bridgman declared an interest in Agenda Item 4(n) by virtue of the fact that the public questioner was a personal friend, but reported that, as his interest was a personal or an other registrable interest, but not a disclosable pecuniary interest, he determined to remain to take part in the meeting.

75. Public Questions

A full transcription of the public and Member question and answer sessions are available from the following link: [Transcription of Q&As](#).

(a) Question submitted by Mr Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste

A question standing in the name of Mr Adrian Abbs on the subject of the determination of the applications for the Sandleford development was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

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

A question standing in the name of Ms Carlyne Culver on the subject of the income from the green waste charge was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

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

A question standing in the name of Ms Carlyne Culver on the subject of the Council's requirements for developments to be zero carbon was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

(d) Question submitted by Mr Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture

A question standing in the name of Mr Lee McDougall on the subject of the refurbishment of Newbury football ground was answered by the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, Culture and Leisure.

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

A question standing in the name of Mr Lee McDougall on the subject of development of Newbury football ground was answered by the Executive Member for Corporate Services.

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

A question standing in the name of Ms Carlyne Culver on the subject of retrofitting housing for energy efficiency was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

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

A question standing in the name of Mr Steve Masters on the subject of the area of roofing on Council owned properties was answered by the Executive Member for Finance, Transformation and Property.

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

A question standing in the name of Dr Julie Wintrup on the subject of learning from the deal with St Modwens was answered by the Executive Member for Corporate Services.

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

A question standing in the name of Dr Julie Wintrup on the subject of spending on an unlawful deal alongside proposed reductions to public health services was answered by the Deputy Leader of the Council.

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

A question standing in the name of Dr Julie Wintrup on the subject of whether public health service reductions would be necessary had money not been spent on the deal with St Modwen was answered by the Executive Member for Finance, Transformation and Property.

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

A question standing in the name of Mr Steve Masters on the subject of use of Council roofing for solar energy generation was answered by the Executive Member for Finance, Transformation and Property.

(l) **Question submitted by Mr David Marsh to the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, Environment and Countryside**

A question standing in the name of Mr David Marsh on the subject of the prioritisation of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport was answered by the Executive Member for Highways and Transport.

(m) **Question submitted by Mr John Stewart to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture**

A question standing in the name of Mr Jon Stewart on the subject of the stand formerly at Newbury football ground was answered by the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, Culture and Leisure.

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(n) **Question submitted by Mr Jason Braidwood to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture**

A question standing in the name of Mr Jason Braithwaite on the subject of the Playing Pitch Strategy was answered by the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, Culture and Leisure.

(o) **Question submitted by Mr Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Community Resilience and Partnerships**

A question standing in the name of Mr Steve Masters on the subject of West Berkshire's CO2 emissions per capita was answered by the Executive Member for Community Resilience and Partnerships.

(p) **Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services**

A question standing in the name of Mr Paul Morgan on the subject of who will be responsible for the governance of contract awards was answered by the Executive Member for Corporate Services.

(q) **Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture**

A question standing in the name of Mr Paul Morgan on the subject of a request to allow Newbury Community Football Group to run the football ground until the determination of relevant planning applications was answered by the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture.

(r) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**

A question standing in the name of Mr Tom Tunney on the subject of the number of rough sleepers was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

(s) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**

A question standing in the name of Mr Tom Tunney on the subject of the projects funded by the Rough Sleepers Initiative funding was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

(t) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**

A question standing in the name of Mr Thomas Tunney on the subject of the homeless encampment was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

(u) **Question submitted by Mrs Amey Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**

A question standing in the name of Mrs Amey Tunney on the subject of waste sent to landfill was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

(v) **Question submitted by Mrs Amey Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Waste**

A question standing in the name of Mrs Amey Tunney on the subject of plastic recycling was answered by the Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Waste.

76. **Petitions**

Steve Masters presented a petition containing over 1700 signatures concerning a request for the Council to declare a climate emergency and work towards West Berkshire becoming net zero carbon by 2030.

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In presenting the petition, Steve Masters advised that the community had got behind the campaign to place West Berkshire at the heart of fighting the 'impending climate disaster'. Recent reports from the world's leading scientists had shown that the UK was failing on a national and international level to meet the targets agreed in the Paris accord.

In November 2018 Bristol City Council voted to declare a climate emergency and bring Bristol's CO2 emissions target forward by 20 years; West Berkshire was urged to do the same. He stated that declaring a climate emergency would be the first step and requested that a dedicated executive portfolio should be created to coordinate the Council's actions around climate change.

Transport was the UK's most polluting sector and in Newbury congestion at peak times contributed to carbon emissions. A fully integrated and sustainable public transport network were central to the transport needs of West Berkshire.

It would be essential to engage with businesses to reach the 2030 goal and there was more to be done to ensure buildings were energy efficient. He called upon the Council to declare a 'Climate Emergency'.

Councillor Hilary Cole accepted the petition on behalf of the Executive.

77. **Devolution of Moorside Community Centre (EX3608)**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting.

78. **Members' Questions**

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

A question standing in the name of Councillor Lee Dillon on the subject of the London Road Industrial Estate investigation was answered by the Deputy Leader of the Council.

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

A question standing in the name of Councillor Lee Dillon on the subject of Brexit was answered by the Deputy Leader of the Council.

(The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and closed at 5.45 pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature