

COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING - 27 MAY 2026

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1
ELECTION OF MAYOR

That Councillor Gittings be elected Mayor of this Borough.

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Councillor Terry

Councillor Hoskin

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2
ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

That Councillor Tarar be appointed Deputy Mayor of this Borough.

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Councillor Terry

Councillor Griffith

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AGENDA ITEM NO 4

VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNCILLOR ALICE MPOFU-COLES AND TADI CHIGUMIRA

That the Council record their sincere appreciation of the ability, courtesy and diligence with which Councillor Alice Mpofu-Coles has discharged her duties attached to the office of Mayor since 21 May 2025. They also record their grateful thanks to Tadi Chigumira for the support and assistance he rendered in the capacity of Mayor's escort throughout the Mayor's term of office.

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Councillor Leng

Councillor Eden

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AGENDA ITEM NO 9
APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

That Councillor Liz Terry be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2026-27.

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Councillor Leng

Councillor Tarar

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AGENDA ITEM NO 10

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

That the recommendations in the report by the Monitoring Officer be approved.

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Councillor Terry

Councillor Leng

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AGENDA ITEM NO 11

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND LEAD COUNCILLORS AND ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIOS

- (1) That Councillor Leng be appointed the Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2026-27;
- (2) That for the Municipal Year 2026-27, the following Councillors be appointed as Lead Councillors for the services listed below:

Adult Social Care	Councillor Dennis
Children	Councillor Griffith
Education and Public Health	Councillor Eden
Environmental Services and Community Safety	Councillor McGoldrick
Housing	Councillor Yeo
Leisure and Culture	Councillor Lanzoni
Corporate Services and Resources	Councillor McEwan
Climate Strategy and Transport	Councillor Ennis
Planning and Assets	Councillor Leng

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Councillor Terry

Councillor Leng

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AGENDA ITEM NO 12

APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

(1) Standing Committees

That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on the following Standing Committees of the Council in the Municipal Year 2026/27:

POLICY COMMITTEE (10:3:2:1)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Dennis	Cllr Nikulina	Cllr R Singh	Cllr Thompson
Cllr Eden	Cllr White	Cllr Smith	
Cllr Ennis	Cllr Williams		
Cllr Griffith			
Cllr Lanzoni			
Cllr Leng			
Cllr McEwan			
Cllr McGoldrick			
Cllr Terry			
Cllr Yeo			

ADULT SOCIAL CARE, CHILDREN'S SERVICES & EDUCATION COMMITTEE (10:4:2:1)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Asare	Cllr Clarke	Cllr Ballsdon	Cllr O'Connell
Cllr Dennis	Cllr Cresswell	Cllr Smith	
Cllr Eden	Cllr Magon		
Cllr Foster	Cllr Walkem		
Cllr Gittings			
Cllr Griffith			
Cllr McEwan			
Cllr Mpofo-Coles			
Cllr Naz			
Cllr Tarar			

HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS & LEISURE COMMITTEE (11:5:2:1)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Ayub	Cllr Clarke	Cllr Ballsdon	Cllr Thompson
Cllr Cross	Cllr Cresswell	Cllr Saadat	
Cllr Gavin	Cllr Keane		
Cllr Hoskin	Cllr Nikulina		
Cllr Lanzoni	Cllr Walkem		
Cllr Magyarosy			
Cllr McEwan			
Cllr McGoldrick			
Cllr McGrother			
Cllr Naz			
Cllr Yeo			

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (10:4:2:1)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Cross	Cllr Dominguez	Cllr Goss	Cllr Moore
Cllr Ennis	Cllr McCann	Cllr Saadat	
Cllr Gurung	Cllr McElroy		
Cllr Hornsby-Smith	Cllr Nikulina		
Cllr Keeping			
Cllr Leng			
Cllr McGoldrick			
Cllr McGrother			
Cllr DP Singh			
Cllr Stevens			

(2) Regulatory and Other Committees

That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on the following Regulatory and Other Committees of the Council in the Municipal Year 2026/27:

AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (5:2:1:1)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Asare	Cllr Keane	Cllr Smith	Cllr Moore
Cllr Gavin	Cllr Williams		
Cllr Magyarosy			
Cllr McGrother			
Cllr Stevens			

