

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON 19 MAY 2022 FROM 7.00 PM TO 9.42 PM

### Members Present

Councillors: Caroline Smith (Mayor), Beth Rowland (Deputy Mayor), Sam Akhtar, Keith Baker, Parry Batth, Rachel Bishop-Firth, Laura Blumenthal, Chris Bowring, Shirley Boyt, Prue Bray, Rachel Burgess, Anne Chadwick, Stephen Conway, David Cornish, Gary Cowan, Andy Croy, Phil Cunningham, David Davies, Peter Dennis, Lindsay Ferris, Michael Firmager, Paul Fishwick, John Halsall, Jim Frewin, Maria Gee, David Hare, Peter Harper, Pauline Helliard-Symons, Graham Howe, Chris Johnson Johnson, Clive Jones, Norman Jorgensen, Pauline Jorgensen, John Kaiser, Sarah Kerr, Abdul Loyes, Tahir Maher, Morag Malvern, Charles Margetts, Rebecca Margetts, Adrian Mather, Andrew Mickleburgh, Stuart Munro, Gregor Murray, Alistair Neal, Jackie Rance, Ian Shenton, Imogen Shepherd-DuBey, Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey, Mike Smith, Wayne Smith, Bill Soane, Alison Swaddle and Shahid Younis

### 1. STATEMENT BY COUNCILLOR JOHN HALSALL

We are the healthiest, finest in the land on many counts, the healthiest, most prosperous, and one of the most desirable places to live, with the lowest level of deprivation. We have not cut services, rather we are opening leisure centres, and community centres, and libraries. We unusually collect bins every week. Our financial management and prudence are rated by CIPFA as amongst one of the best despite having one of the lowest levels of Government funding. It is the result of 20 years of good Conservative administration.

I am very proud to have been at the helm these last 3 years, to steer the Borough through extremely challenging waters of Covid, Ukraine and restructuring. I have never forgotten that we are only here to serve our residents. I have brought all our partners into the orbit of the Council, making it the Golden Thread which runs through the Borough, the indispensable partner. I wanted our Officers to be proud to work here, and this to be a place to work of choice, to be confident, innovate and to make decisions. I have never criticised Officers and never will.

I was the first Leader to declare a Climate Emergency. I was the first to forbid the discharge from hospitals into care homes against Government diktat. I successfully led the national campaign against the Government's Planning Reforms and proposed increase in housing numbers for Wokingham. Every field, tree and blade of grass lost is deeply painful to me. I am delighted that the Planning Reforms have been officially abandoned, but it is still necessary to substantially lower housing numbers in the Borough, giving control from developers to the local authority and residents. I have created the platform for job creation and prosperity for many decades to come. I was able to achieve a lot in a short period of time because of the whole hearted support of our professional team of Officers and Directors who are second to none. They espouse the 'can do' innovative behaviour that I wanted, and in making mistakes learning from them without fear of censure. We have done some remarkable things. I have been proud to be at the head of such a brilliant organisation, and well done to all. Working with Susan Parsonage, John Kaiser and Graham Ebers has been fun, stimulating, creative and very effective. We are truly blessed to have had them. I wish them all well and I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

We face difficult times ahead, with adverse winds and gale force increasing, but happily less severe than those that we have just endured. As a very desirable place, it means that

not a square inch of the Borough is not without an option. If the Borough does not have a current and approved Local Plan with a five-year land supply, speculative development will be rife. It has currently neither. All development to date has taken place under the Core Strategy, altered by Gary.

The exclusion of Wokingham in the ICS, changes to MRP, pressures on school places, the DSG deficit devolution, Ukrainian and other refugees et al. are huge challenges. Financially, Council tax increased 1.99%, inflation 9%, with hardship and poverty increasing, and Covid and Ukraine costs, but budgets must still be balanced. There are many Councils facing financial difficulties. A Council which is bust is no good to anyone. I would have relished being at the helm to navigate the Borough through these unfavourable waters and believe that we would have come safely to dry land without a qualm. However, the good residents of Wokingham have spoken and have voted for change. It happened on my watch therefore I am responsible. I have resigned as the Leader of the Conservative Group and of the Council, and John has done so as Deputy Leader.

