

Notice of Meeting



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Executive

Thursday 14th March 2024 at 5.00 pm

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

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 6 March 2024

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To:	Councillors Jeff Brooks (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Heather Codling, Iain Cottingham, Lee Dillon (Chairman), Denise Gaines, Stuart Gourley, Janine Lewis, Alan Macro, Louise Sturges and Tony Vickers
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Agenda

Part I

	Pages
1. Apologies for Absence To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	7 - 8
2. Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 8 February 2024.	9 - 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

	Pages
6. Capital Financing Report Financial Year 2023/24 Quarter Three (EX4502) Purpose: the capital financing performance report provided to Members reports on the under or overspends against the Council's approved capital programme and associated capital financing implications. The report presents the provisional outturn position for financial year 2023/24 as forecast at quarter three, and future borrowing requirement for financial year 2024/25 which is funded from the Council's revenue budget.	21 - 36

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7. **Berkshire Prosperity Board (EX4499)** 37 - 58
Purpose: the report seeks to establish a Joint (Prosperity) Committee (to be known as the Berkshire Prosperity Board).
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8. **Building Control Shared Service Agreement (EX4474)** 59 - 72
Purpose: to agree the principle of entering into a new shared service agreement and continuation of the existing partnership with Wokingham Borough Council by the 1 April 2024 to deliver building control functions, ensuring that the service is delivered on a cost recovery basis to meet the statutory obligations of the Council.
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9. **Hackney Carriage Tariffs 2024 (EX4367)** 73 - 100
Purpose: it is considered best practice that Hackney Carriage Tariffs are reviewed annually, and the trade are therefore invited to submit a proposal each year should they be minded to seek any modifications to the existing table of fares. The current tariffs were updated in June 2023.

A request from one member of the trade for modifications to the existing tariffs and fouling charges was received in December 2023. Executive is asked to consider the request from the member of the trade, the outcome of an informal consultation and agree whether to proceed with the formal consultation as set out in the legislation.
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10. **Response to Garage Block Motion (EX4480)** 101 - 110
Purpose: the report provides a response to the Motion that was proposed to Council on 17 March 2022 by Cllr Tony Vickers.
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11. **Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive (EX4501)** 111 - 116
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.
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12. **Restrictive covenants and Restriction on Title - Windmill Court and Stafford House Mortimer (EX4204)** 117 - 140
Purpose: to seek approval to enter into negotiations with Sovereign Housing Association following an application from Sovereign requesting the release of covenants and restrictions in favour of West Berkshire District Council relating to the use and disposal of property owned by Sovereign known as Windmill Court, Mortimer for the purpose of Sovereign's proposed redevelopment of the Site; and to reject the requests made in a petition presented to the Executive on 22 September 2022 on the basis of the content of this report.
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13. **Members' Questions** 141 - 142
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.
14. **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 3, 5 and 6 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item.
[Section 10 of Part 10 of the Constitution refers.](#)

Part II

15. **Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive (EX4501)** 143 - 146
(Paragraph 6 – information relating to proposed action to be taken by the Local Authority)
Purpose: to provide further 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.
16. **Restrictive covenants and Restriction on Title - Windmill Court and Stafford House Mortimer (EX4204)** 147 - 176
(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)
Purpose: to seek approval to enter into negotiations with Sovereign Housing Association following an application from Sovereign requesting the release of covenants and restrictions in favour of West Berkshire District Council relating to the use and disposal of property owned by Sovereign known as Windmill Court, Mortimer for the purpose of Sovereign's proposed redevelopment of the Site; and to reject the requests made in a petition presented to the Executive on 22 September 2022 on the basis of the content of this report.
17. **Asset Disposal - Sainsbury's (EX4509)** 177 - 192
(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)
(Paragraph 5 – information relating to legal privilege)
Purpose: at its meeting on 2 November 2023 the Executive approved a report for the disposal of the commercial asset Sainsbury's, Northallerton. The council has now received an offer for the asset and this report seeks the approval of the Executive to dispose of the asset on the basis of the

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offer received; and enter into appropriate disposal documentation.

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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