



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ON

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015

AT

7:00PM

AGENDA

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Chief Executive**



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Our Vision

A great place to live, an even better place to do business

Our Priorities

Improve educational attainment and focus on every child achieving their potential

Invest in regenerating towns and villages, support social and economic prosperity, whilst encouraging business growth

Ensure strong sustainable communities that are vibrant and supported by well designed development

Tackle traffic congestion in specific areas of the Borough

Improve the customer experience when accessing Council services

The Underpinning Principles

Offer excellent value for your Council Tax

Provide affordable homes

Look after the vulnerable

Improve health, wellbeing and quality of life

Maintain and improve the waste collection, recycling and fuel efficiency

Deliver quality in all that we do

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**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

To: The Chairman and Members of the Community Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

A Meeting of the **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on **Thursday 22 January 2015 at 7:00pm.**

Andy Couldrick
Chief Executive
14 January 2015

Members:- David Sleight (Chairman), Shahid Younis (Vice-Chairman), Parry Batth, Michael Firmager, Lindsay Ferris Mike Gore, Abdul Loyes and Bill Soane

Substitutes: Dianne King, Tom McCann, Malcolm Richards and Dee Tomlin

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
35.00	None Specific	MINUTES To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 November 2014.	1-3
36.00	None Specific	APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
37.00		DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
38.00		PUBLIC QUESTION TIME To answer any public questions The Council welcomes questions from members of the	

the public about the work of this Committee

Subject to meeting certain timescales, questions can relate to general issues concerned with the work of the Committee or an item which is on the Agenda for this meeting. For full details of the procedure for submitting questions please contact Democratic Services on the numbers listed below or go to www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions

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39.00		MEMBER QUESTION TIME To answer any member questions	
40.00	None Specific	REVIEW OF OUTSIDE BODIES APPOINTMENTS To consider evidence gathered as part of the review.	Verbal Update
41.00	None Specific	WORK PROGRAMME To consider the work programme for the Committee for the remainder of the 2014/15 Municipal Year.	4-7
42.00		ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT A Supplementary Agenda will be issued by the Chief Executive if there are any other items to consider under this heading.	-

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2014 FROM 7:00PM TO 8:05PM**

Present:- David Sleight (Chairman), Parry Batth, Michael Firmager, Abdul Loyes, Tom McCann (substitute for Lindsay Ferris) and Bill Soane.

Also present:-

*Councillor Angus Ross, Executive Member for Environment;
Peter Baveystock, Waste/Recycling Manager;
Susan Coulter, Senior Democratic Services Officer.*

PART I

23. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 1 September 2014 and 27 October 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:

Minutes of 27 October 2014 – page 7, 4th and 5th bullet points, change the word “discrepancies” to “differences”.

24. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Shahid Younis, Lindsay Ferris and Mike Gore.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

27. MEMBER QUESTION TIME

There were no Member questions.

28. AMENITY VEHICLE PROVISION

The Committee was reminded that at its extraordinary meeting on 27 October 2014, Members had received a briefing paper about the provision of amenity vehicles in the Borough. The Committee agreed the following recommendation to the Executive:

“That the Executive be advised that the amenity vehicle service is still required but various aspects of the service are unsustainable and require further investigation”.

The Committee was advised that since the last meeting, there had been problems with the bulky collection service. Councillor Angus Ross explained that the Council’s website was being revised to make it easier for residents to arrange the collection of bulky items. The web pages would go live very soon.

The Waste/Recycling Manager advised the Committee that once he knew about the safety risks posed at the Drovers Way site, he had to mitigate against them. This had not been

possible and he and his team were now looking at providing a more local service for that area.

The Waste/Recycling Manager circulated a table showing how materials could be separated. It was noted that not all materials were suitable for brings sites or for a manned service. It was difficult to know how many containers would be needed on site but it was possible to widen the types of materials to be recycled. Some Councils had Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) sites but Wokingham Borough Council needed to look at the costs and risks associated with such sites.

It was suggested that libraries could be used to provide recycling points for small batteries. This may even increase the footfall through the libraries. Schools were also good places to provide such a service and they could perhaps link recycling to their fundraising efforts.

Some of the Town and Parish Councils had requested additional waste collection provision but this would pose an additional cost to the Council. The Executive Member for Environment advised that he was meeting with the Town and Parish Councils to see how the Borough Council could best support them, as they were willing to look at ideas and opportunities to retain the service as far as possible.

It was suggested that an update report on this item be presented to the Committee in six months' time.

RESOLVED: That an update report on this item be presented to the Committee in six months' time.

29. REVIEW OF OUTSIDE BODIES APPOINTMENTS – DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee received the draft terms of reference for a review of the outside bodies appointments, as set out on Agenda pages 8 to 10. The Committee was also asked to consider the timescales for a possible review. This issue had been proposed for review by Councillor Dee Tomlin at a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 26 June 2014.

It was noted that some of the appointments, such as to the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority, were very important, however, some Members had expressed a view that they did not find some of the other appointments very useful.

Members briefly discussed some of the outside bodies they had been appointed to and agreed that a review should be undertaken. Members queried which outside bodies received funding from the Council and the Senior Democratic Services Officer undertook to find this out and advise Members accordingly.

The Chairman advised that some bodies were not included in the Council's directory of outside bodies, such as the Berkshire Local Transport Body and he suggested that there may well be other bodies not included in the list. He also advised that four Members appointed to outside bodies had not produced a report to Annual Council in 2014, as required. The Chairman suggested using those reports as the basis for the review. It was also suggested that those Members who did not submit a report to Council be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss their appointment informally.

The Committee agreed to carry out the review as a whole Committee, rather than create a Task and Finish Group. The Committee also agreed to classify the various outside bodies into three groups as follows:

- a) those that are in the directory for historical reasons and those where Member appointments have been requested by the outside body;
- b) those who receive funding from the Council;
- c) those which Members feel add value to the Council.

The Committee also suggested that this item be considered further at the next meeting, with an extraordinary meeting being organised between the January meeting and the March meeting so that any changes arising from the review could be fed into the Council's budget, if necessary.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) those Members who did not submit a report to Annual Council in 2014 be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss their appointment informally;
- 2) the Senior Democratic Services Officer investigates which outside bodies receive funding from the Council;
- 3) this item be considered further in January 2015,
- 4) an extraordinary meeting be convened between January and March so that any changes arising from the review can be fed into the Council's budget, if necessary.

30. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received its work programme for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year, as set out on Agenda pages 11 to 13.

RESOLVED: That, subject to carrying forward the Review of Outside Bodies item to the Committee's meeting on 22 January 2015, the Committee's work programme for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year be noted.

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