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Notice of Meeting

Council

Councillors Neil Knowles (Chair), Simon Bond (Vice-Chair), Clive Baskerville, Adam Bermange, George Blundell, David Buckley, Mandy Brar, Catherine Del Campo, Alison Carpenter, Richard Coe, Suzanne Cross, Carole Da Costa, Wisdom Da Costa, Devon Davies, Karen Davies, Jack Douglas, Genevieve Gosling, Jodie Grove, Geoff Hill, Mark Howard, Maureen Hunt, Lynne Jones, Ewan Larcombe, Sayonara Luxton, Asghar Majeed, Siân Martin, Chris Moriarty, Helen Price, Gary Reeves, Joshua Reynolds, Julian Sharpe, George Shaw, Gurch Singh, Kashmir Singh, John Story, Helen Taylor, Amy Tisi, Julian Tisi, Leo Walters, Simon Werner and Mark Wilson

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Tuesday 21 November 2023 7.00 pm

Council Chamber - Town Hall - Maidenhead & on [RBWM YouTube](#)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Evans'.

**Stephen Evans
Chief Executive**

Agenda

Item	Description	Page
1	Apologies for Absence To receive any apologies for absence	
2	Council Minutes To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 26 September and the Extraordinary meeting held on 10 October 2023.	To Follow
3	Declarations of Interest To receive any declarations of interest	5 - 6
4	Mayor's Communications To receive such communications as the Mayor may desire to place before the Council	7 - 8
5	Public Questions a) Thomas Wigley of Clewer East ward will ask the following question of Councillor K Davies: Lead member for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Windsor Town Council	

	<p>I understand that air pollution data is being gathered by a specialist company to help inform RBWM's choice of location for the three new atmospheric particulates monitoring stations. Can the air pollution data which is currently being collected be made available to the public please?</p> <p>b) Shay Bottomley of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Jones, Deputy Leader of Council and Lead member for Finance</p> <p>The nature of floodlit artificial pitches offer an opportunity for residents to enjoy sporting and leisure facilities throughout the year, and in all sorts of weather conditions. As such, when was the last time the council conducted maintenance for its AstroTurf pitches in Maidenhead, and how much money is allocated to maintenance as part of the current budget?</p> <p>c) Shay Bottomley of Oldfield ward will ask the following question of Councillor Reynolds, Lead member for Communities and Leisure</p> <p>Recently, Maidenhead Golf Club emailed its members to confirm it will be required to vacate the site by December 31, 2025. Naturally, the new inhabitants will need sport and leisure facilities for the benefit of their wellbeing. What provisions is RBWM making to ensure there will be adequate such facilities in time for the influx of thousands of new residents?</p> <p><i>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 Councillor 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 Councillor responding to a supplementary question will have two minutes to respond.</i></p>	
6	<p>Petitions</p> <p>To receive any petitions presented by Councillors on behalf of residents.</p> <p><i>Notice of the petition must be given to the Service Lead – Electoral and Democratic Services not later than noon on the last working day prior to the meeting. A Councillor submitting a Petition may speak for no more than 2 minutes to summarise the contents of the Petition.</i></p>	
7	<p>Councillors' Questions</p> <p>a) Councillor Larcombe will ask the following question of Councillor Coe, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services</p>	

<p>The construction of the Jubilee River by the Environment Agency over two decades ago resulted in more than twenty new or modified bridges. Can you tell me please - how many of these bridges are now partially or wholly the responsibility of RBWM?</p>	
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By attending this meeting, participants are consenting to the audio & visual recording being permitted and acknowledge that this shall remain accessible in the public domain permanently.

Please contact Kirsty Hunt, kirsty.hunt@rbwm.gov.uk, with any special requests that you may have when attending this meeting.

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MEMBERS' GUIDE TO DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

Disclosure at Meetings

If a Member has not disclosed an interest in their Register of Interests, they **must make** the declaration of interest at the beginning of the meeting, or as soon as they are aware that they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) or Other Registerable Interest. If a Member has already disclosed the interest in their Register of Interests they are still required to disclose this in the meeting if it relates to the matter being discussed.

Any Member with concerns about the nature of their interest should consult the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

Non-participation in case of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your DPIs (summary below, further details set out in Table 1 of the Members' Code of Conduct) you must disclose the interest, **not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room** unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest' (as agreed in advance by the Monitoring Officer), you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest. Dispensation may be granted by the Monitoring Officer in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a DPI.

