



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held at the Civic Offices,
Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN on
THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015 AT 7.00 PM

Andy Couldrick
Chief Executive
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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

To: The Members of Wokingham Borough Council

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
74.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence.	
75.		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 February 2015.	11 - 28
76.		DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest.	
77.		PUBLIC QUESTION TIME To answer any public questions A period of 30 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions submitted under notice. The Council welcomes questions from members of the public about the work of the Council Subject to meeting certain timescales, questions can relate to general issues concerned with the work of the Council 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	
77.1	South Lake	Laura Blumenthal has asked the Executive Member for Environment the following question: Question What is being done to improve South Lake, specifically the dam?	
77.2	Winnersh	Shaun Hanna has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Highways the following question: Question In order to build their part of the Winnersh Relief Road, Wokingham Borough Council will have to use some land by the motorway bridge on Reading Road which is owned by the Highways Agency. What is the current status of the negotiations to buy the land?	

- 78. PETITIONS**
To receive any petitions which Members or members of the public wish to present.
- 79. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive any announcements by the Mayor.
- 80. None Specific PRESENTATION BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, ANDY FRY**
To receive a presentation from the Chief Fire Officer, Andy Fry.
- This is expected to be approximately 20 minutes in duration after which there will be an opportunity for Member questions of no more than 15 minutes in duration.
- 81. Coronation APPROVAL OF A PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS BY COUNCILLOR KATE HAINES** **29 - 30**
To consider a report asking Council to approve Councillor Kate Haines non-attendance at meetings on the grounds of her ill-health up to 25 September 2015.
- RECOMMENDATION** Council is recommended to:
- 1) note that Councillor Kate Haines has not been able to attend meetings of the Council due to ill-health since her attendance at a meeting of the Adoption Panel on 25 September 2014;
 - 2) extend its sympathy to Councillor Haines and send her its best wishes for a speedy recovery;
 - 3) approve Councillor Kate Haines' non-attendance at meetings of the Council due to ill-health until her current term of office ends on 10 May 2015 and up to 18 September 2015 if she is subsequently re-elected at the forthcoming election pursuant to Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 82. None Specific ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES** **31 - 72**
To receive a report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on the work undertaken by the Management Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees over the past year.
- RECOMMENDATION:** That the report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be noted.

83. None Specific **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15** 73 - 78
 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work undertaken over the past year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report from the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board be noted.
84. None Specific **AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15** 79 - 82
 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Audit Committee on the work undertaken over the past year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report from the Chairman of the Audit Committee be noted.
85. None Specific **STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15** 83 - 88
 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Standards Committee on the work undertaken over the past year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report from the Chairman of the Standards Committee be noted.
86. None Specific **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES** 89 - 164
 To note those reports received from Members on Outside Bodies as circulated in the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION: That the reports from Members appointed to Outside Bodies be noted.
87. None Specific **STATEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**
 To receive any statements by the Leader of the Council, Executive Members and Deputy Executive Members.

 In accordance with Procedure Rule 4.2.24 the total time allocated to this item shall not exceed 20 minutes, and no Member shall speak for more than 5 minutes
88. None Specific **STATEMENTS FROM COMPANY DIRECTORS**
 To receive any statements from the Directors of Council Owned Companies.
89. **MEMBER QUESTION TIME**
 To answer any member questions

 A period of 20 minutes will be allowed for Members to ask questions submitted under Notice

Any questions not dealt with within the allotted time will be dealt with in a written reply.

89.1 None Specific

Philip Houldsworth asked the Executive Member for Environment the following question:

Question

A “pilot” programme was established at Dinton Pastures working with Job Centre Plus and Pinnacle People to give long term unemployed people a chance to improve their skills and self-esteem through a volunteering programme.

Can the Executive Member for Environment please give me an update as to how this has progressed?

89.2 Twyford

Dee Tomlin has asked the Executive Member for Resident Services the following question:

Question

Where in the capital plan is the money for the Twyford Community Hub?

89.3 South Lake

Kay Gilder has asked the Executive Member for Environment the following question:

Question

For several years residents of South Lake have had to live with the stink coming from the lake itself and we have raised this repeatedly. In the current year’s budget there is £10,000 allocated for clearing vegetation but it hasn’t been spent and is being carried forward to next year.

