

To: Councillor Brock (Chair)
Councillors Page, Duveen, Emberson,
Ennis, Hoskin, James, Jones, Pearce,
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NOTICE OF MEETING - POLICY COMMITTEE 10 JUNE 2019

A meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on Monday, 10 June 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

3. COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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Councillor Brock / Director of Economic Growth and
Neighbourhood Services

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PUBLIC SESSION

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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6.	MINUTES		23 - 38
	To confirm the Minutes of the Policy Committee meetings held on 26 March, 8 April and 22 May 2019.		
7.	PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS		
	To receive any petitions from the public and any questions from the public and Councillors.		
8.	DECISION BOOK REFERENCES		
9.	MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL PLAN	BOROUGH WIDE	39 - 140
	Councillor Page / Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services		
	This report sets out the main modifications to the Local Plan and Proposals Map suggested by the independent Planning Inspector, and seeks approval to publish those main modifications for public consultation.		
10.	PROJECT FUNDING AWARD - THAMES VALLEY BERKSHIRE LIVE LABS	BOROUGH WIDE	141 - 148
	Councillor Page / Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services		
	This report informs the Committee of a £4.75m grant award from the Department of Transport for Thames Valley Berkshire Live Labs project, a technological trial to help futureproof roads and transport, and seeks approval to spend the grant in accordance with the project objectives.		
	An updated version of this report was published on 4 June 2019.		
11.	COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY	BOROUGH WIDE	149 - 160
	Councillor Brock / Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services		
	This report seeks approval to adopt the Commercial Investment Strategy as part of the overall Treasury Strategy. The full strategy is on the agenda as a closed session item as some elements remain commercially sensitive.		
12.	REVALUATION DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATES RELIEF SCHEME / RETAIL RELIEF AND DISCRETIONARY RELIEF 2019/20	BOROUGH WIDE	161 - 172

Councillor Brock / Director of Resources

This report gives an update on Business Rates Reliefs awarded in 2017/18 and 2018/19 and details of the proposed Local Revaluation Discretionary Relief Scheme for 2019/20. It also provides information regarding the change to retail relief for businesses with rateable values below £51,000 and advises no change to the Council's Discretionary Relief Scheme for 2019/20.

13. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

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Councillor Brock / Monitoring Officer

This report asks the Policy Committee to make appointments or nominations to outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2019/20, or longer where required.

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