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NOTICE OF MEETING - HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE 10 JULY 2024

A meeting of the Housing, Neighbourhoods and Leisure Committee will be held on Wednesday, 10 July 2024 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 MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2024		5 - 10
3. MINUTES OF OTHER BODIES		11 - 14
Minutes of the Community Safety Partnership meeting held on 1 February 2024.		
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. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2024/2025 UPDATE **15 - 38**

A report updating the Committee on the progress of 2024/2025 Highway Maintenance Capital Investment Programme, the progress of year 1 & 2 (2023/24 & 2024/25) of the additional DfT Road Resurfacing Fund Allocation for Reading, the National Highways Capital Grant award of £250k for Reading Borough Council for 2023/24 plus the additional award of £250k for 2024/25 to maintain the M4 strategic diversion route between Junction 11/M4 and Junction 12/M4 and to provide scheme approval for officers to implement the works as set out in Appendix 1.

7. REWILDING AND WILDFLOWER UPDATE **39 - 54**

An update giving details of the operational changes involved in the Rewilding and Wildflower project, the achievements measured against the Wildflower Plan and recommended next steps.

8. SAFER READING REVIEW **55 - 68**

A report setting out recommendations to restructure the current model for the Safer Reading Neighbourhood Forum and geographically based Safer Neighbourhood Forums (SNFs).

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