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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 **Council Chamber - Town Hall** on **Tuesday, 25 February 2020 at 7.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out hereunder.

Dated this Friday 14, February 2020



Duncan Sharkey
Managing Director

Rev Drake will say prayers for the meeting.

A G E N D A

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 December 2019.
(Pages 9 - 36)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest
(Pages 37 - 38)

4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

To receive such communications as the Mayor may desire to place before the Council
(Pages 39 - 40)

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- a) Jane Stone of Belmont ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

How many organisations tendered for the contract which was currently with Ways into Work and has now been awarded to Optalis?

- b) Janet Hayes-Brown of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

How many clients can the new Optalis supported employment service work with for the £74,000 budget, and what targets, including job outcomes, will be set with the new provider?

- c) Susan Edwards 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:**

My son has benefitted greatly from funding provided by RBWM to Ways into Work and works for the Council. He has multiple and complex issues including severe learning disability, hearing impairment and, difficulties with communication. Whoever supports him needs to know him well. By changing service provider to Optalis, how can you guarantee that he will not be disadvantaged?

- d) Lisa Hughes of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:**

Many residents with disabilities will be greatly affected by cuts of £166k to supported employment and £330k to the council tax reduction scheme plus increases to adult health and commissioning charges. Can RBWM provide evidence that due regard was given to its equality obligations in relation to residents with disabilities?

- e) Angela Clark of Cox Green ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

Ways into Work provides personalised employment support that enables residents with disabilities to be a part of the workforce, with commensurate benefits to their finances, health and well-being. Will the £166k of savings next year be realised by reducing the number of people supported or reducing the scope of the services provided?

- f) Paul Stretton of Clewer East ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:**

During the Council meeting (Sept 2018), concerns of asbestos hazards, during demolition (surface and airborne) in the Dedworth area were raised. Authority to proceed with demolition was given by RBWM, without ensuring all planning

conditions had been met. What actions and recommendations have been implemented to protect and reassure the community from this and any such future suspected contaminations?

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

On 26th March Simon Dudley announced at the St Mary's Church Areli/Tikehau meeting, that he had "... already entered into" an agreement to sell Central House, and our 50% freehold of the Nicholson centre to Areli. On what date did he enter into that agreement, and had any officer or Cabinet approved this massive agreement beforehand?

h) Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:

Why is the Local Planning Authority putting residents' health and safety at risk, and rewarding developers who significantly breach allegedly "strict" prior planning conditions, by retrospectively approving demolition management plans for sites where there had already been breaches of several statutes including the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012?

i) Ray Hayes-Brown of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:

Currently 168 vulnerable adults are working in the borough, supported by WIW. You propose to continue this with Optalis on a third of the current budget. Have the council made proper assessment of the complex needs they all have, and risks they will be exposed too if their needs are not supported adequately? With impunity can you guarantee their safety?

j) Valerie Pike of Sunningdale and Cheapside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Cannon, Lead Member for Public Protection and Parking:

The council "...has now explicitly confirmed to the [Information] Commissioner" that it holds no information, such as a business case, for the £240k capital scheme (Chobham Road, Sunningdale New Parking Scheme) bid for in February 2018. Why did RBWM approve this spending without a submitted business case as to what benefits this scheme would deliver to residents and how?

k) Valerie Pike of Sunningdale and Cheapside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Finance and Ascot:

When a Parish Council or the Police & Crime Commissioner submit their precept demands, what governance and scrutiny is undertaken by RBWM itself to ensure their demands are reasonable, fair and value for public money, and in keeping with relative size of that parish, or in proportion to the scale of the public services offered?

l) Adam Bermange of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Cannon, Lead Member for Public Protection and Parking:

With the proposed savings in funding for our community wardens meaning the administration will not be able to fulfil its manifesto pledge to retain a 25 warden-strong unit, will the Lead Member commit to holding a public consultation before finalising the adjusted tasking of the remaining team?

m) Louis Wright of Hurley & Walthams ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Lead Member for Environmental Services, Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:

Since declaring a "climate emergency" and proposing a cross-party developed strategy to achieve carbon neutrality, how has the Royal Borough identified the minimum competencies and skills, within its own staff, to understand, develop and implement the aforementioned strategy?

n) Louis Wright of Hurley & Walthams ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Lead Member for Environmental Services, Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:

What plans does the Royal Borough have to engage with young people (children and teenage demographics) on the topic of climate change?

(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 one minute to put the supplementary question)

6. PETITIONS

To receive any petitions presented by Members on behalf of residents.

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

7. REFERRALS FROM OTHER BODIES

To consider referrals from other bodies (e.g. Cabinet)

COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/21

i) COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (Pages 41-62)

ii) FEES AND CHARGES REPORT 2020/21 (Pages 63-118)

iii) CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 - 2022/23 (Pages 119-158)

iv) REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 (Pages 159-258)

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

To consider the above report
(Pages 259 - 276)

9. LONG TERM EMPTY PROPERTY PREMIUM

To consider the above report
(To Follow)

10. 2020/21 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

To consider the above report
(Pages 277 - 282)

11. APPOINTMENT OF PANEL CHAIRMAN

To consider the following appointment:

RECOMMENDATION: That Councillor Coppinger be appointed Chairman of the Maidenhead Town Forum for the remainder of the municipal year.

12. APPROVAL OF 2020/21 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

To consider the above report
(Pages 283 - 294)

13. POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2019/2020

To consider the above report
(Pages 295 - 314)

14. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

The progress towards prompt completion of the £640m River Thames Scheme project is important to the residents and businesses of Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury. There appears to be a significant delay due to lack of partnership funding. Is there a report detailing the RBWM portion of the partnership funding, the sources of those funds, funding timings and the associated risks?

b) Councillor Brar will ask the following question of Councillor Clark, Lead Member for Transport and Infrastructure:

In December 2019 a 13 year old was hit by a car on Switch Back Road, losing their life; the third fatality on this road since I lived in Cookham. The young man's mother and other residents have been lobbying for a speed camera. Will you assure residents that measures will be put in place for a speed camera?

c) Councillor Jones will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning and Maidenhead:

Could the Lead Member for Planning give us an update on the status of the BLP and the estimated timescales for inspection?

(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)

15. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

a) By Councillor Hill

This Council agrees to reduce the number of signatures required for a petition to be debated at Full Council from 1500 to 1000 in the interests of democracy by allowing residents to more easily get direct access to their elected representatives on issues of importance to them.

b) By Councillor W. Da Costa

Council is reliant on officers to create the strategy to deliver our ambitions on net zero carbon, strategic enhancement of biodiversity, and climate change resilience. The constitution allows Members to give notice that they will forgo any part of their allowances under the Members' Allowance Scheme. This motion aims to create a £12,000+ officer training fund missing from the budget.

This Council agrees to request all Members to give notice in writing to the Head of Governance that they elect to forgo 3% or more of their Basic Allowance and/or Special Responsibility Allowance (where applicable) as a special measure in 2020/21 to fund urgent Climate Change and Biodiversity training and awareness for relevant officers.

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.