



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held at the Civic Offices,
Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 18
FEBRUARY 2016 AT 8.00 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

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| 60. | | APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence | |
| 61. | | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015. | 7 - 34 |
| 62. | | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest | |
| 63. | | 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 | |
| 63.1 | Wescott | Mel Horton has asked the Executive Member for Regeneration and Communities the following question: Question Will the Council review their decision to appropriate the land at Elms Field in the light of 1,500 signatures demonstrating that the land at Elms Field is still required by the community for its current purpose? | |
| 64. | | PETITIONS To receive any petitions which Members or members of the public wish to present. | |
| 65. | | MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS To receive any announcements by the Mayor | |

66.

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN ASSOCIATED REPORTS

66.1 None Specific

Housing Revenue Account Budget 206/19

35 - 46

To consider the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2016/19.

RECOMMENDATION: Council be recommended to approve :

- 1) The Housing Revenue Account Budget;
- 2) Council house dwelling rents be reduced by 1% effective from 1 April 2016 in line with the Welfare Reform and Work Bill 2015, (subject to confirmation of the statutory starting date);
- 3) Garage rents be increased by 1.1% effective from 1 April 2016 in line with Council fees and charges;
- 4) It be noted that a review of the Shared Equity Rents in 2011 had determined that rents had been kept artificially low in previous years and not increased in line with the terms of the leases. Therefore rents for shared equity properties have been gradually increased above inflation for four years to bring the rents in line by 1 April 2016. The increase for 2016/17 and future years will be based on RPI, and is estimated to be approximately 1% in 2016/17;
- 5) Tenant Service Charges are set in line with estimated costs;
- 6) The Housing Major Repairs (capital) programme for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix C.

66.2 None Specific

Capital Programme and Strategy 2016/19

47 - 58

To consider the recommendation of the Executive in respect of the Capital Programme and Strategy 2016/19.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the Capital Programme and Strategy for 2016/19.

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| 66.3 | None Specific | <p>Treasury Management Strategy 2016/19 To consider the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Treasury Management Strategy 2016/19.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Council is recommended to approve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Capital Prudential indicators, 2016/17-2018/19; 2) the Borrowing Strategy 2016/17; 3) the Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17; 4) the Treasury Indicators: limits to borrowing activity 2016/17; 5) flexible use of Capital Receipts; and 6) note a review of counterparties and the consideration of risk versus return is being reviewed and will be reported back to executive to in the year for consideration. | 59 - 104 |
| 66.4 | None Specific | <p>Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2016/19 To consider the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/19 and Budget Submission and Council Tax for 2016/17.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Council is recommended to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2016/19 including the revenue budget submission for 2016/17; 2) the Statutory Resolution that sets out the 2016/17 council tax levels, as set out in Appendix A to the report. | 105 - 108 |
| 67. | None Specific | <p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2015-16 To consider the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the mid-year Treasury Management report for 2015-16.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: Council is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) note the mid-year Treasury Management report for 2015/16; 2) note the actual 2015/16 prudential indicators within the report; and | 109 - 140 |

3) approve the report.

68. Emmbrook;
Ewendons;
Norreys;
Wescott;
Wokingham
Without

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

141 - 154

To consider carrying out a Community Governance Review following a request from Wokingham Town Council to modify the existing Town Council boundary to encompass the whole of the South Wokingham Strategic Development Location and to adjust the allocation of seats in in Town Council wards to reflect population changes as a result of development.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council agree the following:

- 1) that a Community Governance Review (CGR) is initiated;
- 2) the proposed Terms of Reference (TOR), as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed.

69. None Specific

TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2016/17

155 - 156

To consider the proposed Timetable of Meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Timetable of Meetings for the 2016/17 Municipal Year be agreed.

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