

MOTIONS

8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR EDWARDS

That this Council wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the Royal Family upon the death of our Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

This Council acknowledges and gives thanks for Her Majesty's long service of over 70 years, her complete dedication to our country, overseas territories and Commonwealth throughout her life and her embodiment of all aspects of our British way of life. This service to our country is something none of us will ever see again in our lifetimes.

This Council also takes this opportunity to pledge its loyalty and allegiance to our new King Charles III and look forward to the new era that his reign brings.

8.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING

That this Council recognises the importance of play and pre-school education for the development of our children, and to give them the best start in life, as well as the need for parents to have access to local, affordable and reliable childcare.

This Council also recognises the excellence and professionalism of our staff at the three, council-run early years centres, in South Ruislip, Uxbridge and Hayes.

This Council therefore regrets the decision of the Cabinet to close these nurseries and calls for the Cabinet to urgently review their decision and to explore alternative ways of tackling the budget deficit and keeping the nurseries open.