

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 9 JUNE 2025

Present: Councillor Terry (Chair);
Councillors Leng (Vice-Chair), Barnett-Ward, Emberson, Ennis, Gittings, Griffith, Nikulina, Rowland, R Singh, Thompson, White and Yeo
Apologies: Councillors Eden

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 7 April and 21 May 2025 were agreed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

3. QUESTIONS

Questions on the following matters were submitted by Councillors:

	<u>Questioner</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reply</u>
1.	Cllr White	GLL Changing Rooms Policy Change	Cllr Terry
2.	Cllr White	Bus Fares Going Up Again	Cllr Ennis
3.	Cllr White	Housing Regulator Slams Reading Council	Cllr Yeo

(The full text of the questions and responses was made available on the Reading Borough Council website).

4. ADOPTION OF THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Further to Minute 44 of the meeting held on 18 December 2024, the Committee considered a report on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), a document setting out how consultation would be undertaken on planning policy documents as well as other planning matters. An Equality Impact Assessment was attached to the report at Appendix 1 and the draft SCI attached at Appendix 2. The SCI had undergone a consultation exercise from 15 January to 26 February 2025 and the responses received were attached in Appendix 3 to the report. The Committee was recommended to adopt the SCI as attached to the report and once adopted it would replace the current SCI and guide future consultations and planning policy documents.

Resolved –

That the Statement of Community Involvement, as attached to the report at Appendix 2, be adopted.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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The Committee considered a report on the appointments or nominations to outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2025/26, or longer where required. An updated schedule of outside body appointments showing the Group Leaders' recommendations was tabled at the meeting.

Resolved –

(1) That the Committee make appointments or nominations to outside bodies as follows:

Organisation	Nomination	Terms of Office
Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE)	Councillor Karen Rowland	1 year
Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE)	Councillor Paul Gittings	1 year
AWE Aldermaston – Local Liaison Committee	Councillor Clarence Mitchell	1 year
AWE Aldermaston – Local Liaison Committee	Councillor Mark Keeping	1 year
Berkshire Local Transport Body	Councillor John Ennis	1 year
Berkshire Music Trust	Councillor Richard Davies	1 year
Berkshire Pension Fund Committee	Councillor Glenn Dennis	1 year
Berkshire Prosperity Board	Councillor Liz Terry	1 year
Berkshire Strategic Flood Risk Partnership	Councillor Micky Leng	1 year
Brighter Futures for Children	Darren Carter	1 year
Caversham Park Village Association	Councillor Stephen Goss	1 year
Citizens' Advice Reading Trustee Board	Councillor Micky Leng	1 year
Conservation Area Advisory Committee	Councillor David Stevens	1 year
Earley Charity	Councillor Liz Terry	4 years
Earley Charity	David Sutton	4 years
Flexible Home Improvements Limited	Bryony Hall	1 year
Homes for Reading Limited	Councillor Jan Gavin	3 years (annual confirmation)
Homes for Reading Limited	Councillor Jo Lovelock	3 years (annual confirmation)
Homes for Reading Limited	Councillor Ama Asare	3 years (annual confirmation)
Homes for Reading Limited	Councillor Raj Singh	3 years (annual confirmation)
Homes for Reading Limited	Emma Gee	3 years (annual confirmation)
Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise (Non-executive Director)	Councillor Ellie Emberson	1 year
Improvement and Efficiency Social Enterprise (Shareholder representative)	Councillor Liz Terry	1 year
Kenavon Drive Management Company	Councillor Richard Davies	1 year
Local Government Information Unit Members Assembly (deputy)	Councillor Alice Mpofu-Coles	1 year
Local Government Information Unit Members Assembly	Councillor Rachel Eden	1 year
Mid and West Berkshire Local Access Forum	Councillor Paul Gittings	1 year
Queen Victoria Institute	Councillor Karen Rowland	until Charity is dissolved
Readibus Board of Directors	Councillor Andrew Hornsby-Smith	1 year
Readibus Board of Directors	Councillor Jacopo Lanzoni	1 year
Readibus Board of Directors	Councillor Mohammed Ayub	1 year
Reading Climate Change Partnership	Ben Burfoot	1 year

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Reading Climate Change Partnership	Chris Maddocks	1 year
Reading Climate Change Partnership	Councillor John Ennis	1 year
Reading Community Energy Society	Councillor Liz Terry	1 year
Reading Community Energy Society	Councillor Rachel Eden	1 year
Reading Community Welfare Rights Unit Management Committee	Councillor Meri O'Connell	1 year
Reading Community Welfare Rights Unit Management Committee	Councillor Mohammed Ayub	1 year
Reading Community Welfare Rights Unit Management Committee	Councillor Ruth McEwan	1 year
Reading Hampshire Property Partnership	Michael Graham	1 year
Reading Sports Aid Fund (Mayor ex-officio)	Councillor Alice Mpofu-Coles	1 year
Reading Voluntary Action	Councillor Graeme Hoskin	1 year
REDA - Reading's Economy and Destination Agency	Councillor Liz Terry	1 year
REDA - Reading's Economy and Destination Agency	Jackie Yates	1 year
Royal Berkshire Archives Standing Committee	Councillor Liz Terry	1 year
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust - Governor	Councillor David Stevens	1 year
South East Employers	Councillor Ellie Emberson	1 year
South East Employers	Councillor Liz Terry	1 year
South East England Councils	Councillor Liz Terry	1 year
South East England Councils (substitute)	Councillor Micky Leng	1 year
South East Strategic Leaders	Councillor Liz Terry	1 year
South East Strategic Leaders (substitute)	Councillor Micky Leng	1 year
Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel	Councillor Karen Rowland	1 year
Thames Valley Police & Crime Panel (substitute)	Councillor Paul Gittings	1 year
Tilehurst People's Local Charity	Councillor Finn McGoldrick	4 years
Trading Standards South-East Ltd	Ian Saville	1 year
Trading Standards South-East Ltd	Rob Abell	1 year
Transport for the South East	Chris Maddocks	1 year
University of Reading Court (Mayor)	Councillor Alice Mpofu-Coles	1 year

- (2) That the appointments or nominations be made on an “or nominee” basis where the organisation in question was willing to accept this arrangement;
- (3) That the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the relevant Group Leader (if applicable), be authorised to appoint to any vacancies not appointed to at this meeting or arising mid-year;
- (4) That appointed representatives be requested to report back annually to ensure that information on appointments was kept up to date and to provide reassurance that relationships with outside bodies continued to promote the Council Plan priorities and were of benefit to the external body and (if applicable) the Council.

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm and closed at 6.59 pm)