Present: Councillor R Williams (Mayor);

Councillors David Absolom, Debs Absolom, Ayub, Ballsdon, Barnett-Ward, Brock, Davies, Eden, D Edwards, K Edwards, Emberson, Ennis, Gavin, Gittings, Grashoff, Hacker, Hopper, Hoskin, James, Jones, Kaur, Khan, Lovelock, Manghnani, Maskell, McDonald, McEwan, McGonigle, McKenna, O'Connell, Page, Pearce, Robinson, Rowland, D Singh, R Singh, Stanford-Beale, Terry, Vickers, Warman and Woodward.

Apologies: Councillors Skeats, Stevens, White and J Williams.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The first business to be transacted being the election of the Mayor, it was moved by Councillor Brock and seconded by Councillor Ennis and CARRIED:

"That Councillor D Edwards be elected Mayor of this Borough."

No other candidate having been nominated, Councillor D Edwards was duly declared elected.

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Pearce and seconded by Councillor McEwan and CARRIED:

"That Councillor Woodward be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough."

3. ADDRESS BY MAYOR

Councillor D Edwards addressed the Council.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

5. VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNCILLOR R WILLIAMS AND ED WILLIAMS AND TRISH THOMAS

It was moved by Councillor Ennis and seconded by Councillor Hacker and CARRIED:

"That the Council record their sincere appreciation of the ability, courtesy and diligence with which Councillor R Williams has discharged her duties attached to the office of Mayor since 24 May 2017. They also record their grateful thanks to Ed Williams and Trish Thomas for the support and assistance they rendered in the capacity of Mayor's escort throughout his term of office."

6. ADDRESS BY RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor R Williams addressed the Council.

7. REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MUNICPAL ELECTIONS

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report on the results of the Municipal Elections held on 3 May 2018. He also reported that all those elected had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

It was moved by Councillor Page and seconded by Councillor Debs Absolom and CARRIED:

"That Councillor Lovelock be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2018/19."

9. CONSTITUTION; POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES; SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES; AND DELEGATIONS

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report making recommendations for the Municipal Year 2018/19 to:

- (1) appoint the Committees of the Council: the allocation of seats between Groups has to be calculated in accordance with Sections 15-17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and details have been circulated to Group Leaders before the meeting;
- (2) appoint a local Standards Committee for the authority;
- (3) agree the powers and duties of committees, sub-committees, partnerships and consultative Working Parties (Appendices A, B and C);
- (4) agree changes to the Constitution
 - Part 3 Lead Councillor Portfolios (Appendix D)
- (5) agree the general dispensation granted to all Members as set out in para. 2.18 below.
- (6) amend the Council's scheme of Councillors' Allowances, and confirm those Councillors who meet the definition of Members having significant responsibilities in relation to the discharge of the Council's functions in terms of entitlement to Special Responsibility Allowance at Tier 3 for the remainder of the financial year 2018/19;
- (7) re-establish the Remuneration Panel for the Municipal Year 2018/19.

The Constitution for the authority will be amended in the light of these changes and published on the Council's website.

The powers and duties of the Committees and Sub-Committees are included in **Appendices A and B.** The terms of reference of Partnership and advisory and consultative bodies, and Member:Officer working groups, are included in **Appendix C.**

A. Constitution

2.1 That the Constitution for the authority be amended to include the action set out below.

B. <u>General Reservation of Powers to the Council</u>

- 2.2 That the following matters be reserved to the Council, in line with Article 4 of the Constitution, and any decisions of Committees in relation to them shall be submitted to the Council as recommendations:
 - (a) changing the Constitution;
 - (b) approving the authority's budget, and any application to the Secretary of State in respect of any Housing Land Transfer;
 - (c) Approving the authority's budget strategy, including plans or strategies for:
 - The control of borrowing and investments
 - Capital expenditure
 - Determining the authority's minimum revenue provision and agreeing the Council's capital strategy and asset management plan;

The budget framework is as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution (subject to review);

- agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees appointed by the Council, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- (e) making a Members' allowances scheme under Article 2.5 of the Constitution;
- (f) changing the name of the area, conferring the title of freedom or freeman of the Borough;
- (g) (i) confirming the appointment of the Head of Paid Service;
 - (ii) confirming the dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer;
- (h) appointing the external auditors and agreeing the arrangements for their appointment;
- (i) making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting bylaws and promoting or opposing the making of local legislation or personal Bills;
- (j) requesting a change to single-member electoral areas, and passing a resolution to change the Council's scheme of elections;
- (k) reorganisation of community governance making an order giving effect to recommendations made in a community governance review under Section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

