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Executive

Thursday 24 September 2026 at 6.00 pm

in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 16 September 2026

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West Berkshire COUNCIL

To:	Councillors Jeff Brooks (Chairman), Patrick Clark, Heather Codling (Vice-Chairman), Iain Cottingham, Nigel Foot, Denise Gaines, Stuart Gourley, Tom McCann, Justin Pemberton and Vic Poole

Agenda

Part I

Pages

1. **Apologies for Absence** 5 - 6
   To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).

2. **Portfolio Holder Announcements** 7 - 8
   Member of the Executive to make a statement (if any).

3. **Minutes** 9 - 20
   To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 2 July 2026 and of the extraordinary meeting of Executive held on 23 July 2026.

4. **Declarations of Interest** 21 - 22
   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.

5. **Public Questions** 23 - 24
   Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

6. **Petitions** 25 - 26
   Councillors or Members of the public may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate Committee without discussion.

Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

Pages

7. **2026/27 Q1 Financial Performance Report** 27 - 48
   Purpose: to report on the financial performance of the Council's Revenue and Capital budgets following the Q1 2026/ 27 outturn. The report details variances between the 2026/ 27 Budget (approved in February 2026) and the Q1 outturn for the financial year end position.

8. **Grazeley Solar Farm Business Case** 49 - 56
   Purpose: to update Members on the latest position for the Grazeley Solar

Farm project and to seek approval for the project to continue. The report summarises the strategic case for the scheme, the proposed delivery route, key risks and mitigations, and relevant local energy offtake opportunities. Detailed commercial and financial modelling is contained in the confidential Part II report and associated business case appendices.

9. **Membership of the South East Regional Care Cooperative** 57 - 78
Purpose: to agree to West Berkshire Council becoming a member of the South East Regional Care Cooperative (the RCC).

10. **2026/27 Performance Report Q1** 79 - 118
Purpose: to provide assurance that the priority areas in the Council Strategy 2023-2027 are being managed effectively as at the end of June (Q1 2026/27), and where performance has fallen below the expected level, present information on the remedial action taken and the impact of that action.

11. **ASC Strategy post consultation outcome and Delivery Plan** 119 - 152
Purpose: to provide Executive with a summary of the ASC Strategy public consultation, the impact of the feedback and accompanying Delivery Plan.

12. **Youth Justice Plan 2026/2027** 153 - 228
Purpose: to provide Executive with oversight of the annual Youth Justice Plan for 2026/2027 which is submitted to the Youth Justice Board. The Youth Justice Support Team is a statutory service with contributions from partners including Police, Probation and Health, as such the plan has been formed in conjunction with those partners and been through a consultation process with the Youth Justice Management Board.

13. **Members' Questions** 229 - 230
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

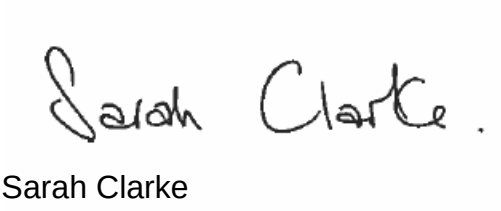
14. **Exclusion of Press and Public**
RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the 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. **Grazeley Solar Farm Business Case** 231 - 390
(Paragraph 6 – information relating to proposed action to be taken by the Local Authority)

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route, key risks and mitigations, and relevant local energy offtake opportunities. Detailed commercial and financial modelling is contained in the confidential Part II report and associated business case appendices.



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