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## Notice of Meeting

### Council

Councillors Neil Knowles (Chair), Simon Bond (Vice-Chair), Clive Baskerville, Adam Bermange, George Blundell, David Buckley, Mandy Brar, Catherine Del Campo, Alison Carpenter, Richard Coe, Suzanne Cross, Carole Da Costa, Wisdom Da Costa, Devon Davies, Karen Davies, Jack Douglas, Genevieve Gosling, Jodie Grove, Geoff Hill, Mark Howard, Maureen Hunt, Lynne Jones, Ewan Larcombe, Sayonara Luxton, Asghar Majeed, Siân Martin, Chris Moriarty, Helen Price, Gary Reeves, Joshua Reynolds, Julian Sharpe, George Shaw, Gurch Singh, Kashmir Singh, John Story, Helen Taylor, Amy Tisi, Julian Tisi, Leo Walters, Simon Werner and Mark Wilson

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**Tuesday 14 May 2024 7.00 pm**

**Council Chamber - Town Hall - Maidenhead & on [RBWM YouTube](#)**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Evans'.

**Stephen Evans  
Chief Executive**

### Agenda

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1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> To receive any apologies for absence.	
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4	<b>Election of Deputy Mayor for 2024/25</b> For details of the Order of Proceedings please see page 5.	9 - 10
5	<b>Establishment of Committees and associated matters 2024/25</b> This report asks the Council to agree: a) the establishment and membership of Committees, Panels and Forums; and	To Follow

	b) the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to each body appointed under this item with the exception of the Appeals Panel, which shall select a Chair from the Panel membership at the start of each Panel meeting for the duration of that meeting, and the Overview and Scrutiny Panels which will elect Chairs from their membership.	
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By attending this meeting, participants are consenting to the audio & visual recording being permitted and acknowledge that this shall remain accessible in the public domain permanently.

Please contact Kirsty Hunt, [kirsty.hunt@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.hunt@rbwm.gov.uk), with any special requests that you may have when attending this meeting.

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## MEMBERS' GUIDE TO DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

### Disclosure at Meetings

If a Member has not disclosed an interest in their Register of Interests, they **must make** the declaration of interest at the beginning of the meeting, or as soon as they are aware that they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) or Other Registerable Interest. If a Member has already disclosed the interest in their Register of Interests they are still required to disclose this in the meeting if it relates to the matter being discussed.

Any Member with concerns about the nature of their interest should consult the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

### Non-participation in case of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your DPIS (summary below, further details set out in Table 1 of the Members' Code of Conduct) you must disclose the interest, **not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room** unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest' (as agreed in advance by the Monitoring Officer), you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest. Dispensation may be granted by the Monitoring Officer in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a DPI.

Where you have a DPI on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet Member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

*DPIS (relating to the Member or their partner) include:*

- *Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.*
- *Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses*
- *Any contract under which goods and services are to be provided/works to be executed which has not been fully discharged.*
- *Any beneficial interest in land within the area of the council.*
- *Any licence to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.*
- *Any tenancy where the landlord is the council, and the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest in the securities of.*
- *Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:*
  - a) *that body has a place of business or land in the area of the council, and*
  - b) *either (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or (ii) the total nominal value of the shares of any one class belonging to the relevant person exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.*

Any Member who is unsure if their interest falls within any of the above legal definitions should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

### Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to one of your Other Registerable Interests (summary below and as set out in Table 2 of the Members Code of Conduct), you must disclose the interest. **You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.** If it is a 'sensitive interest' (as agreed in advance by the Monitoring Officer), you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

### *Other Registerable Interests:*

- a) *any unpaid directorships*
  - b) *any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority*
  - c) *any body*
    - (i) *exercising functions of a public nature*
    - (ii) *directed to charitable purposes or*
    - (iii) *one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)*
- of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management*

### **Disclosure of Non- Registerable Interests**

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a DPI) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, or a body included under Other Registerable Interests in Table 2 you must disclose the interest. **You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting** but otherwise **must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation**. If it is a 'sensitive interest' (agreed in advance by the Monitoring Officer) you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –

- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
- b. a financial interest or well-being of a friend, relative, close associate; or
- c. a financial interest or well-being of a body included under Other Registerable Interests as set out in Table 2 (as set out above and in the Members' code of Conduct)

you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied.

Where a matter (referred to in the paragraph above) **affects** the financial interest or well-being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

**You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting** but otherwise **must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation**. If it is a 'sensitive interest' (agreed in advance by the Monitoring Officer, you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

### **Other declarations**

Members may wish to declare at the beginning of the meeting any other information they feel should be in the public domain in relation to an item on the agenda; such Member statements will be included in the minutes for transparency.

