

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES 2024/25

Chairman of Council:	Billy Drummond
Vice-Chairman of Council:	Tony Vickers
Leader of Council and Leader, Liberal Democrat Group:	Jeff Brooks
Deputy Leader of Council and Deputy Leader, Liberal Democrat Group:	Denise Gaines
Leader of the Opposition and Leader, Conservative Group:	Ross Mackinnon
Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader, Conservative Group:	Dominic Boeck
Leader of the Minority Group	David Marsh

EXECUTIVE (Leader of Council plus up to nine Members)

Portfolio	Portfolio Holder
Directorate – <i>Service (Service Area/s)</i>	<i>Deputy</i>
1. Leader of Council Strategy and Communications <i>Resources – Strategy and Governance (Human Resources, Legal and Democratic)</i>	Jeff Brooks
2. Deputy Leader of Council Planning and Housing <i>Place – Development and Regulation (Housing and Planning)</i>	Denise Gaines
3. Finance and Resources <i>Resources – Finance and Property Resources - Strategy and Governance (Audit, Customer Services, Elections & Land Charges, Risk, Commissioning and Procurement)</i>	Iain Cottingham
4. Economic Development and Regeneration <i>Place – Development and Regulation (Economic Development)</i>	Louise Sturgess



5.	Adult Social Care and Public Health People – <i>Adult Social Care, Public Health and Wellbeing</i>	Patrick Clark
6.	Children and Family Services People – <i>Education, Children and Family Services</i>	Heather Codling
7.	Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside People – <i>Communities and Wellbeing (Culture and Libraries, Sport and Leisure)</i> Place – <i>Environment (Countryside)</i>	Nigel Foot
8.	Environment and Highways Place – <i>Environment (Environment Delivery, Highways, Highway & Flood Risk Asset Management, Transport & Parking Services, Waste)</i>	Stuart Gourley
9.	Transformation and Corporate Programme Resources - <i>Strategy and Governance (Digital Services, ICT)</i>	Vicky Poole
10.	Public Safety and Community Engagement Place – <i>Development and Regulation (Public Protection, Joint Emergency Planning Unit)</i> People – <i>Communities and Wellbeing (Building Communities Together)</i>	Justin Pemberton

SHADOW EXECUTIVE

Portfolio	Member
Leader of the Opposition Strategy and Communications, Finance, Corporate Services, Regeneration, Growth and Strategy Development	Ross Mackinnon
Deputy Leader of the Opposition Children and Young People, Governance, Transformation	Dominic Boeck
Planning and Community Engagement, Highways, Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity	Richard Somner
Adult Social Care, Integrated Health and Public Health	Joanne Stewart
Housing, Culture, Leisure and Sport, Countryside and Public Safety	Howard Woollaston

HEALTH AND WELLBEING (21 Members) – Subject to Change around Portfolio Holders

Name	Role/Organisation	Substitute
Cllr Jeff Brooks	WBC Leader of Council	Cllr Vicky Poole
Cllr Patrick Clark	WBC Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Public Health	
Cllr Heather Codling (Chairman)	WBC Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services	
Cllr Nigel Foot	WBC Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside	
Cllr Jo Stewart	WBC Conservative Group Spokesperson for Health and Wellbeing	Cllr Dominic Boeck
Cllr David Marsh	WBC Minority Group Spokesperson for Health and Wellbeing	Cllr Carolyne Culver
Paul Coe	WBC Executive Director – Adult Social Care	Maria Shepherd
AnnMarie Dodds	WBC Executive Director -	Dave Wraight
Prof John Ashton	Director of Public Health, Berkshire West	
April Peberdy	WBC Interim Service Director - Communities and Wellbeing	Zoe Campbell
Sean Murphy	WBC Public Protection Manager, Public Protection Partnership	
Jessica Jhundoo-Evans	Arts & Leisure Representative	Katy Griffiths
Bernadine Blease	Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust	Helen Williamson
Sarah Webster (Vice-Chairman)	Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group (1)	Belinda Seston Jo Reeves
Dr Heike Veldtman	Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group (2)	
Fiona Worby	Healthwatch West Berkshire	Mike Fereday
Gail Muirhead	Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service	Paul Thomas
Dr Janet Lippett	Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust	William Orr Andrew Statham
Matthew Hensby	Sovereign Housing	Kate Rees
Supt Zahid Aziz	Thames Valley Police	Emily Evans
Garry Poulson	Voluntary Sector Representative	Rachel Peters

