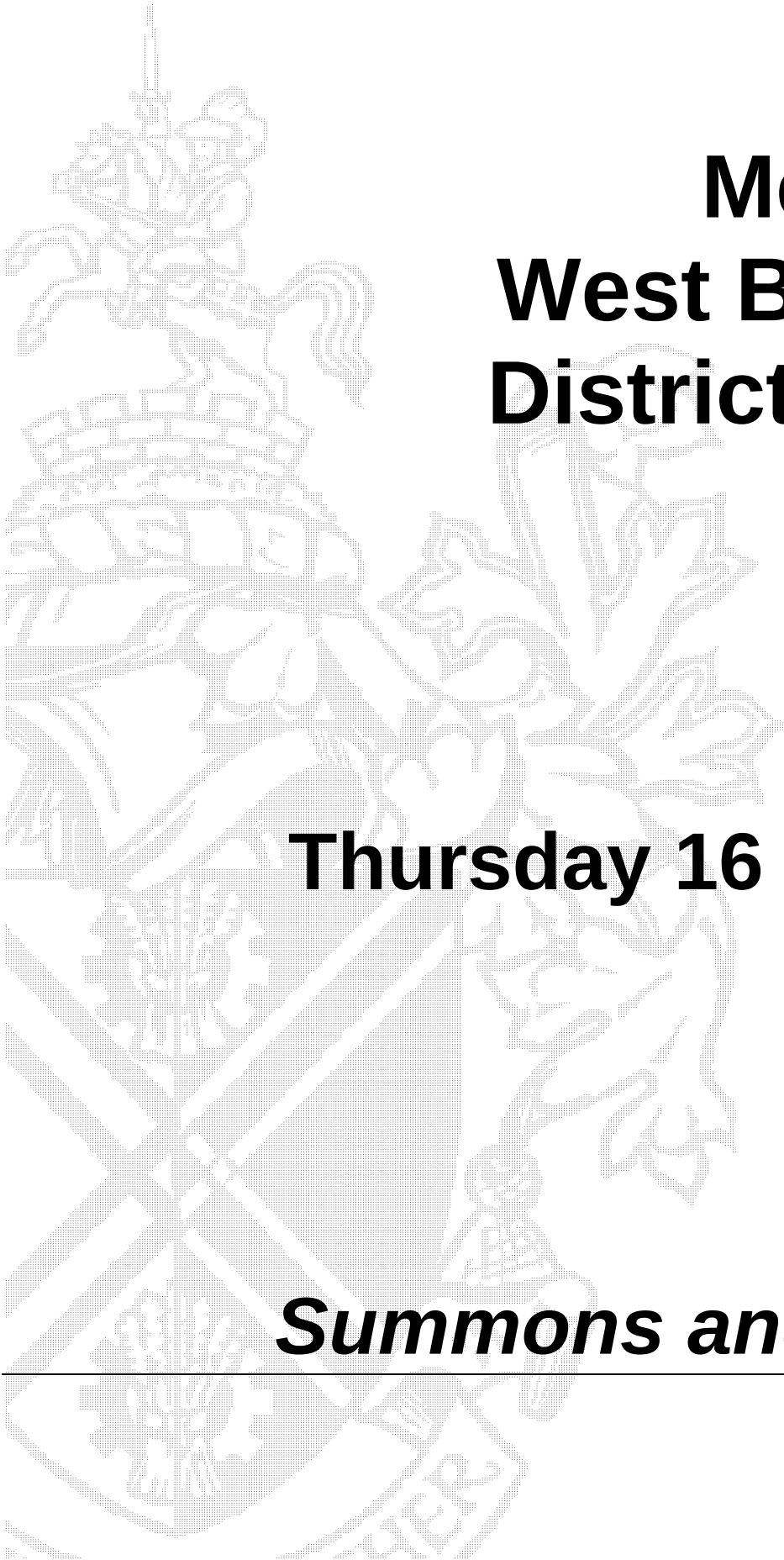




Meeting of West Berkshire District Council

Thursday 16 July 2026

Summons and Agenda



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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 16 July 2026
at 7.00pm

Sarah Clarke.

Sarah Clarke
Executive Director – Resources
West Berkshire District Council

Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 8 July 2026

AGENDA

Part I

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman to report on functions attended since the last meeting and other matters of interest to Members. **(Pages 9 - 10)**

3. **MINUTES**

The Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 14 May 2026. **(Pages 11 - 24)**



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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 25 - 26)**

5. PETITIONS

Petitions may be presented to Council. These will normally be referred to the appropriate body without discussion. **(Pages 27 - 28)**

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 29 - 30)**

7. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The Council to agree any changes to the membership of Committees. **(Pages 31 - 32)**

8. MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

That Council is informed about the following responses to Motions which had been presented to a previous Council meeting:

- That Councillor Adrian Abbs' Motion on the experimental traffic order for Newbury Town Centre was heard at the Executive Meeting on 21 May 2026.
- That Councillor David Marsh's Motion requesting a review of the ethical investment policy relating to the Council and Berkshire Pension Fund was also heard at the Executive Meeting on 21 May 2026.

A copy of the Minutes of this meeting can be obtained from Democratic Services or via the [Council's website](#). **(Pages 33 - 34)**

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 35 - 36)**

- A) The Licensing Committee met on 6 July 2026.
- B) The Personnel and Standards Committee met on 14 July 2026.
- C) The Audit and Risk Committee met on 23 June 2026.
- D) The District Planning Committee has not met.
- E) The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee met on 4 June 2026.

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- F) The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee met on 9 June 2026.
- G) The Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee met on 29 June 2026.
- H) The Health and Wellbeing Board has not met.
- I) The Joint Public Protection Committee met on 8 June 2026.

10. ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2025/26

Purpose: the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2025/26 provides a summary of the work of the Children and Young People, Health and Adult Social Care, and Resources and Place Scrutiny Committees, as well as the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. **(Pages 37 - 70)**

11. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

Purpose: This Annual Report provides a summary of the work undertaken by the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board in 2025/26. **(Pages 71 - 90)**

12. MONITORING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 25/26 AND GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Purpose: to provide the annual report on matters relating to standards and conduct and to bring to the attention of Members a summary of complaints or other issues within West Berkshire. The report highlights that standards of conduct by councillors in West Berkshire remains high. Also, to summarise the activities of the Governance Committee for the municipal year prior to its dissolution. **(Pages 91 - 102)**

13. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW REQUEST

Purpose: Following a formal request from Lambourn Parish Council and Shaw- Cum-Donnington Parish Council, this report sets out the requirements and procedures to undertake a community governance review (CGR) of these Parish Council areas in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act) and associated government guidance. **(Pages 103 - 142)**

14. CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Purpose: to update Council regarding the work undertaken by the Constitution Review Task Group ("CRTG") and to propose the approval of the proposed constitutional updates detailed in this report. **(Pages 143 - 286)**

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15. 2026-2027 COUNCIL STRATEGY REFRESH

Purpose: to present the refreshed [Council Strategy 2023-2027](#) for approval. The refreshed Strategy confirms the Council's strategic priorities, outcomes and areas of focus. It will inform the Council's strategic direction and will underpin service plans and performance management over the remainder of the strategy period. **(Pages 287 - 312)**

16. NOTICES OF MOTION

To receive any Motions submitted in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules contained in the [Council's Constitution](#). **(Pages 313 - 316)**

17. 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 317 - 318)**

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