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Executive

Thursday 30 April 2020 at 5.00pm

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To:	Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, Rick Jones, Ross Mackinnon, Richard Somner and Howard Woollaston
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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 - 18
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 13 February 2020.
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 Graham Storey to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
"How many social housing units for rent have been added to West Berks housing stock in the last 5 years?"
 - (b) **Question submitted by Mr Graham Storey to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
"Does the Council believe that the number of houses it has added to the local housing stock meets the needs of low-income residents in West Berkshire?"
 - (c) **Question submitted by Ms Helen Wright to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**
"The current published West Berkshire Housing Strategy expired in 2015 – what are the targets and plans for adding social housing for rent currently in place?"



(d) Question submitted by Mr John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance

“Please could I have a copy of the redacted development contract between St Modwyn and West Berks Council regarding the London Road Industrial Estate?”

(e) Question submitted by Mr John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance

“Please would you give me a list of the members in the steering group tasked with the job of taking regeneration of the London Road Industrial Estate forward?”

(f) Question submitted by Mr Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Finance

“Can you please provide the details (and a URL link) that shows how much of the S106 funds (£10.6 million - as of January 2020) have been allocated and how much is still available in each of the specific categories such as Community Facilities; Open Space; Health Care Provision etc?”

(g) Question submitted by Mr John Stewart to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning

“Regarding the recently published Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA), Appendix 4 Assessment of Sites, London Road Industrial Estate (code NEW1) section 2b Suitability, please can the Council explain why the football ground in Faraday Road (which is an Asset of Community Value and has existed since 1963) is not mentioned or defined as public open space, local green space, presents no loss of Green Infrastructure and is not a heritage asset, at odds with the Open Spaces Act, the Town and Country Act, the West Berkshire District Local Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework and Core Policies CS18?”

(h) Question submitted by Mr Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning

“Could Councillor Cole please provide a document redacted if necessary listing the suitable and available alternative sites available in respect of Newspaper House she referred to at 13th February Executive meeting?”

(i) Question submitted by Mr Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning

“In the Council’s planning officers professional opinion did the Newspaper House planning application 19/01281/OUTMAJ which went before the Western Area Planning Committee on 5th February meet the requirements of the council’s sustainable drainage planning policy?”



(j) **Question submitted by Mr Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning**

“Did the chairman of the planning meeting on Wednesday 5th February at the time the Newspaper House planning application 19/01281/OUTMAJ was being debated specifically request that a Council drainage officer attend the meeting?”

(k) **Question submitted by Mrs Jane Gulliver to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**

“Has the council agreed with the Environment Agency that the Northbrook stream at the bottom of my garden is classed as a Critical watercourse?”

(l) **Question submitted by Mrs Jane Gulliver to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**

“In order to dredge the section of the Northbrook stream situated on my land will the council as the local drainage authority grant me legal permission to dredge it back to approximately 75 centimetres deeper as it was 15 years ago this is apart from my responsibilities as a riparian owner to maintain the banks and bed of the watercourse?”

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.

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

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6. Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge - West Berkshire (EX3887) Purpose: To publish the results of the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge for West Berkshire Council and an action plan to address the recommendations within it.	19 - 50
7. Launch of a Community Bond (EX3896) Purpose: This report seeks approval from the Executive for the Council to launch a Community Bond of £1m. This bond will be for retail investors, with marketing and promotion to West Berkshire residents, to enable the Council to fund some of its activities that deliver the Environment Strategy at a cheaper financing rate than using the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB), which is the Council's traditional source of borrowing.	51 - 70
8. Community Solutions Fund (EX3901) Purpose: The report is to recommend to Members the closure of the current Community Solutions Fund (2017-2020) and the proposed	71 - 76



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utilisation of the remaining budget for the development of the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in West Berkshire.

This proposal links to the report on this agenda 'Working with the Voluntary Sector' and the Strategy Board discussion of the 20th February at which a number of actions were proposed including mapping of the existing voluntary sector activity and the future commissioning of a Local Infrastructure Organisation.

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9. **Working with the Voluntary Sector (EX3903)** 77 - 94
Purpose: To inform the Executive of the outcome of the recent Executive Member Strategy Board on working with the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise sector and present recommended actions for approval to progress.
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10. **Strategic Commissioning and Procurement (EX3878)** 95 - 172
Purpose: This paper proposes changes for a future model of strategic commissioning and procurement, its application in the Council and presents a supporting Procurement Strategy for approval.
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11. **Economic Development Strategy and Delivery Plan (EX3758)** 173 - 246
Purpose: To introduce the final Economic Development Strategy and Economic Development Delivery Plan.
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12. **HWRC Opening Hour Changes (EX3834)** 247 - 272
Purpose: To set out recommendations for proposed opening hour changes for the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). This follows the successful completion of the recent trial expansion of opening hours at the Padworth site and engagement with residents on proposed new opening hours for both HWRCs.
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13. **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 Public Health and Community Wellbeing**
"At the Executive meeting on 13th February 2020 in response to a question from a member of the public the Finance Portfolio Holder stated that the football ground on the London Road Industrial Estate is not Public Open Space in the Open Spaces 1906 act. Can you please advise me what advice was provided and by whom in order to make this assertion?"
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- (b) **Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing**
"When discussing the Playing Pitch Strategy at the Executive meeting on 13th
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February 2020 the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing replied to Cllr Abbs stating that 'It had been necessary to work to a brief which said that Faraday Road was not available.' Can you please clarify that statement. What is this brief and who are the authors of that brief?"

(c) Question submitted by Councillor Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

"Have social care providers been told that care workers should receive full pay if they need to shield and/or self-isolate?"

(d) Question submitted by Councillor Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

"Will the council make a statement reassuring the public that care workers have access to all the PPE they need?"

(e) Question submitted by Councillor Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside

"Will you liaise with BBOWT and consider the re-opening of car parks at Greenham and Snelsmore so that residents can take exercise away from the busy areas of central Newbury, like the tow path where people are not socially distancing adequately?"

(f) Question submitted by Councillor Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Environment

"While the tips are closed, will you consider allowing all residents to use the green garden bin regardless of whether they have paid, and push back the annual payment date commensurate with the amnesty period?"

Sarah Clarke
Service Director Strategy and Governance

West Berkshire Council Strategy Priorities

Council Strategy Priorities:

PC1: Ensure our vulnerable children and adults achieve better outcomes

PC2: Support everyone to reach their full potential

OFB1: Support businesses to start, develop and thrive in West Berkshire

GP1: Develop local infrastructure to support and grow the local economy

GP2: Maintain a green district

SIT1: Ensure sustainable services through innovation and partnerships

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