LICENSING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE (8:3:1:0)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Ayub	Cllr Clarke	Cllr Saadat	-
Cllr Dennis	Cllr Keane		
Cllr Gurung	Cllr Magon		
Cllr Leng			
Cllr McGoldrick			
Cllr Stevens			
Cllr Tarar			
Cllr Woodward			

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (4:2:0:0)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Ennis	Cllr Keane		
Cllr McEwan	Cllr Nikulina		
Cllr Mpofu-Coles			
Cllr Terry			
<i>(or nominees)</i>			

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE (8:3:1:1)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Davies	Cllr Dominguez	Cllr Saadat	Cllr Moore
Cllr Ennis	Cllr McCann		
Cllr Foster	Cllr Williams		
Cllr Gavin			
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr Leng			
Cllr Stevens			
Cllr Yeo			

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (4:1:1:1)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Gavin	Cllr Keane	Cllr R Singh	Cllr Moore
Cllr Keeping			
Cllr McEwan			
Cllr Terry			
<i>Named Substitutes:</i>			
Cllr Leng			Cllr Thompson

(3) Corporate Parenting Panel

That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on the Corporate Parenting Panel in the Municipal Year 2026/27:

CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Leader of the Council		Cllr Ballsdon	Cllr O'Connell
Lead Cllr for Children (Chair)			
Lead Cllr for Education and Public Health			
Cllr Yeo			

(4) Health & Wellbeing Board

That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on Health and Wellbeing Board in the Municipal Year 2026/27:

Leader of the Council
Lead Councillor for Adult Social Care
Lead Councillor for Children
Lead Councillor for Education and Public Health
Named substitute: Councillor Leng

(5) Consultative Committees and Forums

That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on the following Consultative Committees and Forums in the Municipal Year 2026/27:

ACCESS AND DISABILITIES WORKING GROUP			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Cross		Cllr Goss	Cllr Thompson
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr McGrother			

ALLIANCE FOR COHESION AND RACIAL EQUALITY			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr McGoldrick		Cllr Saadat	Cllr Thompson

ARTS & HERITAGE FORUM			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Hoskin	Cllr Nikulina	Cllr Ballsdon	Cllr Thompson
Cllr Lanzoni		Cllr Goss	
Cllr Magyarosy			
Cllr Stevens			

CIVIC BOARD			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Eden		Cllr Ballsdon	Cllr Thompson
Cllr Gavin			
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr Leng			
Cllr Stevens			
Cllr Terry			

CLEANER AIR & SAFER TRANSPORT FORUM			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Cross	Cllr Magon	Cllr Goss	Cllr O'Connell
Cllr Davies			
Cllr Ennis			
Cllr Griffith			
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr Leng			

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP			
Cllrs McGoldrick and Terry			
Observers: Other Group Spokespersons			

CYCLE FORUM			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Cross	Cllr White	Cllr Goss	Cllr Moore
Cllr Davies			
Cllr Ennis			
Cllr Griffith			
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr Leng			

LOCAL JOINT FORUM			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Ennis		Cllr R Singh	
Cllr McEwan			
Cllr McGrother			
Cllr Terry			
(or nominees)			

OLDER PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Gittings			Cllr O'Connell
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr Hoskin			
Cllr McEwan			
Cllr McGrother			

STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Ayub		Cllr Goss	Cllr O'Connell
Cllr Eden			
Cllr Ennis			

SAFER READING NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Davies		Cllr Ballsdon	
Cllr Griffith			
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr Keeping			
Cllr McGoldrick			

TOWN TWINNING GROUP			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Mayor – ex-officio		Cllr Smith	
Cllr Terry			

- (6) That the terms of reference of the above bodies be as set out in the Council's Constitution;
- (7) That the following Councillors be appointed as Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the bodies listed at (5) above:

