



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the **SCHOOLS FORUM** will be held virtually
ON WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2024 AT 10.00 AM

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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 SCHOOLS FORUM

Schools Representatives	
Maintained Schools	
Carol Simpson	School Business Manager - Colleton Primary
Liz Woodards	School Business Manager – Hawkedon Primary
Nicky Taylor Dickens	Headteacher – Willow Bank Infant
Amanda Woodfin	Headteacher - Bulmershe School
Academies	
Julia Mead	School Business Manager - St Sebastian's CE Primary (The Keys Academy Trust)
Phil Sherwood	Primary Academy Head - Sonning Cof E Primary (The Keys Academy Trust)
Brian Prebble - Chairman	Primary Academy Head – Rivermead Primary (Bellevue Place Education Trust)
Corrina Gillard	Primary Academy Head – Emmbrook Infant (The Circle Trust)
Derren Gray	Academy Head - The Piggott School (The Agape Multi-Academy Trust)
Andy Hinchliff	Academy Head - St Crispin's School (The Circle Trust)
Jenny Comber	Academy Head - Bohunt School (Bohunt Education Trust)
Shirley Austin	Academy Head - The Forest School (The Forest School Academy Trust)
Debra Briault – Vice-Chairman	Secondary Academy School Representative (The Circle Trust)
Vacancy (x3)	Academy Primary School
Special Schools	
Sara Attra	Special School Head - Addington School
Iain Thomas	PRU Head – Foundry College
Early Years	
Kerrie Clifford	Nursery Head - Ambleside Centre (Maintained)
Ian Morgan	Early Years Representative
Wokingham Borough Council	
Ian Pittock	Wokingham Borough Council
Ming Zhang	Assistant Director for Education and SEND
Post 16 Education	
Paul Gibson	Headteacher - Maiden Erlegh School

Schools Forum Task and Finish Groups Membership

Schools Block

Derren Gray - Head Piggott School (Chair)

Brian Prebble - Head Rivermead Primary

Corrina Gillard - Head Emmbrook Infant

Chris Coniam – School Business Manager Bulmershe School

Carol Simpson - School Business Manager Colleton Primary

Julia Mead – Chief Finance Officer Keys Academy Trust

Margaret Lucey – School Business Manager All Saints Primary

High Needs Block

Corrina Gillard - Head Emmbrook Infant

Sara Attra - Head Addington Special School

Raj Arava - School Business Manager Foundry College

Debra Briault – Chief Operating Officer Circle Trust

Early Years

Ian Morgan - Director Little Ducklings Day Nursery

Kerrie Clifford - Head Ambleside Nursery

Karen Edwards - Manager Acorns Day Nursery

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24		MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December 2023.	7 - 12
25		DECLARATION OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest.	
26	None Specific	2023-24 REVENUE MONITORING REPORT To receive and consider a report containing details of the schools current financial position.	13 - 16
27	None Specific	SOLAR ENERGY REPORT To discuss the issue of solar energy charges to schools.	To Follow
28	None Specific	INCLUSION FUNDING To receive and consider the Inclusion Funding verbal report.	Verbal Report
29	None Specific	2023-24 HIGH NEEDS BLOCK BUDGET UPDATE To receive and consider the 2023-24 High Needs Block Budget Update report.	17 - 22
30	None Specific	2024-25 PROPOSED SCHOOLS BLOCK BUDGET SUBMISSION To receive and consider the 2024-25 Proposed Schools Block Budget Submission report.	23 - 28
31	None Specific	2024-25 FINAL CENTRAL SCHOOL SERVICES BLOCK (CSSB) To receive and consider the 2024-25 Final Central School Services Block report.	29 - 34
32	None Specific	2024-25 DRAFT EARLY YEARS BUDGET To receive and consider a report giving details of the Draft Early Years Budget.	35 - 40
33	None Specific	FORWARD PROGRAMME To consider the Forums work programme for the remainder of the academic year.	41 - 42

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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