



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

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

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

Clive Jones	Leader of Council and Business and Economic Development
Stephen Conway	Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Housing
Rachel Bishop-Firth	Equalities, Inclusion and Fighting Poverty
Prue Bray	Children's Services
Lindsay Ferris	Planning and Local Plan
Paul Fishwick	Active Travel, Transport and Highways
David Hare	Health and Wellbeing and Adult Services
Sarah Kerr	Climate Emergency and Resident Services
Ian Shenton	Environment, Sport and Leisure
Imogen Shepherd-DuBey	Finance

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26.		<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
27.		<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b></p> <p>To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 July 2022 and of the 22 March 2022 Extraordinary Meeting.</p>	9 - 34
28.		<p><b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any non-registrable interests relevant to any matters to be considered at the meeting.</p>	
29.		<p><b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</b></p> <p>To answer any public questions</p> <p>A period of 30 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions submitted under notice.</p> <p>The Council welcomes questions from members of the public about the work of the Executive.</p> <p>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></p>	
29.1	Arborfield	<p>Jan Heard has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Local Plan the following question:</p>	

**Question**

A recent discussion with officials from the University of Reading made clear that the university is still very much focusing on the plan to build 4,500 houses at Hall Farm. At what point will Wokingham Borough Council make clear to the university that this plan is unacceptable to the Council?

29.2 None Specific

Paul Stevens has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

Can the Executive Leader confirm the determination of where the houses in the Local Plan Update (LPU) are to go is a political decision - not an officer decision and that the officers are doing what the politicians want them to do?

29.3 None Specific

Robin Cops has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

The Arc is being funded by donations collected by the charity Arts4Wokingham as a gift to Wokingham Borough. The charity exists to advance arts and culture for the public benefit. Do you anticipate that the Council will positively support the installation of more public art in the future across the borough and particularly amongst the new housing developments, which will enable more people to have access to free art on their doorstep?

29.4 None Specific

Charlotte Haitham Taylor has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

The landmark sculpture entitled, The Arc will capture and depict stories from the current community of Wokingham borough and share them with the future people of Wokingham borough and beyond. It is a custom work that will embed the essence of Wokingham through words and audible stories. Do you think that there is anything that Wokingham Borough Council can do, in partnership with Arts4Wokingham, who are commissioning this work, to continue to engage the public locally, and specifically to understand the impact of The Arc on communities within the borough?

30.

**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.

30.1 None Specific

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

**Question**

A question about the Councils Planning Enforcement Service was asked some years ago and as a direct result of the question Cllr John Kaiser authorised an INDEPENDENT investigation into Planning enforcement.

This was carried out by John Silvester Associates and their 43 page report, dated 4th September 2013 and can be found [here](#).

As part of the consultation the Council carried out a public consultation and the comments from Officers, Public, Ward Members, and Parish Councillors are included in a separate sheet which is available upon request from Democratic Services. It included a lengthy comment from the Leader of the Council.

The outcome was that Enforcement became a much improved service thanks to Cllr. John Kaiser's initiative.

My question is would the Planning Department, if subjected to a similar independent public inquiry, offer a better service to our residents?

30.2

Laura Blumenthal has asked the Executive Member for Climate Emergency and Resident Services the following question:

**Question**

How will you measure the success of White Ribbon accreditation?

**Matters for Consideration**

31.	None Specific	<b>PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER</b>	<b>35 - 48</b>
32.	None Specific	<b>VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS, WOKINGHAM RESPONSE TO NATIONAL STRATEGY AND STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS (NSE)</b>	<b>49 - 54</b>
33.	None Specific	<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT 21-22</b>	<b>55 - 60</b>

34.	None Specific	<b>LOCAL BUS SERVICES</b>	<b>61 - 68</b>
35.	None Specific	<b>PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF SUPPLIED BLUE REFUSE BAGS TO PROPERTIES IN THE BOROUGH FROM FEBRUARY 2023</b>	<b>69 - 76</b>
36.	None Specific	<b>CEASING THE SUPPLY OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC FOOD CADDY LINERS</b>	<b>77 - 80</b>
37.	Wescott	<b>TWYFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION AND FUTURE EXAMINATION</b>	<b>81 - 270</b>
38.	Finchampstead North; Finchampstead South; Wokingham Without	<b>FINCHAMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION AND FUTURE EXAMINATION</b>	<b>271 - 284</b>
39.	None Specific	<b>OFF STREET CAR PARK CHARGES</b>	<b>285 - 290</b>
40.	Wescott	<b>CARNIVAL HUB PUBLIC REALM ART INSTALLATION</b>	<b>291 - 296</b>
41.	None Specific	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND GUIDANCE</b>	<b>297 - 330</b>
42.	None Specific	<b>ENERGY CONTRACT PROCUREMENT</b> Report to follow.	
43.	None Specific	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS AND DISABILITY SUFFICIENCY AND SAFETY VALVE PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>331 - 356</b>
44.	None Specific	<b>COMMISSIONED SERVICES FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF CARERS</b>	<b>357 - 382</b>
45.	None Specific	<b>REPROCUREMENT OF BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT SERVICE</b>	<b>383 - 414</b>

**46.** **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 34, 42, 44 and 45 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).

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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