



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of an **INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION** will be held at Room: LGF1, Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 10.00 AM**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Couldrick'.

Andy Couldrick  
Chief Executive  
Published on 9 November 2016

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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

**For consideration by**

**Keith Baker, Leader of Council**

**Officers Present**

**Anne Hunter, Service Manager, Democratic Services**

**Arabella Yandle, Democratic Services Officer**

<b>IMD NO. 2016</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>5 - 8</b>
<b>IMD33</b>	None Specific	<b>IN-YEAR APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO WHITE WALTHAM AIRFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE</b> To appoint a Councillor to the White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee.	

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# Agenda Item IMD33

## INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION REFERENCE IMD: 2016/33

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>In-Year Appointment of Council Representative to White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee</b>
<b>DECISION TO BE MADE BY</b>	Keith Baker, Leader of the Council
<b>DATE AND TIME</b>	17 November 2016, 10.00 am
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	Andrew Moulton, Head of Governance and Improvement Services
<b>REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED ON</b>	9 November 2016
<b>VENUE</b>	LGF1

### **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

That the Council's interests continue to be represented on the White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That either Councillor Lindsay Ferris or John Jarvis be appointed as the Council's Representative on the White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee.

### **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

Following the recent appointment of Councillor Angus Ross to the Chair of the White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee there is a need to appoint another Councillor to represent the interests of Wokingham Borough Council on the Committee.

## Background

Under Section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 (revised 2002), 51 designated aerodromes – of which only 49 are currently in operation, varying in size from Heathrow down to small General Aviation airfields – must consult equally and fairly users of the aerodrome, local authorities and community groups about the airport's operations. Although this doesn't necessarily mean a consultative committee is required, the Government regards a committee as the best way for airports to fulfil this requirement. Many airports choose to operate consultative committees despite not being formally 'designated' by the Act. The Department for Transport has issued several versions of guidance about how consultative committees should be set up and how they should operate, though airports are not legally required to follow these recommendations. New guidelines were published in 2014.

The Council has had a Representative on the White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee since 2014 following the advice in the guidelines to involve neighbouring Councils.

Councillor Angus Ross was appointed as the Council's representative on the White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee at this year's Annual Council meeting, which took place in May 2016. Councillor Ross has subsequently been asked to chair the White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee and as a result has elected to resign as Wokingham Borough Council's representative on the basis that continuing to stand in both roles would constitute a potential conflict of interest.

Councillor John Jarvis has been nominated by the Conservative Group and Councillor Lindsay Ferris has been nominated by the Liberal Democrat Group to undertake this role.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

***The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.***

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A		

### Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

### Cross-Council Implications

None

<b>SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES</b>	
<b>Director – Finance and Resources</b>	None received
<b>Monitoring Officer</b>	I have no comment to make.
<b>Leader of the Council</b>	None received

<b>Liberal Democrat Group Leader – Lindsay Ferris</b>	I wish to be considered for this position.
<b>Labour Group Member – Andy Croy</b>	I do not wish to be considered for this position.

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
<a href="#">DfT Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees 2014</a>

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## **WHITE WALTHAM AIRFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

### **What is the legal status of the organisation**

Voluntary consultative body.

### **Aims and Objectives**

To provide a means of consultation with respect to any matter concerning the management or administration of the airfield.

### **Trust Deed, Code of Conduct, Constitution, Memorandum or Articles of Association**

Constitution dated 10 April 2014

### **Status of Appointment (i.e. Observer/Trustee/Director)**

Member

### **Wokingham Representative(s) 2016/17**

Angus Ross

### **Financial Status**

nil

### **Risk/Liabilities**

nil

### **Insurance**

nil

### **Is Training Provided**

No, but members entitled to a short free flight to see airfield surroundings from the air.

### **Frequency of Meetings**

3 per year, usually 5pm at Clubhouse with sandwiches and tea/coffee

### **Contact Details (organisation)**

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