



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on **THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.00 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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90.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
91.		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 January 2016.	7 - 24
92.		DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
93.		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 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 www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions	
93.1	None Specific	Peter Humphreys has asked the Executive Member for Regeneration and Communities the following question: Question There have been a number of high profile planning disasters involving major projects in the Town, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellington house now demolished which was part of a scheme to build a large civic centre complex that was abandoned; 	

- The proposed IDR including a roundabout surrounding the 16th Century Tudor House also abandoned due to public opposition;
- Having to spend £30m to build social housing to replace the shoddy damp ridden properties the Council built in Eustace Crescent and then subsequently demolished (that word again) as they were insanitary;
- A supermarket built on a greenfield site but later abandoned and left vacant for many years due to its poor location;
- Poor architecture at either end of Peach Street, allowed by the Planning Committee, but now demolished/about to be demolished;
- Hundreds, maybe thousands, recently planted trees about to be uprooted due to lack of joined up thinking in respect of the routes of the NDR and so on.

Would you please list what lessons the Council has learnt from these expensive failures and what guarantees can you give that such disasters won't be repeated with the schemes currently in the pipeline?

93.2 Wescott

Gerald de la Pascua has asked the Executive Member for Regeneration and Communities the following question:

Question

WBC Executive decided last week it is better to re-locate the tennis courts in Elms Field at a cost of £320k than to refurbish the existing facility. The report presented at that meeting did not say how much this second option would cost, what is the figure?

93.3 None Specific

Mike O'Riley has asked the Executive Member for Regeneration and Communities the following question:

Question

With the slowdown in the global economy, the increasing debt ratio in the UK economy and the risk of a more gloomy economic outlook what plans are WBC making with respect to regeneration funding to significantly reduce council and ratepayer exposure to speculative commercial property developments.

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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

Matters for Consideration

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Executive may exclude the public in order to discuss the Part 2 sheets 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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