SCRUTINY COMMISSION (Nine Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (five Members)	Antony Amirtharaj, Jeremy Cottam, Erik Pattenden, Christopher Read, Martha Vickers
Liberal Democrat Substitutes (three Members)	Laura Coyle, Billy Drummond, Geoff Mayes
Conservative Group (three Members)	Dominic Boeck (Vice-Chairman), Paul Dick, Ross Mackinnon
Conservative Substitutes (three Members)	Richard Somner, Jo Stewart, Howard Woollaston
Minority Group (one Member)	Carolyn Culver (Chairman)
Minority Group Substitute (one Member)	David Marsh

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Five Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (four Members)	Nick Carter, Owen Jeffery, Stephanie Steevenson, Martha Vickers (Chairman)
Liberal Democrat Substitutes (two Members)	Billy Drummond, Alan Macro
Conservative Group (one Member)	Jane Langford (Vice-Chairman)
Conservative Group Substitutes (two Members)	Paul Kander, Biyi Oloko

LICENSING COMMITTEE (12 Members) – no substitutes

Liberal Democrat Group (seven Members)	Phil Barnett, Jeremy Cottam (Chairman), Billy Drummond, Nigel Foot, Justin Pemberton, Stephanie Steevenson, Martha Vickers
Conservative Group (three Members)	Paul Dick (Vice-Chairman), Paul Kander, Jane Langford
Minority Group (two Members)	David Marsh, Clive Taylor

DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE (11 Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Planning)	Denise Gaines (Chairman)
Liberal Democrat Group (seven) Members – the Portfolio Holder for Planning, 4 from the East and 3 from the West of the District)	Phil Barnett, Jeremy Cottam, Nigel Foot, Alan Macro, Geoff Mayes, Justin Pemberton, Tony Vickers
Liberal Democrat Substitutes (four Members – <i>two from the Eastern Area of the District and two from the Western Area of the District</i>)	Antony Amirtharaj, Jeff Brooks, Laura Coyle, Billy Drummond
Conservative Group (two Members - one each from the East and West of the District)	Richard Somner (Vice-Chairman), Howard Woollaston
Conservative Group Substitutes (four Members – <i>two from the Eastern Area of the District and two from the Western Area of the District</i>)	Paul Dick, Clive Hooker, Paul Kander, Ross Mackinnon
Minority Group (one Member from the West of the District)	Adrian Abbs
Minority Group Substitute (one Member – <i>from the Western Area of the District</i>)	Carolyn Culver

EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE (Nine Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (five Members)	Jeremy Cottam, Alan Macro (Chairman), Geoff Mayes, Justin Pemberton, Vicky Poole
Liberal Democrat Group Substitutes (three Members)	Laura Coyle, Janine Lewis, Chris Read
Conservative Group (three Members)	Paul Kander, Ross Mackinnon, Richard Somner (Vice-Chairman)
Conservative Group Substitutes (three Members)	Jane Langford, Biyi Oloko, Jo Stewart
Minority Group (1 Member)	Clive Taylor

WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE (Nine Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (five Members)	Antony Amirtharaj, Phil Barnett (Chairman), Nigel Foot, Denise Gaines, Tony Vickers
Liberal Democrat Group Substitutes (three Members)	Martin Colston, Billy Drummond, Stuart Gourley
Conservative Group (three Members)	Paul Dick, Clive Hooker (Vice-Chairman), Howard Woollaston
Conservative Group Substitutes (one Member)	Dennis Benneyworth
Minority Group (one Member)	Adrian Abbs
Minority Group Substitute (one Member)	Carolyn Culver

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (Nine Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (six Members)	Jeremy Cottam, Laura Coyle, Billy Drummond, Owen Jeffery, Erik Pattenden (Chairman), Christopher Read
Liberal Democrat Group Substitutes (two Members)	Janine Lewis, Stephanie Steevenson
Conservative Group (two Members)	Dominic Boeck, Howard Woollaston (Vice-Chairman)
Conservative Group Substitutes (two Members)	Dennis Benneyworth, Paul Dick
Minority Group (one Member)	David Marsh
Minority Substitute (one Member)	Carolyn Culver
Co-optees (two)	David Southgate, vacancy
Co-optee Substitute (two)	Anne Budd, vacancy
Independent Audit Person (one)	Simon Carey

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Five Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (four Members)	Antony Amirtharaj, Jeff Brooks, Laura Coyle, Matt Shakespeare (Chairman)
Liberal Democrat Substitutes (two Members)	Martin Colston, Denise Gaines
Conservative Group (one Member)	Biyi Oloko (Vice-Chairman)
Conservative Substitutes (two Members)	Ross Mackinnon, Howard Woollaston

APPEALS PANEL (12 Members) *(There are no substitutes on this Panel) – Chairman elected at each meeting*

Liberal Democrat Group (nine Members)	Jeff Brooks, Heather Codling, Jeremy Cottam, Laura Coyle, Billy Drummond, Denise Gaines, Christopher Read, Stephanie Steevenson, Martha Vickers
Conservative Group (three Members)	Clive Hooker, Biyi Oloko, Jo Stewart

