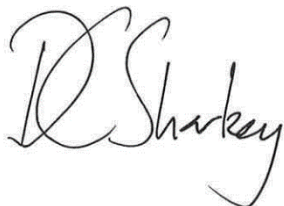


TO: EVERY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND the Meeting of the Council of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead to be held in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Maidenhead** on **Tuesday, 24 September 2019 at 7.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out hereunder.

Dated this Monday, 16 September 2019



Duncan Sharkey
Managing Director

Rev Khoo 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 23 July 2019.
(Pages 11 - 24)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest
(Pages 25 - 26)

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive such communications as the Mayor may desire to place before the Council
(Pages 27 - 28)

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions were received by the deadline.

6. 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)

7. ELECTION OF LEADER

To consider the above report.
(Pages 29 - 30)

8. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW PROCESS

To receive a presentation on the process for a Community Governance Review.
(Pages 31 - 34)

9. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS - TOWN FORUMS

To consider the above report
(Pages 35 - 42)

10. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY OFFICER

To consider the above report
(Pages 43 - 46)

11. HOARDING & SCAFFOLDING FEES & CHARGES - BUDGET

To consider the above report
(Pages 47 - 54)

12. TRANSPORT FOR THE SOUTH EAST - DRAFT PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT

To consider the above report
(Pages 55 - 84)

13. MODERN WORKPLACE PROJECT

To consider the above report
(Pages 85 - 90)

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY OUTTURN 2018/19

To consider the above report
(Pages 91 - 98)

15. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

a) Councillor Price will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adults, Children and Health:

At the June Council meeting Cllr Carroll responded to the Motion re parking the Brett Bus on Council land. Will he clarify that his response was a list of issues needed to be considered SHOULD the bus be parked on Council Land, and in no way implied that the current operation of the bus was deficient in any regard.

b) Councillor Davey will ask the following question of Councillor Shelim, Lead Member for HR, Legal and IT:

What strategies and policies are in place to improve transparency across council departments by increasing the use of the very excellent Neighbourhood Maps that can be used by residents to see what RBWM is planning next and what work has been done?

c) Councillor Davey will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Lead Member for Infrastructure, Transport Policy, Housing and Property:

Every week another concerned resident is asking questions about Maidenhead Road, in person and on social media. The LEP have made funding available for the A308 Corridor Review. When will the review take place and when will the results be ready for public consultation?

d) Councillor Haseler will ask the following question of Councillor Copping, Lead Member for Planning:

Given the unanimous refusal by the Maidenhead Area Development Management Panel of the 5 Claires Court & Berkeley Homes Planning applications for Cannon Lane, College Avenue and Ray Mill Road. Will the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead undertake to robustly defend this decision at any appeal by the applicants to the Planning Inspectorate or Secretary of State?

e) Councillor Haseler will ask the following question of Councillor Rayner, Lead Member for Culture, Communities and Windsor:

Many residents work extremely hard in their gardens each year and look forward to us judging their efforts in the Garden In Bloom Awards. This year has seen cutbacks by not issuing medals and certificates to the winners, this has caused disappointment. Will you please reconsider at least the awarding of certificates to the winners of Garden In Bloom Awards?

f) Councillor Larcombe will ask the following question of Councillor Cannon, Lead Member for Public Protection:

The answer to my question about lack of water in Wraysbury Drain at our Council Meeting on 25th June revealed that £125,000 had been invested in maintenance and that further works were required. The weir near Wraysbury Station was repaired in July. What is the present situation please?

g) Councillor Singh will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Acting Leader of the Council:

The Landing site is progressing well with the demolition and hoarding constructed along King Street. I am disappointed to see at least two large freshly planted planters now blocked in behind the hoarding along with several hanging baskets, could you let me know if there is a plan to rescue these and reposition elsewhere?

h) Councillor Singh will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader Member for Infrastructure, Transport Policy, Housing and Property:

Regarding the St Marks Road DYL and permit parking scheme; my understanding is that the original scheme was not supported by residents and businesses at consultation however after stripping back business owners' comments from the consultation it gained approval at 52%. Is this the case and if so why was the scheme implemented without taking business owners' comments into consideration?

i) Councillor Jones will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Ascot and Finance:

Can the Lead Member confirm that Cipfa have been brought in to assess RBWM finances and also clarify to all members what their findings were.

j) Councillor Jones will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Acting Leader of the Council:

Will the change in Leader of the Council bring about a more collegiate attitude from the administration and result in having respect for the scrutiny role, due regard to transparency and working together for the benefit of the council and residents.

k) Councillor Larcombe will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning:

What is the procedure used to decide whether or not Members of an Area Development Management Panel need to conduct a site visit prior to determining a planning application?

l) Councillor W. Da Costa will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader Member for Infrastructure, Transport Policy, Housing and Property:

Does the administration believe that the outsourcing of highways engineers has been a success and do the services provide good value for money?

m) Councillor Knowles will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader Member for Infrastructure, Transport Policy, Housing and Property:

Can you confirm that the list of highway work has been arrived at by assigning priority of need, that is for the road surface balancing condition and time since last full repair; and that there has been no bias towards Conservative voting wards?

n) Councillor W. Da Costa will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Ascot and Finance

Councillors recently granted planning permission for the £15m Oaks leisure centre against the recommendation of officers. Can the Lead Member advise us how this will be funded and what impact it will have on reserves?

o) Councillor C. Da Costa will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adults, Children and Health:

Could the Lead Member update us as to whether the change in operations with Optalis will affect our residents in the RBWM?

p) Councillor C. Da Costa will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adults, Children and Health:

Recent figures published on child poverty have shown a substantial rise in the Borough. Maidenhead's child poverty is at 22.1% and Windsor's at 20.7%. Can the Lead Member explain what measures have been put in place to support these families?

