

COUNCIL MOTIONS – 2019/21

Submitted by and date		Council Date	Motion	Progress
S Kerr	5.19	18.7.19	Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) of the Equalities Act 2010	Equality Impact Assessments included in key decision reports. Training for newly elected Members as part of the post-election induction. Training session on equalities is being developed for Members in 2022 as part of the Member Training Programme
J Halsall	5.19	18.7.19	Climate Emergency Declaration	Climate Emergency Action Plan in place and reported annually to the O&S Management Committee and Council
W Smith	5.19	18.7.19	Housing Needs – Council opposes any housing need calculation above demographic growth	Ongoing lobbying of the Government over the Borough's housing numbers
K Baker	5.19	18.7.19	Anti-Semitic Sentiments	Ongoing – the Motion stated: "Council abhors any attack on individual groups, including our Jewish residents, and commits to lend support to anyone attempting to drive out such anti-Semitic views..."
P Fishwick	7.19	19.9.19	Introduction of Low Emissions Transport Strategy	Low Emissions Strategy is under development
C Jones	7.20	23.07.20	Political leadership to challenge Government targets for increased housing in the Borough	Ongoing lobbying of the Government over the Borough's housing numbers

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G Murray	7.20	23.07.20	Single use plastics are eliminated from all Council operations	Removal of disposable plastic cups from vending machines, kitchen areas and Council meeting rooms
S Kerr	2.20	23.07.20	Air pollution reduction – including increased monitoring, vehicle idling and active travel	Actions set out in the Climate Emergency Action Plan – reported annually to the O&S Management Committee and Council
R Burgess	7.20	17.09.20	This Council will adopt the Council Tax protocol agreed by Citizens Advice and the LGA during municipal year 2020/21	To be confirmed
R Bishop-Firth	2.20	17.09.20	Publish a review of the how the Council can best mitigate the effects of Brexit on local EU-National residents	To be confirmed
P Helliars-Symons	2.20	17.09.20	Sprinkler policy centred on WBC schools	To be confirmed
I Shenton	9.21	18.11.21	Declaration of an Ecological Emergency	Referred to Tree Protection & Biodiversity Task & Finish Group to examine the benefits of formally declaring an ecological emergency and the actions set out in the Motion. This will be reported back to a future full Council Meeting
G Murray	9.21	18.11.21	Tree Cities of the World status	Application for Tree Cities of the World status to be submitted following completion of the eight actions set out in the Motion
D Hare	10.21	18.11.21	White Ribbon UK Accreditation	Referred to Equalities Working Group and then considered at January 2022 Council meeting. Council resolved that: 1) Council explore how it can improve communications to residents on what it is doing to support domestic violence victims;

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				<p>2) Council Officers explore whether there is a more comprehensive accreditation to certify at which level the Council is performing when it comes to domestic violence provision and provide a report on their findings to a meeting of the Executive;</p> <p>3) the Leader of the Council write to the Home Secretary in support of making public sexual harassment a specific offence and impress the need for wider cultural change, and write to the four MPs that cover Wokingham Borough and the PCC to encourage them to also support this;</p> <p>4) the Executive Member for Children's Services write to local schools on how they are upholding the Department for Education's September 2021 "Keeping Children Safe in Education" policy on public sexual harassment.</p>

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