

Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 23 March 2023

Part I

Local Transport Plan Consultation (EX4337) (Item 6.)

Resolved that: the Executive note the report and the recent consultation that has taken place to help shape the future of travel and transport across the District.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *Report is to note only therefore it will be implemented immediately.*
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Thatcham and Hungerford Town Centre Strategies (EX4325) (Item 7.)

Resolved that Executive:

- Endorse both Town Centre Strategies for Thatcham and Hungerford in order to protect and enhance their economic vitality in order to meet the needs of residents, businesses, workers and visitors; and
- Seek to take forward the delivery of the Strategies in partnership with key stakeholders.

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Renewal of the BBOWT partnership for Countryside Management (EX4313) (Item 8.)

Resolved that Executive resolves to:

- approve the continuation of the current partnership arrangement with BBOWT for a further 10 years from the 1 April 2024 until the 31 March 2034; and
- delegate authority to the Service Lead (Legal and Democratic Services) in consultation with the Service Director (Environment) to negotiate and make amendments to the agreement with BBOWT.

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Response to Referred Place Motions (EX4327) (Item 9.)

Resolved that Executive are agree the below recommended responses and endorse the future recommended actions.

Member raising Motion	Motion Title	Recommended Response	Recommended further actions
Cllr Jeff Brooks	Booking systems at HWRCs See Appendix A for full details	A response was provided nearer the time and actions taken in conjunction with Portfolio Holder	No further actions recommended
Cllr Tony Vickers	Public funds for public access See Appendix B for full details	One element of the motion is no longer relevant. The remaining call to action in the Motion is supported.	The Natural Solutions Delivery Partnership and Rural Business Forum both have a part to play in taking this forward.
Cllr Carolyne Culver	Declare an ecological emergency See Appendix C for full details	The motion is rejected However, the aim of reversing the decline in biodiversity is supported	Opportunities for positive action will be taken particularly in relation to engaging with the Nature Recovery Network Strategy (Berkshire level) and the Natural Solutions Delivery Partnership in West Berkshire
Cllr Carolyne Culver	Response to COP26 in Glasgow See Appendices D and E for full details	The motion is rejected. However, a number of the proposals have been taken forward by the Council.	i) Alok Sharma MP be invited to speak to the Environment Advisory Group now that he is not so busy with COP business. ii) To continue to progress policies through the Local Plan Review that require high energy efficiency standards and to develop an SPD or equivalent to support these policies.
Cllr Adrian Abbs	High Street Canopies See Appendix F for full details	The motion is rejected A number of the proposals are already covered by BAU activities	Officers will continue to consider opportunities for increasing trees in urban areas where it is appropriate and possible to do so and make use of additional funds agreed at Full Council on 2 March 2023
Cllr Adrian Abbs	Domestic Energy Efficiency See Appendix G for full details	Due to the lack of staff resource available to consider this detail to date, it is difficult to either confirm support for the motion or reject it at this stage.	When the Energy and Carbon Team are up to full strength the scoping of this project can start. A further recommendation will then be made to the Portfolio Holder in consultation with the Environment Advisory Group considering the details of a possible project with a particular focus on funding, resources and deliverability.
Cllr Jeff Brooks	Pedestrianisation of Northbrook Street and Market Place, Newbury (extended hours) See Appendix H for full details	The proposals in the motion will be considered as part of the wider Newbury Masterplan delivery programme	Further investigation of the pedestrianisation proposal will be included as a workstream in the Newbury Masterplan delivery programme, which is being developed currently and will include further engagement

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Motion to Council - Defibrillators (EX4329) (Item 10.)

Resolved that Executive agrees to:

- Community proposals for the installation of new defibrillator sites will continue to be supported through the Members' bids programme, and that these will be assessed in terms of:
 - Proximity to other sites, with proposals rejected if they are within 100m of an existing open access defibrillator;
 - Confirmation that: new open access defibrillators will be registered on the national database, and that provision is made for on-going maintenance checks, and replacement of the unit when life-expired; and
 - Provision is made by the applicant for community training on how to use the device.
- The Council should not take a default position of adopting all phone boxes for use as open access defibrillator locations for the reasons outlined in the report.

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Achievements and Progress Report - West Berkshire Council Strategy 2019-2023 (EX4342) (Item 11.)

Resolved that Executive:

- Note the achievements in delivering the Council Strategy's core business and priorities for improvement covering the period 2019 – 2023, set out in Appendix B.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

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West Berkshire Council Strategy 2023 - 2027 Consultation Feedback - Summary Report (Item 12.)

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Resolved that Executive:

- Note the feedback received to the draft Council Strategy that will inform the updated final draft Council Strategy 2023-2027.
- Note the updated final draft Council Strategy 2023-2027 shall be considered for approval at the Council meeting in May 2023.

