



# Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

**Tuesday 2 July 2019**

***Summons and Agenda***

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To: All Members of the Council

*You are requested to attend a meeting of*  
**WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
*to be held in the*  
**COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET,  
NEWBURY**

on  
**Tuesday 2 July 2019**  
**at 7.00pm**



Sarah Clarke  
Head of Legal and Strategic Support  
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Monday, 24 June 2019

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## **AGENDA**

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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 05 March 2019, 21 May 2019, 21 May 2019 (Special) and 30 May 2019 (Special).  
**(Pages 11 - 48)**



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### 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. *Please note that there were no questions submitted in relation to items not included on the agenda.*

### 7. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

The Council to agree any changes to the membership of Committees.

### 8. **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Licensing Committee met on 24 June 2019. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Legal and 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 met on 28 June 2019. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Legal and Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

### 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 17 June 2019. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Legal and 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 has not met.

### 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.



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**13. JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Joint Public Protection Committee met on 11 June 2019. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Legal and Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

**14. REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR THE LOCAL PLAN (C3750)**

To ask Members to approve the draft updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for public consultation. **(Pages 49 - 84)**

**15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Notice of Motions submitted.

**(a) Notice of Motion - Motion on Road & Pedestrian Safety Issues Bowling Green Road Thatcham**

**The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Keith Woodhams:**

**Motion on Road & Pedestrian Safety Issues Bowling Green Road Thatcham**

The Council is aware that the stretch of road known as Bowling Green Road from Northfield Road to the start of Tull Way, acts as a significant part of the northern road system in Thatcham, linking Floral Way with Tull Way. As such, the road is used by people to get to and from Newbury and other parts of Thatcham from both east and west as well as from Ashmore Green and Cold Ash.

Along this stretch of road, three housing areas are accessed via Mersey Way, Conway Drive and Thames Road.

**Among a wide range of issues are the following:**

The 30 mph speed limit is exceeded daily by numerous drivers.

Drivers exiting junctions from the three housing areas encounter vehicles coming towards them at high speed.

A 30 mph sign on the western approach is normally covered in foliage rendering the speed limit along the road unenforceable.

Foliage extends towards the road at various points contributing to poor sight lines at junctions.

Foliage narrows the footway at various points forcing pedestrians to walk closer to the edge of the pavement and thus closer to fast moving



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vehicles including HGV's.

Regency Park Hotel staff & visitors cross the road to get to the facilities between fast moving vehicles, including HGV's.

Pupils disembarking from the school bus and crossing the road between fast moving vehicles including HGV's.

### **Given these significant issues:**

This Council agrees to carry out an urgent and comprehensive review of Road and Pedestrian safety issues along this stretch of Bowling Green Road.

### **(b) Notice of Motion - Motion on Governance Issues**

**The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Lee Dillon:**

#### **Motion on Governance Issues**

##### **This Council notes:**

1. That more public questions are being asked at both Executive and Full Council meetings.
2. That the current time limit of 30 minutes results in some questions not being answered during the meeting they are tabled for.
3. Public Participation is important to a healthy local democracy and the Council should welcome public questions.
4. That petitions are an important tool for local campaigners to highlight issues.
5. That some petitions have requests for multiple actions but current rules only allow for full acceptance, rejection, or investigation by Full Council and the Executive rather than being able to accept certain actions within the petition.

##### **Therefore Council resolved to:**

1. Increase public question time at Full Council and Executive meetings to 45 minutes.
2. Increase time for petitions to be debated as a follows:  
300 - 500 signatures – 10 minute debate  
500– 1000 signatures – 30 minute debate  
Over 1000 signatures – minimum of 45 minutes but final debate time to be agreed by all group leaders.



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3. Allow Council or Executive to accept individual items within a petition without needing to accept all points, so that where we can take action we do.

**(c) Notice of Motions - Motion to Declare a Climate Emergency**

**The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Steve Ardagh-Walter:**

**Motion to Declare a Climate Emergency**

**This Council notes that:**

1. All levels of government (national, regional and local) have a responsibility to limit the negative impacts of Climate Breakdown. It is important for the residents of West Berkshire and the UK that we commit to working towards carbon neutrality as quickly as possible.
2. The consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be of the utmost urgency.
3. Bold climate action can deliver economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities (as well as improved health and well-being) but will also require changes in individual's lifestyles and have a cost implication to both the individual and the state.

**West Berkshire Council therefore:**

1. Declares a Climate Emergency.
2. Will create a strategic plan for West Berkshire, that aims to deliver carbon neutral by 2030.
3. Calls on HM Government to provide the Council with the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible.
4. Will work with other authorities to determine and implement where practicable best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C.
5. Will continue to work with businesses, residents and other stakeholders across the district to deliver this new goal via all relevant strategies and plans.
6. The newly formed Environment Board will provide an interim report to the Executive in September 2019 with the progress made to date.

**(d) Notice of Motion - Motion on Heathrow Airport Expansion**

**The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor David Marsh:**



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### Motion on Heathrow Airport Expansion

#### This Council notes:

The Heathrow Airport Expansion Consultation opened on 18th June and closes on 13th September 2019.

The next full Council meeting is not until the evening before the consultation closes.

In July 2018 Full Council voted to support Heathrow expansion.

In July 2018 the former Council Leader wrote to Richard Benyon MP outlining the Council's support for Heathrow expansion.

#### This Council believes:

Support for Heathrow expansion is incompatible with tackling the climate emergency and the UK becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

The Heathrow Western Rail Link is welcome because it will take more cars off the road, thereby reducing congestion and air pollution.

#### This Council resolves:

To oppose Heathrow expansion.

To make a submission to the Heathrow Airport Expansion Consultation to express its opposition to Heathrow expansion.

To write to Richard Benyon MP to express its opposition to Heathrow expansion.

To maintain its support for the Heathrow Western Rail Link.

## 16. 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 Executive Member for Transport and Countryside submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:**

"With calls to residents to 'Find greener ways of travelling' does the Council believe increased investment in rural bus services would be a good thing?"



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**(b) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Transport and Countryside submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:**

“How much has the Council (Including contributions to schemes initiated by third parties) invested in cycling infrastructure per resident since 2015? ”

**(c) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Planning submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:**

“Would the Kennet Centre be a great opportunity for the Council to redevelop the town centre, build truly social housing and get a long term return on investment while at the same time addressing the ‘demographic time bomb’ that threatens the district’s future?”

**(d) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Planning submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:**

“How much CIL has been levied and collected by the council on non-commercial developments. (Residential extensions >100sqm and self-builds) since CIL was introduced?”

**(e) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Planning submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:**

“Did West Berkshire Council respond/Contribute to the Government’s consultation reviewing the CIL process?”

If you require this information in a different format or translation, please contact Moira Fraser on telephone (01635) 519045.

