

To: Councillor Brock (Chair)  
Councillors Terry, Barnett-Ward, Emberson,  
Ennis, Gittings, Hoskin, Leng, McEwan,  
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### **NOTICE OF MEETING - POLICY COMMITTEE 30 OCTOBER 2023**

A meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on Monday, 30 October 2023 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 - 14**

- 4. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS**

To receive any petitions from the public and any questions from the public and Councillors.

**5. READING BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** **BOROUGH**  
**BALLOTS** **WIDE** **15 - 90**

This report outlines the success of Reading's two Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and seeks endorsement for a proposal for two BIDs for the period 2024 – 2029 covering the town centre and the Abbey Quarter. The report also seeks approval for the Council to vote in favour of both BID proposals in respect of its properties within the BID 'area of benefit'.

**6. SINGLE HOMELESSNESS ACCOMMODATION** **BOROUGH**  
**PROGRAMME** **WIDE** **91 - 96**

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This report seeks authority to bid for capital funds to the value of £480,000 and revenue funds to the value of £167,789 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme to purchase and provide support to six additional Housing First units from 1 April 2024 to relieve and prevent rough sleeping in Reading.

**7. DIGITAL & CUSTOMER TECHNOLOGY DELIVERY UPDATE** **BOROUGH WIDE** **97 - 104**

This report provides an update on the progress since October 2022 of implementation of the Connected Reading Digital Transformation Strategy.

**8. RIPA & IPA POLICY AND PROCESS 2023** **BOROUGH WIDE** **105 - 262**

This report seeks approval for the updated RIPA & IPA Policy, governing the Council's lawful use of Covert Surveillance techniques and the lawful acquisition of Communications Data as investigative tools for investigations.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED SESSION**

**9. 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”

**10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**11. RTL SHAREHOLDER REPORT – PROJECT RIDER** **BOROUGH WIDE** **263 - 318**

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