I thank all those who voted Conservative and supported me. It has been the honour and privilege of my life, but it is now for others. The Council is now in the hands of the coalition. You inherit a pristine Rolls Royce firing on all cylinders with barely a scratch. Please treat it with respect, do not crash it as in the past. Lib Dems you must deliver on all the promises that you have made, which are numerous. You must become Liberal and Democrat, traits which presently seem absent. Our Independents are now independent in name only, having taken the Lib Dem whip, a path which has sadly seemed only too inevitable. Labour have abandoned Labour principles to become a driving force of the coalition. A vote for Lib Dems is get Labour both locally and nationally. I shall watch with interest how the future unfolds from the relative calm of the back benches, and hope and pray that Wokingham Borough succeeds and does very well in the future. Thank you Mr Mayor for the time.

## **2. ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23**

Keith Baker, the current Mayor, welcomed recently elected Members. Councillor Baker thanked all those who had invited him to their events over his time in Office. He highlighted some of the events that he had attended and praised his chosen charity, Chance to Dance.

A number of Members thanked Keith Baker for his hard work during his year in Office and the fair approach that he had taken.

Keith Baker thanked Caroline Kelly, the Mayor's Assistant and Sophia Burr, Communications for their support over the year. He thanked his Deputy Mayor Abdul Loyes for his considerable support. Keith Baker went on to thank Anne Hunter, Democratic and Electoral Services Lead Specialist, for her hard work and support over his term of office.

At this point in the meeting Keith Baker resigned as Mayor with immediate effect. He indicated that his Group would be nominating him for Mayor, and he felt it inappropriate to preside over the nomination proceedings. The Deputy Mayor assumed the chairing of the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor called for nominations for the office of Mayor for the 2021/23 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Clive Jones and seconded by Stephen Conway that Caroline Smith be elected as Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Pauline Jorgensen and seconded by Stuart Munro that Keith Baker be elected as Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Voting was as follows

<b>Keith Baker</b>	<b>Caroline Smith</b>
Sam Akhtar	Rachel Bishop-Firth
Keith Baker	Shirley Boyt
Parry Batth	Prue Bray
Laura Blumenthal	Rachel Burgess
Chris Bowring	Stephen Conway
Anne Chadwick	David Cornish
Phil Cunnington	Gary Cowan
David Davies	Andy Croy
Michael Firmager	Peter Dennis
John Halsall	Lindsay Ferris
Peter Harper	Paul Fishwick
Pauline Helliard Symons	Jim Frewin
Graham Howe	Maria Gee
Norman Jorgensen	David Hare
Pauline Jorgensen	Chris Johnson
John Kaiser	Clive Jones
Abdul Loyes	Sarah Kerr
Charles Margetts	Tahir Maher
Rebecca Margetts	Morag Malvern
Stuart Munro	Adrian Mather
Gregor Murray	Andrew Mickleburgh
Jackie Rance	Alistair Neal
Wayne Smith	Beth Rowland
Bill Soane	Ian Shenton
Alison Swaddle	Imogen Shepherd-DuBey
Shahid Younis	Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey
	Caroline Smith
	Mike Smith

**RESOLVED:** That Caroline Smith be elected as Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Caroline Smith made the statutory acceptance of office pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Caroline Smith addressed the Council as follows:

I would like to thank you for electing me to be your Mayor and as the First Citizen to be representing the Council and the citizens of Wokingham Borough for the coming year is both very humbling and an awesome task that I will discharge to the very best of my ability. It is a huge honour so thank you for your confidence.

