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Although the Council meeting scheduled for 25 April 2023 was cancelled due to lack of business it was agreed that the submitted questions would be responded to and that members of the public would be offered the opportunity to ask a supplementary question in writing.

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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.

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Does RBWM agree with the transfer of CCTV to Thames Valley Police?

RBWM have made a significant investment in our CCTV network which will remain independently managed and will not be part of the TVP CCTV centralisation project. We have held numerous meetings with TVP and they have visited our CCTV Control Room which confirmed that we have an excellent facility and a professional service that does not need altering.

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The council is reviewing the use the flower containers around Windsor as no budget is assigned though review of partnership funding is ongoing.

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How many applications for the Energy Bill Support Scheme have been received and processed by the Royal Borough? What percentage of Park Homes does this represent in the Royal Borough?

This scheme is not run by the Council, its a national scheme that provided a £400 discount automatically to households across England, Scotland and Wales. This equated to £66 in October and November and £67 in December, January, February and March. The Council has no involvement in the scheme.

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Active travel considerations have formed part of the site's planning application process. Work to complete the legal agreement is ongoing which will include improvements to cycling and walking provision.

- e) **Mohammed Ilyas of Belmont ward will ask the following question of Councillor Carroll, Deputy Chairman of Cabinet & Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, Health, Mental Health, & Transformation**

It is pleasing to see that the Council proposes to invest in new primary and secondary schools in the borough. Could I ask what steps the Council will be putting in place to ensure that even more of our schools are awarded outstanding by Ofsted.

Thank you for your question, which is a really important one for the children and young people of the borough. I am pleased to report that currently, 93% of schools in the borough are judged to be good or outstanding. This is a positive position for the borough and our vision continues to be that every child and young person in the borough receives an excellent education. RBWM School Link Advisors work closely with individual schools on any identified developmental needs and broker a 'school by school' approach for peer learning, so that best practice is shared between schools.

The new Ofsted Inspection Framework was launched in September 2019 and in November 2020 the Department for Education (DfE) made the decision that outstanding schools should no longer be exempt from inspections, which until then had been the case. This has changed the education and inspection landscape as reported by the DfE (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hundreds-of-formerly-outstanding-schools-reinspected>).

Over 80% (308) of outstanding schools that had a graded inspection last year did not retain their outstanding grade. The majority were judged to be good. However, around a fifth were rated as requiring improvement (17%) or inadequate (4%). We are seeing a post pandemic effect, which must only redouble our efforts to ensure excellence is delivered and moreover learnings from the pandemic are captured. However, as a local education system, we are aspirational in our drive for high quality education, including achieving an outstanding judgement.

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On the RBWM website it says “As a publicly funded organisation, we have a duty to the residents we serve to be transparent in our business operations and outcomes.” My question is; “How does RBWM’s transparency policy work alongside a secret Non Disclosure Agreement?”

The Council has a very wide transparency duty which arises from various sources of legislation such as the Local Government Act 1972, The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. However, it should also be appreciated that the Council handles information which it may not be in the public interest to disclose, for example commercially sensitive information. The legislation which creates the transparency duty also contains certain exemptions and exceptions in relation to the transparency duty, some of which are absolute and some of which require the Council to demonstrate that withholding the information is in the public interest. Where information has been withheld by the Council it will be subject to future review for the Council to determine whether the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information at a particular point in time. The Council cannot “contract out” of its legal transparency duties.

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As per my previous response to you; if you have any evidence of corruption, I would urge you take it immediately to the police. In light of your question, I have contacted Thames Valley police again, which I did immediately on receipt of the question, and the police have advised any evidence must be taken to them directly as the appropriate authority.

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The Council does not archive its contracts and agreements under the title "Non-Disclosure Agreement" and some contracts and agreements may contain elements relating to non disclosure; therefore we are unable to provide you with an exact number of such agreements. It is very common for parties to commercial transactions to enter into non-disclosure arrangements and even though the Council has a wide transparency duty there are certain circumstances where it is appropriate and lawful to withhold information and necessary to enter into such arrangements. The Council is under a legal duty to review such arrangements and will apply the public interest test for a request for disclosure at a particular point in time; therefore the withholding of information is not absolute even where the Council has entered into a Non-Disclosure Agreement.

