

# Summons and Agenda 21 February 2017

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Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Reading Borough Council to be held at the Civic Offices, Reading, on **Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 6.30pm**, when it is proposed to transact the business specified in the Agenda enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully

MANAGING DIRECTOR

## A G E N D A

### Mayor's Announcements

1. To receive Mayor's Announcements.

### Declarations of Interest

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

### Minutes

3. The Mayor to sign the Minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on 24 January 2017 (Pages A1-A12)

### Petitions

4. To receive petitions in accordance with Standing Order 8.

### Questions from Members of the Public

5. Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

### Questions from Councillors

6. Questions in accordance with Standing Order 10.

### Reports and Recommendations from Committees

7. Budget 2017-2020

Report by Corporate Management Team (Pages B1-B140)

### Motions

8. Workplace Parking Levy to Tackle Congestion and Air Pollution

Councillor J Williams to move:

This Council notes that 'A Workplace Parking Levy' is a small annual charge on employers who provide workplace parking. Following the 2000 Transport Act it has been successfully implemented in Nottingham where it raises around 9 million pounds per year. Reading Borough Council now charges residents for its Resident Parking Schemes, and it is fair and proportionate that it also looks at making a charge for business parking.

It is intended to:

- reduce rush-hour congestion and air pollution on Reading's roads by incentivizing a shift to more sustainable methods of transport; bus, bike, car-share and walking
- raise money for increased investment and support for sustainable transport solutions such as public transport and better cycling infrastructure
- manage demand for workplace parking provision

This Council resolves to report back to Policy committee (or Traffic Management Sub-Committee) later this year on a possible Workplace Parking Levy scheme that would match the needs of Reading. This would look at area covered, exemptions (such as emergency services, front-line NHS and charities), cost of implementation, parking space numbers, revenue generation and impact on traffic and congestion.

## 9. Fair Funding for Local Councils

Councillor Lovelock to move:

This Council notes with concern the secret nature of the agreement between the Government and Surrey County Council which has resulted in Surrey CC abandoning their local referendum on their proposed 15% Council Tax rise.

This Council further notes that this "deal" seems to be connected to a "pilot" on the retention of business rates in Surrey in 2018, which would give Surrey C.C. additional funding not available to other Councils, including Reading.

This Council also notes that in Reading 75% of the business rates have to be returned to the Government, meaning that over £90million is lost annually to Reading, in addition to the £57million which will be removed from the Council's government grant each year by 2019.

This Council therefore instructs the Managing Director to write to the Government at the DCLG stating that, in the interests of transparency and equality of treatment, the Government must publish details of the "Surrey deal" so that Reading and other Councils can consider participating in this "pilot scheme" in 2018/19.

This Council further resolves to request the Managing Director to write to both Reading's M.P.s, as a matter of urgency, to request their support on this matter which is so important for Reading's residents.

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