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Summons and Agenda 30 January 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Reading Borough Council to be held at **Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Reading**, on **Tuesday, 30 January 2024 at 6.30 pm**, when it is proposed to transact the business specified in the Agenda enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Yates'.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A G E N D A

1. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive Mayor's Announcements.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES**

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The Mayor to sign the Minutes of the proceedings of the previous Council Meeting.

4. **PETITIONS**

To receive petitions in accordance with Standing Order 8.

5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

6. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

Questions in accordance with Standing Order 10.

Reports and Recommendations from Committees

7. **COUNCIL TAX EMPTY & SECOND HOMES PREMIUMS**

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Report by Executive Director of Resources

8. **APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME AND THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2024/25**

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Report by Executive Director of Resources

9. **REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSING PRINCIPLES**

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Report by Executive Director of Economic Growth & Neighbourhood Services

10. **READING YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2023-2024**

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Report by Executive Director Children's Services

11. **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2023/24**

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Report by Executive Director of Resources

12. **COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2024/25**

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Report by Monitoring Officer

Motions

13. READING FOOTBALL CLUB

Councillor Ennis to move:

That this Council expresses its concern and indignation at the ongoing failure of the owner of Reading FC, founded in 1871, to run the club in a sustainable and proper way, as evidenced by ongoing and repetitive English Football League sanctions against both the club and the owner.

This Council also puts on record its support for the fan-led campaign, including 'Sell Before we Dai', and calls on the EFL and the future Independent Regulator to take the necessary action to end Dai Yongge's ownership of Reading FC, obliging him to sell the club to new owners with a long term interest in the club and the town.

This Council asks that the Chief Executive writes to the EFL to convey this motion and asking them further to take all possible actions towards developing a sustainable future for Reading FC and delivering a more robust model of football governance. The Chief Executive is also asked to make Berkshire's MPs aware of the same so that they may be encouraged to lobby on behalf of the club.

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