



# **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on **THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM**

Andy Couldrick  
Chief Executive  
Published on 19 October 2016

This meeting will be filmed for inclusion on the Council's website.

Please note that other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting. The use of these images or recordings is not under the Council's control.



# **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **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
Mark Ashwell	Planning and Regeneration
Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Children's Services
Pauline Jorgensen	Resident Services
Anthony Pollock	Economic Development and Finance
Malcolm Richards	Highways and Transport
Angus Ross	Environment

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
61.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence	
62.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 September 2016.	7 - 18
63.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest	
64.		<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>	
64.1	Wescott	Peter Humphreys has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:  <b>Question</b> The negotiations with Aldi to secure a supermarket to anchor the proposed Elms Field development are taking an inordinately long time. Bearing in mind the recent publicity surrounding the Irish government giving state aid to Apple through tax breaks would the Leader of the Council please confirm that WBC in its desperation to secure a deal will not be providing	

financial incentives of any kind to get a supermarket on Elms Field? I use the term “council” to include any companies it controls and “incentives” in its broadest meaning to include rents below market value, rent-free periods etc. and other creative inducements or concessions. A lot of public money is at stake and thus it is important that the people of Wokingham are assured we are not subsidising a commercial company.

64.2 None Specific

Keith Malvern has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

**Question**

The Prime Minister and local MP Theresa May has said there should be "good school places for all" but has also said that she would like to introduce more grammar schools. What discussions has the current Executive Member had with officers on the subject of grammar schools?

65.

**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

65.1 None Specific

Richard Dolinski has asked the Executive Member for Economic Development and Finance the following question:

**Question:**

Can the Executive Member confirm whether ethnicity is a factor used to calculate the level of funding the Council receives from central Government?

65.2 None Specific

Clive Jones has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

At the last Executive meeting Cllr Pollock replied to a question about why Wokingham Borough Council got such a poor deal from central government with the words..."the simple answer is, we are too wealthy and too white".

Would you agree with me that this statement was inappropriate, inaccurate, divisive and very misleading?

## **Matters for Consideration**

<b>66.</b>	None Specific	<b>EXPANSION OF OPTALIS, A COMPANY WHOLLY-OWNED BY WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL</b>	<b>19 - 46</b>
<b>67.</b>	None Specific	<b>COUNCIL OWNED COMPANIES' BUSINESS</b>	<b>47 - 54</b>
<b>68.</b>	None Specific	<b>REVENUE MONITORING 2016/17 - SEPTEMBER 2016</b>	<b>55 - 64</b>
<b>69.</b>	None Specific	<b>CAPITAL MONITORING 2016/17 - END OF SEPTEMBER 2016</b>	<b>65 - 70</b>
<b>70.</b>	None Specific	<b>LEISURE STRATEGY</b>	<b>71 - 84</b>
<b>71.</b>	None Specific	<b>LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT OPTIONS</b>	<b>85 - 100</b>
<b>72.</b>	None Specific	<b>CORPORATE PEER REVIEW</b>	<b>101 - 122</b>
<b>73.</b>	Bulmershe and Whitegates	<b>WOODLEY TOWN CENTRE (NORTH PRECINCT) IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME</b>	<b>123 - 126</b>
<b>74.</b>	Emmbrook; Ewendons; Norreys; Wescott	<b>ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY (TOUTLEY COTTAGE) TO ENABLE PROVISION OF THE NORTH WOKINGHAM DISTRIBUTOR ROAD</b>	<b>127 - 132</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.

## **CONTACT OFFICER**

**Anne Hunter**  
**Tel**  
**Email**  
**Postal Address**

Service Manager, Democratic Services  
0118 974 6051  
anne.hunter@wokingham.gov.uk  
Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN