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## Scrutiny Commission

**Tuesday, 28 November 2023 at 6.30 pm**  
in Council Chamber Council Offices  
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## Agenda - Scrutiny Commission to be held on Tuesday, 28 November 2023 (continued)

- To:** Councillors Carlyne Culver (Chairman), Dominic Boeck (Vice-Chairman), Antony Amirtharaj, Paul Dick, Ross Mackinnon, Geoff Mayes, Erik Pattenden, Justin Pemberton, Christopher Read, Dennis Benneyworth, Clive Hooker, Paul Kander and Biyi Oloko
- Substitutes:** Councillors Jeremy Cottam, Billy Drummond, Stuart Gourley, David Marsh, Richard Somner, Joanne Stewart and Howard Woollaston
- Other Officers & Members invited:** Councillors Dennis Benneyworth, Heather Codling, Iain Cottingham, Lee Dillon, Clive Hooker, Paul Kander, Biyi Oloko, and Martha Vickers, and AnnMarie Dodds, Joseph Holmes, April Peberdy, and Dave Wraight.

# Agenda

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7. **Fostering in West Berkshire** 65 - 94  
Purpose: To provide an oversight of the recruitment, remuneration and initiatives that are both taking place and planned with foster carers in West Berkshire.
8. **Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Framework** 95 - 238  
Purpose: To present a new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Framework for the Scrutiny Commission to review prior to going to Executive for approval on 14 December 2023..
9. **2023/24 Revenue Financial Performance Quarter Two** 239 - 268  
Purpose: To report on the financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets. This report is Quarter Two for the 2023/24 financial year. The report is highlighting the financial position at each quarter of the financial year and impact on the Council's General Fund position. This allows the Executive and Scrutiny Commission to consider the implications and the actions being taken to mitigate and manage the position.
10. **Health Scrutiny Committee Update** 269 - 270  
Purpose: To receive an update from the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee.
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Purpose: To agree Terms of Reference and/or Membership for any Task and Finish Groups that the Scrutiny Commission may wish to appoint to undertake in-depth scrutiny reviews.
12. **Sports Hub, Monks Lane, Newbury** 273 - 346  
Purpose: To consider the decision of the Executive in relation to the future of the Sports Hub proposal at Monks Lane in Newbury and decide whether the Scrutiny Commission would like to review any aspect of the proposal.
13. **Thames Water Update** 347 - 348  
To provide an update on activities following the Thames Water and Environment Agency review on 11 October 2023.
14. **West Berkshire Council Executive Forward Plan** 349 - 372  
Purpose: To advise the Commission of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council's Executive and decide whether to review any of the proposed items prior to the meeting indicated in the Forward Plan.
15. **Scrutiny Commission Work Programme** 373 - 390  
Purpose: To receive new items and agree and prioritise the work programme of the Commission.



## Part II

16. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That members of the press and public be excluded 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. [Section 10 of Part 10 of the Constitution applies.](#)

17. **Property Investment Strategy (EX4402)**

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*(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person.)*

Purpose: To consider any items called-in by the requisite number of Members following the meeting of the Executive on 2 November 2023.

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