- (l) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors and Co-opted Members, including adopting a local Member code of conduct and establishing a local Standards Committee;
- (m) passing a resolution to make a change in governance arrangements for the authority under Section 9KC(1) of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended by Schedule 2 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (n) those functions set out in Part 3 Schedules 2 and 3 of the Council's Constitution which are shown as being for the Council to exercise, and which the Council has not delegated to a Committee or an officer;
- (o) setting the strategic vision and corporate objectives of the Council;
- (p) making referrals to the Secretary of State, the regulator or the NHS Commissioning Board arising from the exercise of the health scrutiny function of the authority, under Section 22A of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as added under Section 190(3) of the Health & Social Care Act 2012);
- (q) entering into joint arrangements with other local authorities under sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972;
- (r) all other matters which, by law, must be reserved to Council.

C. <u>Powers and Duties of Committees</u>

2.3 Subject to the Schemes of Delegation to Officers,

The Committees listed in 2.4 below shall have delegated authority to exercise and perform the Powers and Duties of the Council in relation to the functions set out in Appendices A and B to this report.

D. Constitution of Committees

2.4. That for the Municipal Year 2018/19 there be constituted four standing Committees, and five Regulatory and Other Committees, as set out below:

Standing Committees

Policy Committee Adult Social Care, Children's Services & Education Committee Housing, Neighbourhoods & Leisure Committee Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee

Regulatory and Other Committees

Audit and Governance Committee Health & Wellbeing Board Licensing Applications Committee Personnel Committee Planning Applications Committee

- 2.4.1 That with regard to the Health and Wellbeing Board, under the provision of regulations 6 and 7 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013:
 - a) the duty to allocate seats to political groups under Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 be disapplied;
 - b) the following statutory Members, as officers, be non-voting members of the Board:
 - Director of Children, Education and Early Help Services (or her representative)
 - Director of Adult Care & Health Services (or his representative)
 - Director of Public Health, Berkshire (or her representative)
 - c) The following will be co-opted as non-voting additional members:
 - The Chief Executive of Reading Borough Council (or his/her representative)
 - A representative from Reading Voluntary Action
 - A representative from Thames Valley Police's Reading Local Police Area

E. Codes and Protocols

2.5 That a local Standards Committee be appointed for the Municipal Year 2018/19 with unchanged terms of reference, standing orders and Rules of Procedure; that the Committee will consist of Councillors and at least one Co-opted Member; that Mrs T Barnes be re-appointed as a Co-opted Member for the 2018/19 Municipal Year; and that Mr D Comben be re-appointed as the Independent Person for 2018/19.

F. Constitution of Sub-Committees

That for the Municipal Year 2018/19 a Traffic Management Sub-Committee will be appointed by the Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee; The Mapledurham Playing Fields Trustees Sub-Committee will be appointed by the Policy Committee; and the Licensing Applications Committee will establish a number of sub-committees (See Meetings of Committees, item (c) later on the agenda).

G. Establishment of Appeal, Review and Complaints Panels

- 2.7 That for the Municipal Year 2018/19, the following bodies be set up to handle appeals against decisions made by or on behalf of the authority:
 - a) an Appeals Panel from which trained Councillors will be drawn to hear appeals on matters considered by the following bodies, as required by regulation:
 - Curriculum Complaints Panel
 - Removal of Early Years Providers Appeals Panel
 - b) an Education Appeals Panel to deal with schools admission and school exclusion reviews in line with the provisions of the School Standards

Framework Act, 1998, to which Councillors may not be appointed.

- c) a Social Services Complaints Review Panel to hear individual complaints which reach the third stage of the Council's Social Services Complaints process, to which Councillors may not be appointed.
- d) a Secure Accommodation Panel.

