

To: Councillor Lovelock (Chair)
Councillors Page, Brock, Ennis, Hacker,
Hoskin, James, Jones, O'Connell, Pearce,
Skeats, Stevens, Terry, Vickers, Warman
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NOTICE OF MEETING - POLICY COMMITTEE 14 JANUARY 2019

A meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on Monday, 14 January 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Reading, RG1 2LU. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED SESSION

1. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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”

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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| 3. | READING TRANSPORT LIMITED - SHAREHOLDER REPORT | BOROUGH
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| | Councillors Page & Brock / Director of Resources | | |
| 4. | EXTENSION OF THE PARKSIDE BUPA CONTRACT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CARE HOME FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT | BOROUGH
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Councillor Jones / Director of Adult Care and Health Services

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC SESSION

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
7. MINUTES 263 -
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To confirm the Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting on 26 November 2018.
8. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS

To receive any petitions from the public and any questions from the public and Councillors.
9. DECISION BOOK REFERENCES
10. LONG TERM EMPTY PREMIUM - COUNCIL TAX BOROUGH
WIDE 273 -
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Councillor Brock / Director of Resources

This report asks the Committee to consider the Council Tax premium to be charged on long-term empty properties, following The Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Act 2018 which allows Local Authorities to increase this Premium.
11. APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME AND THE COUNCIL TAX BASE 2019/20 BOROUGH
WIDE 279 -
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Councillors Brock & Lovelock / Director of Resources

This report asks the Committee to recommend to full Council the approval of the council tax support scheme and the Council Tax base for 2019/20.
12. RESPONSE TO THE WILLOWS/DISCHARGE TO ASSESS CONSULTATION AND FUTURE PROPOSAL BOROUGH
WIDE 285 -
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Councillor Jones / Director Of Adult Care & Health Services

This report provides a summary of consultation with stakeholders on a proposal to move the Discharge to Assess beds from The Willows site to Charles Clore Court (an Extra Care provision) and close The Willows as a residential care home for people with dementia, and makes recommendations for future service provision.
13. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT (PARKING) CONTRACT EXTENSION BOROUGH
WIDE 315 -
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Councillor Page / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services

This report seeks approval to extend the Civil Enforcement Contract by one year.

14. BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR CHILDREN - APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS **BOROUGH WIDE** **321 - 322**

Councillors Lovelock, Terry, Pearce & Brock / Director of Resources

This report seeks approval from the Committee, in its capacity as sole member for Brighter Futures for Children Limited (BFfC), for the appointment of UHY Hacker Young as external auditors for BFfC.

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