



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in the Council Chamber - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 29 JULY 2021 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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## 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
Graham Howe	Children's Services
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
Bill Soane	Neighbourhoods and Communities

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
13.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence	
14.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 24 June 2021.	7 - 28
15.		<b>STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF COUNCIL</b>	
16.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest	
17.		<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>	
17.1	None Specific	Pamela Jenkinson has asked the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Communities the following question:  <b>Question</b> Would you please confirm that Cranstoun, who are to	

replace Berkshire Women's Aid's refuges for abused women, actually have refuges available in Wokingham, ready for the changeover of funding and services, in order to ensure the safeguarding of the vulnerable women, concerned?

17.2 None Specific

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

**Question**

This time last year I was party to a group complaint, submitted by 76 Wokingham residents, about your conduct with regards your statement, comments and posts about Black Lives Matter and the tragic murders in Reading. The complaint was first mislaid, then mixed up with other similar individual complaints and generally mis-handled. Finally, part of the resolution was you would under-go training about the key messages of your equality policy. When did that happen, and what did you learn?

17.3 None Specific

Kiran Nar has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

The Sewell report claims that there is no racism in the UK and last week we saw this was a lie following the appalling response from racists towards black footballers. We know racism exists and continues to exist in all walks of life including in Wokingham Borough. It has been over a year since I made a formal complaint relating to WBC's response to BLM and your response was that Equality is hardwired in WBC's DNA and you were committed to equality. I note today that there is a no team leading equality initiatives anymore, the BME Forum has been disbanded and there has been no real commitment to understand the lives and experience of 155,000 of the non- white population in WBC. What are you really doing to foster good community relationships and eliminate racism in the Borough?

17.4 None Specific

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

**Question**

The Black residents of Wokingham are suffering from the weight of discrimination they endure in their daily lives, going about their business of living and working in Wokingham. What contact have you had with representatives from the Black community of WBC and what tangible or practical action have you taken to

assuage these discriminations?

18.

**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.

18.1 Arborfield; Hurst; Shinfield North; Shinfield South; Winnersh

Jackie Rance has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement the following question:

**Question**

Could the Executive Member for Planning, please tell me how many houses have been granted planning permission in the past 10 years for the Wards of Hurst, Shinfield, Arborfield and Winnersh?

18.2 None Specific

Rachel Bishop-Firth has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

**Question**

How many public health funerals has Wokingham Borough arranged during the last two years, ensuring that all residents are treated with dignity in death even if they or their relatives cannot afford a funeral?

**Matters for Consideration**

19.	None Specific	<b>REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FY2021/22 - QUARTER ONE</b>	<b>29 - 42</b>
20.	None Specific	<b>CAPITAL MONITORING 2021/22 - QUARTER 1</b>	<b>43 - 50</b>
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22.	None Specific	<b>COMMERCIALISATION STRATEGY</b>	<b>65 - 90</b>
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24.	None Specific	<b>INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY</b>	<b>103 - 114</b>
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<b>30.</b>	None Specific	<b>CARBON CAPTURE VIA THE PLANTING OF 250,000 NEW TREES</b>	<b>299 - 304</b>

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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