



# WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW  
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** will be held in  
David Hicks 1 - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40  
1B Non **WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

Susan Parsonage  
Chief Executive  
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The role of Overview and Scrutiny is to provide independent “critical friend” challenge and to work with the Council’s Executive and other public service providers for the benefit of the public. The Committee considers submissions from a range of sources and reaches conclusions based on the weight of evidence – not on party political grounds.

**Note:** Non-Committee Members and 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 viewed live using the following link:  
<https://youtube.com/live/CaHlruPybz8?feature=share>

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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>

## **Appendix Acronyms**

CPD	Continuous Professional Development
EYFS	Early Years Foundations Stage
FGB	Full Governing Body
KS1	Key Stage 1
KS2	Key Stage 2
MAT	Multi Academy Trust
NLE	National Leader of Education
NLG	National Leader of Governance
RI	Requires Improvement
RSC	Regional Schools Commissioner
SDP	School Development Plan
SEF	Self Evaluation Form
SIB	School Improvement Board
SIO	School Improvement Officer
SLT	Senior Leadership Team
TSA	Teaching School Alliance
WLP	Wokingham Learning Partnership

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### Councillors

Andrew Mickleburgh (Chair)  
Anne Chadwick  
Andrew Gray

Jane Ainslie  
Graham Howe

Ian Pittock (Vice-Chair)  
Phil Cunnington

### Substitutes

Pauline Helliard-Symons  
Chris Johnson  
Michael Firmager

Morag Malvern  
Alison Swaddle

Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey  
Tony Skuse

### Parent Governor Representatives

Vacancy, Parent Governor Representative  
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### Diocesan Representatives

Richard Lamey, Church of England Representative  
Vacancy, Roman Catholic Representative

### Community Representatives

Sarah Clarke, SEND Voices Wokingham

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
71.		<b>APOLOGIES</b> To receive any apologies for absence.	
72.		<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2024.	7 - 20
73.		<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest.	
74.		<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 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](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions)

<b>75.</b>		<b>MEMBER QUESTION TIME</b> To answer any member questions.	
<b>76.</b>	None Specific	<b>OFSTED FOCUS VISIT</b> To consider the Ofsted report which will be published on 20 March 2024.  The report will be available in the following link: <a href="#">Wokingham Borough Council - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted</a>	<b>Verbal Report</b>
<b>77.</b>	None Specific	<b>SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING STRATEGY</b> To receive and consider the School Place Planning Strategy report.	<b>21 - 48</b>
<b>78.</b>	None Specific	<b>SAFETY VALVE &amp; SEND IMPROVEMENT</b> To receive a presentation containing information about the progress of the Safety Valve Programme and the SEND Improvement Plan.	<b>49 - 60</b>
<b>79.</b>	None Specific	<b>KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b> To receive and consider the Children's Services Key Performance Indicators.	<b>61 - 74</b>
<b>80.</b>	None Specific	<b>EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE</b> To receive a verbal update from the Executive Member for Children's Services.	<b>Verbal Report</b>
<b>81.</b>	None Specific	<b>COUNCIL OWNED CHILDREN'S HOMES</b> To receive a report containing information about the Council Owned Children's Homes.	<b>Verbal Report</b>
<b>82.</b>	None Specific	<b>EDUCATION UPDATE</b> To consider a report giving details of schools and education performance in the borough.	<b>75 - 82</b>
<b>83.</b>	None Specific	<b>FORWARD PROGRAMME</b> To consider the Committee's Forward Programme of work.	<b>83 - 86</b>
<b>84.</b>	None Specific	<b>ACTION TRACKER</b> To consider the regular Action Tracker report.	<b>87 - 90</b>
<b>85.</b>		<b>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC</b> 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) as appropriate.

86. None Specific

**SCHOOLS CAUSING CONCERN – PART 2**

**91 - 96**

A report containing details of schools causing concern will be considered in a Part 2 session.

**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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