



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held virtually on
THURSDAY 28 MAY 2020 AT 7.00 PM

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Chief Executive
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Note: The Council has made arrangements under the Coronavirus Act 2020 to hold this meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams. The meeting can be watched live using the following link: <https://youtu.be/Ewbae4LFMIE>

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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Our Vision

A great place to live, learn, work and grow and a great place to do business

Enriching Lives

- Champion outstanding education and enable our children and young people to achieve their full potential, regardless of their background.
- Support our residents to lead happy, healthy lives and provide access to good leisure facilities to complement an active lifestyle.
- Engage and involve our communities through arts and culture and create a sense of identity which people feel part of.
- Support growth in our local economy and help to build business.

Safe, Strong, Communities

- Protect and safeguard our children, young and vulnerable people.
- Offer quality care and support, at the right time, to prevent the need for long term care.
- Nurture communities and help them to thrive.
- Ensure our borough and communities remain safe for all.

A Clean and Green Borough

- Do all we can to become carbon neutral and sustainable for the future.
- Protect our borough, keep it clean and enhance our green areas.
- Reduce our waste, improve biodiversity and increase recycling.
- Connect our parks and open spaces with green cycleways.

Right Homes, Right Places

- Offer quality, affordable, sustainable homes fit for the future.
- Build our fair share of housing with the right infrastructure to support and enable our borough to grow.
- Protect our unique places and preserve our natural environment.
- Help with your housing needs and support people to live independently in their own homes.

Keeping the Borough Moving

- Maintain and improve our roads, footpaths and cycleways.
- Tackle traffic congestion, minimise delays and disruptions.
- Enable safe and sustainable travel around the borough with good transport infrastructure.
- Promote healthy alternative travel options and support our partners to offer affordable, accessible public transport with good network links.

Changing the Way We Work for You

- Be relentlessly customer focussed.
- Work with our partners to provide efficient, effective, joined up services which are focussed around you.
- Communicate better with you, owning issues, updating on progress and responding appropriately as well as promoting what is happening in our Borough.
- Drive innovative digital ways of working that will connect our communities, businesses and customers to our services in a way that suits their needs.

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 and Economic Development
Gregor Murray	Climate Emergency
Wayne Smith	Planning and Enforcement

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113.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
114.		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 22 April 2020.	9 - 26
115.		DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
116.		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 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 www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions	
116.1	Shinfield South	Simon Cooper has asked the Leader of the Council the following question: Question Following the fatal accident at my home in January and the one three years prior to that and the other five serious accidents outside my property in the last 7 years, please can the Council provide a thorough	

update as to the progress being made (please be very specific in your answer) and what timescales are being followed to resolve this matter, please also in your answer include the data gleaned from the speed surveys conducted in March (happy for the data to be anonymised to protect the innocent).

116.2 None Specific

Mike Smith has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

There has been no public, Full Council meeting since before Lockdown began on Monday 23rd March 2020. The website Meetings Calendar lists the Full Council meeting of the 19th March 2020 as POSTPONED. The Agenda for that meeting lists 9 public questions, 3 Member questions and 5 Motions plus reports on both Audit and Overview and Scrutiny committees. These latter reports are extremely important for transparency and demonstration of democracy in action. Regulations made under the Coronavirus Act 2020 enables all local authority meetings before 7 May 2021 to be held remotely and removes the requirement for the annual meeting this year as separate Regulations under the same Act have removed the need for elections. When will this Postponed meeting and/or the important Agenda items be rescheduled?

116.3 None Specific

Darryl Campbell has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

Question

It was with great delight that I met the government's recent announcement that English authorities will receive advanced funding for walking and cycling to the tune of £250m. How does Wokingham Borough Council plan to spend this money?

116.4 None Specific

Sam Turvey has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

Question

Given the recent spate of burglaries across the Borough, and rising crime rates more generally over the last year, is the Executive satisfied that recent increases in council tax bills for policing and crime prevention has been money well spent?

117.

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

117.1 None Specific

Imogen Shepherd-DuBey has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

Question

We realise the Council Finances are being severely affected about the Coronavirus Crisis. Please can you detail what affect this will have on WBC's Capital Projects? Will any works be delayed or affected?

117.2 None Specific

Angus Ross has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

Please can you let me know the status of the Local Plan?

117.3 None Specific

UllaKarin Clark has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

Do you feel that the care homes in the Borough have done all they can to limit the spread of Coronavirus and is our statistical base now solid?

117.4 None Specific

Guy Grandison has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

Question

How have Children's Services managed to continue to deliver services in these challenging times especially in respect to our most vulnerable families?

117.5 None Specific

Graham Howe has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

Whilst there is much to congratulate the Officers and participating Members for their dedication and action during the Covid emergency, it has invoked much change in priorities, operations and outcomes.

Can the Leader outline what the Council has done

well, not done well, that is within and outside the Council's control and as part of the answer, could the Leader outline lessons that have been learnt for the future operations of the Council?

117.6 None Specific

Dianne King has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

Question

Please could you give us an update on Wokingham's community response to Covid 19?

117.7 None Specific

Abdul Loyes has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

Question

It would appear on the face of it, the incidents of deaths in care homes from Covid 19 is higher in Wokingham than our neighbouring authorities. Can you please confirm if this is the case and if so, why?

117.8 None Specific

Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

Question

How will you maintain social distancing with probable increased patronage if we re-open car parks at country parks?

117.9 None Specific

Andrew Mickleburgh has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

Question

I have heard some very positive feedback from parents about the help provided by schools in our Borough to support continued studies during the lockdown. However, during lockdown, inevitably, for multiple reasons, potentially quite large numbers of pupils will have fallen behind their peers in terms of learning. In some cases this gap is likely to be significant, with the potential for a long-term negative impact in term of learning and self-confidence. Is WBC planning to offer any targeted support to schools that could help pupils who have fallen behind their peers during lockdown to quickly catch up again?

117.10 None Specific Sarah Kerr has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

Question
Like many parents right now, I am feeling quite nervous about the prospect of sending my young children back to school. Socially distancing children is not easy, and many of us know from experience how easy it is for various illnesses to get transmitted. Many parents will not feel confident yet that the school environment is safe for them, their family and school staff. How is WBC planning to approach this issue?

117.11 None Specific Tahir Maher has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

Question
Unfortunately, the proposed Revenue outturn for 2019/20 will be affected due to the current pandemic. The Council has had time to assess the impact from COVID-19 on the revenue outturn for 2019/20, consequently, what is the forecast and possible variance from the original outturn for 2019/20?

117.12 None Specific Pauline Helliar-Symons has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

Question
Can you tell me how Wokingham Borough Council has managed to maintain 100% waste collection when so many others did not?

118.

118.1 None Specific **TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**
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Matters for Consideration

119. None Specific **REVENUE MONITORING 2019/20 - OUTTURN** **71 - 90**

120. None Specific **CAPITAL OUTTURN 2019/2020** **91 - 108**

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122. None Specific **SMALL BUSINESS DISCRETIONARY PAYMENT** **113 - 120**

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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