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Scrutiny Commission

Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 6.30 pm
in Council Chamber Council Offices
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Agenda - Scrutiny Commission to be held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 (continued)

- To:** Councillors Carlyne Culver (Chairman), Dominic Boeck (Vice-Chairman), Antony Amirtharaj, Jeremy Cottam, Paul Dick, Ross Mackinnon, Erik Pattenden, Christopher Read, Martha Vickers, Jeff Brooks, Heather Codling and Iain Cottingham
- Substitutes:** Councillors Laura Coyle, Billy Drummond, David Marsh, Geoff Mayes, Richard Somner, Joanne Stewart and Howard Woollaston

Agenda

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1. Apologies for Absence To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	5 – 6
2. Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 24 September 2024 and 17 October 2024.	7 – 24
3. Actions from previous Minutes To receive an update on actions following the previous Commission meeting.	25 - 34
4. 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 .	35 - 36
5. Petitions Purpose: To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.	37 - 38
6. Response to Faraday Road Football Ground queries Purpose: To provide a response to issues raised by Mr Paul Morgan in relation to the Faraday Road Football Ground.	To Follow
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8. **Early Intervention and Family Help** 47 - 106
Purpose: To provide an overview of the Early Intervention and Family Help & Achievement Model and its impact on meeting the needs of families earlier and decreasing the need for costly long-term statutory involvement with children and their families.
9. **Medium Term Financial Strategy and Revenue Budget 2025-26 Planning** 107 - 184
Purpose: to set out the financial planning assumptions for the four years ahead over the period of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). This includes the latest assumptions on Government funding, and reform of Local Government Finance, and implications for the savings requirement in future budgets. The report also includes items that are to be consulted upon over the period 11 November to the 23 December 2024.
10. **Task and Finish Group Updates** 185 - 186
Purpose: To receive updates from the chairmen of task and finish groups appointed by the Scrutiny Commission.
11. **Health Scrutiny Committee Update** 187 - 188
Purpose: To receive an update from the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee.
12. **West Berkshire Council's Executive Forward Plan September to December 2024** 189 - 192
Purpose: To advise the Commission of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council's Executive and to decide whether to review any of these items prior to the meeting indicated in the Forward Plan.
13. **Scrutiny Commission Work Programme** 193 - 194
Purpose: To receive new items and agree and prioritise the work programme of the Commission.
14. **Exclusion of Press and Public**
RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item 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 outlines the exclusion of the press and public to meetings.](#)



Part II

15. **Unregistered and Unregulated Provision in Children's Social Care** 195 - 196
(Paragraph 2 - Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.)

Purpose: To provide some background information and an overview of the use of Unregulated and Unregistered placements for children and young people in West Berkshire.

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