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NOTICE OF MEETING - HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE 11 MARCH 2020

A meeting of the Housing, Neighbourhoods and Leisure Committee will be held on Wednesday, 11 March 2020 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in relation to the items for consideration.

2. MINUTES OF THE HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2019

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3. MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES

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Community Safety Partnership - 19 September 2019 and 6 February 2020.

4. PETITIONS

Petitions submitted pursuant to Standing Order 36 in relation to matters falling within the Committee's Powers & Duties which have been received by Head of Legal & Democratic Services no later than four clear working days before the meeting.

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5. OUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS

Questions submitted pursuant to Standing Order 36 in relation to matters falling within the Committee's Powers & Duties which have been submitted in writing and received by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services no later than four clear working days before the meeting.

6. **DECISION BOOK REFERENCES**

To consider any requests received by the Monitoring Officer pursuant to Standing Order 42, for consideration of matters falling within the Committee's Powers & Duties which have been subject of Decision Book reports.

7. **READING FESTIVAL 2019**

BOROUGH WIDE

To receive a presentation on the 2019 Reading Festival.

8. DRAFT HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIES

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To receive a presentation on the draft Housing and Homelessness Strategies.

READING, PLACE OF CULTURE, YEAR TWO EVALUATION 9.

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This report updates the Committee on the activity and outcomes delivered in year two of Reading, Place of Culture and outlines plans for the final year of the programme, the current partnership working arrangements and indicative plans for the future.

PRIVATE SECTOR RENEWAL & DISABLED ADAPTATIONS 10. **POLICY**

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This report seeks approval of the final Private Sector Renewal & Disabled Adaptations Policy, following public consultation.

11. **EMPTY HOMES STRATEGY 2020-2026**

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WIDE

This report seeks approval of the updated Empty Homes Strategy 2020-2026.

12. **BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN**

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This report recommends that a draft Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) be published for public consultation.

13. TREE STRATEGY

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This report concerns a draft Tree Strategy 2020, which is proposed for public consultation to take place in March and April 2020.

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