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Executive

Thursday, 3rd September, 2020 at 5.00 pm

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To:	Councillors Steve Ardagh-Walter, Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, Ross Mackinnon, Richard Somner, Joanne Stewart 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**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 16 July 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 Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing**

"In any future redevelopment of the London Road Industrial Estate what measures will be taken to ensure that any case-officer reports are accurate and protect the rights of property owners (be it freeholders or leaseholders) and that councillors have access to full and unfiltered information?"

(b) **Question submitted by Mr Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing**

"In any future redevelopment of the London Road Industrial Estate will all case officer reports be double checked and if so by whom?"

(c) **Question submitted by Mr Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing**

"In any future redevelopment of the London Road Industrial Estate what measures are being taken to protect any property owners' rights in the event of the Council envisaging or considering Compulsory Purchase Orders?"



(d) **Question submitted by Mr Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing**

“In any future redevelopment of the London Road Industrial Estate what measures are the Council taking to ensure that businesses who may lose their premises have access to replacement premises?”

(e) **Question submitted by Mr John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing**

“What past experience or qualifications in planning and housing does the executive portfolio holder for planning and housing have?”

(f) **Question submitted by Mr Peter Gower to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing**

“With the Council's Homelessness Prevention strategy on page 9 recognising a problem with funding challenges and workloads before the Covid pandemic, what steps (beyond the strategy) are the Council taking to prevent people becoming homeless?”

(g) **Question submitted by Mr Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside**

“What steps will the Council take to bring the Mandatory Cycle Lane that is currently being implemented through Thatcham into compliance with the Government's recently published minimum standards and guidance?”

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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<hr/> <p>6. London Road Industrial Estate - Draft Development Brief (EX3946) Purpose: For the Executive to consider the draft Development Brief as submitted by Avison Young and start the process to consult on the draft Development Brief in bringing forward regeneration on the London Road Industrial Estate (LRIE).</p> <hr/>	9 - 154
<p>7. West Berkshire Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Strategy (EX3944) Purpose: To present the proposed Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Strategy to the Executive for approval. This Strategy sits underneath the Environment Strategy and sets out the Council's current direction to promote and develop low emission vehicles and charging infrastructure in West Berkshire.</p> <hr/>	155 - 200



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8. **2020/21 Performance Report Quarter One (EX3883)** 201 - 236
Purpose:
To provide assurance that the core business and council priorities for improvement measures (Council Strategy 2019-2023) are being managed effectively.
To highlight successes and where performance has fallen below the expected level, present information on the remedial action taken, and the impact of that action.
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9. **Treasury Management Annual Report 2019/20 (EX3947)** 237 - 254
Purpose: This report summarises the results of the Council's management of cash-flow, borrowing and investments in the financial year 2019/20.
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10. **2020/21 Revenue Financial Performance Report Quarter One (EX3905)** 255 - 268
Purpose: To report on the in-year financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets.
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11. **2020/21 Capital Financial Performance Report Quarter One (EX3906)** 269 - 276
Purpose: The financial performance report provided to Members on a quarterly basis reports on the under or over spends against the Council's approved capital budget. This report presents the Quarter One financial position.
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12. **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.
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- (a) **Question submitted by Councillor Carolyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development**
"Does the Council or any of its pension funds invest in fossil fuels or the animal agriculture industry?"
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- (b) **Question submitted by Councillor Carolyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Environment**
"Will the Portfolio Holder for the Environment consider creating a working group of local environmental experts and campaigners – for example Friends of the Earth, Climate Action Network and Green Exchange – to help deliver the environment strategy delivery plan?"
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- (c) **Question submitted by Councillor Carolyne Culver to the Leader of the Council**
"Following the announcement by the Leader at Executive on 16 July that the way meetings are being run (via Zoom rather than in the Council Chamber) will



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be reviewed, is there an update about when meetings can return to the Council Chamber or be run on a hybrid basis?"

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

"Will training/briefings be provided for all members about the council's mission to become carbon neutral by 2030, so that all councillors can be effective ambassadors for the objectives of the Environment Strategy and Delivery Plan in their communities?"

(e) Question submitted by Councillor Carlyne Culver to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing

"Regarding the Joint Venture for Local Housing mentioned in response to questions at the Executive on the 16th July, how much funding is in place for investment in social housing, for how many homes?"

(f) Question submitted by Councillor David Marsh to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside

"As the 24-hour traffic-free zone in Bartholomew Street, Northbrook Street, Mansion House Street and the Market Place, Newbury, has made social distancing easier, improved air quality and road safety, and is popular with shoppers, should it not, therefore, be extended beyond September?"

(g) Question submitted by Councillor David Marsh to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing

"With regard to Sandford Park, can you confirm that it remains West Berkshire Council policy to consider any proposed development for the site as a whole, and not as separate applications for different parts?"

(h) Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance

"In relation to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission Task Group report following its review of the London Road Industrial Estate, the report states "where that [Faraday Development Limited's (FDL's)] submission went beyond the terms of reference of this review, comments have been disregarded." Please list, by using the enumeration adopted by FDL, which of FDL's twelve questions fell outside the Terms of Reference and why?"

(i) Question submitted by Councillor Erik Pattenden to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education

"What have the impacts of the 'A' level/GCSE/Btech exam fiasco been on schools and colleges in West Berkshire?"

(j) Question submitted by Councillor Erik Pattenden to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education

"Now WBC have received £375K from a youth charity for the community asset of the Waterside Centre, how are you going to use that money for the benefit of



local youth services?”

(k) Question submitted by Councillor Tony Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing

“How many households in West Berkshire are at risk of losing their homes if the Government ban on evictions by private landlords is not extended?”

(l) Question submitted by Councillor Tony Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing

“Why has the Council been treating the master planning of LRIE different to the way it treated Market Street & Parkway, where Master Plans were prepared by us as Local Planning Authority, not by the Executive?”

(m) Question submitted by Councillor Martha Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health & Community Wellbeing, Leisure & Culture

“What will the impact of dismantling Public Health England be on West Berkshire, given that we are still in the middle of a pandemic?”

(n) Question submitted by Councillor Tony Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development

“How many people in West Berkshire will be impacted by the end of the furloughing scheme and resulting loss of income?”

(o) Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside

“What parking incentives does the council intend to introduce to assist the retail and hospitality sector in West Berkshire?”

(p) Question submitted by Councillor Rick Jones to the Leader of the Council

“Given that in my opinion there has been a great coming together of the community in response to Covid-19, as evidenced by local engagement with the council’s Community Support Hub, what does the Leader propose to do with the Hub going forward?”

(q) Question submitted by Councillor Tom Marino to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development

“Has the Community Municipal Investment vehicle to raise money to fund environmental projects been a success?”

(r) Question submitted by Councillor Claire Rowles to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

“As the Local Government Association recently launched “The legacy of COVID-19 - Seven principles for reform of adult social care and support” what is the view of the portfolio holder on whether those are the right principles on



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which to focus and if not, what other principles should in his view be considered?"

13. Questions and Answers

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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