



# **Budget Meeting of West Berkshire District Council**

**Thursday 26 February 2026**

***Summons and Agenda***

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**WestBerkshire**  
C O U N C I L

To: All Members of the Council

*You are requested to attend the budget meeting of*

**WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

*to be held in the*

**COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET,  
NEWBURY**

on

**Thursday 26 February 2026**

**at 5.30 pm**



Sarah Clarke  
Executive Director – Resources  
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 18 February 2026

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## **AGENDA**

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### **Part I**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any). **(Pages 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](#). **(Pages 7 - 8)**



3. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules contained in the [Council's Constitution](#).  
**(Pages 9 - 10)**

4. **MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY: FINANCIAL YEARS 2026-2030**

Purpose: To determine financial planning assumptions for future years and align these with the Council Strategy to ensure that strategic objectives are delivered. The MTFS highlights the overarching key issues facing the Council's finances and references the scenarios and wider uncertainties concerning the Council's future revenue streams in light of national and local economic factors. **(Pages 11 - 34)**

5. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT: INVESTMENT AND BORROWING STRATEGY**

Purpose: To consolidate the investment and borrowing strategy for the year ahead by detailing how and where the Council will invest and borrow in the forthcoming year, within a particular framework. This strategy is monitored throughout the year, with a mid-year report going to the Governance Committee as well as an annual report being presented to Members. **(Pages 35 - 62)**

6. **THE CAPITAL STRATEGY AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMME: FINANCIAL YEARS 2026/27 - 2029/30**

Purpose: To outline the Capital Strategy period and the supporting funding framework, providing a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability. **(Pages 63 - 94)**

7. **FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/27: REVENUE BUDGET**

Purpose: In accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Local Government Act 2003, the Council must set a balanced budget annually by 11 March. **(Pages 95 - 316)**

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