



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held at the Civic Offices,
Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 23
FEBRUARY 2017 AT 8.00 PM**

Andy Couldrick
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

To: The Members of Wokingham Borough Council

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
69.		<p>APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence</p>	
70.		<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 November 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 6 December 2016.</p>	9 - 52
71.		<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest</p>	
72.		<p>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME To answer any public questions</p>	
		<p>A period of 30 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions submitted under notice.</p>	
		<p>The Council welcomes questions from members of the public about the work of the Council</p>	
		<p>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</p>	
72.1	None Specific	<p>John Russell has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:</p>	
		<p>Question</p>	
		<p>The Council is currently updating its Transport Plan. What is the 2016-17 budget spend on transport across the borough and how much is being spent on the following elements : (a) Highway maintenance; (b) Traffic management of the existing road network, eg traffic lights, islands and speed controls; (d) Bus services; (e) Community transport and (f) Responsive transport.</p>	
72.2	Bulmershe and Whitegates; Hawkedon; Hillside; Maiden Erlegh	<p>Guy Grandison has asked the Executive Member for Economic Development and Finance the following question:</p>	

Question

Could the Executive Member for Finance tell me what Capital investments the Council will be making in Earley as part of the 2017/18 budget?

73.**PETITIONS**

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

74.**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements by the Mayor

75.

None Specific

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN ASSOCIATED REPORTS

75.1

None Specific

Housing Revenue Account Budget 2017/20**53 - 66**

To consider the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2017/20.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the following:

- 1) The Housing Revenue Account budget;
- 2) Council house dwelling rents be reduced by 1% effective from April 2017 in line with the Welfare Reform and Work Bill 2015;
- 3) Garage rents be increased by 1.9% effective from April 2017 in line with council fees and charges;
- 4) Shared Equity Rents will be increased by 2% based on September RPI, effective from April 2017;
- 5) Tenant Service Charges are set in line with estimated costs;
- 6) The Housing Major Repairs (capital) programme for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix C;
- 7) Sheltered room guest charges increase from £8.20 per night to £9.00 effective from April 2017.

75.2

None Specific

Capital Programme and Strategy 2017/20**67 - 84**

To consider the recommendation of the Executive in respect of the Capital Programme and Strategy 2017/20.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council is asked to:

- 1) approve the Capital Programme and Strategy for 2017/20, as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- 2) note the draft vision for capital investment over the next 10 years, as set out in Appendix B to the report; and
- 3) approve the developer contribution S106 and CIL as set out in Appendix C to the report noting that the S106 and CIL values are estimated and approval is sought up to the scheme budget.

75.3 None Specific

Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18

85 - 128

To consider the recommendations of the Executive in respect of the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the following:

- 1) Capital Prudential indicators, 2017/18;
- 2) Borrowing strategy 2017/18;
- 3) Annual Investment Strategy 2017/18;
- 4) Flexible use of capital receipts strategy;
- 5) Minimum Revenue Provision Policy; and
- 6) Treasury Indicators: limits to borrowing activity 2017/18.

75.4 None Specific

Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2017/20

129 - 134

To consider the recommendations of the Executive in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/20 and Budget submission and Council Tax for 2017/18.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council is recommended to approve:

- 1) the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2017/20 including the revenue budget submission for 2017/18;
- 2) the Statutory Resolution that sets out the 2017/18 council tax levels. (Appendix A);

- 3) that in the event that there are any changes to the provisional precept of the Fire Authority, arising from their precept setting meeting being held on 27 February, the Director of Corporate Services is delegated authority to enact all relevant changes to the MTFP, Statutory Resolution and council tax levels.

76.	None Specific	<p>TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REPORT 2016-17 To consider the mid-year Treasury Management report for 2016/17.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That Council be asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) approve the mid-year Treasury Management report for 2016/17;2) note the actual 2016/17 prudential indicators within the report.	135 - 160
77.	None Specific	<p>AUDITOR APPOINTMENT 2018/19 To receive a report regarding appointing the Council's auditors.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) note that this report was presented to the Audit Committee on 5 December 2016;2) approve Option A, as recommended by the Audit Committee and as set out in the report, i.e. opting into the Public Sector Audit Appointment process.	161 - 164
78.	Emmbrook; Ewendons; Norreys; Wokingham Without	<p>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW To receive a report regarding the results of the Community Governance Review.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: That Council agree the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) that no changes are implemented following the Community Governance Review (CGR) that was initiated in February 2016;2) that the matters considered by the review should be reconsidered by a new CGR at a later date. It is recommended that this is after formal planning applications have been submitted for that part of the South	165 - 168

Wokingham Strategic Development Location (SDL) that is currently within the Wokingham Without Parish.

- 79.** None Specific **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION** **169 - 174**
- To consider proposed changes to the Constitution as put forward by the Constitution Review Working Group.
- RECOMMENDATION:** That Council approves the following amendments to the relevant sections of the Council's Constitution, as put forward by the Constitution Review Working Group:
- 1) agree the following changes to the Constitution as recommended by the Constitution Review Working Group:
 - a) that Appendix A – Process for Appointing Independent Remuneration Panel Members be amended as follows:
“1. Advert placed on the website etc and in the local newspaper if appropriate.”
 - b) that Rule 4.4.3.2d)iii) be amended as follows:
“To review, revise as necessary and recommend adoption of the Risk Management Policy and Strategy to Executive when changes occur.”
 - c) that Rule 8.2.1 be amended as follows:
“8.2.1 Meetings of the Planning Committee
The Planning Committee shall meet as scheduled in the Timetable of Meetings agreed by Council.”
 - 2) note the Terms of Reference of the Constitution Review Working Group.
- 80.** None Specific **TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2017/18** **175 - 176**
- To consider the proposed Timetable of Meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.
- RECOMMENDATION:** That the Timetable of Meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year be agreed.

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