



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

An Extraordinary Meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held in Council Chamber - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.30 PM**

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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

To: The Members of Wokingham Borough Council

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
78.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
79.		DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
80.		PUBLIC QUESTION TIME 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 items included within this agenda. Subject to meeting certain timescales questions can only relate to items which are 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	
81.		PETITION DEBATE To debate a petition. In accordance with Procedure Rule 3.5.4.2 a maximum period of 30 minutes will be allowed for petitions to be debated. The process below will be followed at the meeting: a) the petition organiser(s) will be given five minutes to present the petition (if there is more than one petition organiser then they will share this time); b) the petition will then be debated by Councillors for a period not exceeding 30 minutes; c) the petition organiser(s) will have the right of reply of up to a maximum of three minutes; d) the Mayor will then ask for motions on how the Council wishes to respond to the Petition which may include;	

- i) taking the action or some of the action the petition requests;
 - ii) not taking the action the petition requests;
 - iii) referring the petition to another body for them to consider the matter and take the appropriate action;
- e) once a motion has been put forward it will be voted on without discussion or amendment;
 - f) if the motion falls then the Mayor will ask for a further motion to be put forward;
 - g) if the Mayor is of the opinion that a decision on how to respond to the petition cannot be reached then he/she can decide, on behalf of the Council, not to take the action that the petition requests.

81.1 Shinfield South

Petition submitted by Councillor Gary Cowan

A petition relating to overdevelopment in the Borough and specifically development in the Shinfield area was submitted at the Council meeting held on 20 September 2018. The petition contained in excess of 1,500 signatures which is the threshold to trigger a debate at Council.

82. None Specific

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2019/2020

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To adopt a Localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme which will ensure that all working age Borough residents who may experience financial difficulties in paying their council tax liabilities have access to a scheme of assistance, designed locally, offering financial help to them.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council agree the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/20 as set out in the report.

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