Body	Chair	Vice Chair
Access & Disabilities Working Group	Cllr Hornsby-Smith	Cllr McGrother
Arts & Heritage Forum	Cllr Lanzoni	Cllr Stevens
Civic Board	Cllr Terry	Cllr Leng
Cleaner Air & Safer Transport Forum	Cllr Cross	Cllr Ennis
Corporate Parenting Panel	Cllr Griffith	
Cycle Forum	Cllr Cross	Cllr Ennis
Local Joint Forum	Union side	Cllr McEwan
Older People's Working Group	Cllr Gittings	Cllr Hoskin
Safer Reading Neighbourhood Forum	Cllr McGoldrick	
Town Twinning Group	The Mayor	

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Councillor Terry

Councillor Leng

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AGENDA ITEM NO 13

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS/VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES

That the following be appointed Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following Committees for the Municipal Year 2026/27:

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Adult Social Care, Children's Services & Education	Councillor Asare	Councillor Naz
Audit & Governance	Councillor Williams	Councillor Stevens
Health & Wellbeing Board	Councillor Eden	Thames Valley ICB representative
Housing, Neighbourhoods & Leisure	Councillor Hoskin	Councillor Magyarosy
Licensing Applications	Councillor Woodward	Councillor Tarar
Planning Applications	Councillor Gavin	Councillor Davies
Personnel	Councillor McEwan	Councillor Terry
Policy	Councillor Terry	Councillor Leng
Standards	Independent	Councillor Keeping
Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport	Councillor Cross	Councillor Hornsby-Smith

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Councillor Terry

Councillor Leng

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AGENDA ITEM NO 14 - CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND DATES OF COUNCIL FOR 2026/27

- (1) That the calendar of meetings for the Municipal Year 2026/27, as attached to the agenda, be approved; and
- (2) That, before the day of the Annual Meeting in 2027, meetings of the Council be held at half-past six o'clock in the afternoon on 30 June, 13 October 2026, and 26 January, 23 February and 23 March 2027, unless the Mayor shall specify some other date and time.

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Mayor

Deputy Mayor

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READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2026

Chair to move:

Joint Committees and Outside Bodies

- (1) That the following appointments to Joint Committees and Outside Bodies be made for the Municipal Year 2026-27:

(a)	Berkshire Prosperity Board 1 Representative	Cllr Terry
(b)	Joint Waste Disposal Board 2 Representatives:	Cllr Terry
		Cllr McGoldrick
(c)	Royal Berkshire Fire Authority 3 Representatives:	Cllr Gittings
		Cllr Griffith
		Cllr McElroy
(e)	PATROL Joint Committee 1 Representative: 1 Deputy:	Cllr Ennis
		Cllr Cross
(d)	Local Government Association Conference: General Assembly:	Cllrs Leng & Terry
		Cllr Terry

Trustees Sub-Committee

- (2) That the Trustees Sub-Committee be established for the Municipal Year 2026/27 in accordance with Article 7.2.2 and Part 3 Section 2 of the Constitution of the Council and within the terms of reference set out therein;
- (3) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on the Sub-Committee:

Trustees Sub-Committee			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Gavin	Cllr McCann		
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr Lanzoni			
Cllr Terry			

- (4) That the following Councillors be appointed as Chair/Vice-Chair of The Trustees Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/27:

Chair	Vice-Chair
Cllr Hornsby-Smith	Cllr Terry

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Councillor Terry

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Councillor Leng

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STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2026 AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Chair to move:

- (1) That the Traffic Management Sub-Committee be established for the Municipal Year 2026/27 in accordance with Article 7.2.2 and Part 3 Section 2 of the Constitution of the Council and within the terms of reference set out therein;
- (2) That the following Councillors be appointed to serve on the Sub-Committee:

Traffic Management Sub-Committee (10:3:2:1)			
<i>Labour</i>	<i>Green</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	<i>Liberal Democrats</i>
Cllr Ayub	Cllr Dominguez	Cllr Goss	Cllr O'Connell
Cllr Cross	Cllr Walkem	Cllr Singh	
Cllr Davies	Cllr White		
Cllr Ennis			
Cllr Griffith			
Cllr Hornsby-Smith			
Cllr Keeping			
Cllr Lanzoni			
Cllr Leng			
Cllr D Singh			

- (3) That the following Councillors be appointed as Chair/Vice-Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/27:

Chair

Councillor Davies

Vice-Chair

Councillor Ayub

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Councillor Cross

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Councillor Hornsby-Smith

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