



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of an **INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION** will be held virtually on **FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 1.00 PM**

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Susan Parsonage
Chief Executive
Published on 3 September 2020

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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.

For consideration by

John Halsall, Leader of the Council

Officers Present

Anne Hunter, Lead Democratic & Electoral Services Specialist

Callum Wernham, Democratic & Electoral Services Specialist

IMD NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	5 - 10
IMD 2020/11	None Specific	APPOINTMENT OF WOKINGHAM REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU	

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Agenda Item IMD11

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REFERENCE IMD: IMD 2020/11

TITLE	Appointment of Wokingham Representative to the Citizens Advice Bureau
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	.Leader of the Council - John Halsall
DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME	11 September 2020 Virtually at 1pm
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 Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Leader of the Council appoints a representative on behalf of WBC to the Citizens Advice Bureau for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year, from the nominations as set out in Appendix A to the report.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report outlines the need for WBC to appoint a representative to the CAB, and the benefits of doing so.

Background

After appointment at the Annual Council meeting on 16 June 2020, WBC's appointed representative, Jenny Cheng, had to resign the role due to other responsibilities and commitments. Subsequently, it was deemed vital to appoint a new WBC Member representative to the CAB for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

Citizens Advice Wokingham provides free, confidential and impartial advice for all members of the community regardless of race, gender, age, sexuality or disability. They help people resolve their problems including support with welfare benefits, debt, consumer issues, employment, housing, legal, relationship, tax, utilities, community care, education, health and immigration.

The CAB's aim is to ensure that individuals do not suffer through lack of knowledge of their rights and responsibilities or of the services available to them, or through an inability to express their needs effectively, and equally to exercise a responsible influence on the development of social policies and services both locally and nationally.

Business Case (including Analysis of Issues)

It is deemed vital that WBC has a Member voice from within the CAB, to ensure that the Council's priorities are met via a strong relationship with our partners. WBC has a long and established history of maintaining strong partner working relationships, and it is imperative that the strong relationship with CAB is maintained. This is especially vital given the Covid-19 pandemic, which has required an ever closer relationship between WBC and its partners. Moving forwards, strong partnerships will be vital in ensuring continued service delivery for our customers, especially those most in need of support.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe funding pressures, particularly in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	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	R
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£0	Yes	R
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£0	Yes	R

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

WBC works with the CAB on a range of issues, which effect a variety of Council services. Ensuring that WBC has a Member voice on the CAB is vital in efficient service delivery and strong partner working.

Public Sector Equality Duty
Due regard has been given to WBC's duties under the Equalities Act 2010

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
None

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Appendix A

Nominations for representation on The Citizens Advice Bureau for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year on behalf of Wokingham Borough Council

Conservative Group	Independent Group	Labour Group	Liberal Democrat Group
Emma Hobbs	Jim Frewin	Rachel Burgess	Caroline Smith

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