



# **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on **THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2016 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**

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

Keith Baker	Leader of the Council
Julian McGhee-Sumner	Deputy Leader and Health and Wellbeing
Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Children's Services
Pauline Jorgensen	Resident Services
John Kaiser	Planning and Highways
Philip Mirfin	Regeneration and Communities
Anthony Pollock	Economic Development and Finance
Angus Ross	Environment

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84.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence	
85.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 November 2015.	7 - 10
86.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest	
87.		<b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</b> 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 Executive  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 <a href="http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions">www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions</a>	
87.1	None Specific	Ribina Shahin has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:  <b>Question</b> Why is there a complete lack of a unit or local college course for those with profound special needs leaving secondary school?	

87.2 None Specific

Paul Gallagher has asked the Executive Member for Environment the following question:

**Question**

This question relates to the recent increase in parking fees at Dinton Pastures/California Country Park. Whilst the Council's need to increase income is accepted, the 55% increase in the concessionary annual parking permit fee seems excessive both by reference to other increases and the general rate of inflation. In his recent Press Release related to this, the Exec member for the Environment said "In terms of the car park increases, we have looked at country parks elsewhere and believe our recommended prices are broadly in line with them and would still represent amazing value for money". This was repeated in an email response to me when he said "I can assure you that we benchmarked our prices against a number of other country parks". I asked the member for a copy of the relevant benchmark data but did not receive it. I have, however, received it in response to a general request to the Council. Can the member please comment on why he believes that the increase to £112.50 for an annual concessionary season ticket is justified by the benchmark data which shows four comparators all of which are considerably cheaper than not only the proposed rate from January 2016 rate but also the existing 2015 rate? The comparator rates shown in the benchmark data are: Itchen Valley - £28.50, Danbury CP - £45, Great Notley £45, Hadley Park - £45.

87.3 None Specific

Clive Jones has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Highways the following question:

**Question**

Liberal Democrats worked with the former Managing Director of Reading Buses to get the number 19 Bus to the Royal Berkshire Hospital. Does Cllr Kaiser think this service has been a success?

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**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

88.1 None Specific

Prue Bray has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

## Question

Last July councillors voted to support a motion that I proposed on the subject of school funding, which said:

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

Can you please tell me what you have done so far to lobby for more funding for our schools?

<b>89. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION</b>		
89.1	None Specific	Council Owned Companies <b>11 - 44</b>
89.2	None Specific	Revenue Monitoring 2015/16 - end of December 2015 <b>45 - 54</b>
89.3	None Specific	Capital Monitoring 2015/16 - end of December 2015 <b>55 - 62</b>
89.4	None Specific	Chief Finance Officer's Report <b>63 - 94</b>
89.5	None Specific	Primary School Planning Strategy <b>95 - 124</b>
89.6	None Specific	Primary Strategy Implementation Plan Phase 1 <b>125 - 146</b>
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89.8	None Specific	Model for Community Asset Transfer <b>173 - 178</b>
89.9	Emmbrook	Elms Field Development - Payment of Infrastructure Contributions <b>179 - 186</b>
89.10	Remenham, Wargrave and Ruscombe	Request for the Temporary Closure of Footpath 4 Remenham (Part) <b>187 - 192</b>
89.11	None Specific	Library Offer - Consultation <b>193 - 208</b>
89.12	None Specific	Risk Management Policies and Guidance <b>209 - 236</b>
89.13	None Specific	Optalis Contract ( <i>Part 2 sheet</i> ) <b>237 - 242</b>

## EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Executive may exclude the public in order to discuss the Part 2 sheet above and to do so it must pass a resolution in the following terms:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) as appropriate.

A decision sheet will be available for inspection at the Council’s offices (in Democratic Services and the General Office) and on the web site no later than two working days after the meeting.

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