



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

An Extraordinary meeting of the **EXECUTIVE** will be held in David Hicks 1 - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

Susan Parsonage
Chief Executive
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Note: Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting or participate in the meeting virtually, in accordance 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 watched live using the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/CIW4V6OdLI?feature=share>

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Our Vision

A great place to live, learn, work and grow and a great place to do business

Enriching Lives

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

Stephen Conway	Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Housing
Prue Bray	Deputy Leader and Children's Services
Rachel Bishop-Firth	Equalities, Inclusion and Fighting Poverty
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
Clive Jones	Business and Economic Development
Ian Shenton	Environment, Sport and Leisure
Imogen Shepherd-DuBey	Finance

ITEM NO.	WARD	SUBJECT	PAGE NO.
34.		<p>APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
35.		<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>	
36.		<p>STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER</p>	
37.		<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>	
37.1	None Specific	<p>Chris Roberts asked the Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:</p> <p>Question: Many families, such as my own have profoundly</p>	

disabled, children. The Respite of Specialist College Placements, such as Newbury allow us to remain together as a family unit. If the Executive force through this short-sighted proposal, then it will become a Pyrrhic Victory of monumental proportions.

Many young people will no longer be able to attend their college courses and will remain at home with their family carers 24/7, the sheer pressure will lead to family breakdowns and considerable additional work for your Social Worker Teams.

From a financial perspective the weekly Residential Care Costs for a young person with complex and profound needs ranges from £5,000 to over £8,500 per week. You may save £500,000+ on your Transport Budget, but your Adult Social Care Budget would have increased exponentially, through Social Worker and emergency placement costs, whilst your Residential Care Costs will go up by millions more!

Please listen to the parents, who continue to care for our disabled young people at home. The only result of this policy will be to break-up families, cause heartbreak and confusion for the disabled, whilst costing the Council Millions more in Residential Placement Costs. Is this something you really want to do?

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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.

Matters for Consideration

39. None Specific

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT - REVISED POLICY

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A decision sheet will be available for inspection on the website no later than two working days after the meeting.

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