H. <u>Partnership Bodies</u>

- 2.8 That, for the Municipal Year 2018/19, the Authority will continue to participate in the following joint consultative partnership bodies:
 - Community Safety Partnership
 - Children's Trust Board
 - Children's Centres Strategic Advisory Board
 - Cultural Partnership Board
 - Community Learning & Skills Advisory Board
 - Safer Reading Neighbourhood Forum

I. Education Bodies

- 2.9 That for the Municipal Year 2018/19 the following Education bodies be set up:
 - SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education)
 - School Admission Forum

J. <u>Safeguarding Bodies</u>

- 2.10 That for the Municipal Year 2018/19 the following safeguarding bodies be set up:
 - Adult Safeguarding Panel
 - Children's Safeguarding Panel
 - Parenting Panel

K. <u>Advisory and Consultative Working Parties</u>, Panels and Forums

2.11 That for the Municipal Year 2018/19, Councillors will be appointed to serve on the following advisory and consultative bodies, which may not meet formally, and which may operate as special interest groupings with whom partners and stakeholders may liaise and consult:

Equality Groups

- Access and Disabilities Working Group
- Alliance for Cohesion & Racial Equality
- Older People's Working Group

Special Interest Groups

- Arts and Heritage Forum
- Cycle Forum
- Town Twinning Group

L. Member:Officer Working Parties

2.12 That for the Municipal Year 2018/19 the following advisory Member:Officer consultative Working Parties be established, to report to the bodies set out below:

COUNCIL

Civic Board

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Local Joint Forum

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Planning Management Panel
- 2.13 That the powers and duties of the above bodies listed in H-L above for the Municipal Year 2018/19 be as set out in Appendix C to this report.

M. <u>The Council's Constitution</u>

- 2.14 That the following amended documents be approved for inclusion in the Council's Constitution for 2018/19:
 - Lead Councillor Portfolios (Appendix D)

N. Scheme of Members' Allowances for the Financial Year 2018/19

- 2.15 That, further to Minute 41 of the meeting of Council on 27 March 2018, the following persons shall be regarded as, or equivalent to, "other Councillors carrying out other activities in relation to the discharge of the authority's functions as require the commitment of equivalent time and effort as for other categories of activity which would qualify for Special Responsibility Allowance" at Tier 3 for the remainder of the financial year 2018/19 (and subject to no Councillor receiving more than one Special Responsibility Allowance):
 - Vice-Chairs of Committees
 - Independent Person appointed in accordance with Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011
- 2.16 That the Remuneration Panel be re-established for 2018/19 with the same terms of reference as agreed at Minute 51 of the Council meeting on 13 November 2001; that its membership be Francis Connolly and Dick Taylor.

O. <u>DELEGATIONS</u>

- 2.17 The Monitoring Officer's delegated authority, under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011, to grant a dispensation from the restrictions in Section 31(4) of the Act, which would allow members of the authority with a disclosable pecuniary interest to take part and vote on decisions in certain prescribed circumstances be agreed in the following circumstances:
 - "(i) housing, where you are a tenant of your authority provided that those functions do not relate particularly to your tenancy or lease;

- (ii) school meals or school transport and travelling expenses, where you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or are a parent governor of a school, unless it relates particularly to the school which the child attends;
- (iii) statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, where you are in receipt of, or are entitled to the receipt of, such pay;
- (iv) an allowance, payment or indemnity given to members;
- (v) any ceremonial honour given to members; and
- (vi) setting Council Tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (vii) any other business which might reasonably be regarded as affecting the financial position of the Member and/or his/her spouse or partner to a greater extent than the majority of other Council Tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the electoral division or ward, as the case may be, affected by the decision";

and the general dispensation apply for four years, subject to it being renewed each year at the Annual Council Meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Lovelock and seconded by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

Resolved -

That recommendations 2.1 to 2.17 in the report by the Monitoring Officer be approved.

10. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND LEAD COUNCILLORS AND ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIOS

It was moved by Councillor Lovelock and seconded by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

Resolved -

- (1) That Councillor Page be appointed the Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2018-19;
- (2) That for the Municipal Year 2018-19, the following Councillors be appointed as Lead Councillors for the services listed below:

Adult Social Care	Councillor Jones
Children	Councillor Terry
Corporate and Consumer Services	Councillor Brock
Culture, Heritage & Recreation	Councillor Hacker
Education	Councillor Pearce
Health, Wellbeing & Sport	Councillor Hoskin
Housing	Councillor Ennis
Neighbourhoods & Communities	Councillor James

Strategic Environment, Pl	anning & Transport	Councillor Page
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11. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

It was moved by Councillor Lovelock and seconded by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

Resolved -

(1) That, subject to the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989, and Regulations made thereunder, the following Councillors be appointed to serve on Committees in the Municipal Year 2018/19:

