Notice of Meeting

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 1.30 pm

in Council Chamber Council Offices
Market Street Newbury

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West Berkshire COUNCIL

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

Substitutes: Councillors Adrian Abbs, Dominic Boeck, Nick Carter, Billy Drummond, Janine Lewis, Ross Mackinnon, Biyi Oloko, Clive Taylor and Carolyne Culver

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1 **Apologies** 1 - 2
Purpose: To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).

2 **Minutes** 3 - 20
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3 **Recommendations and Actions Tracker** 21 - 24
Purpose: To receive an update on recommendations and actions following the previous Committee meeting.

4 **Declarations of Interest** 25 - 26
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' Code of Conduct.

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

- 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. In addition, her spouse is Head of

Contract Management at the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust.

5	**Petitions** Purpose: To consider any petitions requiring an Officer response.	27 - 28
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10	**Task and Finish Group Updates** Purpose: To receive updates related to Task and Finish Groups appointed by the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.	133 – 134
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