



**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**THURSDAY 29 MAY 2008**

**AT**

**THE CONCLUSION OF THE  
EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**Civic Offices  
Shute End  
Wokingham  
Berkshire**

**Susan Law  
Chief Executive**

# THE COUNCIL'S VALUES



**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## Aiming for Excellence

When we are being excellent we...

- **focus on the customer and the local community**
  - by doing things based on customer expectations, not what's easiest for us
  - by treating each customer as an individual and getting the small things right for them
  
- **behave as one organisation**
  - by taking pride in the achievements of the whole Council and everyone's part within it
  - by thinking of the impact of our actions on the rest of the organisation and partners
  - by working together with other services and partners to provide the services local people need
  
- **are creative and flexible**
  - by looking for opportunities to improve services and being open to change
  - by trying new things, facing challenges and learning from mistakes as well as our successes
  
- **work effectively**
  - by focusing on outcomes, planning well and doing what we say when we say we'll do it!
  - by being flexible, responsive, determined, good at teamwork and communication
  
- **manage resources properly**
  - by making best use of our staff, budgets and other resources
  
- **manage ourselves and others well**
  - by treating people fairly, making them feel included and valued for who they are and what they do
  - by only accepting high standards from ourselves and our colleagues
  - by our managers being accessible and communicating well, while showing that they value staff

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# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

To: The Chairman and Members of the Special Council Executive Committee

A Meeting of the **SPECIAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on **Thursday 29 May 2008** at the conclusion of the **Executive Meeting**.

Susan Law  
Chief Executive  
20 May 2008

**Members:** To be advised following Annual Council

**Standing Deputies:** To be advised following Annual Council

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
5.00	None Specific	<b>MINUTES</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 May 2007.	1
6.00	None Specific	<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence	
7.00		<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest.	
8.00		<b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</b> The Council welcomes questions from members of the public relating to the matter under consideration at this meeting.	

For full details of the procedure, including timescales for submitting questions, please contact Democratic Services on the numbers listed below or go to [www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions)

Explanatory leaflets are also available in the Civic Offices and Libraries.

9.00

**MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

To answer any member questions relating to the matter under consideration at this meeting.

10.00

None Specific

**LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

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Members are asked to agree the Local Area Agreement, as set out in the Agenda, for submission to DCLG by 31 May 2008.

11.00

**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  
SPECIAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 17 MAY 2007**

**DURING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

*Present:- Prue Bray, Frank Browne, Annette Drake, Mr C Edmunds, Pauline Helliarsymons and Simon Weeks.*

**PART 1**

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2007/2008 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** That Annette Drake be elected Chairman of Special Council Executive Committee for the 2007/2008 municipal year.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2007/2008 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED:** That Pauline Helliarsymons be elected Vice-Chairman of Special Council Executive Committee for the 2007/2008 municipal year.

**3. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Local Area Agreement</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Special Council Executive Committee on 29 May 2008
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>REPORT PREPARED BY</b>	Heather Thwaites – General Manager Policy & Partnerships

**SUMMARY**

To agree the Borough's second Local Area Agreement which needs to be submitted to DCLG by 31 May 2008.

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

The LAA represents the key priorities for the Borough over the next three years.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS, IF ANY**

None

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Local Area Agreement, as circulated separately, be agreed for submission to DCLG by 31 May 2008.

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

To be advised.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS****Revenue \***

	How much will it Cost / Save (*)? (1)	Is there sufficient budget (or grant funding) available? – if not quantify the Supplementary Estimate OR if savings, also quantify. (2)
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£0	Yes - No specific costs for achieving targets have been identified at this stage (that cannot be contained within existing budget) but if any costs are identified they will be reported back to Executive for approval before any commitments are made.
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£0	Yes
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£0	Yes

**Capital \***

	How much will it Cost / Save(*)? (1)	Is there sufficient budget (or grant funding) available? – if not quantify the Supplementary Estimate OR if savings, also quantify. (2)
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£0	Yes
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£0	Yes
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£0	Yes
Years 4 – 10 (10 year capital vision)	£0	Yes

**Other relevant financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision**

The LAA has a (as yet undefined) reward element to it. This, unlike the previous LAA, is based on the performance of all the performance targets in the agreement and not just on a select few and will be dependent on the performance of a number of local partners and not just the Council. Local partners who are involved in the achievement of reward funding will expect to either receive reward funding or be involved in deciding its use. The reward funding generated from the LAA will be available to the Council in two equal installments after the completion of the agreement in April 2011, and will be split 50/50 between revenue and capital funding.

***Please note: The Recommendation must request the Supplementary Estimate required in this year, noting the ongoing commitment in future years.***

**Impact on Equality**

The LAA has been developed in consultation with each of the Equality Groups and contains targets that are expected to deliver positive improvements to all of these groups.

**Impact on Sustainability**

The LAA contains targets that directly relate to improving all aspects of the sustainability appraisal.