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It is brilliant to see such a wide range of Leisure Centre Facilities across the borough. RBWM's leisure centre attendance broke through 2,000,000 visits between April 2022 - Feb 2023. What is behind the record levels of Leisure Centre attendance in RBWM?

The main increases in attendance at the Leisure Centre's was seen in adult attendances at the Borough's two main sites. Total Braywick Leisure Centre attendances are up around 30% vs the Magnet Leisure Centre which it replaced, with adult attendance up approximately 75%. Windsor Leisure Centre has an overall increase of around 15%, with adult attendance up approximately 30%.

The Borough's leisure operator, Leisure Focus have provided a high standard of leisure services which has contributed to an increase in participation. Leisure Officers are continuing to work in partnership with internal and external stakeholders and organisations,

including our leisure operator, to increase awareness and access to facilities. Targeting underrepresented groups, particularly those identified through research undertaken as part of the Borough's Leisure Strategy refresh, will be a focus for Officers in 2023/24.

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As part of local efforts to clean up Belmont ward, could the Council please consider installing new dog waste bins on the footpaths that run between Gringer Hill, Belmont Park Avenue and Linden Avenue?

We do not generally place dog waste bins in residential areas and they are usually limited to parks and open spaces, however dog waste may be put in normal street litter bins. Officers will look into the provision of litter bins in the area and assess whether any additional litter bins are required.

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The recent crime and ASB summit was very well attended and provided some excellent feedback from a cross section of key partners and residents.

The key issues and themes identified were:

- Communications / transparency / partnership working – improved and expanded communications, better information sharing, increased transparency and more police presence.
- Customer service – better responses from officers, improved methods of reporting and better linking between departments in order to better problem solve.
- Enforcement - more police and community wardens, stronger penalties and more investment into preventative approaches.

We also carried out a survey which received 430 responses and residents indicated that the top three priorities for additional police officers in the borough should be burglary, drug misuse and anti social driving.

Regarding the recruitment of the four new police officers TVP are recruiting internally for these positions and are confident the positions will be filled shortly. RBWM and TVP are finalising details of the contract which is in the legal process currently.

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Thank you for your question. I have continually spoken to our partners in the NHS and they have asked me to relay this update. We would like to reassure residents, our partners and stakeholders, that we continue to be committed to the Sunningdale Health Hub Development to offer the best possible care for patients in a meticulously designed building to meet both present and future health needs. We appreciate the support we have received locally to get

us to the point of having planning permission approved. We will continue to update the webpage on a monthly basis - <https://www.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/about-us/transforming-the-way-we-work-improving-services-local-to-you/sunningdale-health-hub/>.

The planning application for the Sunningdale Health Hub was approved in March 2022 by the planning committee of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. As part of the governance around investing public funds an outline business case for the development was submitted at the time. To continue to progress the development, amongst other things, we will submit a full business case, which will need to include a refreshed economic and financial case which is expected to change due to the timeline and market forces on costs of new developments. As with all Public Funding, this business case is still subject to approval both locally within the Integrated Care System (ICS) and also through national organisations such as NHS England and the Department for Health and Social Care. Whilst we focus on the business case, there is now a national pause on the Estates Investment Programme, which locally we have no control over, but we continue to highlight the importance of this facility as an essential to patient care in our fast growing community. We will update the website once there is clarity on the timeline going forward.

I wish to emphasise that I have raised this issue with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and also made representations to The Treasury given the critical importance of this investment for the local community. I am also aware of misinformation being circulated suggesting the council has somehow not been active and proactive in this matter. That is plainly and totally incorrect. I am therefore pleased to set the record straight again and to note with some emphasis this is a vital priority, and we will continue to work with our NHS colleagues to ensure this investment pulls through with some efficiency.

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After more than four years the ancient ordinary watercourse known as the Wraysbury Drain remains blocked. Under FWMA 2010 RBWM is responsible for this channel. When will RBWM take action to reinstate the flow please?

The Council undertook clearance of part of the channel at the Dive Centre in March 2022. Engagement and enforcement work is currently underway along another section where riparian owners have recently taken action to further clear the channel. The Council provides updates on the work along the Wraysbury Drain at the bi-monthly Flood Liaison Group and will continue to use a range of measures to manage any flood risk associated with the Drain.

b) Councillor Larcombe will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Growth & Opportunity

Parking on pavements and verges looks bad and is a safety problem for pedestrians, prams, wheelchair users and the environment. What action does RBWM intend to take to discourage this problem please?

