

3 March 2017

To: Councillor Lovelock (Chair)
Councillors Davies, Duveen, Eden, Gavin,
Gittings, Hopper, Hoskin, Jones, Page,
Skeats, Stevens, Terry and White

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NOTICE OF MEETING - POLICY COMMITTEE - 13 MARCH 2017

A meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on Monday 13 March 2017 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Reading. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Please Note - the Committee will first consider items in closed session. Members of the press and public will be asked to leave the Chamber for a few minutes.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED SESSION

The following motion will be moved by the Chair:

“That, pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) members of the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following items on the agenda, as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of that Act”

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>WARDS AFFECTED</u>	<u>PAGE NO</u>
1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS	-	-
2. ABBATOIRS ROAD Councillor Lovelock / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services	ABBEY	A1
3. HOMES FOR READING: MOBILISATION, FUNDING AND BUSINESS PLAN Councillor Page / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services and Director of Finance	BOROUGHWIDE	A8

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC SESSION

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors to declare any interests they may have in relation to the items for consideration in public session.

6. MINUTES

B1

To confirm the Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting on 13 February 2017.

7. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS

To receive any petitions from the public and any questions from the public and Councillors.

8. DECISION BOOK REFERENCES

9. DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES: BUDGET AND COMMISSIONING

BOROUGHWIDE

C1

Councillor Lovelock / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services

This report sets out a summary of consultation responses to proposals to re-balance investment in Domestic Abuse services by increasing funding for non-accommodation based services and reducing funding for refuge services, in line with benchmarking information, and seeks approval to implement the proposals and award new contracts for the services.

10. HOMES FOR READING: MOBILISATION, FUNDING AND BUSINESS PLAN

BOROUGHWIDE

D1

Councillor Page / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services and Director of Finance

This report asks the Committee, acting as shareholder of Homes for Reading, to approve: a revised Shareholder Agreement, revised Memorandum and Articles of Association, Business Plan, the appointment of Non-Executive Directors and remuneration.

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| 11. | ACCOMMODATION RATIONALISATION REVIEW - THAMESBRIDGE HOUSE | CAVERSHAM & WHITLEY | E1 |
| | Councillor Lovelock / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services | | |
| | This report sets out a proposal for improvements to Thamesbridge House, which will allow for the relocation of New Directions provision and future release of the Caversham Centre for disposal. | | |
| 12. | PLANNING APPLICATIONS - FEE INCREASE | BOROUGHWIDE | F1 |
| | Councillor Page / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services | | |
| | This report seeks approval to accept a Government proposal to increase planning fees by 20% from July 2017 if the receiving Council commits to invest the additional income in their planning services. | | |
| 13. | BUILDING BETTER OPPORTUNITIES - STRONGER TOGETHER PARTNERSHIP (WEST OF BERKSHIRE UNITARY AUTHORITIES) | BOROUGHWIDE | G1 |
| | Councillor Lovelock / Managing Director | | |
| | This report informs the Committee of an application to deliver a Big Lottery-funded £1.3 million Building Better Opportunities project across the West of Berkshire through a proposed 'Stronger Together Partnership'. | | |
| 14. | CONTRACT AWARD - MEASURED TERM CONTRACTS FOR WORKS TO COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK | BOROUGHWIDE | H1 |
| | Councillor Davies / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services | | |
| | The report seeks approval for the award of 'measured term' contracts for the provision of various works and materials relating to the repair and maintenance of the Council's Housing Stock. | | |
| 15. | BUDGET MONITORING | BOROUGHWIDE | J1 |
| | Councillor Lovelock / Director of Finance | | |
| | This report set out the budget monitoring position for the Council to the end of January 2017. | | |

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