

## COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2020

At 6.30 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING - ONLINE ACCESS,

### **SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

#### **PART I**

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**a) Councillor Larcombe will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Finance:**

The River Thames Scheme (Datchet to Teddington) was developed in order to give Datchet, Horton, Wraysbury and Old Windsor a similar level of flood protection as that enjoyed for eighteen years by Maidenhead, Windsor and Eton. My question is when was this Council first aware of the requirement for approximately £50m of partnership funding contribution?

Written response: *Cabinet Regeneration Sub Committee on 26 September 2017 considered recommending to Council a future funding commitment to assist in delivery of the River Thames Scheme. The minutes record that the Council were aware that the Environment Agency had originally asked for £50m contribution.*

*Council considered a report on 26th September 2017 and resolved:*

- (i) £10m, split over four years, is added to the capital programme commencing 2020/21 (subject to delivery of the full scheme).*
- (ii) There is an agreement in principle of paying a flood levy of up to £500,000 per annum to the Environment Agency as a contribution to the operating and maintenance costs (subject to new legislation being enacted to make provision for this)*
- (iii) A delegation to the Head of Finance in conjunction with the Lead Member for Finance to develop and introduce a flood levy be approved.*

*Discussions about funding continued internally and with the Environment Agency River Thames Programme Board. Council considered the 2020/21 capital programme on 25th February 2020 and approved a capital programme which includes £10m over four financial years commencing 2020/21.*

**b) Councillor Larcombe will ask the following question of Councillor Cannon, Lead Member for Public Protection and Parking:**

When were you first aware of the requirement for approximately £50m of partnership funding contribution from RBWM towards the cost of the River Thames Scheme Channel One through Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury?

Written response: *I can confirm that I was elected as Ward Councillor for Datchet in November 2018 and then elected as Ward Councillor for Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury in May 2019. At this time I was invited to join the Cabinet as Lead Member for Public Protection.*

*In July 2019, at the request of the then Leader of RBWM (Cllr Simon Dudley), I was asked to attend the River Thames Scheme Sponsorship Group, to be held on 22nd July 2019, in his stead.*

*It was at this meeting that I first became aware of the details and nature of the proposed funding requirement for the partnership funding, above the £10 million already in our budget line.*

**c) Councillor Brar will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:**

Judging from his comments in the local media the lead member seems content with the standard of service now being delivered by Serco. His rosy view is contradicted by reports of difficulties, particularly with assisted collections. What assurances could he give to the most vulnerable residents in the Borough that their collections will return to an acceptable level and when?

Written response: *We are aware that the standard of service offered to some residents receiving an assisted collection has been unacceptable and that there have been missed collections. We are working with Serco to focus on the areas of service that still need to improve. Work is ongoing to ensure that all crews are aware of the locations of assisted collections and that they are collecting and returning the bins of those residents receiving this service, on the scheduled collection day.*

**d) Councillor Brar will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:**

For many years the residents of Cookham have been able to leave their Christmas trees for collection and disposal at a drop-off point in the car park on Cookham Moor. Last year service was withdrawn. Will this service be re-introduced for this Christmas season?

Written response: *Last year the owners of the car park on Cookham Moor did not give permission for the site to be used as a drop off point. This year permission has been given and the site will be available as a drop off point for local residents.*

*The following locations will be available across the borough from 4<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> January. In addition Alexander Devine Children's Hospice and Thames Hospice will be offering collections of Christmas trees to raise money for the great work they do, on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January. Details of how to book collections can be found on their websites. Residents who have a garden waste subscription will also be able to put their tree in their garden waste bin to be collected during January.*

<b>Area</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Ascot</b>	<i>Recreation ground car park, Victoria Road</i>
<b>Bray</b>	<i>Car park, High Street</i>
<b>Cox Green</b>	<i>Ockwells Park, Ockwells Road</i>
<b>Datchet</b>	<i>Village hall car park, Allen Way</i>
<b>Eton Wick</b>	<i>Recreation ground car park, Haywards Mead</i>
<b>Hurley</b>	<i>Car park, High Street</i>

<b><i>Knowl Hill</i></b>	<i>Village hall car park</i>
<b><i>Moneyrow Green</i></b>	<i>Memorial Hall car park</i>
<b><i>Maidenhead</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Household Refuse &amp; Recycling Centre</i></li> <li>• <i>Stubbings Nursery</i></li> </ul>
<b><i>Old Windsor</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Church Road Allotments</i></li> <li>• <i>Recreation ground, Robin Willis Way</i></li> </ul>
<b><i>Sunningdale</i></b>	<i>Broomhall Recreation Ground, Broomhall Lane</i>
<b><i>Sunninghill</i></b>	<i>Victory Fields Recreation Ground, London Road</i>
<b><i>Windsor</i></b>	<i>Community Centre, Hanover Way</i>
<b><i>Wraysbury</i></b>	<i>Village Hall car park</i>
<b><i>Cookham</i></b>	<i>Cookham Moor Car Park</i>

**e) Councillor Knowles will ask the following question of Councillor Clark,  
Lead Member for Transport and Infrastructure:**

During the full council on the 28th July you undertook to provide me with a copy of the report on the trial street side EV charging points and the user information and reports from the residents who benefitted from the free EV for one year offer. When am I likely to get this report?

Written response: *Connected Kerb have provided a briefing note to us capturing the headline outcomes from the trial, I have asked for some more information and this will be shared with Cllr Knowles once received; I anticipate this will be before the Christmas break.*

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