## WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN 1 JANUARY 2025- 30 APRIL 2025

## The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

- 1. This document gives 28 clear days notice of key decisions which the Executive and Individual Executive Members or Officer expect to take.
- 2. The document is updated as required and is available to the public on the Council's website.
- 3. The Executive is made up of the Executive Leader, Deputy Leader and eight Executive Members with the following portfolios:

Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Strategy and Communications	Councillor Jeff Brooks
Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Planning and Housing	Councillor Denise Gaines
Finance and Resources	Councillor lain Cottingham
Adult Social Care and Public Health	Councillor Patrick Clark
Children and Family Services	Councillor Heather Codling
Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside	Councillor Nigel Foot
Environment and Highways	Councillor Stuart Gourley
Executive Member for Transformation and Corporate Programme	Councillor Vicky Poole
Public Safety and Community Engagement, Economic Development and Regeneration	Councillor Justin Pemberton



- 4. Key decisions are those executive decisions which are likely to result in spending or savings which are "significant" in relation to the budget for the service or function in question, or in terms of the effect on communities living or working in two or more wards or electoral divisions. All contracts above £500,000 require a key decision in accordance with the Constitution.
- 5. The Regulations and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made, even though they have not been included in this document in accordance with General Exception and Special Urgency provisions.
- 6. The Forward Plan will also contain details of intended review activity by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission and its Sub-Committee(s) or another body e.g. Task Group associated with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission.
- 7. Copies of the Council's Constitution and agenda and minutes for all meetings of the Council may be accessed on the Council's website.
- 8. For copies of reports or other documents, and for detailed information regarding specific issues to be considered by the Executive, individual Member or officer please contact the named Lead Officer for the item concerned.
- 9. For further details on the time of meetings and general information about the Plan please email executivecycle@westberkshire.gov.uk or by writing to the address below.

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23 Jan 2025	Schools Funding Formula 2025/26	To approve the school funding formula distribution for 2024/25.	No	Portfolio Holder: Finance and Resources			Melanie Ellis	Open
28 Jan 2025	Leisure Centre Joint Advisory Committee membership		No	Individual Executive Member Decisions			Jude Thomas	Open
27 Feb 2025	Revenue Budget 2025/26		Yes	Council			Melanie Ellis	Open
27 Feb 2025	Capital Budget 2025/26		Yes	Council			Shannon Coleman- Slaughter	Open
27 Feb 2025	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26		Yes	Council			Shannon Coleman- Slaughter	Open
27 Feb 2025	Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2025/26		Yes	Council			Shannon Coleman- Slaughter	Open

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13 Feb 2025	Revenue Financial Performance Report - Q3 of 2024/25	To inform Members of the latest financial performance of the Council.	Yes	Executive			Melanie Ellis	Open
13 Feb 2025	Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission Task and Finish Group Report on Covid and Recovery	To provide a response to the recommendations made in the report from the Scrutiny Commission Task and Finish Group on Covid and Recovery, which was presented to Members Scrutiny Commission on 24 September 2024	No	Executive			Gordon Oliver	Open
13 Feb 2025	Capital Financial Performance Report - Q3 of 2024/25	To present the Q3 capital financial performance for Members to note.	Yes	Executive			Shannon Coleman- Slaughter	Open
13 Feb 2025	Companion	To respond to	No	Executive			Emma	Open

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	Bus Scheme Motion Report	the Motion proposed by Councillor David Marsh on 07/07/24.					Jameson	
13 Feb 2025	Voluntary and Charitable Sector Memorandum of Understandin g		No	Executive			Paul Coe	Open
13 Feb 2025	Devolution paper		No	Executive			Gabrielle Mancini	Open
13 Feb 2025	Peer Support and Full-Time Educational Provision for Pupils with EHC Plans (13-19 years)	Award via VEAT notice	Yes	Executive			Nicola Ponton	Fully exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

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13 Feb 2025	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Sadie Owen	Open
14 Feb 2025	Argyle Road 20 MPH speed limit change Proposal	To discuss objections and make recommendatio n	No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Gareth Dowding	Open
21 Feb 2025	School Term Dates	Setting school term dates for 2026 academic year	No	Portfolio Holder: Children and Family Services			Nick WInter	Open
19 Mar 2025	Exception to Direct Award to Unit 4 (Agresso)	To request approval for a direct award to Unit4 for the supply of ERP 7 (known locally as Agresso) via Software as a Service (SaaS)	Yes	Executive			Sarah Wood	Open
28 Mar 2025	Section 19 Flood Investigation Report	To seek the approval of the Executive Member for Environment	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways	All Stakeholders, Local Ward Members and Town/Parish		Andrew Reynolds	Open

