

Notice of Meeting



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Executive

Thursday 6th July, 2023 at 5.00 pm

in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Market Street, Newbury

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 28 June 2023

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| To: | Councillors Lee Dillon (Chairman), Adrian Abbs, Jeff Brooks, Heather Codling, Martin Colston, Iain Cottingham, Denise Gaines, Janine Lewis, Alan Macro and Tony Vickers |
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Agenda

Part I

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| 1. Apologies for Absence To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any). | 5 - 6 |
| 2. Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 8 June 2023. | 7 - 12 |
| 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 . | 13 - 14 |
| 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. | 15 - 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

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| 6. Petition response - Charging (EX4328) Purpose: the Council received a petition for debate at Full Council on the 1 December 2022. The petition set out "We, the undersigned, call upon WBC to adopt the following policy without delay: WBC will ensure that it charges the correct amounts of money due to it for any and all services for which it levies charges and will reimburse any resident or service user who has been charged in error or has been charged where no charge should have been levied." The petition was tabled for a debate as it had over 1,500 signatories. Following verification by officers the total verified signatories was below | 21 - 26 |



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this threshold so has become an 'ordinary petition'. The response to the petition therefore needs to return to a subsequent Executive.

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7. **Save the ReadiBus Petition (EX4340)** 27 - 32
Purpose: to report on the receipt of a 1208 signature petition entitled 'Save the ReadiBus', which calls on the Administration to 'review their decision on funding the ReadiBus service; making sure that this important community service remains available for those who need it, when they need it, for the long term'.
- The Council provides funding for community bus services operating in the district, which is distributed based on operating costs, allowing enhanced basic payments for different vehicle types operated, the types of customers served, with the predominant factor being passenger journeys from the previous year. The Council has approved funding for this to continue in 2023/24, as part of the budget set on the 2 March 2023.
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8. **Early Years Childcare Sufficiency Report 2022 (EX4405)** 33 - 86
Purpose: to provide an assessment of childcare sufficiency in West Berkshire.
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9. **Contracts for Award under Delegated Authority from Executive (EX4407)** 87 - 100
Purpose: to provide details of forthcoming supply, service and works contract awards that will have a contract value in excess of £2.5m and as such will require approval from the Executive during the next quarter. This report provides the Executive with visibility of all high value contracting activity and the opportunity to request further information regarding any of the contracts identified. It follows the work by a Constitution task group over last two years and resulting recommendations.

Items referred to the Executive following Call-In

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| 10. Call-In of Executive Decision EX4332: Newbury Sports Hub - revised costs and seeking permission to sign Development Management Agreement (EX4332) | 101 - 108 |
| Purpose: Scrutiny Commission has reviewed the request to call-in the Executive decision taken of 23 March 2023 in respect of 'Newbury Sports Hub - revised costs and seeking permission to sign Development Management Agreement (EX4332)' as set out in the Council's Constitution (Part 6.9 sections 13-17). | |
| The call-in was reviewed by the Scrutiny Commission on 20 June 2023. This report presents the findings of Scrutiny Commission for the | |



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Executive to consider.

11. **Members' Questions** 109 - 110
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.
12. **Exclusion of Press and Public**
RECOMMENDATION: that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item. [Rule 8.10.4 of the Constitution refers.](#)

Part II

13. **Contracts for Award under Delegated Authority from Executive (EX4407)** 111 - 124
(Paragraph 6 – information relating to proposed action to be taken by the Local Authority)
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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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