



BOROUGH OF RUSHMOOR

To the Mayor and Members of the Council,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Offices, Farnborough on ***Thursday, 7th December, 2023 at 7.00 pm*** for the transaction of the business set out on the Agenda given below.

A G E N D A

1. **MINUTES –** (Pages 1 - 8)

To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council and the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5th October, 2023 (copies attached).

2. **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

3. **STANDING ORDER 8 - QUESTIONS –**

To receive any questions by Members submitted in pursuance of Standing Order 8 (3).

4. **APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL –**

The Leader of the Council, Cllr David Clifford, has indicated his intention to resign as Leader on 7th December, 2023.

To consider nominations and appoint a new Leader of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2024. The Council to note any appointments made by the new Leader at the meeting in respect of their Deputy and Cabinet, or following the meeting when those appointments are confirmed.

5. **NOTICES OF MOTION –**

(1) **Defibrillators and Bleed Kits –**

To consider the following Notice of Motion which has been submitted by Cllr D.B. Bedford pursuant to Standing Order 9 (1):

“This Council recognises the importance of having defibrillators and bleed kits accessible across Rushmoor – especially in public spaces and sports grounds.

To date, this Council has funded several defibrillators through ward grants, and would like to build on this provision across our Borough by working in collaboration with the voluntary and community sector, businesses and partner organisations.

This Council also acknowledges the benefits of the roll-out of defibrillators by the Government to all state-funded schools this year, and notes that they will be installed at Aldershot and Farnborough train stations.

Going forward, this Council commits to working with the local community to find suitable places for defibrillators and bleed kits.

Therefore, this Council asks the Policy and Projects Advisory Board to:

- Produce a report into the current accessibility and maintenance of defibrillators and bleed kits in Rushmoor
- Assess the cost commitments in expanding provision of defibrillators and bleed kits in Rushmoor
- Make recommendations for expanding the provision of defibrillators and bleed kits across Rushmoor.”

(2) **Housing Policy –**

To consider the following Notice of Motion which has been submitted by Cllr Gareth Williams pursuant to Standing Order 9 (1):

“This Council notes increasing demands to provide accommodation for those who are homeless, caused by the cost-of-living crisis, the high level of refugees and others who have legitimately moved to the UK in recent years, coupled with historically low house-building rates.

RBC's Housing and Homelessness policy states that:

- as of October 2022, there were 1,680 households waiting for affordable housing in Rushmoor;
- families are typically waiting up to 8 years to secure 3-bedroom homes for affordable rent;
- partners and housing teams are receiving an increasing number of reports of housing cases.

Despite positive measures in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement such as restoring the LHA to its previous level of 30%, it offered far too little support for local government to address the growing deficits in council budgets or provide the affordable homes that are needed.

Given the pressures on the Council's budget for 2024/25, this Council calls on the RBC Chief Executive & Council Leader to write to the Chancellor outlining the need for a long-term commitment to funding for:

- more affordable and social rent housing for local people, including larger family homes;
- homes for British Army veterans;
- a proportionate number of homes for refugees, including those from Afghanistan."

6. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET AND COMMITTEES –

To consider the recommendation of the Cabinet in relation to the following item:

1) Variation to the Capital Programme - Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) Investment into Public Tennis Courts in Parks – (Pages 9 - 44)

To receive a report from the Cabinet (copy attached – Annex 1) which recommends a variation to the Capital Programme to enable improvement and fencing works in public tennis courts in parks. Cllr M.L. Sheehan, Operational Services Portfolio Holder, will introduce this item.

7. QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET –

To receive any questions by Members to Cabinet Members submitted in accordance with the Procedure Note.

8. REPORTS OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES – (Pages 45 - 70)

To receive and ask questions on the Reports of the following Meetings (copy reports attached):

Cabinet

3rd October, 2023
17th October, 2023
21st November, 2023

Committees

Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards	27th September, 2023
Development Management Committee	11th October, 2023
Development Management Committee	8th November, 2023

9. REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND POLICY AND PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD – (Pages 71 - 82)

To note the Reports of the following meetings (copy reports attached):

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	21st September, 2023
Policy and Project Advisory Board	26th September, 2023
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	9th November, 2023

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