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		and Highways to implement the recommendatio ns contained in the Section 19 Flood Investigation Report.			Councils are advised of scheme details in advance of work commencing.			
28 Mar 2025	Three Year Highway Improvement Programme 2025/26 - 2027/28	To seek the approval of the Executive Member for Environment and Highways to implement the Draft Three Year Highway Improvement Programme 2025/26 - 2027/28 and proceed with the first year 2025/26 of the programme.	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways	Consultation is not normally undertaken as the programme is based on objective data obtained through technical surveys and developed in accordance with the Council's approved Asset Management Plan. However, any comments received from stakeholders during the previous 12 month period		Andrew Reynolds	Open

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					are considered and all Local Ward Members and Town/Parish Councils are advised of scheme details in advance of work commencing. The full approved programme will also be published on the Council's website.			
3 Apr 2025	Procurement activity annual report	To inform the Executive of the procurements undertaken by the Council over the past 12 months and the impact of the Social Value procurement	Yes	Executive			Kate Pearson	Open

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		policy.						
3 Apr 2025	Contracts for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive	To gain approval from Executive to delegate authority to an individual (Service Lead or Service Director) to proceed with contract awards with a value in excess of £2.5M	Yes	Executive			Sarah Wood	Open
3 Apr 2025	Waste Management Strategy	Following public consultation on the Council's Draft Waste Management Strategy, this report proposes adoption of the Council's new Waste Management Strategy.	Yes	Executive			Daniel Warne	Open
3 Apr 2025	Standing item: Asset		No	Executive			Sadie Owen	Open

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	Disposal							
3 Apr 2025	Corporate Accommodati on Review		Yes	Executive			Gabrielle Mancini	Open
3 Apr 2025	2024/25 Performance Report Q3		Yes	Executive			Catalin Bogos	Open
25 Apr 2025	Proposed Allocation of the Household Support Fund April 2025 - March 2026		Yes	Portfolio Holder: Planning and Housing			Nick Caprara	Open
25 Apr 2025	Kings Road Newbury - Prohibition of Driving Proposal	To consider responses received during statutory consultation period.	No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Gareth Dowding	Open
25 Apr 2025	Love Lane/Bastion Street Newbury Bus gate Proposal	To discuss objections and make recommendatio n.	No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Gareth Dowding	Open

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25 Apr 2025	2025-26 Network Management Works Programme	To seek approval of the proposed Network Management Works Programme for 2025-26.	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Neil Stacey	Open
22 May 2025	LGA Peer Review Children's Services		No	Executive			Rebecca Wilshire	Open
22 May 2025	LGA Corporate Peer Review Follow Up		No	Executive			Joseph Holmes	Open
22 May 2025	Carers Strategy 2024-27		Yes	Executive			Hannah Cole	Open
22 May 2025	Environment Strategy Annual Progress Report and Environment Strategy 2025		No	Executive			Jenny Graham	Open

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	Refresh							
22 May 2025	Standing item: Asset Disposal		No	Executive			Sadie Owen	Open
29 May 2025	Amendment to Streetworks Permit Scheme Order	To review and approve changes to the Council's Streetworks Permit Scheme, principally to increase the fees charged to statutory undertakers for carrying out works on the highway.	No	Jon Winstanley - Service Director			Neil Stacey	Open
3 Jul 2025	Response to Public Open Spaces motion	Response to Cllr Amirtharaj Motion	No	Executive			Laura Callan	Open
3 Jul 2025	Block Beds '9 Month Extension'	An extension to the current contract by 9 months	Yes	Executive			Thomas Bailey	Open

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3 Jul 2025	Q4 Performance Report 2024/25		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
3 Jul 2025	New Developments Task Group	Recommendati ons of the New Developments Health Scrutiny Task Group	No	Executive			Laura Callan	Open
3 Jul 2025	Rights of Way Improvement Plan	To present the revised plan following public consultation.	Yes	Executive			Elaine Cox	Open
3 Jul 2025	Future of the Shared Partnership for the Public Protection Partnership	To fulfil the requirement of the IAA which is due to expire in January 2027, which requires the partner authorities to review the current arrangements and adopt any changes 2 years before	No	Executive			Sean Murphy	Open

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		the current arrangement expires.						
3 Jul 2025	Capital outturn report		No	Executive			Shannon Coleman- Slaughter	Open
3 Jul 2025	Revenue Outturn report		No	Executive			Chris Dagnall	Open
3 Jul 2025	Public Health Re-Structure		Yes	Executive			Dr Matt Pearce	Open
18 Sep 2025	Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report		No	Executive			Karl Davis	Open
18 Sep 2025	Youth Justice Annual Plan		No	Executive			Dave Wraight	Open
18 Sep 2025	Care Leaver Annual Report		No	Executive			Karl Davis	Open
18 Sep 2025	Revenue Financial Performance Report - Q1 of 2025/26	To report on the financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets and	Yes	Executive			Chris Dagnall	Open

