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NOTICE OF MEETING - POLICY COMMITTEE - 15 JANUARY 2018

A meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on Monday 15 January 2018 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Reading. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC SESSION

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting on 27 November 2017.

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4. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS

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

5. DECISION BOOK REFERENCES

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| 6. | CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE, EARLY HELP AND EDUCATION SERVICES IN READING - UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN'S COMPANY | BOROUGHWIDE | C1 |
| | Councillors Lovelock & McElligott / Chief Executive | | |
| | This report gives an update on setting up 'The Children's Company', an independent local authority company for the delivery of children's services to the Council, and seeks approval to award a contract to support the design and transition to the new company. | | |
| 7. | SOUTH READING MRT PHASES 3 & 4 - SCHEME & SPEND APPROVAL | BOROUGHWIDE | D1 |
| | Councillor Page / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services | | |
| | This report seeks scheme and spend approval for Phases 3 & 4 of the South Reading Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) scheme, and authority to enter into a contract for implementation of the proposals. | | |
| 8. | PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF COMMUNITY LINK BUS SERVICES 28 & 991 | BOROUGHWIDE | E1 |
| | Councillor Page / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services | | |
| | This report summarises the results of consultation on a budget saving proposal to withdraw financial support for the operation of the Community Link bus routes, and recommends that the routes 28 (plus 18 and 28a) and 991 be withdrawn from April 2018. | | |
| 9. | BUDGET MONITORING | BOROUGHWIDE | F1 |
| | Councillors Lovelock & Page / Director of Finance | | |
| | This report sets out the projected Council revenue budget outturn position for 2017/18 based on actual, committed and projected expenditure for the Council as at the end of November 2017; it also contains information on the capital programme, capital receipts and the Housing Revenue Account. | | |

10. BUDGET 2018-19: BOROUGHWIDE G1
- APPROVAL OF COUNCIL TAX BASE, NNDR1 ESTIMATE &
ESTIMATED COLLECTION FUND SURPLUS
- APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME
2018/19

Councillor Lovelock / Director of Finance

This report asks the Committee to recommend to Council the approval of the council tax support scheme, the estimated Council Tax collection rate, Council Tax base for 2018/19, and NNDR1 form.

11. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY BOROUGHWIDE H1

Councillor Lovelock / Director of Finance

This reports advises the Committee of the development of the budget for 2018/19 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period to 31 March 2021.

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