

Notice of Meeting



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Executive

Thursday, 10th February, 2022 at 5.00 pm

in the 2nd Floor Meeting Area, Council Offices,
Market Street, Newbury

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 2 February 2022

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To:	Councillors Lynne Doherty (Chairman), Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Richard Somner, Joanne Stewart and Howard Woollaston
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Agenda

	Pages
1. Apologies for Absence To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting.	5 - 6
2. Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 16 December 2021.	7 - 14
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 .	15 - 16
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.	17 - 18
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.	19 - 20

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

	Page(s)
6. West Berkshire Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy 2021-23 (EX4143) Purpose: The Strategy has been produced specifically to meet the Council's obligations under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and will align with the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2020-23 until both documents are combined in 2023/24.	21 - 50

7. **Newbury Town Centre Masterplan (EX4166)** 51 - 174
Purpose:
- The report summarises the Newbury Town Centre Masterplan and Vision commissioned by the Council in 2020 and developed by a consultant team led by Hemingway in collaboration with residents, businesses and stakeholders.
- The report outlines the next steps and potential risks associated with the delivery of the Masterplan by the Council in partnership with key stakeholders and seeks endorsement for taking the Masterplan forward.
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8. **West Berkshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (EX4142)** 175 - 270
Purpose:
- To seek approval of the West Berkshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2022-2027.
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9. **Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2022-23 (C4124)** 271 - 296
Purpose:
- The report seeks to consolidate the investments and borrowing strategy for the year ahead by detailing how and where the Council will invest and borrow in the forthcoming year, within a particular framework. The strategy is monitored throughout the year, with a mid-year report going to the Government and Ethics Committee as well as an annual report being presented to Members.
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10. **Medium Term Financial Strategy (C4125)** 297 - 314
Purpose:
- The purpose of the report is to set out the financial planning assumptions for future years and align these with the Council Strategy to ensure that Council Strategy will be delivered. The MTFS highlights the overarching key issues facing the Council's finances as well as how there are many different scenarios and uncertainty concerning the future revenue streams for the Council in the future.
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11. **Capital Strategy, Financial Years 2022/23 to 2026/7 (C4126)** 315 - 346
Purpose:
- The report outlines the Capital Strategy covering financial years 2022/23 – 2026/7 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.
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12. **Revenue Budget 2022-23 (C4127)** 347 - 446
Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to consider and recommend to Council the 2022-23 Revenue Budget, which proposes a Council Tax requirement of £110.1m, requiring a Council Tax increase of 1% and an Adult Social Care precept of 3%. The Council Tax will raise £1.1m and the precept will raise a further £3.2m. At 4%, the budget is balanced, after using £5m of reserves that have been specifically set aside. The overall Council Tax increase is intended to balance the financial impact of the pandemic on residents, mitigating the financial pressures they face, as well as the cost pressures that the Council faces.

The report also proposes the Fees and Charges for 2022-23 as set out in Appendix F and the Parish Expenses as set out in Appendix G and recommends the level of General Reserves as set out in Appendix E.

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13. **2021/22 Revenue Financial Performance Quarter Three (EX4016)** 447 - 466

14. **Members' Questions** 467 - 468
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

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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