



# **WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 -  
Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on  
**THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 PM**

Manjeet Gill  
Interim 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

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

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|--------------------------|--|
| Charlotte Haitham Taylor | Leader of the Council  |
| David Lee                | Deputy Leader and Strategic Highways and Planning                    |
| Mark Ashwell             | Children's Services  |
| Chris Bowring            | Highways and Transport   |
| Norman Jorgensen         | Environment, Sports, Environmental Health, Leisure and Libraries     |
| Julian McGhee-Sumner     | Adults' Services, Health, Wellbeing and Housing                      |
| Stuart Munro             | Business and Economic Development and Regeneration                   |
| Simon Weeks              | Planning and Enforcement   |
| Oliver Whittle           | Finance, 21st Century Council, Internal Services and Human Resources |

| ITEM NO. | WARD          | SUBJECT  | PAGE NO. |
|----------|---------------|--|----------|
| 50.      |               | <p><b>APOLOGIES</b><br/>To receive any apologies for absence</p>   |          |
| 51.      |               | <p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b><br/>To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 September 2017.</p>   | 7 - 24   |
| 52.      |               | <p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b><br/>To receive any declarations of interest</p>  |          |
| 53.      |               | <p><b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</b><br/>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 Executive</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 <a href="http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions">www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions</a></p> |          |
| 53.1     | None Specific | <p>Rachel Bishop-Firth has asked the Executive Member for Finance the following question:</p> <p><b>Question</b><br/>The ongoing Wokingham town regeneration and other developments means that Council borrowing is set to balloon from £28 or £29 million we owe at present to around £271 million by 2019 / 2020.</p>  |          |

The Council's plans include knocking down a relatively new sports centre and moving out of a relatively new, purpose built library into another new-built building.

The plans also appear to rely on us being able to find tenants for the new shops which are being built – despite the fact that many of Wokingham's high street shop spaces are filled with charity shops and cafes.

A debt of £271 million for the Council means a debt of around £4,200 for every household in Wokingham.

What are the Council's plans for paying this debt back, including how long will it take?

53.2 Bulmershe and Whitegates; Loddon; South Lake

Keith Malvern has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

**Question**

In response to the Wokingham Paper's successful campaign for free parking the Executive Member reported that the number of parking tickets this August was 18 percent higher than the same month last year.

If that is the figure for Wokingham Town can you tell me the equivalent figure for Woodley?

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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

54.1 Emmbrook; Wescott

Gary Cowan has asked the Executive Member for Business and Economic Development and Regeneration the following question:

**Question**

Bracknell has opened its superb new shopping area at a cost of £240 million which the Leader of Bracknell Forest Council stated not one penny of council tax money has been spent on the project.

Can you give me a rough idea on how much the total spend will be on the town centre regeneration and can you assure me that like Bracknell none of the funding to deliver the project will come from the Council tax payer?

54.2 Winnersh Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey has asked the Executive Member for Environment the following question:

**Question**

What made you think that asking to move the Winnersh Allotments to a new site in June was a good idea when it's right in the middle of the growing season and when the new allotments are not even built yet?

54.3 Emmbrook; Wescott Imogen Shepherd-Dubey has asked the Executive Member for Business and Economic Development and Regeneration the following question:

**Question**

With the regeneration turning Wokingham town centre into a building site, the impact on traffic through the town, the opening of the Lexicon and now the introduction of traffic wardens, local retailers are suffering badly from a reduction in footfall and therefore revenue. This has caused shops to close and some of our larger key retailers have left the town or are in the process of leaving. What is Wokingham Borough Council doing to support our remaining retailers, particularly the smaller independent ones who add character, and keep people coming into to Wokingham?

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

|     |  |   |                |
|-----|--|---|----------------|
| 55. | None Specific                              | <b>SHAREHOLDER'S REPORT</b>   | <b>25 - 32</b> |
| 56. | None Specific                              | <b>REVENUE MONITORING 2017/18 - SEPTEMBER 2017 (Q2)</b>                   | <b>33 - 46</b> |
| 57. | None Specific                              | <b>CAPITAL MONITORING 2017/18 - END OF SEPTEMBER 2017</b>                 | <b>47 - 54</b> |
| 58. | Emmbrook;<br>Ewendons;<br>Norreys; Wescott | <b>TEMPORARY FREE PARKING FROM 3PM IN WOKINGHAM TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKS</b> | <b>55 - 58</b> |
| 59. | Emmbrook;<br>Ewendons;<br>Norreys; Wescott | <b>WOKINGHAM TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (WTCR) LETTINGS</b>                 | <b>59 - 64</b> |

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Executive may exclude the press and public in order to discuss the Part 2 sheets of Agenda Item 59 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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