



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held virtually on  
**THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021 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/XTjdV0jbWbE>

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## 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	Resident Services, Communications and Emissions
Wayne Smith	Planning and Enforcement

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99.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence	
100.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 18 February 2021 and the Extraordinary Executive Meeting held on 25 February 2021.	7 - 28
101.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest	
102.		<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>	
102.1	Hillside; Maiden Erlegh	Wesley Budd has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:  <b>Question</b> For years, many Earley residents have raised concerns about speeding along Redhatch Drive. The road and neighbourhood design contribute to drivers	

regularly traveling in excess of 35mph on this road with its 30mph speed limit. Despite good visibility splays, the speed with which many vehicles travel make this very dangerous for vehicles entering from side streets. The Beech Lane end in particular is used by many school children. Many of the elderly residents living in Redhatch Drive and neighbouring roads find it difficult, as pedestrians or drivers themselves, to accurately judge the speed of fast approaching vehicles. Earley Town Council's submission on the 22nd July 2022 to a WBC speed limit consultation recommended with regards to Redhatch Drive to: retain the current 30 mph speed limit, but install appropriate VAS signage. Additional speed limit signage at the Elm Lane and Beech Lane ends of Redhatch Drive. Request WBC highways engineers investigate possibilities for traffic calming measures, such as chicanes and rumble strips. Will the Executive Member for Highways support Earley Town Council's recommendations for Redhatch Drive?

102.2 None Specific

Mike Smith has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement the following question:

**Question**

This month a very large oak tree had to be felled in Earley to help prevent further substantial structural damage done to various properties, some of which were a considerable distance from this tree. The damage to these properties has been very distressing and costly to the homeowners. However, from an environmental and aesthetic point of view, it is also very distressing to many other residents. This is not an isolated instance.

Obviously, such trees can have long reaching impacts stretching decades into the future and can affect many properties quite a distance away. Their preservation is also very important from a Climate Emergency point of view, in their role of sequestering carbon as well as ascetics.

One possible way to reduce the need to fell large, mature trees might be a change of Planning Policy whereby, the impact of trees on or adjacent to planning application properties must be considered in depth where appropriate – perhaps something like a Bat Survey for Trees.

Can the Executive Member for Planning consider this or look at other ways to help to mitigate the need to fell mature trees?

102.3 Hawkedon;  
Winnersh

Eileen Kessel has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

**Question**

I am aware that residents are currently experiencing real issues with inconsiderate parking on Mill Lane, caused by motorists picking up children at Hawkedon School. Could the Executive Member for Highways and Transport set out what steps the Council can take to tackle this problem for people living in the area?

102.4 Maiden Erlegh

Norman Jorgensen has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

**Question**

Several areas of Wilderness Road in Earley were plagued with flooding at times of heavy rain and Wokingham Borough Council repaired sections of drains around Betchworth Avenue a couple of years ago. Residents at the Pepper Lane end of Wilderness Road still experienced flooding and the Council were investigating the reasons for this with the intention of fixing it. Please will you tell me how this is progressing?

**103.**

**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

**Matters for Consideration**

<b>104.</b>	None Specific	<b>COMMUNITY VISION AND CORPORATE PLAN REVIEW</b>	<b>29 - 34</b>
<b>105.</b>	None Specific	<b>HOUSING STRATEGY 2020 - 24</b>	<b>35 - 80</b>
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110.	None Specific	<b>HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY (5-16 YEARS) AND TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICY (16 YEARS + WITH SEND) CONSULTATION AND HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPEALS PROCESS UPDATE</b>	<b>159 - 206</b>
111.	None Specific	<b>WOKINGHAM SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2022/23</b>	<b>207 - 212</b>
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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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