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NOTICE OF MEETING - HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE 10 NOVEMBER 2021

A meeting of the Housing, Neighbourhoods and Leisure Committee will be held on Wednesday, 10 November 2021 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 AND LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2021		5 - 16
3. MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES		
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.		
5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS		

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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. UPDATE ON THE OPERATION OF LEISURE FACILITIES B Y GREENWICH LEISURE LIMITED AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE NATIONAL LEISURE RECOVERY GRANT **BOROUGH WIDE** **17 - 26**

A report providing an update on the award and commencement of the new leisure contract, informing the Committee of the Council's award of funding from the National Leisure Recovery Fund (NLRF) in the sum of £160,772 to support the reopening of the leisure sector post-COVID-19; and informing the Committee of the Council's application for £1.5m from Sport England Strategic Facilities Fund.

8. READING RENT WITH CONFIDENCE SCHEME **BOROUGH WIDE** **27 - 34**

A report providing an update on the Reading Rent with Confidence Scheme and the new website - www.rrwc.org.uk.

9. THE CHARTER FOR SOCIAL HOUSING RESIDENTS - SOCIAL HOUSING WHITE PAPER **BOROUGH WIDE** **35 - 48**

A report on the Charter for Social Housing Residents - Social Housing White Paper which aims to deliver improvements in transparency and accountability for social housing tenants from their landlord and ensure the tenants voice is heard.

10. BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE SAFETY NEW LEGISLATION **BOROUGH WIDE** **49 - 54**

A report providing an update on the new Fire Safety Act 2021 and the Building Safety Bill.

11. HOUSING ALLOCATION SCHEME REVIEW **BOROUGH WIDE** **55 - 142**

A report detailing Reading Borough Council's requirement to review its Housing Allocations Scheme, including national and local drivers for change, the outcome of consultation on the proposed changes, the subsequent recommended amendments made to the scheme and the timetable for their proposed implementation.

12.	READING LIBRARIES: FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2022-2025	BOROUGH WIDE	143 - 276
	A report summarising the responses to the libraries consultation on vision and strategy which ran from 9 August-17 September 2021, to be read alongside the initial data review of 2019/20 data (July HNL Committee), proposing adoption of key strategic priorities for the library service and the development of a strategy and delivery plan for Reading's Libraries.		
13.	ENHANCED GRAFFITI REMOVAL POLICY	BOROUGH WIDE	277 - 290
	A report providing an update on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding available in 2021/22 and the proposal to implement an enhanced graffiti removal policy to tackle graffiti not included within the current Graffiti Removal Policy. It seeks approval to proceed with the proposed Enhanced Graffiti Removal Policy and to fully commit the available CIL funding to improve the Town's appearance.		
14.	ALLOTMENT SELF-MANAGEMENT	BOROUGH WIDE	291 - 300
	A report giving an update on the progress towards establishing self-management as an option for managing the Council's 20 allotment sites.		
15.	PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY	BOROUGH WIDE	301 - 340
	A report presenting an assessment of the current provision of sports pitches within the Borough and identifying what the anticipated future demand in terms of quality and quantity of pitches will be by 2036 to meet demand using Football Association methodology. The report identifies a long-term level of provision for the Council to work towards.		

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