

Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 18 December 2025

Part I

Devolution - Expression of Interest: Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority Expression of Interest (EX4747) (Item 6.)

Resolved that:

- That Executive is informed of the benefits from the proposed devolution of powers and functions, and agrees to continue building on the collaborative approach across the region to date
- That the Executive agrees that that an informal Devolution Board will oversee discussions with Government, ensuring robust governance and stakeholder engagement by elected members throughout this process.
- That the Executive approves the Expression of Interest (EOI) to submit to Government, noting that the EOI is designed to proactively position the Thames Valley for early consideration in the next wave of the Devolution Programme.
- That Executive supports that a further report will be brought to Council and Executive prior to any final decision on the creation of a Strategic Authority

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *a delay in implementing the decision this would cause the Council serious financial implications or could compromise the Council's position.*

therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Finance Improvement Plan (EX4746) (Item 7.)

Resolved that:

- To inform the members that the Council is responding to the CIPFA resilience review.
- For the Executive to approve the Financial Improvement Plan and associated Financial Improvement Group.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *a delay in implementing the decision this would cause the Council serious financial implications or could compromise the Council's position.*

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Building Control Assurance and Update Report (EX4739) (Item 8.)

Resolved that Executive is **INFORMED** of the matters set out in this report.

This decision is not subject to call in as:

- *Report is to note only*
therefore it will be implemented immediately.

Youth Council for West Berkshire (EX4750) (Item 9.)

Resolved that: Executive

- Agree to establish a Youth Council.
- Approves the draft terms of reference and code of conduct as set out in Appendices C and D, which will be presented to the Youth Council following its creation for review and adoption (subject to any amendments).

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Sports Hub – Response to Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group Report (EX4757) (Item 10.)

Resolved that: Executive considers the proposed responses to the recommendations of the Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee as set out at 5.4 and agrees the responses and to undertake the following actions:

- Strengthening the Projects service to centralise project delivery including a review of the Council's project management methodology to ensure that key projects are governed by and monitored through appropriate, robust processes from inception to closure.
- Undertake a review of project management documentation including business case templates, prioritisation tools and project health checks.
- Embed the output of this review through training for all who have roles within project delivery (i.e. PMs, sponsors)
- Introduce quarterly status reporting for all Tier 1 projects in an appendix to the finance quarterly monitoring reports to the Executive
- Review how time recording can be implemented and the level/type of projects that this would apply to.
- Share the recommendations of this Sports Hub Task and Finish Group and the LRIE Task and Finish Group of 2020 with the Chairman of the Project Management Task and Finish Group and log the Sports Hub Task and Finish Group the report in the central Corporate Programme Office repository.

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