

To: Councillor James (Chair);
Councillors Debs Absolom, Davies, Dennis,
Kelly Edwards, Ennis, Grashoff, Hacker,
McDonald, McGonigle, O'Connell, Steele,
Terry, Tickner and Rose Williams.

7 November 2017

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**NOTICE OF MEETING - HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE -
15 NOVEMBER 2017**

A meeting of the Housing, Neighbourhoods and Leisure Committee will be held on **Wednesday 15 November 2017 at 6.30pm** in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading.

AGENDA

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in relation to the items for consideration.		-
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 JULY 2017		1
3. PETITIONS Petitions submitted pursuant to Standing Order 36 in relation to matters falling within the Committee's Powers & Duties which have been received by Head of Legal & Democratic Services no later than four clear working days before the meeting.		
(A) PETITION REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF COMMUNAL BINS AT AMITY STREET AND CHOLMELEY ROAD	PARK	7

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4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS		-
<p>Questions submitted pursuant to Standing Order 36 in relation to matters falling within the Committee's Powers & Duties which have been submitted in writing and received by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services no later than four clear working days before the meeting.</p>		
5. DECISION BOOK REFERENCES		-
<p>To consider any requests received by the Monitoring Officer pursuant to Standing Order 42, for consideration of matters falling within the Committee's Powers & Duties which have been the subject of Decision Book reports.</p>		
6. TENANT PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL HOUSING	BOROUGHWIDE	9
<p>This report outlines the approach that the Housing Service takes to involve tenants in improving and shaping the service.</p> <p>To receive a presentation from Reading Involved Tenants (Tenant Scrutiny Panel and the Building Cleaning Group).</p>		
7. HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	BOROUGHWIDE	12
<p>This report updates the Committee following the Council bringing the Home Improvement Agency work in-house since June 2016 and details the outcomes for users of the service.</p>		
8. HOUSING SERVICE RESPONSE TO THE BENEFIT CAP	BOROUGHWIDE	17
<p>This report informs the Committee of the work of the Housing Services Welfare Reform Team in response to the reduction in the Benefit Cap.</p>		
9. UPDATE ON FIRE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS POST GRENFELL TOWER	BOROUGHWIDE	21
<p>This report informs the Committee of the Council's response following the Grenfell Tower fire in Kensington on 14 June 2017.</p>		

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10. PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR CHARTER	BOROUGHWIDE	31
<p>This report provides the Committee with an update on the progress made in delivering the Private Rented Sector (PRS) Charter action points.</p>		
11. ABBEY QUARTER PROJECT	ABBEY	-
<p>To receive a presentation on the Abbey Quarter Project.</p>		
12. CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	BOROUGHWIDE	40
<p>This report provides the Committee with an update on two key developments relating to cultural services and activities. The report focuses on progress in taking forward Reading's successful bid to the 'Great Places Scheme' and the delivery plans being developed by the Museum of English Rural Life and Reading Museum consequent on being jointly awarded National Portfolio Organisation status by Arts Council England.</p>		
13. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY	BOROUGHWIDE	50
<p>This report provides an update on antisocial behaviour in Reading and recommends that the current Designated Public Place Order is converted into a Public Space Protection Order.</p>		
14. WASTE MINIMISATION STRATEGY 2015-2020 - HALF YEARLY UPDATE	BOROUGHWIDE	59
<p>This report updates the Committee on the progress achieved in the first two quarters of Year 3 of the Waste Minimisation Strategy 2015-2020 Action Plan.</p>		

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