**Reasons for considering the report in Part 2**

NA

**List of Background Papers**

NA

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**NB All reports seek to identify environmental, community safety, customer care and equal opportunities implications. Consultation with residents and organisations which has or is about to take place, will also be reported.**

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **Introduction**

Since 2002, Wokingham has had a 10 year Sustainable Community Strategy which sets out the core ambitions for the Borough which all partners and residents can easily understand and contribute too. These Community Ambitions have been the cornerstone to all the key strategies and work programmes that have impacted upon the lives of residents in recent years.

They are:

- Balancing Economic Prosperity with a Sustainable Quality of Life
- Being a Community Where Everyone Feels Safe, Welcome and Respected
- Supporting and Caring For People Who Need Help
- Being a Healthy and Well-Educated Community

As we progress through the lifespan of the Sustainable Community Strategy, the actions taken to support these ambitions change as we make progress towards achieving them. This is evidenced by the detailed contents of the Community Strategy Action Plan, the Council's Local Public Service Agreement, the Borough's first Local Area Agreement and the work programmes of the key partnerships operating within the Borough. This progression is now continuing in to the Borough's new Local Area Agreement which will run from 2008 until 2011.

### **The New Local Area Agreement**

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) include the requirement for all local authority areas to develop a new Local Area Agreement by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

This new Local Area Agreement differs slightly, but significantly, from the Borough's existing LAA which began in April 2006. There no longer remains a requirement to structure the priorities and targets within four prescribed 'blocks' which provides additional freedom in how the LAA is structured, but the choice of performance targets has been greatly reduced by the requirement to only select up to 35 performance targets from a basket of 198 specified indicators (know as the National Indicator Set).

For the first time, statutory agency partners are now formally required to contribute to the achievement of the priorities by the regulations of the Act. There remains a Reward Element to the LAA, but this has yet to be fully defined, and it is expected that it will be significantly less than the £3.7m that was available for the previous LAA.

### **The Priorities for the new Local Area Agreement**

The seventeen priorities within the new Local Area Agreement have been identified following a comprehensive consultation and debate between the partners in the Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership. The seventeen priorities are shown below and collated into each of the existing Community Ambitions for the Borough (from the Community Strategy) that they support:



## BEING A HEALTHY AND WELL EDUCATED COMMUNITY

- Educational Achievement (Mandatory Priority)
- Tackling Health Inequality in Small Communities
- Reducing the Harm Caused by Alcohol
- Reducing Obesity

## BEING A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERYONE FEELS SAFE WELCOME AND RESPECTED

- Reducing Crime & Anti Social Behaviour
- Community Empowerment

## SUPPORTING AND CARING FOR PEOPLE THAT NEED HELP

- Protecting Children In Care
- Vulnerable Children and their Families
- Housing Needs for Vulnerable Groups
- Supporting an Ageing Population

## BALANCING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY WITH A SUSTAINABLE QUALITY OF LIFE

- Neighbourhood Service / Community Facilities to Meet Community Needs
- A Sustainable Environment
- Supporting Culture
- Keeping the Borough Moving
- Increasing the Capacity of the Third Sector
- Sustaining Economic Prosperity
- Affordable Housing

### **Selecting Performance Indicators**

Each Local Area Agreement must identify and agree with Government a suite of up to 35 performance indicators in order to measure progress against each of the priorities identified above. These performance indicators can only be selected from a new list of 198 indicators contained in what the government has called the National Indicator Set. The NIS replaces the old performance indicators that the Council used to collect and report such as the BVPI's, PAF and PLS indicators.

The current proposed suite of performance indicators and targets are contained within the draft LAA which has been circulated separately.

### **Timescale**

The new LAA needs to be submitted to Government by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008 and will run until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

Wokingham Local Area Agreement – Proposed Indicators & Targets – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Mandatory Local Area Agreement Indicators

Priority	NIS	Indicator Title	Baseline	LAA Improvement Target, including those to be designated (shown with a *), and including education and early years targets			Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)
				08/09	09/10	10/11	
1	72	Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy	28.7	38.6	38.6	38.6	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (Threshold)	80	83	86	86	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	74	Achievement at level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3 (Threshold)	78	82	86	86	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	75	Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Threshold)	57.6	60.0	69.4	69.4	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	83	Achievement at level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3	82	88	89	89	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	87	Secondary school persistent absence rate	5.5	5.3	5.0	4.9	Children & Young People's Partnership

1	92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	39.5	30.3	30.3	30.3	30.3	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	93	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	88.6	91	97	97	97	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	78.4	85	95	95	95	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	95	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3	30.8	35	47	47	47	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	96	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3	71.5	74	78	79	79	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	97	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4	62.3	67	77.7	78	78	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	98	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4	33.0	38	46.4	47	47	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	99	Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	0 out of 2	0 out of 2	No eligible children	? out of 2 pupils	? out of 2 pupils	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	100	Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2	0 out of 2	0 out of 2	No eligible children	? out of 2 pupils	? out of 2 pupils	Children & Young People's Partnership
1	101	Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)	0 out of 7	2 out of 7	1 out of 5	? out of 3 pupils	? out of 3 pupils	Children & Young People's Partnership

