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

Dated this Monday, 11 July 2022



Duncan Sharkey  
Chief Executive

*Robert Harrap will give an interfaith 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 minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 26 April 2022 and the Annual Meeting held on 24 May 2022.  
(Pages 11 - 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) Sajid Khan of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Haseler, Cabinet Member for Planning, Parking, Highways & Transport:**

Community groups had been reassured that a surface level crossing across the A4 would provide connectivity to the Town Centre and Hines Meadow Car Park due to loss of parking in Holmanleaze.

Could the Cabinet Member for Planning inform RBWM Residents the details of funding of the surface level crossing and the timeline for the completion of this crossing.

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

RBWM has been awarded £40,000 from the Government's Changing Places Fund. This is a very positive development for the Royal Borough and for those disabled residents who need specific facilities at public toilets. Will the Leader of the Council confirm how and where this money will be invested?

- c) Ed Wilson of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Stimson, Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Sustainability:**

HM Government is providing more than £5M for tree planting to local authorities in England and Wales through its Treescapes Fund. RBWM has confirmed to me that it has not applied for any of this funding and has no intention of doing so. Will the Lead Member advise why the Royal Borough appears uninterested in this source of funding?

- d) Hari Sharma of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor Haseler, Cabinet Member for Planning, Parking, Highways and Transport:**

If you have a pure electric car and live in the borough you can get a free parking permit, which is a hugely popular scheme. Can I ask the Cabinet Member how many residents have taken advantage of this and what action this council is taking to create more charging points?

- e) Hari Sharma of Furze Platt ward will ask the following question of Councillor McWilliams, Cabinet Member for Digital Connectivity, Housing Opportunity, and Sport & Leisure:**

As I see cranes and diggers everywhere in the borough, building more homes for our children and grandchildren which is wonderful news for our residents and their children who can live close to their elderly parents, how many developments have agreed to build 30% social and affordable homes to buy or rent, or are paying Council Infrastructure Levy?

**f) Mohammed Ilyas of Belmont ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Health, Mental Health, & Transformation:**

As a teacher by profession, I have some awareness of the effect of Covid and the lockdowns on children's education over the last 2 years in particular. May I ask the Lead Member for Children's Services to share what initiatives RBWM have taken and investments made to support the life chances of our young citizens following the pandemic to date.

**g) Lars Swann of Clewer and Dedworth East ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:**

Given the state of the high street in Windsor and the fact that there are now too many hospitality businesses in Windsor Town Centre, what plans do the council have to improve the town centre in particularly the area around the Windsor Yards Area in their own right, or in partnership with 3rd parties?

**h) Adam Bermange of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Rayner, Cabinet Member for Business, Corporate & Residents Services, Culture & Heritage, & Windsor:**

Please could the Deputy Leader advise when, and on what basis, will the Council be distributing its £294k central government Discretionary Funding allocation of the "Energy Bills Rebate"?

*(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) 2021/22 ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS

To consider the following recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION: That full Council notes the 2021-22 annual reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels.**

(Pages 49 - 68)

ii) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

To consider the referral from the Member Standards Panel.

(Pages 69 - 102)

iii) MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

To consider the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel

(Pages 103 - 124)

8. VIREMENT OF CAPITAL WITHIN THE APPROVED CAPITAL PROGRAMME

To consider the above report

(Pages 125 - 140)

9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

- a) **Councillor Larcombe will ask the following question of Councillor Cannon, Cabinet Member for Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime, and Public Protection:**

Apparently a further £13k of public money has recently been spent on maintaining a riparian owned ancient ordinary watercourse in Wraysbury. Can you please confirm that this money has been or will be recovered from the riparian owner?

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

What percentage of RBWM primary school children are taught to swim at school?

- c) **Councillor Brar will ask the following question of Councillor Haseler, Cabinet Member for Planning, Parking, Highways and Transport:**

Despite a petition, signed by over 2000 residents, and two years of engagement with officers and lead members we have still taken no action to provide a pedestrian refuge at the site of a fatality. Why has this obvious and necessary measure not been approved?

**d) Councillor Davey will ask the following question of Councillor Rayner, Cabinet Member for Business, Corporate & Residents Services, Culture & Heritage, & Windsor:**

Why does it feel like all council meetings are moving to Maidenhead and what are the reasons for the change?

**e) Councillor Davey will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:**

Why wasn't Councillor Price given a role on an outside body and instead a resident was put forward by the administration, and is this constitutionally sound?

