

## POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 22 APRIL 2024

**Present:** Councillor Brock (Chair);  
Councillors Barnett-Ward, Emberson, Ennis, Hoskin, Leng, McEwan, Robinson, Rowland, Terry, Thompson and White

**Apologies:** Councillors Gittings and Mitchell

### 62. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 63. PETITIONS AND QUESTIONS

Sam Jo, on behalf of Raven Lee, presented a petition on the future of Homes for Reading Limited to highlight the concerns of existing tenants about their housing situation if the Company were to be wound down. Councillor Emberson, Lead Councillor for Housing, responded to the petition.

A question on the following matter was submitted by a Councillor:

	<u>Questioner</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reply</u>
1.	Cllr White	Fossil Fuel Treaty	Cllr Ennis

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

### 64. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**Resolved –**

That pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), members of the press and public be excluded during consideration of item 65 below as it was likely that there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to that Act.

### 65. BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR CHILDREN LTD - GOVERNANCE

The Committee considered a report, in its capacity as the sole member of Brighter Futures for Children Ltd, seeking to fill a vacancy for the Council Nominated Director and make changes to the Company's Articles of Association, which were attached to the report.

**Resolved –**

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- (1) That Darren Carter, Director of Finance, be appointed as the Council Nominated Director for Brighter Futures for Children Limited from 23 April 2024;**
- (2) That the Articles of Association, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be amended to make provision for the Director of Education or the Director of Children's Social Care to substitute for the Executive Director of Children's Services (EDCS) at Board meetings in the event that the EDCS was not able to attend.**

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1).

### **66. COUNCILLOR JASON BROCK**

The Committee noted that this was the last Policy Committee meeting prior to the Council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, at which Councillor Brock had announced he would not be standing. The Committee expressed its appreciation of Councillor Brock's service as Leader of the Council, and in particular his role in chairing the Policy Committee during the five years of his Leadership.

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm and closed at 6.53 pm)