



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held at the Civic Offices,
Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 23
JULY 2015 AT 7.30 PM**

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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.
17.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence.	
18.		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2015 and the Annual Meeting held on 21 May 2015.	7 - 46
19.		DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
20.		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	
21.		PETITIONS To receive any petitions which Members or members of the public wish to present.	
22.		MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS To receive any announcements by the Mayor	
23.	None Specific	CHANGES TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE To consider the amalgamation of the Corporate Services and Community Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the creation of a Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. RECOMMENDATION: Council is asked to: 1) agree that the Corporate Services and Community Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committees be	47 - 60

amalgamated to become the Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

- 2) agree the terms of reference of the amalgamated committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- 3) agree that the Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee consist of 7 Conservative Group Members and 1 Liberal Democrat Member, plus 2 substitute Members per group, as advised by the Group Leaders;
- 4) note that the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be appointed at the first meeting of the amalgamated Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

24. 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 4.2.23 the total time allocated to this item shall not exceed 20 minutes, and no Member shall speak for more than 5 minutes.

25. STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL OWNED COMPANIES

To receive any statements from Directors of Council Owned Companies.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 4.2.24 the total time allocated to this item shall not exceed 10 minutes, and no Director, except with the consent of Council, shall speak for more than 3 minutes.

26. 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.

26.1 None Specific

Beth Rowland has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

Question

It is the Conservative government's policy for all schools to become academies. Is that what this Council wants for our schools?

26.2 None Specific

Lindsay Ferris has asked the Executive Member for Environment the following question:

Question

Why has Wokingham slipped down the local authority ratings for recycling rates and now is only in 232nd position out of 352 local authorities?

26.3 None Specific

Prue Bray has asked the Executive Member for Resident Services the following question:

Question

It has been almost 4 years since the Council abandoned its attempt to hand over the running of Borough's library service to a private company. This plan had met with significant public opposition. At the time, the Liberal Democrats, as the Opposition, recognised the need to make savings, but felt that there were alternatives such as a charitable trust or a shared service which would meet the same objectives without introducing any element of private profit. Both of those alternatives were dismissed by the Conservative administration.

Since then there have been no significant changes to the way the library services are delivered but the financial position of the Council has worsened and is likely to worsen further in the next few years. It was clear from the public response to your privatisation plans that libraries are valued. They, and we, want a sustainable future for the library service.

What are your plans for the future of the Borough's libraries?

26.4 None Specific

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

Question

What are your plans for resurfacing roads for the next 3 years?

27.

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

28.

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.

28.1 None Specific

Motion 368 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.

28.2 None Specific

Motion 369 submitted by Beth Rowland

Government per pupil funding for Wokingham primary and secondary schools is the lowest in the country. This Council will actively lobby local MPs, the Secretary of State for Education, and the Department of Education until the level of funding for our schools is improved.

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