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10. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

**a) By Councillor Larcombe**

This Council:

- i) Agrees to allocate seats on the politically balanced committees to single non-aligned members in accordance with the political proportionality calculations.
- ii) Requests officers to bring a report to full Council in September 2022 to consider the representation of the different political groups and single non-aligned members on bodies appointed by the Council for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year

**b) By Councillor Cannon**

Since the Environment Agency took responsibility for managing the Thames and alleviating its flood waters, it has ceased the river dredging that had been in place for the previous 50 years.

It is believed that this has caused a decrease in capacity due to unmanaged silting, impacting on river navigation and the river's capacity to contain flood waters.

This Council:

- i) Requests that the Environment Agency resumes dredging of the River Thames within the boundaries of RBWM (especially the undefended reach between Black Potts and Bells Weir) to both ease navigation and increase the rivers capacity to hold water and therefore alleviate flood risk to our riverside communities.
- ii) Requests that the Environment Agency expedites its efforts (in working with

RBWM) to bring forward its alternative plans for flood alleviation for the Black Potts to Bells Weir reach of the River Thames following the EA removal of Channel One from the River Thames Scheme in July 2019.

**c) By Councillor Bhangra**

This Council:

- i) commends the excellent work of the Trading Standards team;
- ii) thanks the officers in the team for their commitment to the Borough's residents, and;
- iii) supports the team's continued efforts to provide an environment in which residents can buy goods and services without fear of being cheated, and honest businesses can be supported to thrive and grow.

**d) By Councillor Davey**

Outside bodies determine their own memberships, including whether their constitution requests a council representative.

This Council agrees that as outside bodies are able to appoint non-Councillors to other positions in their membership, any appointment of a council representative must be restricted to an elected Member or a council employee.

**d) By Councillor Coppinger**

This Council:

- i) Thanks every one of our residents for the positive way in which they have approached the changes we made to the collection of waste last year.
- ii) Notes that change is never easy but as a result waste reduced by 18%; recycling increased from 51% to 55.7% of the total and most importantly food waste recycling increased from 2500 tonnes to 4600 tonnes.

**e) By Councillor Reynolds**

Both Parliament and this Council have declared an Environmental and Climate Emergency. Yet, the Climate and Ecology Bill is hopelessly stalled in Parliament and our own Biodiversity Action Plan has been deferred for a second time. Cabinet won't consider it until November 2022, at the earliest. To break this log jam, we need a clear statement of purpose now.

This Council:

- i) Will halt and reverse its overall contribution to the degradation and loss of nature in the Royal Borough
- ii) Will increase the health, abundance, diversity and resilience of species, populations, habitats, and ecosystems
- iii) Will ensure that nature is visibly and measurably on the path to recovery by 2030

**f) By Councillor Singh**

Visitors to parks are an increasingly selective group. For them, Green Flag status is a “must have”.

In 2012 we had seven Green Flag parks, today we have none. We are missing out on a significant boost to our local tourism and hospitality sectors. Achieving Green Flag standards would improve our offer and our Borough.

This Council:

- i) Acknowledges that Green Flag status is a valuable accreditation
- ii) Commits to adding at least one park per year from 2023/4 onwards
- iii) Commits to complete accreditation of all Borough parks by 2030.

**g) By Councillor McWilliams**

Housing challenges are being faced by many within the Borough. Positive steps are being taken under the Housing Strategy and Homelessness & Rough Sleeper Strategy.

This Council:

- i) Will ensure that developers deliver the promised hundreds of new affordable homes, particularly for social rent, as part of the Borough Local Plan, including a minimum of 30% across the south-west Maidenhead development, to support this the RBWM allocation policy is being updated to ensure appropriate priority is given to those in greatest need, those within the reasonable preference categories and those with a local connection, where there are additional requirements for specific sites local lettings plans will also be considered.
- ii) Commits to the outcomes of The White Paper – A Fairer Private Rented Sector which seeks to improve standards within the private rented sector, including tackling rogue landlords.
- iii) Will continue to expand the council's own portfolio of housing stock, through the RBWM Property Company, including social rent, discount market rent, and low-cost homeownership properties through the introduction of a new RBWM HomeBuy scheme.

*(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 12 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”

## **PART II – PRIVATE MEETING**

### 12. VIREMENT OF CAPITAL WITHIN THE APPROVED CAPITAL PROGRAMME

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

To note the Part II appendix to the earlier Part I report  
(Pages 141 - 142)



## COUNCIL MOTIONS – PROCEDURE

- Motion proposed (mover of Motion to speak on Motion)
- Motion seconded (Secunder 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.