With warmer days coming, when is this council going to take action and sort out the South Lake stink?

89.4 Bulmershe and Whitegates

Beth Rowland has asked the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing the following question:

Question

In the 2015/16 Medium Term Financial Plan the funding for either a rebuild or refurbishment of Bulmershe Leisure Centre has been deferred for 2 years until 2017/18 – Why?

89.5 None Specific

Tim Holton has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Highways the following question:

Question

Park and ride is a way of reducing traffic. At the moment our park and ride sites are looking to be a single destination. Is the Council looking at the possibility of adding multi destination buses which could serve other locations such as the new town centres and stations to elevate car parking problems?

89.6 Bulmershe and
Whitegates;
Coronation;
Loddon; South
Lake

Tom McCann has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Highways the following question:

Question

Information on the WBC website about S106 developer contributions has not been kept up to date and one of the reports is missing, this is not very open and transparent of the Council.

However going by what has now appeared on the website, the February 2015 report of developer contributions by parish shows £5.3M of S106 contributions received or owed to WBC for Woodley, how much of this has been identified in the capital program for the next 3years?

89.7 Twyford

Bob Pitts has asked the Executive Member for Resident Services the following question:

Question

I am frequently asked what is happening about the Community Hub/Library in Twyford. I know that this is not my Ward but it does affect my residents. Could you please provide me with an update on progress so far and an estimated date when something might happen?

89.8 None Specific

Chris Bowring has asked the Executive Member for Resident Services the following question:

Question

I have found the introduction of modern.gov into the Council's website a great help especially when searching previous council agendas and minutes for relevant information. Would the Executive Member for Resident Services please indicate what future enhancements we can expect using this new software?

90.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WARD MATTERS

A period of 20 minutes will be allowed for Members to ask questions in relation to the latest circulated volume of Minutes of Meetings and Ward Matters

91.

MOTIONS

To consider any motions

In accordance with Procedure Rule 4.2.11.2 a maximum period of 30 minutes will be allowed for each Motion to be moved, seconded and debated, including dealing with any amendments. At the expiry of the 30-minute period

debate will cease immediately, the mover of the Motion or amendment will have the right of reply before the Motion or amendment is put to the vote.

91.1 None Specific

Motion 365 submitted by Norman Jorgensen

This Council supports the campaign from our members of Parliament, spearheaded by John Redwood, to urge the Highways Agency to provide noise mitigation measures when the M4 becomes a managed motorway between junctions 3 and 12. This especially affects our residents in North Wokingham, Emmbrook, Hurst, Winnersh, Earley and Shinfield.

91.2 Emmbrook;
Ewendons;
Norreys; Wescott

Motion 366 submitted by Philip Mirfin

This Council fully supports the regeneration of Wokingham town centre on the basis that it continues to satisfy the 5 key principles:

- . To provide a thriving town centre
- . To provide an eighteen hour economy
- . To treat streets as places for pedestrian and cyclists
- . To provide active and accessible public spaces
- . To enhance the quality and heritage of the town centre.

This will be achieved by:

- . Continuing to put the local resident right at the heart of the regeneration process with an open and honest exchange that involves them in shaping how their town grows in the coming years
- . Continuing to ensure that residents are kept up to date on what is happening and how it effects them
- . Continuing to ensure that the regeneration remains viable and that it becomes something which benefits the community both financially and, more importantly, by delivering the facilities an ever growing and changing population needs
- . Creating a destination which offers something different from neighbouring towns and focusses on delivering a local market town experience for local people
- . Delivering a better mix and variety of retail offer within the town so it becomes a destination people want to come to rather than having to go elsewhere or compromise
- . Ensuring that the surplus income from this development is used to benefit the whole Borough and can be reinvested in delivering the things local

- people need on an ongoing basis
- . Ensuring the development responds to and integrates into the existing fabric of the town and remains flexible enough to continue to adapt to the ever changing needs of a local high street
- . Continuing to ensure that whatever is built is done so to the highest standards and to the highest quality and that it will stand the tests of time

91.3 None Specific

Motion 367 submitted by Lindsay Ferris

This Council commits to include both the public and Overview and Scrutiny in the budget setting process for 2016/17 and in all future years, and will consult in a timely manner on budget choices, such as the priorities for spending and the potential impact and consequences of these choices.

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