



Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020

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, 3rd March, 2020
at 6.30 pm



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

Date of despatch of Agenda: Monday, 24 February 2020

AGENDA

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 and the extraordinary meeting held on 09 January 2020.

(Pages 9 - 26)



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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 a member of the public in accordance with the Council's Constitution:

(a) Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Environment submitted by Mrs Helen Pemberton:

"Residents of flats are excluded from the current food waste collections. Will flats and communal dwellings be included in plans for separate food waste collections".

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 08 February 2020. 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 11 February 2020. 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 10 February 2020. 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 met on 14 January 2020. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Legal and Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

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 30 January 2020. Copies of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Legal and Strategic Support or via the [Council's website](#).

14. INVESTMENT & BORROWING STRATEGY 2020/21 (C3809)

To set out the proposed Investment and Borrowing Strategy for 2020/21, as required by the Local Government Act 2003.
(Pages 27 - 46)

15. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21 TO 2023/24 (C3810)

To allocate available resources focussing on those determined as most critical in supporting the Council's priorities and statutory responsibilities; to ensure that capital investment is affordable; and ensure that the Council has sufficient levels of reserves.
(Pages 47 - 66)

16. CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2020/21 TO 2022/23 (C3811)

To outline the Capital Strategy covering financial years 2020/21 -2022/23 and the supporting funding framework, providing a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.
(Pages 67 - 108)

17. REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 (C3812)

To consider and recommend to Council the 2020/21 Revenue Budget, which proposes a Council Tax requirement of £102.06m, requiring a Council Tax increase of 1.99% and a 2% adult social care Council Tax Precept. The Council Tax increase will raise £2.1m and the precept will raise a further £2.1m ring-fenced for adult social care.
(Pages 109 - 210)

18. STATUTORY PAY POLICY 2020

To seek Council's approval of the Statutory Pay Policy Statement for publication from 1st April 2020.
(Pages 211 - 228)

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19. PROPOSED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2020/21 (C3847)

To give consideration to, and agree the proposed Member Development Programme for 2020/21 (attached at Appendix A). The programme was considered and endorsed by the Member Development Group on 23rd January 2020.

(Pages 229 - 236)

20. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) **The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Erik Pattenden:**

“Safer Schools Motion

(No Idling Zones; 20MPH zones; Safer School Drop-off Provision)

This Council notes that:

- Our residents, staff and children, are exposed to unnecessary levels of pollutants outside of schools at peak times in the morning and afternoon;
- Epidemiological studies show that symptoms of bronchitis in asthmatic children increase in association with long-term exposure to pollutants, as well as stunting lung growth;
- Only a handful of schools across the country are trialling “No Vehicle Idling zones” yet they bring many health benefits;
- Air pollution poses a serious threat to the health and development of young people: while many of the policy interventions to rectify this problem would have to come from central Government, this Council can do more and needs to be proactive on this issue;
- The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and Public Health England (PHE) produced new guidance in 2017 that recommended “no vehicle idling” areas in places where health-vulnerable people collect, such as outside schools, hospitals and care homes, and in areas where exposure to road-traffic-related air pollution is high;
- According to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, evidence shows that 20mph zones are an effective way of preventing injuries on the road;
- Research estimates the chance of fatality from being hit by a car driving at 20mph at 1.5% versus 8% at 30mph;
- There are 80 schools across the district, some of which are in 40 mph zones.

This Council resolves to:

- Review the work done on No-Vehicle-Idling nationally in other local authorities and work this into an action plan for No-Vehicle-Idling Zones across West Berkshire;
- Implement enforceable No-Vehicle-Idling Zones around all primary schools in the District by the end of 2021, with at least 4 pilots by Spring 2020;
- Use the experience of the pilot zones to determine whether these measures should



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be implemented via enforceable enhancements to existing Council policies, or via a new by-law;

- Work closely with schools that are part of the scheme to inform parents and carers of the No-Vehicle-Idling Zones;
- Encourage local businesses to sponsor green walls on school buildings and tree planting near schools and the appropriate Executive Member include this in their action plan;
- Set up a task group to review the speed limit outside each school;
- Create a toolkit of potential actions for schools to take in order to make roads safer for children, as is most appropriate for that area, including requesting road-markings and additional lights from the Council;
- Offer all schools the option of signing up to a Safer School Zone which will include red road markings to prevent dangerous parking and additional visits from Traffic Enforcement Officers;
- Look at locations where appropriate additional changes could be made, such as making certain roads near schools one way.”

<http://www.rospa.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/drivers/20-mph-zone-factsheet.pdf>

<http://www.brake.org.uk/assets/docs/GO20toolkit/GO20-report-sep15.pdf>

https://www.ippr.org/files/images/media/files/publication/2011/05/streets_ahead_1266.pdf

- (b) **The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

“Power for Communities Motion

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- (i) acknowledges that this Council has made some effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) recognises that councils can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;
- (iii) further recognises
 - that the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers results in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
 - that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier’s operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
 - that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emission reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;



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- (iv) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and
- (v) further resolves to
- inform the local media of this decision,
 - write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
 - write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.”
- (c) **The following Motion has been submitted in the name of Councillor Carolyne Culver:**
- “The Council to Designate all current and future vehicle electric charging points that are provided by West Berkshire Council as ‘EV only’ parking spaces.”

21. 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 Finance submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:**
- “What contingencies are in place if 4 The Sector continues to be unlet?”
- (b) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Finance submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:**
- “Is disposal of 4 The Sector being explored or is this out of the question?”

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