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Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 6.30pm
in Council Chamber Council Offices
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To: Councillors Carlyne Culver (Chairman), Ross Mackinnon (Vice-Chairman), Antony Amirtharaj, Jeremy Cottam, Laura Coyle, Erik Pattenden, Christopher Read, Richard Somner and Howard Woollaston

Substitutes: Councillors Adrian Abbs, Dennis Benneyworth, Paul Dick, Billy Drummond, Alan Macro, David Marsh, Geoff Mayes, Biyi Oloko and Clive Taylor

Agenda

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1	Apologies for Absence To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	1 - 2
2	Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 July 2025.	3 - 14
3	Actions from previous Minutes To receive an update on recommendations and actions following the previous Committee meeting.	15 - 22
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 .	23 - 24
5	Petitions To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.	25 - 26
6	Review of Transformation Programme Purpose: To provide an update on the Council's Transformation Programme.	To Follow
7	Review of the Library Service performance and funding model Purpose: The purpose of this report is to review the performance of the library service since the introduction of its new funding model in April 2025.	27 - 40

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- 8 **Capital Financing Performance Report Q1 2025/26** 41 - 54
Purpose: The capital financing performance provided to members reports on the underspends or overspends within the Council's approved capital programme and associated capital financing implications. This report presents the provisional outturn position for financial year 2025/26 as forecast at Quarter 1 against the approved capital programme and summarises the financing implications for financial year 2026/27.
- 9 **Revenue Performance Report Q1 2025/26** 55 - 64
Purpose: To report on the financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets. This report is Q1, the first report of the 2025/26 financial year. The report details the variance between the budget set in February 2025 and the current forecast of the year end position. This allows the Executive and Scrutiny Commission to consider the authority's current financial position.
- 10 **Task and Finish Group Updates:**
To receive updates from the chairmen of task and finish groups appointed by the Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee.
- a **Sports Hub Task and Finish Group Report** 65 - 102
Purpose: This report presents the findings of the Sports Hub Task and Finish Group, which sought to determine whether there was a strategically and financially sound business case for the Monks Lane Sports Hub, whether the project was well managed, and whether reliable and consistent advice was given to members about the project to assist them in their decision-making roles. The report makes recommendations based on the evidence gathered, which (if implemented) would help to inform the Council's approach to future sports and leisure projects.
- b **Project Management Task and Finish Group Update** 103 - 104
Purpose: To present an update on the work of the Project Management Task and Finish Group.
- 11 **Appointment of Task and Finish Groups** 105 - 106
Purpose: To agree the terms of reference and membership for any task and finish groups that the Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee may wish to appoint to undertake in-depth scrutiny reviews.
- 12 **Executive Forward Plan September to December 2025** 107 - 116
Purpose: To advise the Committee of items to be considered by West Berkshire Council's Executive, and for Members to decide whether to review any of the proposed items prior to the meeting indicated in the Plan.

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- 13 **Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee Work Programme** 117 - 118
Purpose: To receive new items and agree and prioritise the work programme of the Committee.
- 14 **Exclusion of Press and Public**
RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of aspects of the following item 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

- 15 **Sports Hub Task and finish Group**
(Paragraph 1 - Information relating to an individual.)
(Paragraph 2 – Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.)

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