



# Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

**Thursday, 25 May, 2023**

***Summons and Agenda***

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WestBerkshire  
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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  
**Thursday, 25 May, 2023**  
at **7.00 pm**



Sarah Clarke  
Service Director – Strategy & Governance  
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 17 May 2023

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## **AGENDA**

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1. **ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024**  
To elect the Chairman for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year. **(Pages 7 - 8)**
2. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024**  
To elect the Vice-Chairman for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year. **(Pages 9 - 10)**
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**  
The Chairman to make opening remarks. **(Pages 11 - 12)**



**4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any). **(Pages 13 - 14)**

**5. 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](#). **(Pages 15 - 16)**

**6. MINUTES**

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meetings held on 2 March 2023, the extraordinary meeting on 2 March 2023 and 16 March 2023 (To Follow). **(Pages 17 - 36)**

**7. ELECTION OF THE STRONG LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

To elect the Strong Leader for the next four years. **(Pages 37 - 38)**

**8. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Leader of the Council to announce the composition of the Executive for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year. **(Pages 39 - 40)**

**9. APPOINTMENT OF AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES FOR THE 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Following the election on the 4th May 2023, the representation of the respective political parties has changed at the Council. This report is to consider the appointment and allocation of seats on Committees for the next Municipal Year in accordance with the duty under section 15 of the Local Government Housing Act 1989, that reflects the latest political make-up of the Council and to reflect the new Political Administration's proposed revisions to this allocation.

To agree the Council's Policy Framework for 2023/24 as set out in paragraph 5.22 of the report, reflective of the Policies reserved for Full Council. **(Pages 41 - 100)**



**10. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/2024**

To consider and agree West Berkshire Council's nominations to the following Outside Bodies:

- Royal Berkshire Fire Authority
- Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel
- Local Government Association General Assembly

**(Pages 101 - 106)**

**11. LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Licensing Committee has not met. **(Pages 107 - 108)**

**12. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Personnel Committee has not met.

**13. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Governance Committee met on 20 March 2023. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#) (when available).

**14. DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the District Planning Committee has not met.

**15. 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.

**16. HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Health Scrutiny Committee has not met.



**Agenda - Council to be held on Thursday, 25 May 2023 (continued)**

**17. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Health and Wellbeing Board met on 20 April 2023. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#)

**18. JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The Council is asked to note that since the last meeting of the Council, the Joint Public Protection Committee has not met.

If you require this information in a different format or translation, please contact Stephen Chard on telephone 01635 519462.

