



14/04/2022

Full Council

Clerk's Report - Appendix 21/141

1. Casual Vacancies: Further to the resignation of Cllr. Dudley Ives, a Notice of Vacancy has been published. The deadline for the making a request for an election is 24:00, Monday the 12th of April. The resignation of Cllr. Tom Palmer has also been received and the Notice of Vacancy will be published accordingly. If no elections are called, the aim will be to fill both vacancies at the Full Council meeting in June.
2. Freedom of Information Request (FOI): This is being dealt with as per the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act
3. Review of Polices: The review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Persistent Complainants Procedure has been started.
4. Review of Risk Tracker: To be arranged.
5. The Street debris: this was reported to West Berkshire Council and an update is awaited.
6. Hedge Maintenance: further to a request from SMPC – one via the Hedge Maintenance contact card - two residents have undertaken hedge maintenance.
7. Service Charges: the agreed service charges for the new Financial Year were implemented as of the 1st of April.
8. Transfer of Funds: a transfer of £10,000 from The Public Sector Deposit Fund to the Council's Unity Trust Bank is being arranged under delegated authority. This is to assist with covering April's invoices, the total of which is higher than usual. A further transfer of £50,000 is to be agreed to cover May's payroll, predicted supplier costs and the potential additional costs of the Queen's 70th Jubilee commemorations. The 1st instalment of the precept is expected late May.