

To: Councillor Lovelock (Chair)
Councillors Page, Brock, Ennis, Hacker,
Hoskin, James, Jones, O'Connell, Pearce,
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NOTICE OF MEETING - POLICY COMMITTEE 18 FEBRUARY 2019

A meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on Monday, 18 February 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Reading, RG1 2LU. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

1. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. MINUTES 5 - 12
4. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS

To receive any petitions from the public and any questions from the public and Councillors.
5. DECISION BOOK REFERENCES
6. CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME - INVESTIGATION OF BUDGET SAVING PROPOSALS BOROUGH WIDE 13 - 60

Councillor Page / Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services

This report provides an update on proposed changes to the Concessionary Travel scheme for Older Person pass holders and disabled people using the Access Pass in Reading.
7. CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT ON THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE COUNCIL'S 2019/20 BUDGET BOROUGH WIDE 61 - 66

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Director of Resources

This report fulfils the requirement under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 for the Council's Chief Financial Officer to report to Council on the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations of the budget, and the adequacy of the proposed level of financial reserves.

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| 8. | DRAFT 2019/20 BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY TO 2021/22 | BOROUGH WIDE | 67 - 178 |
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Councillor Lovelock / Director of Resources

This report sets out the Council's draft Medium Term Financial Strategy and associated spending plans for the three years 2019/20 to 2021/22. The report covers all aspects of the Council's spend: General Fund revenue expenditure funded by the council tax payer, government grant and other sources of income, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) expenditure, funded by council tenants' rents, and the Council's Capital Programmes (General Fund and HRA) funded by grants and contributions, capital receipts, revenue and prudential borrowing.

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| 9. | SHAREHOLDER CONSENT: HOMES FOR READING LTD APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2018/19 | BOROUGH WIDE | 179 - 182 |
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This report seeks approval from the Committee, acting as Shareholder of Homes for Reading Ltd, to appoint an external auditor to prepare the accounts for the 2018/19 financial year.

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