

## **Public Questions for Extraordinary Council on 10 October 2023**

- a) **John Baldwin of Boyn Hill will ask the following question of Councillor Werner, Leader of the Council and Lead member for Community Partnerships, Public Protection and Maidenhead**

You have described the 2023/24 Budget as “fake”.

Yet in the report presented to Council on the 21st of February 2023, the responsible officers told us in paragraph 2.2, that it was “realistic”, would secure “financial sustainability” and the “continuation of quality services”.

Do you consider these claims to have been fake?

- b) **Fiona Tattersall of Riverside ward will ask the following question of Councillor Jones, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead member for Finance**

The residents of RBWM have been told there is a debt of £203 million. Over how many years has this been accumulated and why?

- c) **Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Jones, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead member for Finance**

Currently the council's debts stand at £203m. The impression I got from recent meetings was that Cabinet were unsure how all these debts were incurred. Does RBWM have best value reports underpinning all of these expenditures, and why are income generating assets like community centres left empty or demolished?

- d) **Andrew Hill of Boyn Hill ward will ask the following question of Councillor Jones, Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead member for Finance**

According to the South West Maidenhead SPD, the funding gap for the golf club site theoretically underpinning the medium term plan capital receipts is £47.4m. Given developers report problems with inflation, raw materials, and housing market, does RBWM now expect a much smaller return if developed, and has this loss been quantified for the MTFP?