



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30 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

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
76.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence.	
77.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 26 January 2023.	7 - 18
78.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</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.	
79.		<b>STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER</b> To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council.	
80.		<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>	
80.1	Arborfield;	Colin Watts has asked the Executive Member for	

Shinfield North;  
Shinfield South

Active Travel, Transport & Highways the following question:

**Question:**

The impact of the major housebuilding in the Arborfield and Shinfield areas in recent years is now directly affecting traffic in the mornings from Arborfield, through Sindlesham and on to Winnersh. For example, most mornings traffic is backed up from the Hatch Farm Way/King Street junction underneath the M4, back to the Reading FC training ground on Mole Road. On bad days the traffic queue can reach even closer to Arborfield Village and we have examples where it has been quicker to walk the 40 minutes from our home to Winnersh Railway station, rather than travel by car. What traffic management actions can the council undertake in such circumstances to reduce the environmental impact of the queuing traffic and the significant inconvenience to drivers caused by the delays encountered?

81.

**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

81.1 None Specific

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

**Question:**

The Executive Member last February in answer to my question on Hall Farm stated that "As you are aware, no new homes or jobs would be located within areas at risk of flooding, nor would development have an impact on the communities further downstream.

The consideration of flooding has been a key consideration from the outset of the master planning analysis, with a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment also undertaken".

As 12 months have gone past my question is can you now show this Council the SFRA's associated with Hall Farm, Ashridge, South of Wokingham and any other large potential developments being evaluated as part of the ongoing process.

81.2 Arborfield

Charles Margetts has asked the Executive Member for

Children's Services the following question:

**Question:**

Please can you update me on progress with the new sixth form, extra year 7 places and extra send provision planned for Bohunt school. How is it progressing and when will it open?

81.3 Finchampstead North;  
Finchampstead South

Peter Harper has asked the Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport & Highways the following question:

**Question:**

Considering the significance of the project to change the layout of the California Crossroads and the impact on my residents, will the Executive member for highways commit to holding a meeting in the near future with the members for Finchampstead North and Finchampstead South to provide a full briefing on the proposed works, the likely schedule, the estimated costs and the current status of the tendering process?

81.4 None Specific

Alison Swaddle has asked the Executive Member for Finance the following question:

**Question:**

You have previously criticised the former Conservative administration for using reserves in the aftermath of a global pandemic. If that action was wrong, why are you using reserves to balance this Budget?

82.

**MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE**

**Matters for Consideration**

83.	None Specific	<b>HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2023/24</b>	<b>19 - 28</b>
84.	None Specific	<b>CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND STRATEGY 2023-2026</b>	<b>29 - 60</b>
85.	None Specific	<b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023-2026</b>	<b>61 - 112</b>
86.	None Specific	<b>MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023-2026 INCLUDING REVENUE BUDGET SUBMISSION 2023/24</b>	<b>113 - 306</b>
87.	None Specific	<b>SELECTION OF THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED REGISTERED PROVIDERS</b>	<b>307 - 346</b>
88.	None Specific	<b>CONTRACT FOR LEGAL ADVICE FOR ADULTS &amp; CHILDREN'S SERVICES</b>	<b>347 - 364</b>

89. None Specific **CONTRACTED BUS SERVICES** **365 - 376**

90. **TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS FROM THE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

91. **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 89. 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 and press 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) 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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