



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 -  
Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on  
**THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 PM**

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

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
105.		<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence</p>	
106.		<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held 21 February 2019.</p>	7 - 14
107.		<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest</p>	
108.		<p><b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</b> 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>	
108.1	<p>Evendons; Finchampstead North; Finchampstead South; Wescott</p>	<p>Adrian Mather has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:</p> <p><b>Question</b> The new southern distributor road will exit at Tesco roundabout on the Finchampstead Road. The Finchampstead Road is already one of the most congested roads in Wokingham, which is regularly</p>	

grid-locked. This new road will likely be used by large commercial vehicles, which will also increase the environmental impact and congestion. How many vehicles does WBC estimate will be added to this grid-locked road at peak-time?

108.2 Shinfield North;  
Shinfield South

Stephen Kitt has asked the Executive Member for Business, Economic Development and Strategic Planning the following question:

**Question**

The recent Shinfield Residents' petition debated in Council shows the alarm Shinfield's residents have. Shinfield has genuine issues around traffic congestion/gridlock, pollution, delayed doctors surgery appointments, hospital access, shortage of green open space and school places in this already over populated area and not all of the new development is completed yet.

What action if any is being taken to resolve these issues before any further development in Shinfield takes place before there is a disaster in the Shinfield area which I see would be the responsibility of Wokingham Borough Council.

108.3 Winnersh

Paul Fishwick has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

**Question**

The section of King Street Lane Winnersh between Sainsbury's and Allnatt Avenue has been flooded on at least 22 occasions between 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and on many occasions during dry weather conditions.

This flooding causes surface water to flow into adjacent properties gardens and pedestrians and cyclists find it difficult to travel along the highway without wading through water. The flooding events normally last about 20 to 30 minutes then the water quickly drains away via the gullies and the surface water sewer system.

The Council are aware of this flooding issue but appear to have done nothing about it. What action is the Council taking to stop these regular flooding events?

108.4 Wescott

Keith Malvern has asked the Executive Member for Environment, Leisure and Libraries the following question:

### **Question**

I was very impressed to read the report on page 27 of the latest Wokingham Borough News about the sheer variety of what libraries are doing. '... libraries are changing, because what you want from us is changing'

Many people would be surprised and disappointed to read elsewhere that it is proposed to move the Wokingham library from its current purpose-built location to a new home. What improved facilities will be provided to justify this move?

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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

109.1 None Specific

Gary Cowan has asked the Executive Member for Business, Economic Development and Strategic Planning the following question:

### **Question**

I asked the Executive Member for Planning and Regeneration on 26-1-2017 the following question but due to my inability to attend the meeting the following written answer was provided to me: 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?

The reply was lengthy but the final paragraph was "The only thing I can think of is that the MDD challenge has now been superseded by an Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) of our housing numbers – this was reflected in the judgement. This is a technical assessment and evidence base. The Council has not signed up to providing this estimated need. This will be a process addressed through the Local Plan review".

If the Council has not signed up to the Objectively Assessed Need than why has our housing numbers risen from just over 600 in our adopted Core Strategy, which was subject to a full public consultation and a public inquiry, to an ever increasing number nearing 900 now without any public consultation and no public

inquiry?

109.2 Winnersh

Philip Houldsworth has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

**Question**

The people of Winnersh have waited for over 30 years for the Winnersh Relief Road, now that the land clearance is complete, can we start the construction sooner rather than later and certainly sooner than previously indicated?

**Matters for Consideration**

110.	None Specific	<b>SHAREHOLDERS' REPORT</b>	<b>15 - 26</b>
111.	None Specific	<b>CEMETERY REGULATIONS</b>	<b>27 - 48</b>
112.	None Specific	<b>PROCUREMENT BUSINESS CASE - HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT - COACH SERVICES</b>	<b>49 - 104</b>
113.	None Specific	<b>RE-COMMISSIONING OF THE INTEGRATED SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICE FOR BERKSHIRE WEST</b>	<b>105 - 112</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 113 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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