Adult Social Care, Children's Services & Education Committee (9:4:1:1)

LabourConservativeLiberal DemocratGreenCouncillorsCouncillorsCouncillorCouncillorDavid AbsolomGrashoffO'ConnellWhiteHoskinRobinson

Jones R Singh Kaur Vickers Khan McEwan

McKenna Pearce Terry

Audit & Governance Committee (5:2)

Labour Councillors Conservative

<u>Councillors</u>

Brock Stevens
Davies Warman

Gittings McKenna Terry

Health & Wellbeing Board

Leader of the Council Lead Councillor for Health, Wellbeing and Sport Lead Councillor for Adult Social Care Lead Councillor for Children

Named Substitutes: Councillors McEwan and R Williams

Observer: Conservative Spokesperson

Housing, Neighbourhoods & Leisure Committee (10:4:1)

Labour Conservative Green Councillor

<u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillors</u>

Davies Grashoff McGonigle

Eden McDonald Emberson Manghnani Ennis Stanford-Beale

Gavin Hacker Hoskin James Rowland R Williams

<u>Licensing Applications Committee</u> (7:3)

<u>Labour Councillors</u> <u>Conservative</u>

Councillors

D Edwards Grashoff
Ennis McDonald
Maskell Skeats

Page Rowland D Singh Woodward

Personnel Committee (4:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillor</u> Brock Skeats

Lovelock Maskell Page

(or nominees)

Planning Applications Committee (9:3:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Green</u> <u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillors</u> Brock Hopper J Williams

Emberson Robinson Gavin Vickers

McEwan Page Rowland D Singh R Williams

Maskell

Policy Committee (10:4:1:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Green</u> Councillors Councillor Councillor

Brock Skeats O'Connell White

Ennis Stevens Hacker Vickers Hoskin Warman

James Jones Lovelock Page Pearce Terry

Standards Committee (5:2)

Labour Councillors Conservative

Councillors

Ayub Vickers Brock Warman

D Edwards Gavin Khan

(Together with the following independent member: Mrs T Barnes)

Named Substitutes (1:1)

<u>Labour Councillor</u> <u>Conservative</u>

Councillor

Maskell Skeats

Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee (9:4:1:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Liberal Democrat</u> <u>Green</u>
<u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillor</u>
David Absolom Ballsdon O'Connell J Williams

Debs Absolom Hopper
Ayub Robinson
Barnett-Ward Stanford-Beale

Brock Gittings Khan Maskell Page

(2) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on other bodies in the Municipal Year 2018/19:

Access and Disabilities Working Group (3:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillor</u> Eden Manghnani

Khan R Williams

Adult Safeguarding Panel (3:1:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Liberal Democrat</u>

<u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillor</u> <u>Councillor</u> David Absolom Vickers O'Connell

Hoskin Jones

Alliance for Cohesion and Racial Equality (1:1:1:1)

Labour
CouncillorConservative
CouncillorLiberal Democrat
CouncillorGreen
CouncillorLovelockManghnaniCouncillor
O'ConnellJ Williams

Appeals Pool from which Members will be drawn to serve on the Curriculum Complaints Panel or the Removal of Early Years Providers Appeals Panel, as required by regulation.

<u>Labour Councillors</u> <u>Conservative</u>

<u>Councillor</u> Vickers

D Edwards Gittings Lovelock

Arts & Heritage Forum (5:2)

Labour Councillors Conservative

Councillor

Brock Stanford-Beale Hacker Manghnani

Khan Rowland R Williams

<u>Children's Centres Strategic Advisory Board</u> Lead Councillor for Children

Children's Safeguarding Panel (3:1:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Liberal Democrat</u>

<u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillor</u> <u>Councillor</u> O'Connell

Pearce Terry

Children's Trust Board

Lead Councillors for Children and Education Observers: Conservative Spokesperson

Civic Board (6:3:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Liberal Democrat</u>

<u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillor</u> Brock Skeats <u>Councillor</u> O'Connell

Ennis Stanford-Beale

Gittings Stevens

Lovelock Page R Williams

Community Safety Partnership

Councillors James, Lovelock, Page and Terry

Observer: Councillor Manghnani

Cultural Partnership Board

Lead Councillor for Culture, Heritage and Recreation and other Group Spokespersons.

