



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held virtually on
THURSDAY 30 JULY 2020 AT 7.00 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Parsonage', with a long, sweeping tail.

Susan Parsonage
Chief Executive
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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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1.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
2.		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 28 May 2020.	9 - 30
3.		DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
4.		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	
4.1	Loddon	Philip Challis has asked the Leader of the Council the following question: Question Would you agree that Taylor Wimpey have done a good job in creating the Loddon Countryside Amenity Area adjacent to Loddon Park (Sandford Farm) development, including a path with extends right up to	

an old bridge over the River Loddon which for safety reasons is closed off. Would you further agree with resident's disappointment that despite £250,000 funding from Taylor Wimpey and the willingness of Sustrans to provide further funding that the Council have failed to upgrade this bridge over the Loddon and provide the envisaged good links into the wider network of footpaths and provide a pedestrian/cycle link to Twyford. Would he explore the possibility of completing the reinstatement of this bridge given the current emphasis the Government are placing on walking and cycling.

4.2 None Specific

Elizabeth Mayers has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

Following your social media posts incorrectly linking Black Lives Matter with the atrocious killings in Forbury Gardens do you accept that you have destroyed the trust and confidence of black, anti-racist residents and staff at WBC, failing in your duty to foster good relations and, some would say, inflaming racial division. As a result will you be considering your position?

4.3 None Specific

Beth Rowland has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

Question

The enforced lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that a considerable portion of our residents will have been furloughed from their jobs on 80% of their normal salary. Some will have lost their jobs altogether – over the next few months many more will be unemployed as companies are forced to stop trading. That means that many more of our residents and their families will be forced to live on benefits with the problems that brings to children and young people. Will this Authority work with local charities and organisations including Berkshire Credit Union to support families living in poverty and debt?

4.4 None Specific

Carol Jewell has asked the Executive Member for Climate Emergency the following question:

Question

Woodley Town Council declared a Climate Emergency in October 2019 and a working group was formed to monitor the effects of climate change on the Town and its carbon footprint. Nine months later the committee has still not met as its Chairman, the leader of the

Town Council, is awaiting action from this Borough Council. The forced lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic has seen much reduced traffic especially on our road network. How is this Council going to work with both local Town and Parish Councils to take advantage of this to maintain the reduced levels of pollution that have been seen throughout the country and to encourage walking and cycling?

4.5 Swallowfield

James Vyvyan-Robinson has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

Question

What action is the Council Executive going to take to rectify the A33 road surface noise bearing in mind the severe and life changing impact the increased noise is having on the mental health and wellbeing of local residents?

4.6 Swallowfield

Colin Brooks has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

Question

In respect of the resurfacing of the A33 bypass near the village of Riseley, please can you explain the criteria used in the decision making process. I am interested to understand if the decision was purely financial and if the increased environmental noise pollution, impact on health, wellbeing and enjoyment of local residents or the potential devaluation of property (and subsequent negative equity position for newer residents) were included in the process or completely overlooked?

5.

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

5.1 None Specific

Michael Firmager has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

Question

What can we do through the Arts and Culture Strategy to help lift Wokingham Borough out of the coronavirus emergency?

5.2 None Specific

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

Question

There have been a number of street trees that have been removed, but not replaced, in the last few years and in many cases the verge is wide enough and conditions suitable to enable replacements to be planted.

Wokingham Borough Council does not have a tree replacement Policy but has planted new trees elsewhere. The loss of these trees has changed the street scene making it look more 'urban'. Will the Council ensure street trees are replaced wherever feasibility possible including locations where trees have been lost in the last 5 years?

5.3 None Specific

Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement the following question:

Question

When are you planning to restart the Local Plan Update Committee, since Grazeley is non-viable without the DCLG funding according to a statement by the Housing Executive at an Executive Committee Meeting and most other sources are not available due to the spending on the Pandemic?

5.4 None Specific

Gary Cowan has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement the following question:

Question

From time to time I see planning applications with Officer recommendations approving the removal of trees while other planning applications approve increased traffic on already busy roads.

My question is with regard to the Council flagship policy on climate emergency what specific directions has the Council given to its Planning, Environment and Highway departments to take climate emergency into consideration when dealing with all planning applications?

5.5 None Specific

Sarah Kerr has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

Does the Leader of this Council acknowledge that poverty exists within the Borough?

5.6 None Specific

Andrew Mickleburgh has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

The fact that poverty is multi-dimensional, and that some of its elements and manifestations are intangible, are just two of the challenges that make poverty complex to measure and track. Notwithstanding, it is vital that this is done in order to serve our residents – to help to reduce numbers falling into poverty, and to help to lift others out of poverty; and to ensure a timely, efficient and effective use of scarce resources. What processes and procedures are in place in our Borough to ensure timely, meaningful and comprehensive data on poverty, in all its manifestations wherever it might exist in our community, is being collected and used to good effect?

5.7 None Specific

David Hare has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

Charities are amongst the many organisations raising alarm that large numbers of people in all parts of the UK are falling into poverty as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of these charities have also seen their own financial resources slashed, and thus their ability to help people in need, suffer as a result of the pandemic. What is WBC's strategy for ensuring that key local charities engaged with tackling poverty in our Borough will be able to meet the increasing demand for vital services provided by charities, despite the current funding crises that some of these charities face.

5.8 None Specific

Bill Soane has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

Question

In view of the Government announcement regarding recompense to assist local authorities in their shortfall in income at their leisure centres during the Covid-19 pandemic, will this grant assist the Council in any way, and if so how?

5.9 None Specific

Chris Bowring has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

Question

Would the Executive Member tell me how the 'Tackling Racism Matters' survey is progressing?

Matters for Consideration

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A decision sheet will be available for inspection at the Council's offices (in Democratic Services) and on the website no later than two working days after the meeting.

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