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		provide a year- end forecast.						
18 Sep 2025	ASC Annual Report		No	Executive			Melanie O'Rourke	Open
18 Sep 2025	Early Help Response Hub Annual report		No	Executive			Karen Atalla	Open
18 Sep 2025	2025/26 Performance Report Q1		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
18 Sep 2025	Capital Financial Performance Report Q1 2025/26	To present the Q1 capital financial performance for Members to note.	Yes	Executive			Richard Quayle	Open
6 Nov 2025	Capital Financial Performance Report - Q2 of 2025/26	To present the Q2 capital financial performance for Members to note.	No	Executive			Richard Quayle	Open
6 Nov 2025	Revenue Financial Performance	To report on the financial performance of	No	Executive			Chris Dagnall	Open

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	Report - Q2 of 2025/26	the Council's revenue budgets and provide a yearend forecast.						
18 Dec 2025	2025/26 Performance Report Q2		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
12 Feb 2026	Investment and Borrowing Strategy 2026-27		Yes	Executive			Richard Quayle	Open
12 Feb 2026	Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27		Yes	Executive			Richard Quayle	Open
12 Feb 2026	Capital Financial Performance Report Q3 2025/26	To present the Q3 capital financial performance for Members to note.	Yes	Executive			Richard Quayle	Open
12 Feb 2026	Revenue Budget 2026/27		Yes	Executive			Chris Dagnall	Open

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12 Feb 2026	Revenue Financial Performance Report - Q3 of 2025/26	To report on the financial performance of the Council's revenue budgets and provide a year- end forecast.	Yes	Executive			Chris Dagnall	Open
21 May 2026	2025/26 Performance Report Q3		No	Executive			Beatriz Teixeira	Open
	Legal Services - Childcare Committee considering report:	The report considers several options for providing legal services to Children's Services, to ensure that this is provided in the most costeffective manner.	No	Executive			Sarah Clarke	Open
	Garden Waste Charging Options		Yes	Executive			Kofi Adu- Gyamfi	Open
	Waste Contract		Yes	Executive			Kofi Adu- Gyamfi	Open

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	Paper							
	Adults Homelessnes s	Contract Award	Yes	Executive			Rebecca Braithwaite	Open
	Leisure Strategy Delivery Plan	To present the plan for implementing the Leisure Strategy.	Yes	Executive			Jude Thomas	Open
	Joint Legal team (JLT) Review	To agree a revised Heads of Term Agreement and to delegate authority to the Service Lead, Legal and Democratic Services to finalise the same.	Yes	Executive			Nicola Thomas	Fully exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) Information which reveals that the authority proposes to give under

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								any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person Information which reveals that the authority proposes to make an order or direction under any enactment.
	Gateway Plaza update		No	Executive			Sam Robins	Open
	LRIE lease acquisitions	To seek Executive signoff to make an offer to buyback the leases on plots 13U and 13T on the LRIE, subject to a satisfactory	Yes	Executive			Sam Robins	Open

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		price being agreed at negotiatiuons which are currently underway with the leaseholders on the sites.						
	Review of Libraries Service	To evaluate the impact of the transformation of the library service which took place in 2017-18 and put forward any additional options for improving the service for residents.	Yes	Executive	Community Needs Assessment Stakeholder Surveys – volunteers, staff, service managers, hard to reach groups Public Survey including library users and non- users Parish and Town Council engagement sessions		Felicity Harrison	Open
	Parking Strategy	To consider and approve the West	Yes	Executive			lan Martinez	Open

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	2023-2033	Berkshire Council Parking Strategy 2023- 2033.						
	Proposed Allocation of the Household Support Fund April 2025 - March 2026.	To propose a continuation of the successful programme delivered with the voluntary sector and our partners at Greenham Trust and agree the allocations for the funding period.	Yes	Portfolio Holder: Planning and Housing			Nick Caprara	Open
	Contract Award report for West Point House Refurbishmen t Project	Contract value estimated to be £990k therefore included on the Forward Plan for information	No	Joseph Holmes - Interim Chief Executive			Vickie Collins	Open
	Kennet Valley Primary School SEMH Provision	Contract award report for the Kennet Valley expansion works following a full tender	Yes	Paul Coe - Executive Director			Vicky Pearce	Open

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		process. Contract value estimated at £1.8 million						
	Contract Award report for Mrs Blands Infant and Nursery School Heating Replacement	Contract award report for heating replacement works at Mrs Blands School following a full tender process. Contract value estimated at £500k.	Yes	AnnMarie Dodds - Executive Director			Vicky Pearce	Open
	Parking Review Amendment Order No 35 (A4 Thatcham area)	To consider responses received during statutory consultation period.	No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Gareth Dowding	Open
	Parking review Amendment Order No 36 (Kings Road Newbury area)	To consider responses received during statutory consultation period.	No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Gareth Dowding	Open

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	Parking Review Amendment Order No 37 (various locations)	To consider responses received during statutory consultation period.	No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Gareth Dowding	Open
	Parking Review Amendment Experimental Order No 38 (Electric Vehicle Charging Bays - various locations)	To consider responses received during statutory consultation period.	No	Portfolio Holder: Environment and Highways			Gareth Dowding	Open