

Decision made in the presence of:
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**INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER
DECISION RECORD SHEET
IMD 2018/22**

Title of the report	Wokingham Borough Council Response to Thames Water's Consultation on the Draft Water Resource Management Plan 2019
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DECISION MADE BY Leader of the Council - Charlotte Haitham Taylor, Executive Member for Environment - Norman Jorgensen
ACTION BY Director of Corporate Services - Graham Ebers, Interim Director of Environment - Josie Wragg
DECISION MADE ON 18 May 2018

Recommendation contained in the report

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- 2) Notes TW's initiatives of water efficiency and leakage reduction and improvements to metering, which have been applied to all 6 Water Resource Zones, as well as the specific initiatives for the RKWRMZ;
- 3) Requests that Thames Water produce an Action Plan that addresses how the requirements of future housing supply in Wokingham Borough will be taken into account and mitigated where required, given the substantial increase in population in Wokingham Borough and future planned growth to be advanced through the Local Plan Update;
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Reasons for Decision if different to recommendation

N/A

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

N/A

Summary of consultations undertaken

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Corporate Services	No response received
Monitoring Officer	No comments
Leader of the Council	No response received

Reasons why the report was deemed to have contained confidential or Exempt information (if applicable)

N/A

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by a Member which relates to the decision

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

Background papers

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