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Scrutiny Commission

Wednesday, 11 October 2023 at 6.30pm
in Council Chamber Council Offices
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Agenda - Scrutiny Commission to be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2023 (continued)

- To:** Councillors Carolyne Culver (Chairman), Dominic Boeck (Vice-Chairman), Antony Amirtharaj, Paul Dick, Ross Mackinnon, Geoff Mayes, Erik Pattenden, Justin Pemberton and Christopher Read
- Substitutes:** Councillors Jeremy Cottam, Billy Drummond, Stuart Gourley, David Marsh, Richard Somner, Joanne Stewart and Howard Woollaston
- Other Officers & Members invited:** Councillors Adrian Abbs and Denise Gaines, and Richard Aylard and James Bentley (Thames Water), and Dave Willis (Environment Agency)

Agenda

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1. Apologies for Absence To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	5 - 6
2. 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 .	7 - 8
3. Thames Water and Environment Agency Purpose: To review matters relating to the activities of Thames Water and the Environment Agency that affect West Berkshire. In relation to Thames Water, the review will seek to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) understand what has been done since the last scrutiny review in September 2022 to address issues associated with sewage discharges affecting local watercourses;b) what other investment has been carried out to improve the existing fresh and foul water infrastructure in West Berkshire;c) confirm what additional investment is planned to address known problems with fresh and foul water infrastructure in the District; andd) seek assurance over progress in upgrading fresh and foul water infrastructure to support major developments in the District. In relation to the Environment Agency, the review will seek to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) understand the role of the Environment Agency in terms of monitoring water quality in our watercourses; andb) understand the powers available to the Environment Agency to take enforcement against pollution by the water companies, and what action has been taken against Thames Water in recent years.	9 - 26



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