

# Corporate Management Committee

**Thursday, 20 April 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**Council Chamber - Civic Centre**

## Members of the Committee

Councillors: T Gracey (Chairman), C Howorth (Vice-Chair), M Cressey, L Gillham, J Gracey, M Heath, N King, R King, I Mullens, M Nuti, D Whyte and M Willingale

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## AGENDA

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- 2) The relevant 'background papers' are listed after each report in Part 1. Enquiries about any of the Agenda reports and background papers should be directed in the first instance to **Mr G Lelliott, Democratic Services Section, Law and Governance Business Centre, Runnymede Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone (Tel: Direct Line: 01932 425620). (Email: [gary.elliott@runnymede.gov.uk](mailto:gary.elliott@runnymede.gov.uk)).**
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**Matters in respect of which reports have been made available for public inspection**

1. **Notification of Changes to Committee Membership**
2. **Minutes** 5 - 10

To confirm and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Corporate Management Committees held on 15 March 2023 (attached) and 23 March 2023 (to follow).

To confirm and sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Appointments Sub-Committees held on 1 March 2023 (attached) and 14 March 2023 (attached).
3. **Apologies for Absence**
4. **Declarations of Interest**

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable and non-registrable interests in items on the agenda.
5. **Carbon Literacy Training** 11 - 16
6. **Gender Pay Gap** 17 - 22
7. **River Thames Scheme: division of roles and responsibilities** 23 - 36
8. **Corporate Key Performance Indicators - Additional Information for Approval of Four Indicators and Targets for 2023/24** To Follow
9. **Outcome of Standards and Audit Committee Staff Appeal** 37 - 38
10. **Motion from Council** 39 - 41

The Council, at its meeting on 2 March 2023, agreed the motion below. A proposed letter, drafted by the Leader of the Council, is attached.

*This Council notes that the ULEZ expansion will add further costs for residents and businesses when budgets are already under pressure, disproportionately impacting those on lower incomes, including key workers required to commute to London.*

*There is no evidence that ULEZ expansion will deliver improved air quality in outer London boroughs, and there is a risk of worsening the situation on Surrey roads.*

*Residents within Runnymede should not have to pay a London-centric tax which has been developed to provide a source of revenue generation to offset poor financial management on the part of the Mayor of London's administration.*

*That the Council agrees and resolves the following:*

- a) *there is consistent and cross-party support for this Council to reduce its emissions and impact on the environment as quickly as practically possible;*
- b) *this Council does not support the expansion of the ULEZ without full consultation, a cost-benefit analysis, and consideration of possible alternative measures to improve air quality;*

- c) *this Council rejects the proposal by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to expand the ULEZ £12.50 daily charge and potential large fines for non-compliant vehicles which will hit small businesses and those on lower incomes hardest;*
- d) *the evidence and economic modelling of the impact is wrongly focussed on the impact on Londoners and revenues for the Mayor of London, ignoring the impact on Runnymede residents who do not have access to the same tube and bus networks within the Greater London area;*
- e) *the roughly £400 million of government funding set aside for the Mayor to spend on reducing air pollution would be better spent on public transport, cycle ways, and other initiatives rather than a network of ULEZ cameras that penalise lower income households and those that must travel for work;*
- f) *that the Leader of Runnymede Borough Council writes to the Mayor of London to request that he reverse his current approach and replace it with a strategy that will benefit residents in neighbouring regions alongside those in his own jurisdiction;*
- g) *that the Leader of Runnymede Borough Council invites our local MP and group leaders of political groups on Runnymede Borough Council who are in agreement with the sentiments raised to co-sign the letter.*

11. **Outcome of Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee Call-In, 12 April 2023** To Follow

12. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

## Part II

Matters involving Exempt or Confidential Information in respect of which reports have not been made available for public inspection

13. **Q4 Project Portfolio and Year End Project Updates** To Follow

This report contains exempt information as defined by Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the report in question would be likely to involve disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

To disclose the information would be commercially sensitive and put the council at a commercial disadvantage

14. **Review of the Structure of Planning Policy and Development Management** 42 - 45

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Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

15. **Business Plan Covering Runnymede Borough Council's Companies** 46 - 76

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16. **Update on Procurement Issues - Assets and Regeneration** 77 - 80

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17. **Democratic Services Printing Budget** 81 - 86

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