The council like many local authorities was hoping that the Pavement Parking Bill would pass through parliament which would amend the law relating to parking on verges and footways in England outside of Greater London and in Wales, however this has not yet happened. Without such powers we are unable to enforce against pavement or verge parking unless restrictions are already in place. We are inviting Ward Councillors, Town and Parish Councillors and residents to advise the council of areas that have a particular problem with footway parking so that individual parking restrictions can be considered. To enable this to happen we would need the following information:

- A clear outline of the parking restriction to be implemented/amended including days and times of any restriction must be supplied.
- Evidence that the parking restriction to be implemented/amended is supported by over 50% of all affected residents.
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c) Cllr Bond will ask the following question of Councillor Haseler, Cabinet Member for Planning, Parking, Highways & Transport

How many residents have successfully navigated the Ringo system to add the one hour free parking in Hines Meadow or Victoria Street car parks please?

The resident parking discount scheme was extended from 3 April to include Hines Meadow and Victoria Street car parks. During March and April a total of 343 residents have added either Hines Meadow or Victoria Street to their discount permits. There are now 10,456 individual discount permits issued across the borough.

d) Councillor Bond will ask the following question of Councillor Bhangra, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Parks and Countryside

Could we have an update please on saving proposal PLA06S (Operational changes in parks) in the budget for 2023/24?

PLA06S relates to

Review of the operation of parks including:

- Provision of public conveniences and / or consideration of charging.
- Closure of gates
- Pets corner on Ray Mill island and whether there are alternative provision arrangements.

Each of the proposals are currently being fully scoped and discussions have commenced with our contractors to ascertain the value of savings which may be achieved. On some areas, further consultation may be required before any operational changes can be implemented.

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The Closure of Nicholson Car Park is having a huge negative impact on residents and businesses, leaving many housebound or leaving the town. Please can you update us in detail on the current situation and plans to move forward?

We all acknowledge the impact the current car park closure is having on businesses and individuals, the closure over the New Year was necessary on health and safety grounds due to spalling concrete.

The council has been working with appointed contractors and specialists to fully assess the structure of the Broadway Multi-Story Car Park. It is evident from these investigations that the building has significant defects and reached the end of its usable life, however officers of the council need to carefully consider the available options and associated cost with what happens next. The council has not made any decision at this stage about the car park, A report for consideration will be brought to Cabinet as soon as practicable. Please be assured RBWM will update interested partners and stakeholders as soon as there is information to share.

In light of the closure, we have focussed more attention on raising the standard of cleansing and overall user experience in Hines Meadow. Deep cleansing has been taking place on all levels over the last few weeks with a significant improvement now being seen. The Town Centre Manager, in partnership with the Town Partnership has also been working on enhanced signage at Nicholson's to redirect people and temporary wayfinding to support people's journeys in the town centre.

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Thank you for the question. The Council's Residential Services Team recently visited Strande Park on two separate occasions, one of which revealed non-conformance with the site licence conditions in relation to recreational space, car parking and the felling of trees. The Council have taken action by way of serving a Compliance Notice requiring the site licence conditions are complied with by the new site owner. Once the compliance date on the Compliance Notice has passed, the Council will revisit to determine if the notice has been complied with and will take further action, where required.

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Could the Lead Member for Public Health Services please update me on the status of the proposed medical centre in Sunningdale?

Thank you for your question and thank you for your tireless and passionate campaigning on this vital local issue. It is much appreciated and I totally support your efforts and endeavours.

I have continually spoken to our partners in the NHS and they have asked me to relay this update. We would like to reassure residents, our partners and stakeholders, that we continue to be committed to the Sunningdale Health Hub Development to offer the best possible care for patients in a meticulously designed building to meet both present and future health needs. We appreciate the support we have received locally to get us to the point of having planning permission approved. We will continue to update the webpage on a monthly basis - <https://www.frimleyhealthandcare.org.uk/about-us/transforming-the-way-we-work-improving-services-local-to-you/sunningdale-health-hub/>.

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