

Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 6 November 2025

Part I

2025/26 Q2 Financial Performance Report (EX4674) (Item 6.)

Resolved that: Executive note

- The forecast Q2 revenue outturn is **£6.8m/ 3.7% adverse** (Q2 vs Budget). Total net revenue is forecast at £190.2m in the Q2 outturn, vs £183.4m in the Budget.
- The Q2 reprofiling of £22.5m of capital budget, approved by the S151 officer in consultation with the portfolio holder for Finance.
- The revised position at Q2 for expected capital expenditure in 2025/26 is £58.3m against an updated budget of £81.7m. £22.5m has been approved to slip to 2026/27 leaving a variance of £0.9m potentially unspent.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *Report is to note only*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) Report October 2025 (EX4745) (Item 7.)

Resolved that:

- To inform the Executive of the “Good” overall effectiveness rating and commend the progress made since 2023.
- To inform the Executive that for the continued development of children’s services that Executive note the requirement for:
 - Investment in Early Help capacity to ensure timely support for families.
 - Propose a revised multi-agency Early Help strategy with clear delivery milestones.
 - Targeted improvement in practice for children experiencing chronic neglect and domestic abuse.
 - Standardising contingency plans across child protection and child-in-need cases.
 - Continued recruitment and retention efforts.
 - Twice yearly progress reports to the committee on Ofsted development progress concentrating on Early Help capacity, participation metrics and Workforce stability & caseloads.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

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Rights of Way Improvement Plan (EX4700) (Item 8.)

Resolved that: Executive

- To approve the adoption and publication of the ROWIP. The ROWIP has been compiled using the results of extensive public consultation and gathering of evidence.
- To agree that the Countryside service will produce, annually, actionable targets within the ROWIP Delivery Plan. The ROWIP Delivery Plan will set out SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound) targets for management activities in the years ahead, and that this Delivery Plan will be agreed with the relevant Portfolio Holder on an annual basis.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 14 November 2025, then it will be implemented.

Local Planning Enforcement Plan 2025 (EX4735) (Item 9.)

Resolved that: Executive

- To approve public consultation on the Draft West Berkshire Council Local Enforcement Plan 2025.

This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 14 November 2025, then it will be implemented.

Public Protection Partnership Shared Service Agreement (C4536) (Item 10.)

Resolved that:

- West Berkshire Council enters into a new three authority shared service agreement with Bracknell Forest Council and Wokingham Borough Council until the 31 March 2029.
 - That the Executive delegates its public protection related functions to the Joint Public Protection Committee until the 31 March 2029.
 - That the agreement includes an exit clause based on a minimum of twelve months' notice to give effect to leaving the agreement on the 31 March in any given year.
 - West Berkshire Council continues to be the host authority.
 - That the Service Lead for Public Protection in conjunction with the Service Lead for Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to enter into this agreement.
 - Wokingham Borough Council becomes a full Member of the Joint Public Protection
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Committee and all other governance arrangements and that the terms be based on those set out in the original shared service agreement of the 6 January 2017.

- That the Executive recommends to full Council that the Terms of Reference and relevant sections of the Constitution (Part 3.1 Appendix JPPC and Part 6.5 Council Bodies Rules) be amended to reflect the revised Governance arrangements set out in recommendation 2.6 above.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.
