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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, Maidenhead** on **Tuesday, 28 September 2021 at 7.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out hereunder.

Dated this Monday, 20 September 2021



Duncan Sharkey
Chief Executive

*Michael Gammage of the Bahá'í Faith
will read an opening prayer 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 Part I minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 July 2021.
(Pages 9 - 44)

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest
(Pages 45 - 46)

4. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive such communications as the Mayor may desire to place before the Council
(Pages 47 - 48)

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- a) Ed Wilson of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Cannon, Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Parking:**

Does the Lead Member agree with many Windsor residents and business owners that the reintroduction of discounted parking for residents will enable the town to bounce back from the economic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic?

- b) Ed Wilson of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Clark, Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure, and Digital Connectivity:**

Can the Lead Member advise what repairs and maintenance have been conducted at the Elizabeth Bridge and the Windsor Bridge in the past 5 years and at what cost?

- c) Martyn Cook of Hurley and the Walthams ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stuart Carroll, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health**

As a serving veteran of the conflict in Afghanistan, I would like to ask the council and cabinet to outline the positive actions taken by RBWM to support refugees from the crisis in Afghanistan?

- d) Victoria Parkin of St Mary's ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:**

In light of the recent decision by the golf course to accept the offer from the council for the purchase of the lease, what are the council's plans for providing infrastructure to support the proposed 2000 new homes?

- e) Hillary Su of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Andrew Johnson, Leader of the Council:**

In light of business rates loss from the Nicholson centre, does the Council have plans to attract new business into other areas of Maidenhead town to help offset the loss and balance the book? If so, how?

- f) Hillary Su of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Gerry Clark, Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity:**

Does the council have plans to improve fibre broadband/5G data connection in Maidenhead to accommodate growing business needs and WFH demand?

- g) Sunil Sharma of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Ross McWilliams, Cabinet Member for Housing, Sport & Leisure and Community Engagement:**

The Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead has worked considerably hard on bringing in affordable housing to the town and it's great to see some of the developments across the borough. I understand the council is looking to support some refugees from Afghanistan. What sort of impact can we expect this to have for the borough & residents?

h) Derek John Wilson MBE of Bray ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services, and Maidenhead:

With the BLP proposed main modifications consultation finishing on Sunday 5th September, following the Examiner's confirmation, when is it expected to be adopted by RBWM for approval?

i) Adam Bermange of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services, and Maidenhead:

Could the Lead Member please give a progress update on the steps taken so far in preparation of the emerging South West Maidenhead Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document and also an approximate timetable of the future actions required prior to adoption, including details of any stakeholder engagement planned?

j) Adam Bermange of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Cabinet Member for Finance and Ascot:

Could the Lead Member please provide an assessment of the financial impact on the Council of the recently-announced increase in Employers' National Insurance Contributions, broken down by the growth in the cost of (i) directly-employed Officers; (ii) the AfC contract; (iii) the Optalis contract; and (iv) any other outsourced services with a contractual passthrough built in for such rises?

(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)

There are no referrals to consider at this meeting.

8. COUNCIL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

To consider the above report
(Pages 49 - 58)

9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

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

The Jacob's Report dated September 2014 identified the need for maintenance works on the Wraysbury Drain. Significant RBWM expenditure (about £150k) failed to cure the problems. As designated lead local flood authority RBWM has repeatedly failed to ensure riparian maintenance. By what date will the problems be fixed please?

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

Channel One of the River Thames Scheme (Datchet to Teddington) was removed from the project after RBWM was unable to meet the partnership funding contribution requirement. My view is that the Environment Agency demand for partnership funding was 'ultra vires' and consequently invalid. What do you think?

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10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

a) By Councillor Stimson

This Council, in acknowledging the work that is being done across the borough by the council and residents alike to mitigate against climate change and encourage sustainability, and to increase the participation of businesses, civic society and residents alike, agrees to hold a Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead COP26 online Summit during the UN COP event in Glasgow. This will highlight the work that has been done, and is currently ongoing within the borough in the areas of climate change and sustainability.

(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 14 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"

12. MINUTES

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

To receive the Part II minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 July 2021.
(Pages 59 - 60)

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.