



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in the Council Chamber - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 5.30 PM**

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

Susan Parsonage
Chief Executive
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Note: Although non-Committee Members and members of the public are entitled to attend the meeting in person, space is very limited due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. You can however participate in this meeting virtually, in line with the Council's Constitution. If you wish to participate either in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams please contact Democratic Services. The meeting can also be watched live using the following link:
<https://youtu.be/DjJ20s2nR04>

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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
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

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94.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
95.		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 27 January 2022.	7 - 22
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97.	None Specific	STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF COUNCIL To receive a statement from the Leader of Council	
98.		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	
99.		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

99.1 None Specific

Jim Frewin has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement the following question:

Question

A number of videos and other communications have been recently released by Executive members, aimed at relieving some of the concerns and anxiety residents have with regards to the Local Plan update. One of the main resident concerns is the potential impact additional traffic might have on the local highway systems.

To help local Councillors assist in managing some of the residents' Local Plan anxieties will the Executive Member kindly provide access to the detail and cost of the traffic modelling analysis undertaken in reaching the Local Plan recommendations?

99.2 Arborfield;
Barkham

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

Question

In a recent article in the Bracknell News Cllr Wayne Smith, when questioned about a proposed site for 270 houses on Council owned land in Barkham explained: "We are required to assess all land promoted for development as part of the local plan process".

Cllr Wayne Smith also said "We are required to assess all land promoted for development as part of the local plan process" but he did add that "the Council wants a majority of new homes to be built in the so-called 'Hall Farm / Loddon Valley' major development in Arborfield" – a location where 2,200 homes could be built by 2037/38 which is the end of the plan period.

If the Council needs to build 2200 houses to meet its housing needs in Hall Farm/Loddon Valley by 2038 yet their draft LPU consultation plan is to build 4500+ houses at Hall Farm meaning many Wokingham residents in the South of the Borough will be forced to live in a building site up to the year 2057 or longer.

From today that is 35 years away. All on the banks of a river that has a history of flooding and under the shadow of a Category A dam at Bearwood Lakes in a climate emergency.

Why do you plan for 2200 houses in the local plan update but consult on 4500+ houses?

Matters for Consideration

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Executive may exclude the press and public in order to discuss the Part 2 sheets of Agenda Item 107 above and to do so it must pass a resolution in the following terms:

That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) as appropriate.

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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