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Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 2 July 2026.

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.

A. **Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Governance, Commercialisation and Disabled Community Liaison:**

"The Statutory Pay Policy for 2026-2027 refers to a list of Chief Officers which includes the Top 3 Management Layers (excluding Service Director for Public Health) PLUS All Service Managers reporting to a Service Director & All Service Leads which amounts to about 42 or 43 Positions. However the Constitution at Part 12 Para 4.1 lists 15 Positions (including the Director for Public Health) as Chief Officers, and it does not give a Definition of the Term 'Chief Officer' in the Glossary of Terms.

How many CHIEF OFFICERS does West Berkshire Council have and how many Positions are subject to the JNC Chief Executive Officers or JNC Chief Officers T&C."

B. **Question submitted by Paul Morgan to the Leader of the Council:**

"The report states that it has been "informed by a structured review of progress to date and a forward looking assessment of what remains to be delivered as the Council enters the final year of the strategy period". However, there is no reference / mention of the plan to commission and build a new Community Sports Stadium between 2025 and 2026 (with the ambition to open a new Community Sports Stadium in Faraday Road in 2027).

Is this just an oversight or has this commitment, for whatever reason, now been removed from the Council Strategy?"

C. **Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources:**

"My question relates to Agenda item 7 Slippage of Capital Programme into future years (2026/27 and 2027/28). The report (Appendix A) states that £1,137,400 for the Capital Scheme for Faraday Road has slipped from last FY (25/26) to this FY 26/27.

To clarify the situation can the Council please confirm how much was originally put into the budget for 25/26, whether this specifically related to the 3G pitch project (as referenced in EX4725) and that the full capital amount (then and now) will be 100% funded from CIL."

D. **Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Governance, Commercialisation and Disabled Community Liaison:**

"Section 3 of the Statutory Pay Policy states The Council does not operate a separate bonus scheme for its Chief Officers. With the exception of the Special Recruitment Payment mentioned in 3.1.7 and the hybrid working workstyle allowance mentioned in 3.1.18 above no other charges, fees or allowances or

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remuneration are payable to Chief Officers in connection with their responsibilities.

How many positions does the statement relating to allowances for New Responsibilities relate to?"

E. **Question submitted by Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources:**

"My question relates to 2025/26 Financial Performance: Provisional Outturn report. The report states that capital expenditure within the Place directorate was lower than budget and was driven mainly by delays in large infrastructure and regeneration schemes such as the Solar and environmental projects, namely the proposed solar farm at Grazeley at £5.8million.

On the basis that the original budget for Grazeley was £18.6 million in 2025/26 why has only £5.8million been slipped into 26/27 (£800,000) & 27/28 (£5,047,650)?"

F. **Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside:**

"My question relates to Agenda item 7 Slippage of Capital Programme into future years (2026/27 and 2027/28). If the Faraday Road project does go ahead the bulk of the spend will happen at the end of the 2026/27 football season, not the end season 2025/26. This means the spend will occur in FY2027/28.

As EX4725 was produced over 1 year ago please can you provide an estimate of when a revised EX report will be provided, for members and the public, covering items such as final construction costs, sinking fund costs, business case, operational / management costs, other options considered, sources of funding etc."

G. **Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Governance, Commercialisation and Disabled Community Liaison:**

"The WBC Constitution at Part 12 Point 2 list 4 Key Statutory Roles which do not include the following roles which do sit at the Top Table: Director of Children's Services (DCS); Director of Adult Social Services (DASS); Director of Public Health (DPH). Is there a Reason for not including these please as many other Unitary Authorities list these Roles as Statutory Roles, thank you"

H. **Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing:**

"Agenda Item 7: £23,450 of S106 Monies for Henwick Sports Field: These S106 agreements can include a requirement for developers to pay financial sums toward the provision of new infrastructure or the improvement of existing

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infrastructure within the vicinity of a development, therefore Which Developments are contributing to this Amount please, and how much is each contributing?"

I. **Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing:**

"Re Agenda Item 7. Line Item for FRFG. With the £1,137,400 CIL Allocation for Faraday Road Football Ground, which Developments in the Vicinity or other Sources in the vicinity are contributing to these Monies please?"