(A Member responding to a question shall be allowed up to two 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 one minute to put the supplementary question)

16. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

a) By Councillor Davey

Since June ward councillors and a number of officers put a great deal of energy into making plans for a trial removal of Sutherland Grange Recycling Centre. This plan was pulled at the very last minute by Conservative Lead members. We will get back on track. However my issue is with the energy wasted before Lead Members voiced their thoughts.

This Council:

- i) Should enhance its project management steps, ensuring a more efficient use of council time, officers and councillors alike.
- ii) Agrees that Lead Members should make their thoughts known within the first few weeks of a project's planning so that answers can be found to address their concerns before energy is wasted on bringing a plan together.

b) By Councillor McWilliams:

The ambition of this council is to be as accessible as possible to residents.
This Council asks the Lead Member for Communications:

- i) To look at innovative ways to involve residents in council forums, such as Maidenhead/Windsor Town Forums, via social media.
- ii) To invest in new cameras and more effective microphone equipment to better live stream important council meetings across social media and for subsequent use.

c) By Councillor Tisi

The three Maintained Nursery Schools in RBWM make an outstanding contribution to Early Years Education; particularly their impact on social mobility and support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and the role that they play in raising the standard of other Early Years providers locally. All three nurseries are Ofsted Outstanding.

This Council:

- i) Recognises the higher costs faced by maintained nursery schools compared to other early years providers due to:
 - Higher staff qualification levels than private nurseries and childminder settings - Maintained nursery schools are required to employ qualified early years teachers and NNEB trained assistants.
 - Statutory requirements to employ a qualified Headteacher and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDco)
 - Being subject to business rates (unlike charity registered preschools) and higher utilities than home-based childminders;
 - and that securing guaranteed funding beyond 2020 is necessary to avoid their closure.
- ii) Supports the 'Save Our Nursery Schools' campaign and will write to the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, urging him to guarantee funding beyond 2020 for state funded nursery schools.
- iii) Recognises that Maintained Nursery Schools have at least the same statutory roles and staffing qualification requirements as maintained Primary and Secondary schools and should be treated in parity with those schools and therefore, resolves to introduce ongoing/permanent business rate relief for Maintained Nursery Schools within RBWM.

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 item 18-19 on the grounds that it involves 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**

(Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)

To receive the Part II minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 July 2019.
(Pages 99 - 102)

COUNCIL MOTIONS – PROCEDURE

- Motion proposed (mover of Motion to speak on Motion)
- Motion seconded (Seconded 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). Members who have spoken on the original motion are able to speak again in relation to the amendment only
- 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 the conclusion of the debate on the Motion, the Mayor shall call for a vote. Unless a named vote is requested, the Mayor will take the vote by a show of hands or if there is no dissent, by the affirmation of the meeting.
- If requested by any **5** Members the mode of voting shall be via a named vote. The clerk will record the names and votes of those Members present and voting or abstaining and include them in the Minutes of the meeting.
- Where any Member requests it immediately after the vote is taken, their vote will be so recorded in the minutes to show whether they voted for or against the motion or abstained from voting

(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.)

Closure Motions

a) A Member who has not previously spoken in the debate may move, without comment, any of the following Motions at the end of a speech of another Member:

- i) to proceed to the next business;
- ii) that the question be now put to the vote;
- iii) to adjourn a debate; or
- iv) to adjourn a meeting.

b) If a Motion to proceed to next business is seconded, the Mayor will give the mover of the original Motion a right of reply and then put the procedural Motion to the vote.

c) If a Motion that the question be now put to vote is seconded, the Mayor will put the procedural motion to the vote. If it is passed he/she will give the mover of the original motion a right of reply before putting his/her motion to the vote.

d) If a Motion to adjourn the debate or to adjourn the meeting is seconded, the Mayor will put the procedural Motion to the vote without giving the mover of the original Motion the right of reply

Point of order

A Member may raise a point of order at any time. The Mayor will hear them immediately. A point of order may only relate to an alleged breach of the Council Rules of Procedure or the law. The Member must indicate the procedure rule or law and the way in which he/she considers it has been broken. The ruling of the Mayor on the matter will be final.

Personal explanation

A Member may make a personal explanation at any time with the permission of the Mayor. A personal explanation may only relate to some material part of an earlier speech by the Member which may appear to have been misunderstood in the present debate. The ruling of the Mayor on the requirement of a personal explanation will be final.