



# Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

**Thursday 26 March 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 a meeting of*  
**WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
*to be held in the*  
**COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET,  
NEWBURY**

on  
**Thursday 26 March 2026**  
**at 7.00 pm**



Sarah Clarke  
Executive Director – Resources  
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 18 March 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. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman to report on functions attended since the last meeting and other matters of interest to Members. **(Pages 7 - 8)**

3. **MINUTES**

The Chairman to sign as correct records the Minutes of the Council meetings held on 4 November 2025, 27 November 2025, 29 January 2026, and 26 February 2026.  
**(Pages 9 - 42)**



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### 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](#). **(Pages 43 - 44)**

### 5. **PETITIONS**

Petitions may be presented to Council. These will normally be referred to the appropriate body without discussion. **(Pages 45 - 46)**

### 6. **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 47 - 48)**

### 7. **MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

The Council to agree any changes to the membership of Committees. **(Pages 49 - 50)**

### 8. **MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

That Council is informed about the following response to a Motion which had been presented to a previous Council meeting **(Pages 51 - 52)**:

- That the response to the Motion from Councillor Ross Mackinnon on explaining reasons for decisions following public consultations was heard at the Executive Meeting on 19 March 2026 (Agenda Item 7).

A copy of the minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#) once published.

### 9. **UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES**

That Council is informed about the meetings held since the last ordinary meeting of Council. The minutes of these meetings will be available on the [Council's website](#). **(Pages 53 - 54)**

- A) The Licensing Committee met on 15 December 2025 and 24 March 2026.
- B) The Personnel Committee met on 13 January 2026.
- C) The Governance Committee met on 27 January 2026.
- D) The District Planning Committee has not met.
- E) The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee met on 4 December 2025.
- F) The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee met on 16 December

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2025 and 10 March 2026.

- G) The Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee met on 3 February 2026, 10 February 2026, and 17 March 2026.
- H) The Health and Wellbeing Board met on 29 January 2026.
- I) The Joint Public Protection Committee met on 8 December 2025 and 9 March 2026.

### **10. SWIFT BRICKS**

Purpose: To provide members with information relating to Swifts and swift bricks and their use in West Berkshire following the Motion to Council Proposed by Councillor David Marsh and Seconded by Councillor Carolyne Culver. **(Pages 55 - 64)**

### **11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

To receive any Motions submitted in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules contained in the [Council's Constitution](#). **(Pages 65 - 66)**

### **12. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Members of the Council in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules contained in the [Council's Constitution](#). **(Pages 67 - 68)**

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