



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 -  
Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on  
**THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM**

*Heather Thwaites*

Heather Thwaites  
Interim 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

Julian McGhee-Sumner	Leader of the Council
Stuart Munro	Business, Economic Development and Strategic Planning
Pauline Helliard-Symons	Children's Services
John Halsall	Environment, Leisure and Libraries
Anthony Pollock	Finance, HR and Corporate Resources
Parry Batth	Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care and Housing
Pauline Jorgensen	Highways and Transport
Simon Weeks	Planning and Enforcement
Philip Mirfin	Regeneration

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76.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence	
77.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 November 2019	7 - 12
78.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest	
79.		<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>	
79.1	None Specific	Paul Fishwick has asked the Executive Member for Environment, Leisure and Libraries the following question:  <b>Question</b> <b>DEFRA Air quality grant 2018 to 2019</b> Local authorities in England could apply for the air quality grant scheme 2018 to 2019; with applications needed to be submitted to Defra by midday on 30	

November 2018. In particular, Defra were looking for applications on projects designed to support:

- local authorities to develop and/or implement measures to improve local air quality
- innovation through trialling of low cost sensors

The grant would be competitive and at least £3 million has been set aside to English local authorities that have one or more Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs).

As Wokingham Borough Council had three designated AQMA's within its area, did it make a bid for this funding, and if so what for?

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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

80.1 None Specific

Lindsay Ferris has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

#### **Question**

In view of the recent Court of Appeal case where WBC were refused the leave to appeal the High Court Decision made in 2018 against WBC in relation to Hare Hatch Sheeplands. The reason given was there were no grounds to accept the appeal.

Of particular concern is the way the Council pursued this case as reference to "Abuse of Process" by the Council has been made by the Judges. We are also concerned about the significant costs that have been incurred and the potential future costs on the Council.

Will the Leader of the Council agree to an Independent External Inquiry into how this situation has occurred?

80.2 Bulmershe and Whitegates

Angus Ross has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

#### **Question**

In respect of the item on the agenda of possibly increasing the capacity of Addington School, the report mentions planning constraints. Is the Executive

Member for Children's Services aware of the problems that exist outside the school gates in terms of congestion and safety on the road owned by the borough but not adopted as a highway and will she ensure this is taken into account when a planning case is made, assuming the Executive tonight approves the recommendation to adopt Option 1B?

80.3 Wescott

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

**Question**

In the lessons learned report put before the Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee it was confirmed that the Market Place project had cost £4.2m and was funded by s106 funding. The final project cost was said to be within 5% of the initial budget. However, at the WBC Executive on 24th September 2015 funding to a maximum of £1.5m was agreed. An identical amount would come from Wokingham Town Council.

This means the original project was expected to cost £3.0m not £4.2m which means the overspend is considerably more. Is this correct?

80.4 Hillside

Chris Smith has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

**Question**

What are the Council's plans for resurfacing of Rosemary Avenue in Earley?

**To consider any reports from Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

81.	None Specific	<b>OFFICER RESPONSE TO GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SCRUTINY REVIEW</b>	13 - 48
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**Matters for Consideration**

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#### **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 93 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 3 and 6b 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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