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Summons and Agenda 19 March 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, 19 March 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. ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE - BERKSHIRE PROSPERITY BOARD 17 - 38

Report by Chief Executive

8. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2023-25 39 - 86

Report by Returning Officer

Motions

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 7 - MOTIONS WHICH NEED TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING BEFORE THE MEETING

Councillor Brock to move:

That pursuant to Standing Order 26, Standing Order 7 be suspended to remove the requirement for a councillor to submit a motion to the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services at least six clear working days before the Council meeting in order to allow an emergency motion to be moved entitled 'Solidarity with Black Women Councillors'.

10. SOLIDARITY WITH BLACK WOMEN COUNCILLORS

Councillor Terry to move:

This Council supports the widespread condemnation of the racist and misogynistic statements made about Diane Abbott and all Black women.

The reference to shooting an MP has left all women in public life vulnerable to both verbal and physical attack. Given the murders of two MPs in recent years this is an abhorrent attack on all people in public life but particularly Black Women.

Racism, discrimination, and misogyny should not be tolerated in our society. We need more Black women and people from Black, Asian, and other minority communities in public life.

This council stand in solidarity with all Black women in public service, particularly the 3 Black women Reading Borough Councillors and will continue to speak out against racism and discrimination as it impacts our communities, people, and society.

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