



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of an **INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION** will be held in Board Room - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019 AT 2.30 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

For consideration by

John Halsall, Leader of the Council

Officers Present

Anne Hunter, Democratic & Electoral Services Lead Specialist

Callum Wernham, Democratic & Electoral Services Specialist

IMD NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	5 - 12
IMD 2019/20	None Specific	APPOINTMENT OF WOKINGHAM REPRESENTATIVE TO THE POORS LAND CHARITY TRUSTEE COMMITTEE	

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Agenda Item IMD20

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION REFERENCE IMD: IMD 2019/20

TITLE	Appointment of Wokingham Representative to The Poors Land Charity Trustee Committee
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Leader of the Council - John Halsall
DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME	23 July 2019 The Board Room at 2.30pm
WARD	None Specific;
DIRECTOR / KEY OFFICER	Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

PURPOSE OF REPORT (Inc Strategic Outcomes)

To appoint a Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) representative to the Poors Land Charity Trustee Committee until May 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Leader of the Council appoints a representative on behalf of WBC to the Poors Land Charity until May 2023, from nominations received as set out in appendix 1 to this report.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report outlines the need for WBC to appoint a representative to the Poors Land Charity Trustee Committee, and the benefits of doing so.

Background

WBC were informed by the Poores Land Charity that both WBC and Woodley Town Council had appointed the same representative to the Poores Land Charity. Subsequently, a request was made by the Poores Land Charity for WBC to appoint a new representative.

The Poores Land Charity undertakes a valuable role within Woodley and Charvil, including the provision of 18 social housing units within an Almshouse and the provision of items of necessity such as clothing, beds and cookers for those in need of relief support.

In addition to Woodley, Charvil and Sandford, requests for support will be considered from residents of Earley, Winnersh, Hurst, Twyford, Wargrave and Sonning. Unfortunately the trust cannot help people with Reading or Wokingham postcodes.

Business Case (including Analysis of Issues)

The Poores Land Charity requires a quorum of 4 at each of its meetings in order to resolve items of business. In order to assist the Poores Land Charity in continuing its valuable work within the community it is recommended that a new WBC representative be appointed to assist in resolution of business items and maintaining quorum at its meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council continues to face severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of reductions to public sector funding and growing pressures in our statutory services. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions of approximately £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£0	Yes	Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£0	Yes	Revenue
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£0	Yes	Revenue

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

None

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Corporate Services	No comments received
Monitoring Officer	No comments
Leader of the Council	N/A – Making decision

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
N/A

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Appendix A

**Nominations for representation on the Poors Land Charity Trustee Committee
until May 2023 on behalf of Wokingham Borough Council**

Conservative Group	Independent Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group
Abdul Loyes	No nomination	Shirley Boyt	No nomination received

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THE POORS LAND CHARITY

What is the legal status of the organisation

Charity

Aims and Objectives

To provide residential units for elderly needy people living in Woodley or Charvil. Make grants of money to needy persons living in Woodley or Charvil or adjacent parishes for household items such as beds, washing machines, cookers and clothing

Trust Deed, Code of Conduct, Constitution, Memorandum or Articles of Association

Charity Commission Scheme – available on request.

Status of Appointment (i.e. Observer/Trustee/Director)

Trustee

Wokingham Representative

Vacant

Financial Status

Independent

Risk/Liabilities

Appointment will carry financial risk and/or potential liabilities but Trustee Indemnity Insurance is in place to cover these aspects of their appointment

Insurance

Charity Trustee Assurance

Is Training Provided

No

Frequency of Meetings

Monthly, usually the last Wednesday of the month - 10 meetings per year (one less in the summer and not December)

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