### Wokingham Local Area Agreement Indicators

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				08/09	09/10	10/11	
2	121	Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75	46.4	43.5	41	38.5	Health & Well-being Partnership
2	50	Emotional health of children	Baseline in Year 1 – TellUs Survey				Health & Well-being Partnership
3	39	Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	Health & Well-being Partnership
4	56	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.5	Health & Well-being Partnership
5	32	Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Existing Reward Target – Revised targets to be set in 2009				Community Safety Partnership
5	18	Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	Community Safety Partnership
5	21	Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police	19.4	tbc	tbc	24	Community Safety Partnership
5	30	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	Community Safety Partnership
5	49	Number of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties, excluding precautionary checks					

5	49	Number of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties, excluding precautionary checks	642 (Primary Fires) 21 (Casualties)	597 (Primary Fires) 15 (Casualties)	Community Safety Partnership
5	111	First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17	152 up to 13/3/08	155	Community Safety Partnership
6	3	Civic participation in the local area	Baseline Year 1 – Place Survey		
7	60	Core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 days	118 out of 162 = 72.83%	75%	Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership
7	62	Stability of placements Looked After Children: number of moves	12 out of 69 = 17% (06/07 = 22%)	15%	Children & Young People's Partnership
8	46	Young offenders access to suitable accommodation	tbc	tbc	Children & Young People's Partnership
9	142	Number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living Notes: Target is to maintain high performance overall (95% +) Variation occurs in different groups and those in fixed tenancies tend to be more successful than those in non-accommodation based services.	93.95% 2006-07 (699/744) Figure excludes	95%	Health & Well-being Partnership

9	06/07 Older People = 95.95% Learning Disability 95.74% Drug & Alcohol = 66.67% Mental Health = 92% Homeless = 73.91% Young People = 100%  Target will be focus on improvements in homeless and drug & alcohol. NB: Low numbers can lead to marked variance in percentages.		community alarms and handy person services						
9	145 Adults with learning disabilities in settled accommodation		52.6%	+2.5%	+2.5%	+2.5%	+2.5%	+2.5%	Health & Well-being Partnership
9	147 Care leavers in suitable accommodation		211/401 tbc	+10 tbc	+10 tbc	+10 tbc	+10 tbc	+10 tbc	Health & Well-being Partnership
10	132 Timeliness of social care assessment  Notes: Baseline is currently low due to FACS review and reassessments in 07/08. Waiting lists for new referrals grew during this period and PI dropped whilst catching up with backlog. Indicator now includes all care groups		61%	75%	80%	85%	85%	85%	Health & Well-being Partnership
10	139 People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently  Notes: No baseline available until initial survey has been undertaken and set from survey Oct 2008  If low baseline target will be high. If high baseline target will be adjusted. Aim to achieve 80% at 3 years.		No baseline If 65% If 50% If 35%	+5% +10% +15%	+5% +10% +15%	+5% +10% +15%	+5% +10% +15%	+5% +10% +15%	Health & Well-being Partnership

10	125 or 136	Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care People supported to live independently through social services (all ages)	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	Health & Well-being Partnership	
11	110	Young Peoples participation in positive activities	28.50% (06/07)	25%	25%	25%	25%	Children & Young People's Partnership Wokingham Borough Council	
12	185	CO2 reduction from LA operations	Baseline established in Year 1					Wokingham Borough Council	
12	193	Municipal waste land filled	66 %	63 %	50 %	40 %	40 %	Wokingham Borough Council	
12	195b	Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of detritus).	15 %	13 %	12 %	11 %	11 %	Wokingham Borough Council	
13	8	Adult participation in sport	25.5%	27%	27.5%	28%	28%	Sports Federation	
13	11	Engagement in the arts	Baseline from Active People Survey during 2008/9						Cultural Partnership
14	198	Travel to school mode Notes: Baseline from school census 2007. Reduction as per LTP 0.5% shift per year	Walking 49% Car Use 49%	Walking 46% Car use 37%	Walking 46.5% Car use 36.5%	Walking 47% Car use 36%	Walking 47% Car use 36%	Wokingham Borough Council	
14	175	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling	68.2% within 15mins of GP (As per LTP and accessibility strategy)	68.5%	69%	69.50%	69.50%	Wokingham Borough Council	

	7	Environment for a Thriving Third sector	Baseline established in Year 1			4.8% inc from baseline	Voluntary Sector Forum
15			550	550	550	550	Wokingham Economic Learning Partnership
16	171	VAT registration rates					
16	163	Working age pop qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	78.6%	79%	80%	81%	Wokingham Economic Learning Partnership
16	164	Working age pop qualified to at least Level 3	61.6%	62%	63%	64%	Wokingham Economic Learning Partnership
17	155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	18%	20%	22%	24%	Wokingham Borough Council