



Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

Thursday, 5 October, 2023

Summons and Agenda



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, 5 October, 2023
at 7.00 pm



Sarah Clarke
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West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday, 27 September 2023

AGENDA

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 since the last meeting and other matters of interest to Members. **(Pages 9 - 10)**

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

The Chairman to present Councillor Billy Drummond with his long service award **(Pages 11 - 12)**



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4. MINUTES

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 20 July 2023 and the ordinary meeting held on 20 July 2023. **(Pages 13 - 24)**

5. 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 25 - 26)**

6. PETITIONS

Councillors may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate body without discussion. **(Pages 27 - 28)**

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules contained in the [Council's Constitution](#). **(Pages 29 - 30)**

8. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The Council to agree any changes to the membership of Committees. **(Pages 31 - 32)**

9. LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last **ordinary** meeting of the Council the Licensing Committee has not met. **(Pages 33 - 34)**

10. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, the Personnel Committee met on 11 September 2023. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#) when available.

11. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, the Governance Committee met on 25 September 2023. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#). When available.

12. 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.



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13. SCRUTINY COMMISSION

The Council is asked to note that since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, the Scrutiny Commission met on 14 September 2023. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#). When available.

14. HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, the Health Scrutiny Committee met on 12 September 2023. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#). When available.

15. 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 3 October 2023. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#) when available.

16. JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Council is asked to note that since the last ordinary meeting of the Council, the Joint Public Protection Committee met on 2 October 2023. A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#) when available.

17. DRAFT COUNCIL STRATEGY 2023-2027 (C4417)

Purpose: To inform Members of the feedback received from the consultation on the Draft Council Strategy 2023 – 2027 and to request that the Strategy (amended in response to the consultation feedback and including the Council Strategy Delivery Plan) is adopted by the Council. A new strategy is needed to set the Council's direction for the next four years by defining new priority areas based on changes to the external and internal intelligence about residents' needs, including the feedback received from our residents' surveys, consultations and the results of the local elections. **(Pages 35 - 78)**

18. ENHANCEMENT OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION (C4447)

Purpose: to propose changes to the Council's climate emergency declaration (made in July 2019). The changes that are sought will enhance, strengthen and bring clarity to the original declaration following the initial 4 years of delivery and all that has been learnt in that period. **(Pages 79 - 94)**

19. HERMITAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (C4432)

Purpose: To seek approval of the submission of the Hermitage Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for independent examination. **(Pages 95 - 310)**

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20. COLD ASH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (C4433)

Purpose: To seek approval for the submission of the Cold Ash Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for independent examination. **(Pages 311 - 650)**

21. ANNUAL REPORT - GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE (C4323)

Purpose: an annual summary of the activities of the Governance & Ethics Committee for the 2022-23 municipal year. The report is intended for Full Council to provide a summary of key areas that the Committee has considered during the Municipal Year 2022-23 as well as some of the actions and changes that have occurred due to the Committee's activities. **(Pages 651 - 656)**

22. REPORT BY THE RETURNING OFFICER (C4411)

Purpose: To inform Council of the results of the Local Elections held in May 2023 and any issues concerning the conduct of the elections. **(Pages 657 - 672)**

23. MONITORING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 - CONDUCT AND ETHICS (C4412)

Purpose: To provide an update on any local and national issues relating to ethical standards and to bring to the attention of Members a summary of complaints or other problems within West Berkshire. **(Pages 673 - 684)**

24. NOTICES OF MOTION

Please note that the list of Motions is shown under Item 24 in the agenda pack. **(Pages 685 - 686)**

25. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Members of the Council in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules contained in the [Council's Constitution](#). **(To Follow)**

If you require this information in a different format or translation, please contact David Cook on telephone 01635 50329.