Cycle Forum (4:1)

<u>Labour</u> <u>Conservative</u> <u>Councillors</u> <u>Councillor</u> Debs Absolom Hopper

Barnett-Ward Gittings Page

Community Learning and Skills Advisory Board

Lead Councillors for Education and Children and Culture, Heritage & Recreation Conservative Group Spokesperson

Local Joint Forum (3:1)

Labour Councillors Conservative

Councillor

Brock Stanford-Beale

Lovelock Page

(or nominees)

Older People's Working Group (5:1)

Labour Councillors Conservative

Councillor

Eden

Vickers

Jones Khan McEwan R Williams

Parenting Panel (3:1:1)

Labour Councillors Conservative Liberal Democrat

> Councillor Councillor O'Connell Robinson

David Absolom Barnett-Ward

Terry

Planning Management Panel (3:1)

Labour Councillors Conservative

> Councillor **Vickers**

Maskell

Page Rowland (or nominees)

SACRE (3:1:1)

Labour Councillors Conservative Liberal Democrat

> Councillor Councillor

Khan R Singh O'Connell

Pearce D Singh

Safer Reading Neighbourhood Forum (3:1)

Labour Councillors Conservative

Councillor

McEwan

James Manghnani

Rowland

School Admission Forum

Councillors David Absolom and Pearce

Observers - Councillor Grashoff

Secure Accommodation Panel

Councillor D Edwards

Standing Deputy: Councillor D Singh

Town Twinning Group (2:1)

<u>Labour Councillors</u> <u>Conservative</u>

<u>Councillor</u> Manghnani

Woodward

Brock

(Mayor - ex-officio)

(3) That the terms of reference of the above bodies be as set out in Appendices A, B and C to the Monitoring Officer's report on the Constitution, Powers and Duties of the Council and Committees etc;

(4) That the following Councillors be appointed/nominated as appropriate as Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the bodies listed at (2) above:

Working Party etcChair/Vice ChairAccess & Disabilities Working GroupCouncillor Eden (Chair)Adult Safeguarding PanelCouncillor Jones (Chair)Arts & Heritage ForumCouncillor Hacker (Chair)Councillor R Williams (Vice-Chair)Councillor R Williams (Vice-Chair)

Children's Safeguarding Panel Councillor Terry (Chair)
Children's Trust Board Councillor Terry (Chair)
Civic Board Councillor Page (Chair)

Community Safety Partnership Councillor James (nomination)
Cultural Partnership Board Councillor Hacker (Chair)

Cycle Forum Councillor Debs Absolom (Chair)

Community Learning and Skills Councillor Pearce (Chair)

Advisory Board (formerly Lifelong Learning Board)

Local Joint Forum Older People's Working Group

Older People's Working Group

Councillor Khan (Chair)

Councillor Eden (Vice-Chair)

Parenting Panel

Councillor Terry (Chair)

Councillor David Absolom (Vice-

Chair)

Councillor Brock (Chair)

Planning Management Panel Councillor Maskell (Chair)

SACRE Non-Councillor

Safer Reading Neighbourhood Forum Councillor James (Chair)
School Admission Forum Councillor Pearce (Chair)

Town Twinning Group The Mayor

12. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS/VICE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Lovelock and seconded by Councillor Page and CARRIED:

Resolved -

That the following be appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following Committees for the Municipal Year 2018/19:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Adult Social Care, Children's	Councillor David	Councillor Kaur
Services & Education	Absolom	
Audit & Governance	Councillor Stevens	Councillor Davies
Health & Wellbeing Board	Councillor Hoskin	Dr A Ciecierski
Housing, Neighbourhoods &	Councillor Davies	Councillor Emberson
Leisure		
Licensing Applications	Councillor Woodward	Councillor Maskell
Planning Applications	Councillor Maskell	Councillor Rowland
Personnel	Councillor Brock	Councillor Lovelock
Policy	Councillor Lovelock	Councillor Page
Standards	Mrs T Barnes	Councillor D Edwards
Strategic Environment, Planning &	Councillor Debs	Councillor Barnett-
Transport	Absolom	Ward

13. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

It was moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor and CARRIED:

Resolved -

That, before the day of the Annual Meeting in 2019, meetings of the Council be held at half-past six o'clock in the afternoon on 26 June and 16 October 2018, and 22 January, 26 February and 26 March 2019, unless the Mayor shall specify some other date and time.

(The meeting closed at 7.35pm).