



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Parsonage', written in a cursive style.

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 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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69.		<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 24 November 2022.</p>	7 - 16
70.		<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS 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>	
71.		<p>STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council.</p>	
72.		<p>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME 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 www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions</p>	
72.1	None Specific	<p>Mel Horton has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:</p>	

Question:

How many adults with learning disabilities combined with mobility needs are on the waiting list/ have requested accommodation that the council has been unable to fulfil, for Supported Living Accommodation in Wokingham as of 1st Jan 2023?

72.2 Emmbrook

Keith Malvern has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

Question

An outline planning application (211777 valid on the 8th of June 2021) for up to 130 residential units and a 70 bed care home was approved, subject to conditions, at the end of last year. How much money has the Borough Council spent on this proposal before the application was submitted and since then?

72.3 None Specific

Juliet Sherratt has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

Question

Please can you tell me what provision will be made for children on Free School Meals during the school holidays in 2023, after Easter? I am aware that the government is continuing to fund the HAF programme, but will the FSM lunch vouchers be government funded? If not, will the council continue to fund them?

73.

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

73.1 None Specific

Gary Cowan has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

Does Wokingham Borough Staff have access to Welfare Support Services or to an Employee Assistance Provider (EAP) or any other such service that are not available to elected Councillors?

73.2

Charles Margetts has asked the Executive Member for Planning and Local Plan the following question:

Question

The only way to control development in the Borough is to create a Local Plan. The Liberal Democrat led coalition put the Local Plan on hold when it took control of the Council last year. In Council late last year you stated a timetable for a new Plan would appear in 2023. Please can you advise when this will appear and when you expect it to be completed?

73.3 Maiden Erlegh

Norman Jorgensen has asked the Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport and Highways the following question:

Question

The footbridge over the railway and A329M beside Earley station is an important link between Earley and Woodley. What are the plans to ensure this remains available?

73.4 None Specific

Alison Swaddle has asked the Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport and Highways the following question:

Question

How does the Council propose to continue the current level of road maintenance residents expect if there is not to be increased provision in the Budget?

74.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Executive may exclude the press and public in order to discuss the exempt information contained in Appendix 2 of Agenda Item 74.2 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 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person,

including the authority holding that information) 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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