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2022/23 Performance Report Quarter Three (EX4291) (Item 13.)

Resolved that Executive:

- Note the progress made in delivering the Council Strategy Delivery Plan 2019-2023, a maintained strong performance for the core business areas, good results for the majority of the measures relating to the council's priorities for improvement, and remedial actions taken where performance is below target.

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Statutory Consultation on Hackney Carriage Tariffs 2023 (EX4298) (Item 14.)

Resolved that Executive:

- **NOTES** the existing tariffs which have been in place since 29 July 2022 (Appendix A).
- **CONSIDERS** the proposed modifications from the Taxi Trade (Appendix B) and the outcome of the recent non-statutory consultation undertaken with the Taxi Trade as set out in Appendix C.
- **RESOLVES**, with the exception of the fouling charge, whether or not to make variations to the current table of fares for hackney carriage tariffs based on the proposals set out in Appendix B this report.
- **CONSIDERS** whether or not to include a fouling charge on the tariff card and if so **RESOLVES** that a £100 (interior) and £25 (exterior) charge be consulted on.

If the Executive decides to make any changes to the current table of fares they are asked to:

- **RESOLVE** that the period within which objections to the variation(s) can be made (the statutory consultation) will be the 11 May 2023 to the 25 May 2023 or a longer period determined at the meeting.
 - **AGREE** that a public notice (akin to the one set out in Appendix D) will be placed in the
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- Newbury Weekly News and the Reading Chronicle on the 11 May 2023.
- **AGREE** that the consultation will be promoted on the website and a note will be displayed at the Market Street Offices by the 11 May 2023.
 - **AGREE** that a copy of the notice should be emailed individually to all West Berkshire licensed Hackney Carriage Proprietors for their comments.
 - **NOTE** that if objections are received, and not withdrawn, the Executive at the 08 June 2023 meeting will consider the objections and determine whether the varied table of fares shall be modified or not, and set a date when the varied table of fares, with or without modification, will come into operation. The implementation date must be no later than two months after the period for objections closes.
 - **NOTE** that if no objections are received, or if the objections are withdrawn, the varied table of fares will come into effect on the day after the statutory consultation closes.
 - **NOTE** that the outcome of the statutory consultation and any subsequent decisions of the Executive will be reported back to the July meeting of the Licensing Committee.

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Newbury Sports Hub - revised costs and seeking permission to sign Development Management Agreement (EX4332) (Item 15.)

Resolved that Executive:

- Approve the allocation of £3.878M to complete the development of Newbury Sports Hub and thereby achieve the delivery of the number one priority in the Playing Pitch Strategy and to give approval, subject to planning permission, for the signing of the Development Management Agreement with Alliance Leisure Services.
- In consultation with the Portfolio Member for Finance and Economic Development, the Executive Director of Resources is given delegated authority to approve additional costs arising in relation to this development up to a maximum of £250,000 above £3.878M.

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In accordance with the Council's Constitution six Elected Members (Councillors Lee Dillon, Jeff Brooks, Adrian Abbs, Alan Macro, Erik Pattenden and Tony Vickers) called in the Executive Decision (EX4332) on the basis that given the threat of further legal action against the Council in regards to this site, more inflationary costs could be incurred by the Council;

The Members of the Council who submitted the call-in request proposed that, based on the need for further detailed examination of the points above, an alternative course of action as follows:

The Executive should set an absolute limit on the cost of the site.

A new business plan should be developed on the basis of increased costs.

The Council should conduct a new value for money review.

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Contract Award for Leisure Management Contract (EX4221) (Item 16.)

Resolved that Executive:

- Award the Leisure management contract to the successful bidder in consultation with the s151 Officer and the Portfolio holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture.
- Delegate authority to the Service Lead Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Interim Executive Director (People) to;
 - (a) finalise the terms of the agreement as set out in the tender documents and to make any necessary drafting or other amendments (such amendments shall not be substantial or material) to the terms of the agreement necessary to produce a final agreement for execution and to enter into that agreement; and
 - (b) finalise and enter into appropriate leases and/or licences required for the operator's occupancy of each facility managed by the operator under the leisure contract.

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Contract Award - Building Maintenance Measured Term Contract (EX4294) (Item 17.)

Resolved that Executive:

- Award the contract for the provision of building maintenance services to the successful bidder; and
- Delegate authority to Service Lead Legal & Democratic Services to finalise the terms of the contract as set out in the tender documents and to make any necessary drafting or other amendments to the terms of the contract which are necessary to reach final agreement but do not materially affect the intent and substance of the contract.

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