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**TO: EVERY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the Meeting of the Council of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead to be held in the **Desborough Suite - Town Hall** on **Tuesday, 26 February 2019 at 7.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out hereunder.

Dated this Monday, 18 February 2019



Duncan Sharkey  
Managing Director

Rev Stileman will say prayers for the meeting.
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## **A G E N D A**

### **PART I**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

To receive the Part I minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2018 and the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 28 January 2019.  
(Pages 9 - 42)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest  
(Pages 43 - 44)

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive such communications as the Mayor may desire to place before the Council  
(Pages 45 - 46)

5. PETITION FOR DEBATE - MAIDENHEAD GOLF COURSE BLANKET TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

An e-petition containing 1249 signatories was submitted to the Council on 9 February 2019. In accordance with the provisions of the Council's constitution, it was requested by the lead petitioner that the petition be reported to, and debated at, a full Council meeting.

The petition reads as follows:

*We the undersigned petition The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to Place a Blanket Tree Preservation Order on the Maidenhead Golf Club development site.*

<http://petitions.rbwm.gov.uk/MheadGolfClub/>

The Constitution provides for a maximum time of 30 minutes to debate such petitions; this can be overruled at the Mayor's discretion.

In accordance with the Constitution, the order of speaking shall be as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The Mayor may invite the relevant officer to set out the background to the petition issue.</li><li>b) The Lead Petitioner to address the meeting on the petition (5 minutes maximum)</li><li>c) The Mayor to invite any relevant Ward Councillors present to address the meeting. (Maximum time of 3 minutes each for this purpose)</li><li>d) The Mayor to invite the relevant officer to provide any further comment.</li><li>e) The Mayor will invite all Members to debate the matter (Rules of Debate as per the Constitution apply)</li></ul> |
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(Pages 47 - 56)

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- a) Gavin Weeks of Castle Without ward, will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:**

Regarding "no deal" Brexit preparation, Councillor Dudley was quoted in the *Slough Express* as saying: "The Government is going to release something in the region of 70 impact assessments. We will look for the commentary in those impact assessments." These assessments were published in early Autumn 2018. What preparations have been made by the council?

- b) Simon George of Clewer South ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:**

Brexit and no-deal Brexit will affect businesses and residents, and consequently service demand on the council. Organisations reliant on EU workers or funding

will be particularly exposed. What risks and service areas have you identified as being vulnerable to Brexit and to no-deal, and when will a report be available for scrutiny by Members and the public?

**c) Lisette Stux of Bray ward will ask the following question of Councillor Saunders, Lead Member for Finance:**

Local government update: Written statement - HCWS1279 notes that each Unitary Authority will be given £210K for Brexit preparations by central government; £105K in current year and £105K in 2019/20. What have you spent this money on in 2018/19, and what will it be spent on in 2019/20, and where in the council budget is this noted?

**d) Karen Davies of Park ward will ask the following question of Councillor S Rayner, Lead Member for Culture and Communities:**

Given that the government has forecast a downturn in the economy post Brexit, local businesses will be affected. How will you support small businesses in the borough through this difficult period?

**e) Lisette Stux of Bray ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health:**

Bristol CC are preparing for impacts of "No Deal" on Social Care, including that: "Pressures on workforce and supply chain could lead to disruption to services. Including Impact on the timeliness /quality of care delivered and, increased wage demands putting contractors at risk." What mitigation is the council planning for EU27 residents who perform vital jobs, but are leaving?

**f) Gavin Weeks of Castle Without ward, will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:**

Bristol CC and LB Enfield have identified risks "*to achieve its housing delivery targets, and to manage/maintain our council stock.*" Given the potential negative effect on property prices post Brexit, and the issues of availability of skilled labour, is it possible that some or all of the RBWM property ventures will become less lucrative?

**g) Simon George of Clewer South ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:**

Pilot schemes demonstrate that some EU27 residents will struggle with the Settled Status application process, for varied reasons (including technology difficulties, age, disability). Councils such as Southwark are offering support to these persons, while Southampton CC is offering passport scanning and verification. What support will be made available in RBWM, and when, for residents who require assistance to apply?

**h) Karen Davies of Park ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health:**

Given the Council's public health priorities for 2018-19 of Enabling and Empowering Resilient Communities, Promoting and Supporting Good Mental Health, Social Isolation & Loneliness and Healthy Ageing, what will the council do to support residents, including EU27 citizens, mentally through this time of uncertainty?

**i) Clare Quarman of Clewer South ward will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:**

What is the council doing to pressurise the government to fix the settled status process and mobile phone app issues?

*j) Question removed as per Part 2C paragraph 9.5 of the council constitution as it relates to a current planning application*

**k) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor M Airey, Lead Member for Environmental Services:**

RBWM was awarded £1.31m under the government's "Flexible Homelessness Support Grant" for 2019/20. This is on top of £1.05m/£1.21m from 2017&2018. This ringfenced grant gives RBWM flexibility to actively prevent people becoming homeless in the first place. How much of the FHSG money has been spent to prevent people needing any temporary accommodation under your s.4(2) HRA2017 duty?

*(A Member responding to a question shall be allowed up to five minutes to reply to the initial question and up to two minutes to reply to a supplementary question. The questioner shall be allowed up to 1 minute to put the supplementary question)*

7. PETITIONS

To receive any petitions presented by Members on behalf of registered electors for the Borough under Rule C.10.

