

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE

**SPECIAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

WILL BE HELD AT THESE OFFICES

ON

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2009

AT

**THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXECUTIVE
MEETING**

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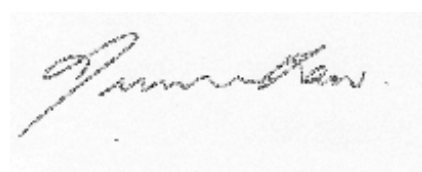
AGENDA

**Civic Offices
Shute End
Wokingham
Berkshire**

**Susan Law
Chief Executive**

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 October 2009 at the conclusion of the Executive meeting.**



Susan Law
Chief Executive
Wednesday, 21 October 2009

Members: Barrie Patman (Chairman), Dianne King (Vice Chairman), Prue Bray, David Lee, Rob Stanton and Simon Weeks

Standing Deputies:
Stephen Conway and Chris Edmunds

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11.00	None Specific	MINUTES To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 25 June 2009.	1
12.00		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
13.00		DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest.	
14.00		PUBLIC QUESTION TIME To answer any public questions	

The Council welcomes questions from members of 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 the Democratic Services Section on the numbers given below or go to www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions

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

MEMBER QUESTION TIME

15.00

To answer any member questions

16.00

None Specific

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOLS FORUM

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To appoint an elected Member representative to the School's Forum.

17.00

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 THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2009 FROM 8.35PM TO 8.45PM**

*Barrie Patman (Chairman), Dianne King (Vice Chairman), Prue Bray, David Lee,
Rob Stanton and Simon Weeks*

Also present:- Councillor Chris Edmunds

PART I

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 26 March 2009 and 14 May 2009 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

6. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions received.

9. MEMBER QUESTION TIME

There were no Member questions received.

10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2009/10

The Committee considered a report setting out proposals to reduce housing rents following the Government's announcement that it would allow councils to reduce rent increases for 2009/10 without loss to their Housing Revenue Account (HRA) which was in response to the economic downturn and also pressure from local councils.

Members were informed that although the Council would now receive around £300k less in rent the Government had allowed a reduction in the subsidy payment which would mean that the decrease in rents would have a neutral effect on the Council's budget and Wokingham would not lose any funding available to carry out much needed repairs on tenants' homes.

It was noted that the lower rents would be backdated to 1 April 2009 and tenants would be advised of the reduction and the affect on their rent account in writing on Friday 3 July.

The Mayor was asked if he would consider writing to the Government outlining the problems caused by the negative subsidy as it would be useful if the Council's tenants could keep the 50% that was paid to the Government in order that much needed repair work could be done to their Council houses.

RESOLVED: That Council House dwelling rents be decreased from an average of 6.35% (approved by Council on 19 February 2009) to an average of 3.24% effective from April 2009.

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