

Head of Governance: Karen Shepherd: (01628) 796529

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 as a **Virtual Meeting - Online access** on **Tuesday, 27 October 2020 at 6.15 pm** for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out hereunder.

Dated this Monday, 19 October 2020



Duncan Sharkey  
Managing Director

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain 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 28 July 2020, and the Extraordinary meetings of the Council held on 28 September 2020 and 14 October 2020.

(Pages 9 - 66)

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest

(Pages 67 - 68)

4. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive such communications as the Mayor may desire to place before the Council

(Pages 69 - 70)

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- a) **Sunil Sharma of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Deputy Chairman of Cabinet, Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

The council's response to Covid-19 has been very good but cases have risen and what are we doing to buck the trend and deal with a second wave?

- b) **Ed Wilson of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:**

What is the Council's vision for Old Windsor?

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

The recent CIPFA Report commissioned by RBWM (under 3.14) said that "expenditure avoided a prioritisation process to the benefit of one ward". Is this statement correct?

- d) **Deborah Ludford of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Lead Member for Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:**

Council has declared a Climate Emergency and states in its Environment and Climate strategy 'the quality of life and the role of the natural environment in creating great places is a critical part of the success of the borough economy, and to our residents' health and wellbeing'. Surely this is inconsistent with plans to build on the golf course?

- e) **Deborah Ludford of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Lead Member for Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:**

Biodiversity is under threat with 1 million species facing extinction. The golf course is rich in wildlife habitats, providing homes for protected and endangered species such as slow worms, bats, hedgehogs and badgers. How can our council justify the destruction of these habitats when we know continued biodiversity loss threatens the wellbeing of everyone?

- f) **Tina Quadrino of Pinkneys Green ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:**

Building on brownfield land is more sustainable than building on greenfield sites, with buildings recycled wherever possible to reduce carbon emissions. With the RBWM environment and climate strategy in mind, what is the council doing to make sure this is prioritised in our borough, particularly in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic which will leave many more business premises vacant?

**g) Tara Crist of Riverside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Lead Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:**

Like the River Thames, the creation of a Great Park in Maidenhead would provide a major draw to people looking to live and visit here, bringing economic prosperity, as well as providing a healthier environment. Surely the short term gain from developing the golf course is not in the long term economic or environmental interest of our town?

**h) Mark Loader of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:**

Will the planned development of Maidenhead Golf Course result in the removal of established trees? If so, is this consistent with RBWM's Climate and Environment Emergency Strategy? These trees remove carbon emissions and will make an important contribution towards RBWM target of Net Zero emissions by 2050. They also help to improve air quality in the centre of Maidenhead.

*(The Council will set aside a period of 30 minutes to deal with public questions, which may be extended at the discretion of the Mayor in exceptional circumstances. The Member who provides the initial response will do so in writing. The written response will be published as a supplement to the agenda by 5pm one working day before the meeting. The questioner shall be allowed up to one minute to put a supplementary question at the meeting. The supplementary question must arise directly out of the reply provided and shall not have the effect of introducing any new subject matter. A Member responding to a supplementary question will have two minutes to respond).*

**6. PETITIONS**

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

*(Notice of the petition must be given to the Head of Governance not later than noon on the last working day prior to the meeting. A Member submitting a Petition may speak for no more than 2 minutes to summarise the contents of the Petition).*

**7. REFERRALS FROM OTHER BODIES**

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

**i) MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME**

To consider the above report  
(Pages 71 - 104)

**ii) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

To consider the above report  
(Pages 105 - 126)

### iii) APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL SCHEMES

To consider the above report  
(Pages 127 - 130)

### iv) CORPORATE PARENTING ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

To consider the above report  
(Pages 131 - 144)

## 8. POLITICAL BALANCE

To consider the above report  
(Pages 145 - 150)

## 9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

With reports of thousands of plots of land across the UK with existing planning permission but no activity by builders, could you tell us how many homes have been given planning permission in RBWM that haven't started building yet?

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

Residents and businesses in my Ward have been seriously affected by flooding three times since the Jubilee River opened in 2002. You announced in August that the River Thames Scheme Channel 1 was stalled due to lack of funding. Furthermore maintenance of the local land drainage infrastructure is almost non-existent. Can you explain precisely how we got into this position?

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## 10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### **a) By Councillor McWilliams**

Recognising the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights statement on racism & xenophobia: "Prejudice or hostility towards a person's race, colour, language, nationality, or national or ethnic origin...Intolerant discourse in the media or from politicians can lead to increased racist sentiments towards

migrants and other minorities, including in the form of scapegoating," this Council resolves to:

- i) Collect high-quality diversity data including conducting annual workplace surveys to analyse progress being made against Equality Objectives (2018 - 2022), including how well the organisation and Members reflect the demographic makeup of RBWM and the UK, and to identify steps to improve any disparity; findings will be reviewed and scrutinised at Corporate O&S and by members of the public.
- ii) Introduce mandatory unconscious bias training for councillors and officers, and encourage teaching and learning about Britain's colonial past and slavery; the Members' Code of Conduct will be amended to include a requirement to complete an annual training session.
- iii) Write to the Secretary of State for Education asking for a more ambitious national educational standard on issues of race and gender equality, and inviting him to attend an RBWM-hosted Gender & Race Equality Conference, where residents and employers can talk and share ideas on the importance of having high-quality diversity data; creating an organisation open to all; identifying the challenges and celebrating the achievements of people of colour in RBWM.

**b) By Councillor Werner:**

Following the profound disappointment many residents have experienced with service delivery shortcomings across a range of contracts awarded to external partners by recent administrations, it is long overdue time that the burgeoning evidence supporting an in-house delivery model is given more serious and sustained consideration.

This Council:

- i) Will abandon its preference, quoted in the Principles of Commissioning, to seek external market solutions.
- ii) Will, for each delivery model analysis going forward, undertake a serious study of an in-house solution and publish the results.
- iii) Will carry out a retrospective study on all active outsourced contracts to compare their value to an in-house delivery model and publish the results.

*(A maximum period of 30 minutes will be allowed for each Motion to be moved, seconded and debated, including dealing with any amendments. At the expiry of the 30-minute period debate will cease immediately, the mover of the Motion or amendment will have the right of reply before the Motion or amendment is put to the vote).*

11. 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 11 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 – PART II**

12. MINUTES

**(Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)**

To receive the Part II minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on  
28 September 2020  
(Pages 151 - 154)

## 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.