



# **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held at the Civic Offices,  
Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN on  
**THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016 AT 7.30 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**

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1. None Specific

**ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2016/17**

To elect a Mayor for the 2016/2017 municipal year.

The outgoing Mayor will address the Council for up to 5 minutes to include any presentations that the Mayor may wish to make.

The outgoing Mayor will then call for nominations for the Office of Mayor for 2016/2017.

The outgoing Mayor will ask the Council to vote on the nomination(s).

At this point in the proceedings the outgoing Mayor and the incoming Mayor will adjourn to the Mayor's Parlour to place the Cloak and Chain of Office on the incoming Mayor.

The incoming Mayor to take the chair and make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by Section 83(3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Mayor to address the Council for up to 5 minutes.

The Mayor to present the Past Mayor's Badge to the outgoing Mayor.

2. None Specific

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2016/17**

To appoint a Deputy Mayor for the 2016/2017 municipal year.

The Mayor will call for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2016/2017.

The Mayor will ask the Council to vote on the nomination(s).

The Deputy Mayor to make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by Section 83(3) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

The Mayor to present the Deputy Mayor's badge of Office to the Deputy Mayor and the Deputy Mayor to address the Council for up to 3 minutes.

3.

**APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24 March 2016.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive any declarations of interest.

6. **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](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions)

6.1 Arborfield Jan Heard has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Highways the following question:

**Question**

The Mid & West Berkshire Access Forum was deeply disappointed to discover recently that, contrary to the advice contained in its submission to the planning application and its presentation to WBC at the Planning Meeting for Reading Football Club's Academy, a signal-controlled crossing was not made a condition of approval for this application. Furthermore, no developer funding was secured for the crossing and a feasibility study, that we were told by your Countryside Officer in November was underway, has not happened.

Explain how this situation has arisen given that RFC offered land at no cost at the Planning Meeting and that it was acknowledged that the crossing could be funded through CIL contributions, and detail the reasoning behind the decision taken by WBC not to provide such a crossing?

6.2 None Specific Guy Grandison has asked the Executive Member for Environment the following question:

**Question**

In the recent election it has been claimed that the main opposition party will commit to collection of glass

recycling regardless of cost. Can you confirm the figures of looking into this proposal?

6.3 None Specific

Keith Malvern has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

Councils deal with public money and need to be careful how they spend it, to make sure everything is done properly and there is no maladministration or improper spending. Please could you tell me what you would consider would be improper use of public money by Wokingham Borough Council?

7.

**PETITIONS**

To receive any petitions which Members or members of the public wish to present.

8. None Specific

**REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER - BOROUGH, PARISH AND POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS - 5 MAY 2016**

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The Council's Head of Governance and Improvement Services, as Returning Officer, to report on the Elections held on 5 May 2016.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council notes the report of the Returning Officer.

9. None Specific

**MAYOR'S OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any urgent announcements by the Mayor or Head of Paid Service.

10.

**STATEMENTS FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

To receive notification from the Leader of his Deputy and the remainder of the Members appointed to the Executive; the scope of their respective portfolios; the terms of delegation to them; and Officers if applicable.  
***(To be tabled)***

The Leader of Council/Executive Members will be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes in total. The Leader of the Opposition will be allowed to speak for up to 5 minutes.

11.

**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.

11.1 Arborfield

Gary Cowan has asked the Executive Member for Environment the following question:

**Question**

As Reading Football Club has made an offer of land to facilitate a crossing on the B3030 what action has the Council taken to date to secure the land for future use?

11.2 None Specific

Alison Swaddle has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Highways the following question:

**Question**

Could the Member please provide an update on the Council's transition to Civil Parking Enforcement?

11.3 None Specific

Tim Holton has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

Can the Member confirm that our Council's Constitution specifically prevents a petition being debated at Council if it relates to a live planning application?

11.4 None Specific

Shahid Younis has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

**Question**

Could the Member provide an update on the Council's response to the Government's roll out of academisation of authority-controlled schools?

11.5 Wescott

Pauline Helliar-Symons has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

**Question**

Can the Member provide an update on the situation at Southfields School?

11.6 None Specific

Andy Croy has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

**Question**

Does the Executive Member for Children's Services share my relief that the government seems to have suspended plans to force all our primary schools to become academies?

**POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL AND ALLOCATION AND APPOINTMENT TO SEATS ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES/PANELS/BOARDS**

To receive a report on the political balance of the Council and to appoint to Council Committees/Panels/Boards in accordance with the Groups' wishes as set out in Appendix 1.

Further information relating to nominations will be circulated before or at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- 1) having reviewed the representation of the political groups on the Council, confirms that it has 48 Conservative Group Members, 5 Liberal Democrat Group Members and 1 Labour Member (as set out in Para 1.1);
- 2) approves the appointment and composition of Committees and Boards as set out in Para 2.1;
- 3) approves the allocation of seats on Committees and Boards on the basis that, of the 86 seats (as set out in Para 3.5), 76 be allocated to the Conservative Group and 10 be allocated to the Liberal Democrat Group;
- 4) approves the proposals submitted by the respective Group Leaders and that those Members be appointed to the Committees and Boards as set out in Appendix 1;
- 5) agrees that the principles of proportionality be applied when Members are appointed to Sub Committees, Panels or Working Groups;
- 6) notes the appointment of the Independent Persons to assist the work of the Standards Committee and the co-opted Parish/Town Council Representatives as set out in Appendix 1;
- 7) notes the elected Member representatives on the Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out in Appendix 1, as nominated by the Leader of Council in accordance with Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS 2016/2017**

To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Council Committees and Boards in accordance with the Groups'

wishes as set out in Appendix 2.

Further information relating to nominations will be circulated before or at the meeting.

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| 14. | None Specific | <p><b>APPOINTMENT TO PANELS/WORKING GROUPS/JOINT COMMITTEES AND VARIOUS BODIES 2016/17</b></p> <p>To consider and approve the appointment of Members to serve on Joint Committees, Various Bodies and Panels/Working Groups in accordance with the Groups' wishes as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>Further information relating to nominations will be circulated before or at the meeting.</p>  | 61 - 64 |
| 15. | None Specific | <p><b>APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2016/17</b></p> <p>To consider and approve the appointment of Members to serve on Outside Bodies in accordance with the Groups' wishes as set out in Appendix 4.</p> <p>Further information relating to nominations will be circulated before or at the meeting.</p>   | 65 - 68 |
| 16. | None Specific | <p><b>PROTOCOL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN OF WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL AND CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p>To consider and approve a Protocol for the Appointment of Honorary Aldermen of Wokingham Borough Council and Changes to the Constitution as put forward by the Constitution Review Working Group.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) approves the Protocol for the Appointment of Honorary Aldermen of Wokingham Borough Council as recommended by the Constitution Review Working Group (CRWG) and as set out in Appendix A;</li><li>2) notes that, if the Protocol is approved, an Extraordinary Council meeting will be held on 9 June 2016 to consider a nomination that has been received for the role of Honorary Alderman;</li><li>3) approves the amendment to Rule 4.2.8 Duration of Meeting as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report;</li><li>4) notes comments made by the Constitution Review Working Group concerning the rules of procedure relating to the length of motions as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report.</li></ol> | 69 - 78 |



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