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Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 17 March 2026 at 6.30pm
in the 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

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2	Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 3 February 2026 and 10 February 2026.	3 - 22
3	Actions from previous Minutes To receive an update on recommendations and actions following previous Committee meetings.	23 - 28
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 .	29 - 30
5	Petitions To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.	31 - 32



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- 6 **Three-weekly refuse waste collections progress update** 33 - 78
To update the Scrutiny Committee on the early performance and impacts of the move to three-weekly refuse (black bin) collections, outlining how the service change is progressing following implementation in September 2025.
The report summarises initial operational outcomes, financial performance, environmental benefits, and resident engagement activity, providing assurance that the change is functioning as intended and remains aligned with the objectives set out in the Council's Waste Management Strategy 2025–2032.
It also highlights emerging risks, lessons learned and areas requiring continued focus, enabling Scrutiny to review progress, offer necessary challenge, and consider any further actions that may support the continued successful delivery and long-term sustainability of this change.
- 7 **Procurement Governance** 79 - 86
To set out details of the governance in place to ensure robust procurement of goods and services, particularly for contracts over £2.5m, in order to enable the Committee to respond to a proposal from a member of the public for a scrutiny review.
- 8 **Swift Bricks** 87 - 96
To provide Members with information relating to Swifts and swift bricks, and their use in West Berkshire, following the Motion to Council by Councillor David Marsh and Councillor Carolyne Culver.
- 9 **Appointment of Task and Finish Groups** 97 - 98
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.
- 10 **Task and Finish Group Updates: Project Management Task and Finish Group Report** 99 - 142
To receive the report of the Project Management Task and Finish Group and consider their recommendations.
- 11 **Executive Forward Plan** 143 - 152
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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| 12 | Corporate Programme
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