

## COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 2021

At 6.15 pm

in a

VIRTUAL MEETING - ONLINE ACCESS,

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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- a) Ed Wilson of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Finance and Ascot:**

If RBWM want to increase their reserves beyond those required to deal with its residual risks could this not be achieved through deferring loan repayments to HM Treasury et al rather than reducing services to residents?

- b) Sharon Bunce of St Mary's ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

Budget Saving #49 will cut £200k from supported living packages. How many adult residents with Learning Disabilities are in supported living within the Borough vs outside the Borough and how many are waiting for a supported living place?

- c) Sharon Bunce of St Mary's ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

Budget Saving #50 will cut £200k from community / home care packages. How many adult residents with Learning Disabilities currently have a community / home care package and how many are waiting to be assessed for such a package?

- d) Lisa Hughes of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

Budget Saving #47 halves the spend on Day Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities: Only one English council ranks lower than RBWM in the NHS Digital Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework measure for the percentage of adult social care users who have the amount of social contact they would like. How will RBWM ensure this doesn't worsen?

- e) Lisa Hughes of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

Budget Saving #48 will cut £200k from residential care for adults with Learning Disabilities: How many Adults with Learning Disabilities have a residential care place in the Borough vs outside the Borough and how many are waiting for a place?

- f) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Finance and Ascot:**

Given the admission by RBWM that the CTRS consultation was unlawful (CO/1251/2020), why wasn't a public paper brought to Cabinet or Council under paragraph 7.2(b) of the Part 5 Scheme of Delegation to Officers, **before the reconsultation**, informing Members and the public of this unlawful act, in order to scrutinise and inform the reconsultation process?

**g) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Finance and Ascot:**

Why has RBWM continued to take the elevated sum (20%) from CTRS recipients, after admitting that the necessary **statutory precondition** for changing the taxation rate - namely, a lawful mandatory consultation by March 11th 2020 - was in fact unmet?

**h) Alan Gass of Eton and Castle ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:**

How many people:

a) in receipt of CTRS benefit and

b) not in receipt of CTRS benefits

were posted a full paper copy of the consultation including the questions and associated explanatory information?

**i) Alan Gass of Eton and Castle ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:**

Why did RBWM not post a complete paper copy of the consultation including the questions and associated explanatory information to all recipients of CTRS benefits?

**j) Craig McDermott of Riverside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Finance and Ascot:**

In what way do the budget proposals meet the demands of the council's Environment and Climate Strategy and will they change to reflect the fact that, to avoid climate and environmental catastrophe, the borough will need to reach zero carbon emissions by 2030, as recognised by Slough Council, Wokingham Council and numerous other administrations around the globe?

**k) Mike Copland of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Lead Member for Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:**

Under the proposed budget proposals, will the overall number of Tree officers be maintained, and will the overall number of Planning officers be maintained? This is important to clarify in light of the increasing number of tree-related applications coming forward and the nature of consents required combined with the Council's stated policy to sustain the tree cover.

**l) Mike Copland of Bisham and Cookham ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Lead Member for Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:**

What steps are being taken, in line with the Council's Environment and Climate Strategy, to accelerate specific arboricultural as well as ecology training of Planning officers who, following these cuts, would be responsible for caring for our trees?

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