# Agenda Item 3

## Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

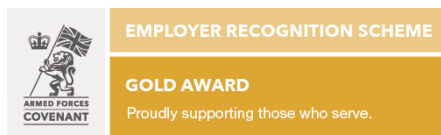
### Annual Council Meeting - 14 May 2024

#### Order of Proceedings

6.58 pm

1. Led by the Mace Bearer (Optional), the Mayor, Members and Directors will enter the Council Chamber and take their seats.
2. Prayers will be said by Reverend Jon Drake.
3. The Mayor will announce apologies for absence and invite Members to declare any interests on items to be considered at the meeting.
4. The Mayor will address the meeting.
5. The Mayor will invite nominations for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year.
6. It will be moved and seconded that Councillor Simon Bond be elected Mayor.
7. In the absence of any other nominations, the Mayor will put the motion to the Council and Members will vote.
8. The Chief Executive will declare the successful nominee duly elected.
9. The newly elected Mayor and Mayor's Consort will put on the Chain of Office and accompanied by his proposer and seconder, sign the Declaration Book.
10. The new Mayor will make the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office and will then address the meeting.
11. The Mayor will then present to Councillor Knowles his Past Mayor's badge.
12. The Mayor will then invite nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.
13. It will be moved and seconded that Councillor Mandy Brar be appointed Deputy Mayor.
14. In the absence of any other nominations, the Mayor will put the motion to the Council and Members will vote.
15. The Chief Executive will declare the successful nominee duly appointed Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.
16. The newly elected Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor's Consort will put on the Chain of Office and accompanied by her proposer and seconder, sign the Declaration Book.
17. The Deputy Mayor will make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and will then address the meeting.
19. The Mayor will then conduct the remainder of the agenda.

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## SIMON BOND – MAYOR 2024/25 DAVID ARMITAGE, MAYOR'S CONSORT

Forty-five years ago Simon started working in Windsor and set up home in Maidenhead, following his early years in London and then studying economics at Leicester. He worked for financial services firm Towry from 1979 to 2009. In about the year 2000 it relocated from Windsor to Bracknell. After taking early retirement, he undertook a variety of voluntary roles with charities and community groups. This included being treasurer and a trustee of a not-for-profit care home for elderly residents.

With a background in economics and finance, he takes a particular interest in the contribution we can all make as individuals, together with organisations and the world of finance, to a just transition to net zero and to a more sustainable economy and environment. This has been supplemented by awareness of the importance of biodiversity, as one of the founder members of Wild Maidenhead.

Simon is proud to have represented the residents of the Belmont ward in Maidenhead as one of their councillors since 2019. This covers a diverse area from St Mark's / Courthouse Road to St Luke's / Cookham Road.

Forty-five years ago he discovered the Quakers. The practice of gathering in stillness met a need in him and being a Quaker has been an important part of his life ever since.

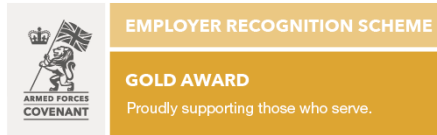
Simon is also proud of his continental maternal forebears reflected in his middle name Lehenner (originally von Lehenner), and his Scottish grandmother of the clan MacGillivray.

David was born in Yorkshire and brought up near Holmfirth (where the 'Last of the summer Wine' series is made). He studied food science in Leeds. Moving south in 1973, he started working as a food technician at the Rank Hovis McDougall Research Centre in High Wycombe, specialising in wheat, flour and bread. He remained with them until taking early retirement due to increasing visual impairment. In retirement, he has campaigned for clearer labelling, particularly on food products. It is important that everyone can read things like cooking instructions and sometimes it is the contrast as much as the size that makes this difficult for visually impaired people.

Simon was Deputy Mayor in 2023/24 and is very much looking forward to meeting more voluntary organisations during his mayoral year.

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## MANDY KAUR BRAR – DEPUTY MAYOR 2024/25 HARRY SINGH BRAR, DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORT

Mandy was born in Malaysia. She moved to India when she was four years old whilst her father, Jagjit Singh Sidhu, moved to the UK. Part of her education was in India and she joined her family in the UK in 1974. She grew up in Cippenham, Slough, where her father worked for Mars Confectionary on the Slough Trading Estate. Mandy attended local schools.

Mandy and Harry have been married for 45 years and have two wonderful sons Dhanveer Singh Brar who is a lecturer at Leeds University, his partner is Kezia and Arunveer Brar who is a teacher and professional football coach, his partner is Emily. Both boys attended Desborough College in Maidenhead.

Mandy and Harry also have a lovely granddaughter Zenzele who is nearly 3 years old.

Mandy's background is in banking and retail. She ran a very successful retail business for 34 years which was at the heart of the community. She retired from the retail business in November 2023 and spends her retirement working for her local community in Bisham and Cookham. Mandy is a member of Wild Maidenhead, Cookham Dean Horticultural Society and the Royal British Legion.

Mandy was first elected to the Cookham Parish Council 31 years ago and this is her 3<sup>rd</sup> term as a Borough Councillor for Bisham & Cookham Ward.

Harry Singh Brar was born and brought up in India. He was educated at the prestigious university of Punjab, gaining a BA in Political Science and Economics. Harry's family are from a farming background which he is still passionate about and he enjoys walks around the countryside. Harry moved to the UK in 1979 and worked as a stock controller at Mars Confectionary in Slough for 30 years and retired 6 years ago.

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