



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM**

Susan Parsonage  
Chief Executive  
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Note: Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting or participate in the 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/jSQhZiBR3-E>

This meeting will be filmed for inclusion on the Council's website.

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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

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
60.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence.	
61.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2022.	7 - 16
62.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> 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.	
63.		<b>STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER</b> To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council.	
64.		<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>	
64.1	Arborfield	Colin Watts has asked the Executive Member for	

Planning and Local Plan the following question:

**Question:**

Wokingham Borough Council recently published the 250 page LPU: Report on Initial Consultation Outcomes document. Page 20 of this document states that "A local MP supported the identification of a new garden village at Hall Farm / Loddon Valley, particularly its links to the Thames Valley Science Park." Most people I have spoken to assumed that Sir John Redwood was the MP referred to, but he has confirmed that he did not make this statement. For the sake of transparency and accountability, please advise which MP made this statement and can the Initial Consultation Outcomes document be amended to state the name of the MP?

64.2 None Specific

Wayne Cannon has asked the Executive Member for Environment, Sport and Leisure the following question:

**Question:**

Lower Earley has around 31,000 people as residents. The only recognised football club in Lower Earley is Laurel Park [by recognised I mean offers football at all age group from under 7s to under 18s for girls and boys]

The club supports its local community. Why are we now forced to use training facilities away from our area in places such as Woodley Wokingham to name a few and offer training at times that no one else wants ie 2100 - 2200 hours [when kids should be at home]

The local residents should be supporting the club and in offering the best for their community. Clubs that are far smaller in areas with much less people have better options than we currently do and this needs to improve for the future of the club and all involved.

64.3 Maiden Erlegh

Rich Jarvis has asked the Executive Member for Environment, Sport and Leisure the following question:

**Question**

I would like to open that I am very much fully behind the introduction of the proposed 3G pitch at Maiden Erlegh and believe it will bring many benefits to the community. I've lived in Earley for most of my adult and family life and have seen the positive impact sport has had on our neighbouring communities, such as Woodford park (new 3G pitch).

I am currently a police officer where I've served 20 years and also recognise the positive impact sport and

sporting facilities have on children's and teenagers lives.

I am very concerned on the negativity this project is getting from so called local residents. I for one am local to it (7 min walk away).

Just looking back to the recent pandemic, one thing that helped all of us and everyone's mental health was sport and activities. Children living in Earley need a voice and feel that if they were allowed to, most would vote hugely in favour of this project.

My question is how would you promote the 3G pitch within the community and get it to work in harmony with the school?

64.4 None Specific

Andy Bailey has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Local Plan the following question:

**Question:**

Given the state of the economy and the dire economical outlook, does WBC intend to 'borrow forwards' to enable infrastructure to be built in good time to support developments arising from the revised Local Plan ?

65.

**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

65.1 None Specific

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

**Question:**

Can the Exec Member for Planning explain the relationship to conditions placed on planning applications at their inception and their eventual sign off. Is there a scheme or time frame to ensure their compliance?

66.

**MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE**

To consider any items referred to the Executive.

**Matters for Consideration**

67. None Specific

**DRAFT TREE STRATEGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

17 - 102

68. None Specific

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE, AND  
BERKSHIRE WEST INTEGRATED CARE  
PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE**

**103 - 118**

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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