Where you have a DPI on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet Member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

DPIs (relating to the Member or their partner) include:

- *Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.*
- *Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses*
- *Any contract under which goods and services are to be provided/works to be executed which has not been fully discharged.*
- *Any beneficial interest in land within the area of the council.*
- *Any licence to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.*
- *Any tenancy where the landlord is the council, and the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest in the securities of.*
- *Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:*
 - a) *that body has a place of business or land in the area of the council, and*
 - b) *either (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or (ii) the total nominal value of the shares of any one class belonging to the relevant person exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.*

Any Member who is unsure if their interest falls within any of the above legal definitions should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to one of your Other Registerable Interests (summary below and as set out in Table 2 of the Members Code of Conduct), you must disclose the interest. **You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.** If it is a 'sensitive interest' (as agreed in advance by the Monitoring Officer), you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Other Registerable Interests:

- a) *any unpaid directorships*
 - b) *any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority*
 - c) *any body*
 - (i) *exercising functions of a public nature*
 - (ii) *directed to charitable purposes or*
 - (iii) *one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)*
- of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management*

Disclosure of Non- Registerable Interests

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a DPI) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, or a body included under Other Registerable Interests in Table 2 you must disclose the interest. **You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting** but otherwise **must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation**. If it is a 'sensitive interest' (agreed in advance by the Monitoring Officer) you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –

- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
- b. a financial interest or well-being of a friend, relative, close associate; or
- c. a financial interest or well-being of a body included under Other Registerable Interests as set out in Table 2 (as set out above and in the Members' code of Conduct)

you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied.

Where a matter (referred to in the paragraph above) **affects** the financial interest or well-being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

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Other declarations

Members may wish to declare at the beginning of the meeting any other information they feel should be in the public domain in relation to an item on the agenda; such Member statements will be included in the minutes for transparency.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Since the last Council meeting the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have carried out the following engagements:-

- Attended the Annual Reception hosted by SGI-UK at Taplow Court
- Attended the Michael Palin talk as part of Windsor Festival
- Visited the coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at Lodge Brothers, Datchet
- Attended the Windsor and Eton Choral Society concert in Eton College School Hall
- Started the 50th Maidenhead Boundary Walk
- Attended the organ recital in Windsor Parish Church as part of Windsor Festival
- Attended the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company of Massachusetts service in St George's Chapel and wreath laying at Robert Keayne House, River Street, Windsor
- Opened the dementia café at The Fox and Castle, Old Windsor
- Visited the Windsor Homeless Project for their annual Sleep Out
- Participated in a tour of Alexander Devine Children's Hospice
- Attended the 127th anniversary celebrations at The Jolly Gardener, Old Windsor
- Chaired a meeting of Extraordinary Council
- Attended citizenship ceremonies
- Unveiled a fire engine at Maidenhead Heritage Centre
- Attended the Windsor Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra chamber concert
- Presented prizes at the Young Musicians concerto competition
- Visited Dormy House in Sunningdale
- Attended the Wild About Datchet event
- Attended the Lord Lieutenant's retirement party
- Visited the Busy Buttons art exhibition
- Hosted a charity dinner in the Windsor Guildhall in aid of the Household Cavalry Foundation
- Opened the 10th Maidenhead Town Show and presented awards at the dog show
- Visited Ascot Grange for their cheese and wine evening
- Attended the Royal Marines Association (Windsor and District Branch) Corps birthday dinner
- Attended Maidenhead Golf Club's Annual Dinner
- Participated in the Windsor Lions Swimathon
- Attended the AGM of WAMCF (Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum)
- Attended the 20th anniversary celebrations of Maidenhead Dyslexia Centre
- Attended the Windsor History Group event at the Baptist Church, Windsor
- Joined Maidenhead Indian Association for their Diwali celebrations
- Welcomed the cubs from 19th Maidenhead Scouts to the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Maidenhead for viewing of the civic insignia
- Attended the Charles Davis annual service and meeting
- Attended a meeting of the Prince Philip Trust Fund
- Led the Remembrance Sunday civic services in Windsor and Maidenhead
- Attended the unveiling of the new name of Berkshire Record Office / Royal Berkshire Archives
- Led the 21 gun salute to mark the birthday of His Majesty the King
- Visited the health event at Wraysbury Hub

- Attended the Windsor Christmas Light Switch On
- Attended the WMSO and Royal Free Singers joint concert
- Visited the Mitzvah Day activities at Maidenhead Synagogue