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Executive

Thursday 30 May 2019 at 5.00pm

**in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Market Street, Newbury**

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To:	All Members of the Executive
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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 meetings of the Executive held on 28 March 2019 and 25 April 2019.
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 Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
"November is now 178 days away (at time of writing) what steps is the council taking to ensure this years rough sleeping winter plan does not have to be re written in December to involve an emergency night shelter?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**
"What is the purpose served by the compulsory acquisition of the memorial field in Thatcham for flood water retention, when that area has never flooded?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**
"Do the new flood defences focus water to the memorial field?"
 - (d) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Tunney to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**
"What will happen to the dog enclosure in these plans?"



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- (e) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
“In light of the recent election results, when will the Council undertake a review of the current Core Strategy to ensure that it is still fit for purpose?”
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- (f) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Norman to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
“Will the Council review its current land allocations for new housing to ensure that current proposals best meet the challenges of: climate change, improving air quality and maintaining/improving biodiversity in the area?”
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- (g) **Question submitted by Mrs Pamela Sergent to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**
“Will the council admit that the hedge netting in Theale was not properly installed?”
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- (h) **Question submitted by Mr Thomas Ward to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**
“Having been informed that a meeting to discuss and prioritise all drainage works across the district would take place at the end of September 2018, when will the investigation required on the drainage layout on Englefield Road resume?”
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- (i) **Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing**
“What is the business case and associated up front and ongoing running costs associated with the latest new suggestion proposed by the Council for the Community Football Ground in Faraday Road?”
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- (j) **Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing**
“What is the current status of the Playing Pitch Strategy and when will it be available for the general public to view?”
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- (k) **Question submitted by Mr Jason Braidwood to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**
“What quality controls will the Council put in its own Planning Application submission process to avoid a repeat of a recent application that Sport England stated was “extremely poor and lacks detail?”
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- (l) **Question submitted by Mr Jack Harkness to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing**
“What consultation took place and what evidence of need does the Council have to justify their latest plans announced in March 2019 of a MUGA at the community football ground in Faraday Road?”
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(m) **Question submitted by Mr Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing**

“In the light of the recent election results and the influx of so many new Councillors does the Council not agree that it is now time to come together and engage with the wider Football Community of Newbury (together with Sport England and the Berks & Bucks FA) to provide a permanent solution for the ongoing issue of the re-instatement or re-provision of the Community Football Ground at Faraday Road - a solution that is genuinely supported and needed by the Community?”

(n) **Question submitted by Ms Alison May to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**

“Will West Berkshire Council agree to instigate an Ancient Woodland Inventory review, allocating the necessary funding, within West Berkshire Council's current financial year?”

(o) **Question submitted by Mr John Stewart to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing**

“Regarding the delayed change of use of Newbury's main football ground at Faraday Road, please can the Council confirm what costs it incurred from the removal of the spectator stand, fencing, gates and floodlighting and whether any other parties benefitted financially from this?”

(p) **Question submitted by Dr Julie Wintrup to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance**

“Now that we have a new council, will the Executive reverse the previous council's decision only to review the unlawful deal with St Modwen's in the privacy of its Scrutiny committee, and instead agree a full public and independent review?”

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.

6. 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 Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**

“Given the success of the Night Shelter managed by West Berkshire Homeless will the portfolio holder join me in paying tribute to the voluntary sector (and indeed the landlord) for their work?”



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- (b) **Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
“How many people and/or families are on the waiting list for social housing at the moment?”
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- (c) **Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
“How many social housing units have been brought into the local housing stock since May 2015?”
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- (d) **Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
“Does the Housing portfolio holder note any connection between the levels of homelessness and the lack of adequate social housing stock?”
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- (e) **Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
“Given we have invested £60million in commercial property with the option to extend to £100 million how many social housing units would this level of speculative, casino style investment yield if we were to build on existing council land?”
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- (f) **Question submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
“Why and how was the decision made to de-couple the two Sandleford planning applications as revealed by comments recently made by both the CEO of West Berkshire and your Transport Policy Officer as published on the planning portal last month?”
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- (g) **Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Environment**
“What, if anything, is this Council doing to mark Clean Air Day?”
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- (h) **Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**
“Why were hedges near the construction site of the new Theale C of E Primary School removed during the bird nesting season?”
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- (i) **Question submitted by Councillor David Marsh to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Wellbeing**
“The Secretary of State for Health has recently called for children to be protected from poisonous exhaust fumes through a ban on all vehicles near schools for 45 minutes in the morning and afternoon when they are arriving and leaving. What plans are there to implement this excellent proposal in West Berkshire?”
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7. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item. [Rule 8.10.4 of the Constitution refers.](#)

Part II

Item as timetabled in the Forward Plan

	Pages
8. Staffing Restructure at Birchwood Care Home (EX3726) <i>(Paragraph 1 – information relating to an individual)</i> <i>(Paragraph 2 – information identifying an individual)</i> Purpose: To summarise the changes made to the staffing structure at Birchwood Care Home following the 2019/20 investment and to seek approval to delete posts and make redundancy payments.	21 - 38

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