



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 -  
Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN, on  
**THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2019 AT 7.30 PM**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Parsonage', written in a cursive style.

Susan Parsonage  
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

John Halsall	Leader of the Council
John Kaiser	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance and Housing
Parry Bath	Environment and Leisure
UllaKarin Clark	Children's Services
Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Regeneration
Pauline Jorgensen	Highways and Transport
Charles Margetts	Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services
Stuart Munro	Business, Economic Development and Strategic Planning
Gregor Murray	Climate Emergency
Wayne Smith	Planning and Enforcement

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10.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence	
11.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 30 May 2019.	9 - 16
12.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest	
13.		<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>	
13.1	Shinfield North; Shinfield South	Andrew Grimes has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement the following question:  <b>Question</b> Shinfield Parish Council's Planning Committee of 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 received an update on Planning Enforcement in the parish. The list consisted of 19 breaches. Of these two had reached the stage of a	

Planning Enforcement Notice being issued and one had between closed due to submission of a planning application. A review of the list demonstrated that all 19 breaches had been in existence for considerable periods of time, for example 84951 Derrydene, or had not been inspected for a long period after a complaint had been made. In the case of enforcement item 1402 Mallards (Spencer's Wood Post Office) Enforcement was granted due to the applicants failed appeal and yet officers continue to negotiate with the owner who is delaying conforming with the actual permission granted, with no relief for the neighbours in sight. These processes do not seem to result in any progress to rectify breaches of planning permissions.

Can the Executive confirm the Key Performance Indicators for managing Planning Enforcement issues and the criteria for screening out complaints?

14.

**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

14.1 Finchampstead South

Charles Margetts has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

**Question**

Please can I ask the Executive Member for the Environment to update us on progress with the work on California Country Park?

14.2 None Specific

UllaKarin Clark has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

**Question**

Forty councils across Britain, including Reading, have recently declared a Climate Emergency. Does your newly created role mean that Wokingham is joining with the other councils and their climate change initiatives? And if so, what can we expect in the coming months that will help stem the tide of climate change, and improve the environment of all our residents?

14.3 Winnersh

Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

**Question**

Could you please give me the reason for the delay of more than 2 years in the design of the Zebra crossing on Bearwood Rd and New Rd Winnersh (which has outside funding to pay for it) and the lowering of the speed limit to 30 MPH on Bearwood Rd required outside Bearwood Primary School?

14.4 None Specific

Jim Frewin has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

As a new member reading some of the excellent questions and answers from previous meetings has provided me with a valued source of information to help me understand what WBC are doing across a range of issues. However as soon as it becomes a happy to talk after, happy to give further details, happy to look into this, happy to share later, happy to have a conversation, it becomes a one to one conversation and the visibility of answers, ideas, options, actions and follow ups are lost to the wider audience. This is mainly supplementary questions but not always. There have also been (rare) occasions where answers are subsequently proven to be factually incorrect and any challenge is difficult to see.

I believe there would be benefit to residents and members in a cross party review of how we manage questions, subsequent actions and any resultant challenges. Will the Executive support the setting up such a cross party working group to review this issue?

14.5 None Specific

Caroline Smith has asked the Executive Member for Climate Emergency the following question:

**Question**

Do we have a planning policy concerning building a specific percentage of carbon neutral homes in any new development and if not when will we have such a policy and what percentage will it be?

(the Zero Carbon Hub website defines the three core requirements as:

1. The fabric performance must, at a minimum, comply with the defined standard known as the [Fabric Energy Efficiency Standard \(FEES\)](#) and
2. Any CO2 emissions that remain after consideration of heating, cooling, fixed lighting and ventilation, must be less than or equal to

the [Carbon Compliance](#) limit established for zero carbon homes, and

3. Any remaining CO2 emissions, from regulated energy sources (after requirements 1 and 2 have been met), must be reduced to zero)

#### 14.6 Emmbrook

Rachel Bishop-Firth has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

##### **Question**

I was concerned to see the plans for the conversion of another office block on the Toutley Road industrial estate into residential housing. I've walked round the existing office conversion on the same estate. The problems with this form of housing are immediately obvious from a quick visit. These are not purpose built apartments constructed as housing - it's an office block divided into living spaces. Residents' privacy is compromised, there is no garden space and the block is isolated on an industrial estate. This is going to magnify the effects of any anti-social behaviour which starts in the flats on the rest of those living there.

I understand that we have a housing crisis nationally, and that this development is a roof over people's heads, but this is not the kind of suitable permanent housing which will help build strong communities. It's not somewhere that people will choose to settle down and raise a family. In fact, similar developments elsewhere have been linked to increases in anti-social behaviour and crime.

What steps is the Council talking to ensure that Wokingham is building housing which is suitable for the long term?

#### 14.7 Winnersh

Paul Fishwick has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

##### **Question**

At the Executive meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019, I asked about the issue of the frequent flooding of the B3030 King Street Lane Winnersh between Sainsbury's and Allnatt Avenue that impacts on the travelling public and adjacent residents by flooding their gardens and has now occurred 36 times since March 2018.

In his response, the Executive Member agreed to an onsite meeting with myself and local residents. In an e-mail exchange on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, it was agreed to meet soon after the CCTV survey results were available which were envisaged within a couple of

weeks. However, following being elected to this Council I now find that no CCTV survey has been carried out and there are still flooding events taking place impacting on residents. Another three months has been lost due to in the inefficiency of this Council.

What urgent action is the Executive Member going to take to expedite resolving this long-standing issue?

### **Matters for Consideration**

<b>15.</b>	None Specific	<b>DECISION REPORT RE ADULT SOCIAL CARE STATUTORY SERVICES</b>	<b>17 - 22</b>
<b>16.</b>	None Specific	<b>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION</b>	<b>23 - 60</b>
<b>17.</b>	Arborfield; Barkham	<b>ARBORFIELD AND BARKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</b>	<b>61 - 126</b>
<b>18.</b>	None Specific	<b>BERKSHIRE LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION</b>	<b>127 - 180</b>

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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