



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **CLIMATE EMERGENCY OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** will be held in
David Hicks 1 - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40
1B Non **THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

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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 CLIMATE EMERGENCY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillors

Andy Croy (Chair)
Norman Jorgensen
Ian Pittock

Chris Johnson (Vice-Chair)
Graham Howe
Charles Margetts

Michael Firmager
Catherine Glover
Alistair Neal

Substitutes

Andrew Mickleburgh
Andrew Gray
Laura Blumenthal

Jane Ainslie
Pauline Helliard-Symons
Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey

Anne Chadwick
Clive Jones
Shahid Younis

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39		DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest.	
40		PUBLIC QUESTION TIME 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	
41		MEMBER QUESTION TIME To answer any Member questions.	
42	None Specific	CLIMATE EMERGENCY BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT & GREEN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT To scrutinise progress on business engagement and green skills development activities within the CEAP.	11 - 20
43	None Specific	PROCUREMENT UPDATE To consider an update on progress against the Procurement related elements of the CEAP.	21 - 30
44	None Specific	ACTION TRACKER To consider the regular Action Tracker report.	31 - 34

- 45** None Specific **WORK PROGRAMME**
To consider items for inclusion in the Committee's work programme for 2024/25.
- 46** Barkham **BARKHAM SOLAR FARM UPDATE** **35 - 54**
To scrutinise an update on the Business Case for the Barkham Solar Farm.
- 47** **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for parts of the previous item 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.

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