

Notice of Meeting



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Executive

Thursday 21 May 2026 at 6.00 pm

**in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Market Street, Newbury**

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 13 May 2026

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To:	Councillors Jeff Brooks (Chairman), Patrick Clark, Heather Codling (Vice-Chairman), Iain Cottingham, Nigel Foot, Denise Gaines, Stuart Gourley, Tom McCann, Justin Pemberton and Vicky Poole
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Agenda

Part I

	Pages
1. Apologies for Absence To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	5 - 6
2. Portfolio Holder Announcements	7 - 8
3. Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 19 March 2026.	9 - 12
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 .	13 - 14
5. Public Questions Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.	15 - 16
6. Petitions Councillors or Members of the public may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate Committee without discussion.	17 - 18

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

	Pages
7. Extended Pedestrianisation Hours in Newbury Purpose: the Newbury Town Centre Masterplan was created collaboratively with local residents and stakeholders, resulting in broad support for the pedestrianisation of the Town Centre. In order to facilitate this objective, an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) was implemented to extend the pedestrianised timings between 10am and 11pm. The report presents the outcomes of the public consultation conducted during the first six months following the introduction of the ETRO, summarising the feedback received and recommends a way forward.	19 - 50



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| 8. | Adoption of the Playing Pitch Strategy
Purpose: to propose the adoption of the final Playing Pitch Strategy 2026-2041. | 51 - 212 |
| 9. | Review of Ethical Investment Policy Relating to the Council and Berkshire Pension Fund
Purpose: to inform Executive of the outcome of a review that has taken place in response to the Motion submitted to Council on the 16 October, and the Petition submitted on the 27 November relating to investments. | 213 - 222 |
| 10. | Environment Strategy Annual Progress Report 2024/2025
Purpose: to present the Environment Strategy Annual Progress Report. The Annual Progress Report covers the period from July 2024 through to July 2025. It is, however, part of the continuous story of how the council is addressing climate change, biodiversity enhancements and promoting environmental sustainability in West Berkshire. | 223 - 268 |
| 11. | Disposal of Ramsbury Drive Play Area to Hungerford Town Council
Purpose: to consider Hungerford Town Council request for the leasehold transfer, and all future maintenance responsibility, of Ramsbury Drive Play Park not including the open space. | 269 - 282 |
| 12. | Adult Social Care Self-assessment
Purpose: to share the self-assessment document developed in line with the requirements of the Care Quality Commission's programme of Local Authority Assurance. | 283 - 330 |
| 13. | Response to Emotional Wellbeing Task Group
Purpose: to provide a formal response to the working group recommendations relating to children and young people's emotional and mental health support, highlighting the significant changes in the operational landscape and identifying where recommendations cannot currently be delivered due to resource constraints or responsibilities resting with other system partners. | 331 - 340 |
| 14. | Bond Riverside 13B, C & D
Purpose: to inform the Executive that the marketing exercise for the potential disposal of the Council's freehold interest on 13B, C & D Bond Riverside has been completed. Following an independent formal valuation in order to satisfy Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, the report proposes to progress disposal of the freehold. | 341 - 346 |

Items not timetabled in the Forward Plan

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| 15. Scrutiny Review of Called-In Decision: Response to Council Motion: decisions following public consultation | 347 - 348 |
| 16. Members' Questions | 349 - 350 |



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Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

17. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items 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 refers.](#)

Part II

18. **Bond Riverside 13B, C & D**

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(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)

(Paragraph 5 – information relating to legal privilege)

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