

# Notice of Meeting

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## Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

**Tuesday 10 March 2026 at 1.30 pm**  
in Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Market Street, Newbury

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**Agenda - Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday 10  
March 2026 (continued)**

**To:** Councillors Martha Vickers (Chairman), David Marsh (Vice-Chairman), Dennis Benneyworth, Nick Carter, Owen Jeffery, Paul Kander, Alan Macro, Stephanie Steevenson and Joanne Stewart

**Substitutes:** Councillors Adrian Abbs, Martin Colston, Dominic Boeck, Billy Drummond, Janine Lewis, Ross Mackinnon, Biyi Oloko, Clive Taylor and Carolyn Culver

# Agenda

## Part I

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2 <b>Minutes</b> Purpose: To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee held on 16 December 2025.	3 - 12	
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4 <b>Declarations of Interest</b> Purpose: 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' <a href="#">Code of Conduct</a> .	17 - 18	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The following are considered to be standing declarations applicable to all Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committees: Councillor Patrick Clark – Governor of Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Governor of Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and West Berkshire Council representative on the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Partnership; and</li></ul>		



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- Councillor Jo Stewart – Employed by the Royal Berks Charity as a Fundraising Manager. Although the charity is a separate entity from the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust, there may be occasions where it would be inappropriate to take part in discussions for certain topics. Her spouse is Head of Contract Management at the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust.

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| 5  | <b>Petitions</b><br>Purpose: To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.  | 19 - 20 |
| 6  | <b>Provision of Social Care and Community Equipment</b><br>Purpose: To review the organisational response to the changes in the provision of social care and community equipment implemented in July 2025, and to consider the measures being put in place to ensure the effective and sustainable delivery of equipment services going forward. | 21 - 36 |
| 7  | <b>Inquest Review Panel – Annual Report</b><br>Purpose: To receive the annual report of the Inquest Review Panel and to consider any findings or recommendations arising.  | 37 - 44 |
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| 9  | <b>Healthwatch Update</b><br>Purpose: Healthwatch West Berkshire to report on views gathered on healthcare services in the district and their key activities.  | 61 - 62 |
| 10 | <b>Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee Work Programme</b><br>Purpose: To receive new items and agree and prioritise the work programme of the Committee.   | 63 - 64 |

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