



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

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
42.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
43.		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 26 September 2019.	7 - 22
44.		DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
45.		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	
45.1	Wescott	David Davies has asked the Leader of the Council the following question: Question There had been a commitment to install CCTV in Wokingham Town centre to deter and catch those causing the recent rise in anti-social behaviour. Please could the Leader of the Council inform when we can	

expect the installation of CCTV in the town centre?

45.2 None Specific

Philip Meadowcroft has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

At the September 26 Executive meeting I expressed concern about the 300+ redactions in the Lingard Report. However, I was encouraged that, on October 10, WBC reinstated eleven redacted paragraphs “in the public interest”.

Some of these paragraphs reveal the differences of opinion between Councillors and Planning and Legal Officials with you, Councillor Halsall, questioning the wisdom and usefulness of any further legal action against HHS beyond the injunctive relief WBC had obtained. However, the hawkish approach of the Planning and Legal Officials prevailed. We now know it is the differences of opinion between Councillors and Officers which the original redactions were meant to be kept secret – not the protection of personal data which you, as the Leader of the Council, misleadingly stated at the September Executive meeting.

WBC’s approach to legal proceedings was heavily criticised by the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) including WBC’s attitude towards POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act). As HHS now seeks to rebuild its business lawfully, it is incumbent on WBC to act, and be seen to act, fairly and justly in determining any and every HHS planning application.

What changes of staff and process does WBC believe are now necessary in order to demonstrate the openness and transparency of WBC’s operations which the Chief Executive believes are central to WBC’s work for its council taxpayers?

46.

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

46.1 None Specific

Paul Fishwick has asked the Executive Member for Climate Emergency the following question:

Question

I understand that Client Earth has written to 100 English local authorities that are developing a Local Plan, including Wokingham Borough Council to explain how they intend to respond to the national target of net zero by 2050. Each authority must give a credible path to achieving net zero emissions by setting robust carbon reduction targets and integrating them throughout the Local Plan.

A deadline date to respond of 28th October 2019 has been given and any plan that fails to demonstrate consistency with robust local targets will be unlawful and at risk of legal challenge.

What has Wokingham Borough Council submitted to Client Earth?

46.2 None Specific

Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey has asked the Executive Member for Climate Emergency the following question:

Question

If we are actually acting on the climate change emergency and not just saying we are then which Council buildings are we putting solar panels on and when will they be installed?

46.3 None Specific

Lindsay Ferris has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

Question

There has been a significant increase in the number of fly tipping events in the recent past. My understanding is that it now exceeds 1100 such events.

Can you advise what the cost to the Council has been associated with clearing these fly tipping incidents?

46.4 Wescott

Caroline Smith has asked the Executive Member for Regeneration the following question:

Question

With the recent closure of Denmark Street Car Park and the lack of footfall, is the Council going to implement some incentives to increase footfall to the town, especially since the near completion of regeneration and encouraging new retailers?

Matters for Consideration

47.	None Specific	REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FY2019/20 - QUARTER 2	23 - 36
48.	None Specific	CAPITAL MONITORING 2019/20 - END OF SEPTEMBER 2019	37 - 44
49.	Wescott	PEACH PLACE REDEVELOPMENT - PAYMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS	45 - 52

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 49 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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