



# **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on **THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM**

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Chief Executive  
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# **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

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85.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence	
86.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 November 2016.	9 - 20
87.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest	
88.		<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>	
88.1	Finchampstead North; Finchampstead South; Wokingham Without	Lloyd Watkins has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:  <b>Question</b> In February 2014 Council Officers were shown all the likely walking or cycling routes to the now Bohunt School in Wokingham. They were asked to ensure that all the routes were improved in order that the students could safely walk or cycle to school. On 1 September 2016 an extraordinary Executive Meeting had to occur	

in order that some of the requested speed reductions would be in place for the school opening only 3 days later. Despite early engagement with the Council by concerned Parents, not all the routes requested for safety improvements were addressed at the September Executive meeting. This leaves some routes untouched, in particular we have been repeatedly told that the route along Nine Mile Ride will be in place for September 2017 but there has been no local consultation on changes nor have any plans been published. When will the Council's plans for improvement along Nine Mile Ride be published in order that safe routes are provided by September 2017?

88.2 Maiden Erlegh

Jason Sutton has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

**Question**

There is a proposal to expand Aldryngton Primary School. Aldryngton is the smallest Primary School site in Earley. Spatial availability is a key consideration when determining which schools to expand. WBC commissioned a spatial study by ERM Architecture dated 7/9/2015 to compare Loddon, Radstock and Aldryngton Primary. The study's conclusions were very clear: "Aldryngton's Primary Campus is the least attractive campus for investment - there is a substantial deficit in campus area." With a recommendation Loddon and Radstock be taken forwards to a "Stage 1 Feasibility". On 28 January 2016, the WBC Executive met and one of the items discussed was which Primary Schools to expand. This 'Spatial Study' was not provided to the Executive. Rather 'spatial analysis' was a category presented in Annex 2 of the document "Primary Strategy Implementation Phase 1" contained on page 142 of the Report to the Executive. The stated conclusion in relation to Aldryngton was however described to the Executive as, "Sufficiency of space - space for 0.5FE expansion which would be relatively straightforward", the strategy also suggested that an activity of consultation had been performed with "parents, residents, schools and other stakeholders" with the next step being a detailed feasibility study on the selected schools. Why was the information supplied to the council within the report not reflective of the findings of the original spatial report commissioned, was this information provided in error?

88.3 Maiden Erlegh

David Nadar has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

### **Question**

There is a proposal to expand Aldryngton Primary School by increasing the intake by 15 as soon as this year. Your Committee approved the Primary School Planning Strategy 2016-2018 proposed by Children's Services on the 28th of January 2016. The Strategy included projections for the number of school places required in Earley for each year between 2015/2016 to 2021/2022 and it has been shown that the demand for both 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 intakes were overestimated in the Strategy report. The Strategy report also shows that there will be 0.8% surplus school places in Earley this year and 7 to 8% surplus school places in Earley for 2018/2019 to 2021/2022 without Aldryngton being expanded. Children's Services have said that the council will make the final decision on whether to expand Aldryngton in the light of actual information on the demand for school places in 2017. However, the decision for expansion should be based on the mid-term / long term projections. Shouldn't the Committee review the decision to expand Aldryngton Primary School, which your data and projections suggests is not actually needed, based on more up-to-date data and projections before allowing a £4.8 million expansion project to go ahead?

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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

89.1 None Specific

Gary Cowan has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Regeneration the following question:

### **Question**

With reference to the Judgment in the case of Gladman Vs WBC case number Case No: CO/1455/2014 heard in July 2014 what were the implications of the judgement for Wokingham Borough Council both the pros and the cons?

89.2 Emmbrook

Michael Firmager has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

### **Question**

Could the Executive Member for Highways and Transport explain what enhancement of services is expected this year (2017) following the platform

extension at Wokingham Station?

89.3 None Specific

Lindsay Ferris has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Regeneration the following question:

**Question**

Who within WBC (Senior/Middle Officers and Councillors (by name/role)) knew about the Application for the Grazeley Garden Settlement at the time of the submission to the DCLG in July 2016?

89.4 None Specific

Richard Dolinski has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Regeneration the following question:

**Question**

In their latest newsletter in Emmbrook, the Liberal Democrats are claiming that there will be 17,000 more houses in Wokingham, quote "on top of approximately 13,000 currently being built". Could the Executive Member tell me whether this figure is correct?

89.5 Hillside

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

**Question**

Recently three teams of professional people have been seen working and taking measurements around the land known as Area DD in Lower Earley. No doubt they are preparing reports for developers, Wokingham Borough Council or both.

Can you explain what these people have been doing?

**Matters for Consideration**

90.	None Specific	<b>COUNCIL OWNED COMPANIES' BUSINESS</b>	<b>21 - 28</b>
91.	None Specific	<b>OPTALIS LTD: UPDATE ON THE BUSINESS CASE FOR MERGER WITH THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD</b>	<b>29 - 88</b>
92.	None Specific	<b>REVENUE MONITORING 2016/17 - DECEMBER 2016</b>	<b>89 - 98</b>
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<b>100.</b>	Remenham, Wargrave and Ruscombe	<b>REQUEST FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FOOTPATH 4 REMENHAM (PART)</b>	<b>223 - 234</b>
<b>101.</b>	None Specific	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND GUIDANCE</b>	<b>235 - 264</b>
<b>102.</b>	Shinfield North; Shinfield South	<b>SHINFIELD PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</b>	<b>265 - 276</b>
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<b>106.</b>	Emmbrook	<b>SUPPORTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT 52 READING ROAD, WOKINGHAM</b>	<b>301 - 310</b>

### **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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