JOINT PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE (one Executive Member and one Council Member)

Executive Member	Justin Pemberton
Substitute (Executive Member)	All other Members of the Executive
Council Representatives	Jeremy Cottam, Howard Woollaston

APPENDIX B - MEMBERSHIP OF TASK GROUPS AND PANELS 2023/2024

JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (six Members and four other members)

Liberal Democrat Group (two Members)	Stephanie Steevenson, Martha Vickers
Liberal Democrat Group Substitute (one Member)	Geoff Mayes

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE'S ADVISORY PANEL (six Members and four other members)

Liberal Democrat Group (two Members)	Lee Dillon, Geoff Mayes
Conservative Group (two Members)	Jane Langford, Jo Stewart
Minority Group (two Members)	Carolyn Culver, David Marsh
Parish Council representatives (two)	Anne Budd, vacancy
Parish Council representative substitutes (two)	n/a
Independent Members (two from three)	Lindsey Appleton, Alan Penrith, Mike Wall

Any Member of Council will be welcome to attend the Advisory Groups detailed below with the consent of the relevant Portfolio Holder.

ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY GROUP (nine Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (five Members)	Nick Carter, Stuart Gourley, Geoff Mayes, Martha Vickers, Tony Vickers
Liberal Democrat Group Substitute (one Member)	Owen Jeffery, Janine Lewis, Vicky Poole
Conservative Group (three Members)	Dennis Benneyworth, Paul Kander, Richard Somner
Conservative Group Substitute (one Member)	Jo Stewart
Minority Group (one Member)	Carolyn Culver
Minority Group Substitute (one Member)	David Marsh

PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP (nine Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (five Members)	Patrick Clark, Jeremy Cottam, Denise Gaines, Geoff Mayes, Tony Vickers
Conservative Group (three Members)	Clive Hooker, Ross Mackinnon, Richard Somner
Minority Group (one Member)	Clive Taylor

TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP (nine Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (five Members)	Martin Colston, Denise Gaines, Stuart Gourley, Geoff Mayes, Matt Shakespeare
Conservative Group (three Members)	Jane Langford, Biyi Oloko, Richard Somner
Minority Group (one Member)	David Marsh

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT GROUP (three Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (one Member)	Vicky Poole
Conservative Group (one Member)	Howard Woollaston
Minority Group (one Member)	Clive Taylor

JOINT CONSULTATIVE PANEL (eight Members and eight employee representative members, *Chairman alternates annually between Members' and employee's groups*)

Liberal Democrat Group (four Members)	Nigel Foot, Alan Macro, Geoff Mayes, Vicky Poole
Conservative Group (three Members)	Clive Hooker, Paul Kander, Biyi Oloko
Minority Group (one Member)	Clive Taylor

APPRENTICESHIP STEERING GROUP (four Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (two Members)	Jeff Brooks, Vicky Poole
Conservative Group (one Member)	Dominic Boeck
Minority Group (one Member)	Clive Taylor

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE) (four Members)

Liberal Democrat Group (two Members)	Billy Drummond, Tony Vickers
Conservative Group (one Member)	Paul Dick
Minority Group (one Member)	Clive Taylor

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL (six Members and ten other members)

Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People's Services	Heather Codling
Shadow Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People	Dominic Boeck
Liberal Democrat Group (two Members)	Justin Pemberton, Martha Vickers
Conservative Group (one Member)	Paul Dick
Minority Group (one Member)	David Marsh
Liberal Democrat Group Substitutes (two Members)	Lee Dillon, Erik Pattenden
WBC Executive Director, People (Children's Services)	AnnMarie Dodds
WBC Head of Service, Children & Family Services	Dave Wraight
WBC Head of Service, Education	Michelle Sancho
WBC Service Manager, Early Years, Vulnerable Learners & Families	Avril Allenby
WBC Service Manager, Looked After Children	Karl Davis
WBC Service Manager, Quality Assurance & Safeguarding Service	Nicky Robertson
WBC Virtual School Headteacher	Robin Douglas
Chair, Foster Carer Association	Ian Graham
NHS Berkshire West CCG	Jane Bell
Chair, WB Primary Head Teacher Association	Andy Higgs
Principal Social Worker	Sonia Harris

SCHOOLS FORUM (Portfolio Holder with primary responsibility for children's services or education and Portfolio Holder with primary responsibility for resources, *entitled to attend and speak but are not Forum members*)

Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People's Services	Heather Codling
Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services	Iain Cottingham

CHAMPIONS

Armed Forces	Stephanie Steevenson
Cycling	Martin Colston
Heritage	Nigel Foot
Green	Martha Vickers
Mental Health	Martin Colston
Safer Streets	Vicky Poole