



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in Council
Chamber - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN
on **WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

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 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors

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| Pauline Helliar-Symons (Chairman) | Alison Swaddle (Vice-Chairman) | Sam Akhtar |
| Rachel Burgess | Paul Fishwick | Jim Frewin |
| Guy Grandison | Norman Jorgensen | Sarah Kerr |
| Rebecca Margetts | Jackie Rance | Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey |

Substitutes

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| Keith Baker | Chris Bowring | Anne Chadwick |
| Jenny Cheng | Stephen Conway | Peter Dennis |
| Gary Cowan | Carl Doran | Lindsay Ferris |
| Barrie Patman | Simon Weeks | Vacancy |

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| 76. | | APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 77. | | MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2022. | 5 - 16 |
| 78. | | DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest. | |
| 79. | | 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 this Committee. Subject to meeting certain timescales, questions can relate to general issues concerned with the work of the Committee 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 | |
| 80. | | MEMBER QUESTION TIME To answer any Member questions. | |
| 81. | None Specific | ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY 2022-26 To consider an update on the Borough's Anti-Poverty Strategy and Year 1 Action Plan. | 17 - 44 |

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| 82. | None Specific | EQUALITY PLAN UPDATE To consider an update on the Council's Equality Plan and the supporting Action Plans. | 45 - 58 |
| 83. | None Specific | CUSTOMER EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME To consider an update on the Council's Customer Excellence Programme. | 59 - 64 |
| 84. | None Specific | OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS To consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Reports prior to their submission to Council in March 2022. | 65 - 84 |
| 85. | None Specific | CONSIDERATION OF THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE FORWARD PROGRAMME To consider the current published version of the Executive Forward Programme. | 85 - 92 |
| 86. | None Specific | COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMMES To discuss the work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committees | 93 - 102 |
| 87. | None Specific | ACTION TRACKER REPORT To consider the latest Action Tracker report. | 103 - 106 |

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

A Supplementary Agenda will be issued by the Chief Executive if there are any other items to consider under this heading.

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