



# Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

**Thursday, 9 May, 2024**

***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, 9 May, 2024**  
**at 7.00 pm**



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

Date of despatch of Agenda: Tuesday, 30 April 2024

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## **AGENDA**

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### **Part I**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).  
**(Pages 7 - 8)**

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman to report on functions attended within the last Municipal Year.  
**(Pages 9 - 10)**

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

The Chairman to make presentations.  
**(Pages 11 - 12)**



## **Agenda - Council to be held on Thursday, 9 May 2024 (continued)**

### **4. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/2025**

To elect the Chairman for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.  
**(Pages 13 - 14)**

### **5. ELECTION OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2024/2025**

To elect the Vice-Chairman for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.  
**(Pages 15 - 16)**

### **6. MINUTES**

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 February 2024 (To Follow) and 26 March 2024.  
**(Pages 17 - 32)**

### **7. 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 33 - 34)**

### **8. ELECTION OF THE STRONG LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

To elect the Strong Leader for the next three years.  
**(Pages 35 - 36)**

### **9. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2024/2025 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Leader of the Council to announce the composition of the Executive for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.  
**(Pages 37 - 38)**

### **10. APPOINTMENT OF AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES FOR THE 2024/25 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

- The purpose of 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, to ensure that this reflects the latest political make-up of the Council.
- The election of Councillors to West Berkshire Council usually takes place every four years but the political representation of members on committees needs to be considered on an annual basis.
- To agree the Council's Policy Framework for 2024/25 as set out in paragraph 5.22 of the report, reflective of the Policies reserved for Full Council.

**(Pages 39 - 52)**



## Agenda - Council to be held on Thursday, 9 May 2024 (continued)

### 11. MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE BODIES

For West Berkshire Council to make annual nominations to the following outside bodies:

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

**(Pages 53 - 60)**

### 12. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2024/2025

To agree, the proposed Member Development Programme for 2024/25, which was considered and endorsed by the Member Development Group on 23 April 2024.  
**(Pages 59 - 66)**

### 13. LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last **ordinary** meeting of the Council the Licensing Committee has not met.

**(Pages 67 - 68)**

### 14. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

### 15. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last **ordinary** meeting of the Council, the Governance Committee met on 16 April 2024. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#).

### 16. DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

### 17. SCRUTINY COMMISSION

The Council is asked to note that since the last **ordinary** meeting of the Council, the Scrutiny Commission met on 25 April 2024. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#).

### 18. HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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



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**19. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

The Council is asked to note that since the last **ordinary** meeting of the Council, the Health and Wellbeing Board met on 2 May 2024. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#).

**20. JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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

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