*(Any Member submitting a petition has up to 2 minutes to summarise its contents)*

8. BUDGET REPORT 2019/20

To consider the above report  
(Pages 57 - 244)

9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

To consider the above report  
(Pages 245 - 270)

10. POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS

The political balance and allocation of seats on the Standing Panels/Forums has been reviewed following the resignation of Councillor Sharma from the

Conservative Group.

Councillor Sharma has joined the 'Not the Administration' (NTA) group. The resulting change in political balance means that five seats formerly held by the Conservative Group are allocated to NTA.

Members are therefore requested to note the appointments made to fill the positions on the respective panels, and to consider one Vice Chairman appointment.

**RECOMMENDATION: That full Council:**

**i) Notes the following appointments:**

- **Councillor Brimacombe (NTA) – Maidenhead Development Management Panel**
- **Councillor Jones (NTA) – Windsor Rural Development Management Panel**
- **Councillor Beer (NTA) – Windsor Urban Development Management Panel**
- **Councillor Stretton (NTA) – Borough-wide Development Management Panel**

**ii) Notes one vacancy (NTA) on the Licensing Panel**

**iii) Appoints Councillor D. Wilson as Vice Chairman of the Maidenhead Town Forum for the remainder of the municipal year**

11. 2019/20 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

To consider the above report  
(Pages 271 - 276)

12. APPROVAL OF PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019/20

To consider the above report  
(Pages 277 - 288)

13. CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY

To consider the above report  
(Pages 289 - 310)

14. MEMBER ATTENDANCE 2015-2019

To consider the above report  
(Pages 311 - 316)

15. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

**a) Councillor C. Rayner will ask the following question of Councillor Saunders, Lead Member for Finance:**

I made a number of capital bids for the 2019/20 financial year for the ward that I represent (Horton and Wraysbury), however I believe all were unsuccessful. Do you think that the capital budget should be more evenly spread among the rural parishes?

**b) Councillor C. Rayner will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:**

Further to a letter dated 18/1/19 from the Environment Agency to the borough in Wraysbury, what does the council now intend to do regarding the planning policy/local plan for this land in Hythe End, in light of the official advice from the statutory body?

**c) Councillor Hill will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Health:**

Why have numerous lamppost banners costing circa £22,000 been displayed across RBWM without advertising consent and without being submitted to the relevant planning panel?

**d) Councillor Cannon will ask the following question of Councillor Dudley, Leader of the Council:**

Please can you provide an update on the current position in respect of plans and their progress to address the current funding gap for the Environment Agency River Thames Scheme?

*(The Member responding has up to 5 minutes to address Council. The Member asking the question has up to 1 minute to submit a supplementary question. The Member responding then has a further 2 minutes to respond.)*

16. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

**a) By Councillor Dudley**

The 6.5km Western Rail Link is an approximate £1.5 billion rail scheme (leaving the main line between Langley and Iver) between the Great Western Main Line and Heathrow Airport. This scheme would significantly reduce surface transport movements to the airport from Maidenhead and the west, and dramatically improve local rail transport infrastructure in conjunction with the Elizabeth Line.

This Council:

- i) Has grave concerns about any expansion of Heathrow Airport with a third runway and the implications for air quality and the health of our residents.

- ii) Requests the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister, Theresa May MP and copy the Secretary of State for Transport, in support of the Western Rail Link being promoted by Network Rail.

17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

To consider passing the following resolution:-

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting whilst discussion takes place on items 18-19 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1-7 of part I of Schedule 12A of the Act"

**PRIVATE MEETING**

18. MINUTES

To receive the Part II minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2018.

(Pages 317 - 318)

19. BUDGET REPORT 2019/20 - APPENDIX

To receive the Part II appendix to the earlier Part I report.

(Pages 319 - 320)

## COUNCIL MOTIONS – PROCEDURE

- Motion proposed (mover of Motion to speak on Motion)
- Motion seconded (Secunder has right to reserve their speech until **later** in the debate)
- Begin debate

Should An Amendment Be Proposed: (only one amendment may be moved and discussed at any one time)

NB – Any proposed amendment to a Motion to be passed to the Mayor for consideration before it is proposed and seconded.

- Amendment to Motion proposed
- Amendment must be seconded BEFORE any debate can take place on it  
(At this point, the mover and seconder of original Motion can indicate their acceptance of the amendment if they are happy with it)
- Amendment debated (if required)
- Vote taken on Amendment
- If Agreed, the amended Motion becomes the substantive Motion and is then debated (any further amendments follow same procedure as above).
- If Amendment not agreed, original Motion is debated (any other amendments follow same procedure as above).

- The mover of the Motion has a right to reply at the end of the debate on the Motion, immediately before it is put to the vote.
- At conclusion of debate on Motion, the Mayor shall call for a vote. Unless the vote is unanimous, a named vote will be undertaken, the results of which will be announced in the meeting, and recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

*(All speeches maximum of 5 minutes, except for the Budget Meeting where the Member proposing the adoption of the budget and the Opposition Spokesperson shall each be allowed to speak for 10 minutes to respectively propose the budget and respond to it. The Member proposing the budget may speak for a further 5 minutes when exercising his/her right of reply.)*