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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, 25 January 2022 at 7.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out hereunder.

Dated this Monday, 17 January 2022



Duncan Sharkey
Chief Executive

*Rev Stileman 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 23 November 2021.
(Pages 9 - 34)

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest
(Pages 35 - 36)

4. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive such communications as the Mayor may desire to place before the Council (Pages 37 - 38)

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- a) John Sewell of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Coppinger, Cabinet Member for Planning, Environmental Services and Maidenhead:**

Why aren't all the house building companies required to put solar panels on the roof of every single new build? Just think how much this could contribute to the National Grid! It would also appeal to potential buyers.

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

What is the economic outlook for Windsor in 2022 and how will it influence RBWM's approach to Windsor?

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

Will the lead Member update residents on the progress being made at the Vicus Way car park?

- d) Hari Sharma of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Clark, Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity:**

The National Bus Strategy for Green industrial revolution states 'Green public transport, cycling and walking supported by £5 billion which would create a further 3000 jobs and bring 4000 zero-emission vehicles on the road, 12% of local bus fleets in U.K. by 2025.'

What actions or initiatives have been instigated to achieve these ambitious plans for our residents?

- e) Hari Sharma of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Clark, Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity:**

The borough is blessed with Windsor Castle, Ascot Racecourse, Bisham Abbey and Legoland attracting millions of tourists from around the world. Cleaner and greener transport can make a huge difference to enhance air quality for residents.

Will he agree to propose the "first electric bus town" in the country and write to the Transport Secretary to fund this scheme?

(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. PETITION FOR DEBATE - TOWN HALL

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

In accordance with the Constitution, the procedure shall be as follows:

- a) The Mayor to invite the Lead Petitioner to address the meeting (5 minutes maximum)
- b) The Mayor to invite the relevant Cabinet Member to speak, including proposing any recommendation in the report (5 minutes maximum)
- c) The Mayor to ask for the motion to be seconded
- d) Motions without Notice (other than those detailed in Part 2 C13 of the constitution) will not be allowed.
- e) The Mayor to invite any relevant Ward Councillors to speak (5 minutes maximum each)
- f) The Mayor will invite all Members to debate the matter (Rules of Debate as per the Constitution apply)
(Pages 39 - 50)

7. 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).

8. REFERRALS FROM OTHER BODIES

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

There are no referrals to consider at this meeting.

9. 2022/23 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

To consider the above report
(Pages 51 - 66)

10. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER

To consider the above report
(Pages 67 - 76)

11. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

To consider the following appointment:

RECOMMENDATION: That Councillor Walters be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Maidenhead Development Management Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

12. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- a) **Councillor Davey will ask the following question of Councillor Clark, Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity:**

How is RBWM ensuring that new 5G Masts are not exceeding ICNIRP guidelines once installed?

- b) **Councillor Haseler will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health and Mental Health:**

The pandemic has caused serious challenges across all sectors and despite the excellent performance and ratings across our services, I'd like to know how the Children's and Adult Social Care Services have been sustained during this incredibly challenging time throughout the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead.

- c) **Councillor Larcombe will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Sustainability, Parks and Countryside:**

How is the 'wildflower verge' project progressing please?

- d) **Councillor Singh will ask the following question of Councillor Clark, Cabinet Member for Transport, Infrastructure and Digital Connectivity:**

I have concerns relating to changing the illuminated bollards to non-lit ones, although these work well during the day, the concern is the bollards have in areas around the borough become dirty and poorly maintained which at night can seriously diminish their effectiveness. Is a regular safety check and cleaning contract in place? If so, how often are they inspected?

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13. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

a) By Councillor Davey

This Council, in the interests of residents' safety and in line with the ICNIRP Guidelines, will:

- i) Actively monitor new and existing telecom masts and other "small cells" installations every 6 months to ensure they are in line with current guidelines
- ii) Insist the relevant telecommunications company takes the appropriate remedial action if found to be exceeding legal limits

b) By Councillor McWilliams

Following the closure of Phoenix Gymnastics, we lost local gymnastics provision and a community asset. RBWM has an existing commitment to having more residents more active more often and considers sport to provide physical and mental health benefits. There is demand for a new, purpose-built gymnastics facility in RBWM.

This Council resolves to:

- i) Work with existing gymnastic providers to understand the facilities that are required to meet demand, including how existing facilities can be best used
- ii) Identify opportunities to work with third parties to finance, build and manage a new, purpose-built gymnastics facility
- iii) Welcome a commitment in RBWM's forthcoming Sport & Leisure Strategy to support the delivery of a new, purpose-built gymnastics facility in partnership with a third party

c) By Councillor Tisi

The government recently committed to seek an amendment to the Environment Bill, compelling water companies to reduce the impact of storm sewage overflows into our rivers. However unregulated pollution from agricultural run-off, microplastics and industrial and household chemicals, exacerbated by climate change and demand on the waste water system, is still a major threat to wildlife.

This Council asks that the Leader of the Council writes to:

- ii) The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and our local MPS to call for the Government to restore Environment Agency budgets to deliver the necessary oversight,
- ii) The Chairperson of the Parliamentary Environmental Audit Committee to advocate for greater enforcement of existing regulatory powers through increasing the inspection regularity of water companies and farms and rigorously prosecuting offenders through the Environmental Audit Committee and Ofwat.
- iii) The Regional Director of the National Farmers' Union requesting clarification on the action being taken locally by farmers to prevent nutrient run-off.

(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).

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.