



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **AUDIT COMMITTEE** will be held in David Hicks 1 - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

Susan Parsonage
Chief Executive

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Our Vision
<i>A great place to live, learn, work and grow and a great place to do business</i>
Enriching Lives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion excellent 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 enable healthy choices for everyone. • Engage and empower our communities through arts and culture and create a sense of identity for the Borough which people feel part of. • Support growth in our local economy and help to build business.
Providing Safe and Strong Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and safeguard our children, young and vulnerable people. • Offer quality care and support, at the right time, to reduce the need for long term care. • Nurture our communities: enabling them to thrive and families to flourish. • Ensure our Borough and communities remain safe for all.
Enjoying a Clean and Green Borough
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play as full a role as possible to achieve a carbon neutral Borough, sustainable for the future. • Protect our Borough, keep it clean and enhance our green areas for people to enjoy. • Reduce our waste, promote re-use, increase recycling and improve biodiversity. • Connect our parks and open spaces with green cycleways.
Delivering the Right Homes in the Right Places
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer quality, affordable, sustainable homes fit for the future. • Ensure the right infrastructure is in place, early, 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, where it is needed most, to live independently in their own homes.
Keeping the Borough Moving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and improve our roads, footpaths and cycleways. • Tackle traffic congestion and 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 in offering affordable, accessible public transport with good transport links.
Changing the Way We Work for You
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be relentlessly customer focussed. • Work with our partners to provide efficient, effective, joined up services which are focussed around our customers. • Communicate better with customers, 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.
Be the Best We Can Be
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an organisation that values and invests in all our colleagues and is seen as an employer of choice. • Embed a culture that supports ambition, promotes empowerment and develops new ways of working. • Use our governance and scrutiny structures to support a learning and continuous improvement approach to the way we do business. • Be a commercial council that is innovative, whilst being inclusive, in its approach with a clear focus on being financially resilient. • Maximise opportunities to secure funding and investment for the Borough. • Establish a renewed vision for the Borough with clear aspirations.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors

Rachel Burgess (Chair)
Peter Harper
Mike Smith

Maria Gee (Vice-Chair)
John Kaiser

David Davies
Tahir Maher

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45.		APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence	
46.		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 November 2022.	5 - 14
47.		DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest	
48.		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	
49.		MEMBER QUESTION TIME To answer any member questions	
50.	None Specific	UPDATE ON 2020/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS To receive an update on the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts.	Verbal Report
51.	None Specific	WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL AUDIT PLANNING REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 To receive the Wokingham Borough Council Audit planning report year ended 31 March 2022.	15 - 68
52.	None Specific	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER REVIEW To consider the Corporate Risk Register Review.	69 - 100

53.	None Specific	AUDIT COMMITTEE EFFECTIVENESS AND ACTION PLAN To consider a report regarding Audit Committee effectiveness and action plan.	101 - 128
54.	None Specific	LEARNING FROM COUNCILS WITH SEVERE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES To receive a report regarding learning from Councils with severe financial challenges.	129 - 140
55.	None Specific	TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023-2026 To consider the Treasury Management Strategy 2023-26.	141 - 192

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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