I would like to begin with another thank you to our outgoing Mayor. Keith Baker has done a brilliant job during his year in Office, and I do not just mean chairing these meetings with just the right amount of discipline and fairness. He has also done a great job in representing this Council at many, many functions. I intend to follow carefully in his footsteps, especially continuing in his strict working principles during full Council meetings. This means ensuring keeping to strict timings for all Councillors, and importantly keeping everyone to the point. This a new start for us and because everything is so finely balanced, I will be looking to work more collaboratively. We must ensure that the great work by our Officers is appreciated, and truly recognise that our residents come first.

As you probably know, as an Earley Town Councillor, I chair the Climate Emergency Working Group and am acutely aware that this Council's Climate Emergency targets of 2030 are fast approaching. As such in my role of Mayor, when opportunity arises, I will be encouraging residents to make positive changes.

On a different note, since 2020 we have had to deal with Covid. I have worked for 20 years in the voluntary sector and know first hand that we have amazing residents in Wokingham, with many stepping forwards to volunteer, keeping the vulnerable safe and fed. Covid has not gone away, so as Mayor I will be promoting the voluntary effort going forward. Whilst we are regarded as affluent in the Borough there are many residents who will be worried about inflation, the rising cost of living and the horrendous situation in the Ukraine, and we will need support from many sectors of the community. One of my most integral parts of being a Mayor is choosing a charity to support. With that in mind my obvious choice of charity is the Wokingham Food Bank. I will be counting on you for all this generous support for this very worthy local cause.

### **3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23**

The Mayor called for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

It was proposed by Clive Jones and seconded by Stephen Conway that Beth Rowland be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

It was:

**RESOLVED:** That Beth Rowland be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

Beth Rowland made the statutory acceptance of office pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Beth Rowland thanked the Council for appointing her to the office of Deputy Mayor.

### **4. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### **5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

### **6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

## **7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the agreed procedure the Mayor invited members of the public to submit questions to the appropriate Members.

### **7.1 Jo Beales asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:**

#### **Question**

My question is on child safety outside Maiden Erlegh and Aldryngton Schools on the Silverdale Road and surrounding roads. Last week there was an accident between a 13 year old child and a car on the Silverdale Road. The child was taken to RBH, due to their injuries. A couple of years ago, two primary school children were pinned against a wall by a car, with severe injuries, which required an Air Ambulance.

Child safety in this area needs urgent attention before a fatality occurs. Each school day at school drop off and pick up times, the roads around the school area are clogged with cars. Parents drive onto pavements, they block pavements to get into the Tesco car park to drop off or pick up their child(ren), so children have to walk on the main road to get to school! The parents don't care of the impact on surrounding pedestrians, as long as they can get as close to the school as possible.

We need to reduce the number of cars in this area around the schools, can we install parking restrictions on Sevenoaks Road and barriers along certain stretches of Silverdale and Sevenoaks Roads, to protect the pedestrians?

#### **Answer**

Thank you for your question, I completely agree with you about the issues around Silverdale Road and the school there. I cycled up there about six months ago to talk to the Headmaster about it, to try and work out some form of design to improve the school accesses. The issue we have got is that area is very constrained and not all the roads are in the control of the Borough Council, some of them are private. We talked about all sorts of things and I have had Officers look at the layout of the land in front of the caretaker's bungalow, and the land at the back of Aldryngton to see if there is anything that can be done. So far it is proving really, really difficult because of the layout and the very narrow entrance, but we are trying. I would therefore like to reassure you that we do understand the concerns of parents and residents over the traffic and road safety issues.

We are also working in partnership with schools to prepare travel plans that discourage unnecessary vehicle use during school days and introduce controls over on-street parking using waiting restrictions where this is possible to support residents. As I said, unfortunately, in this area we do not have control of all the roads, and that is very difficult.

Recently, in response to requests from residents, the Council has extended on-street parking controls in Silverdale Road to deter poor parking behaviour close to the schools. Residents may request additional controls at any time via the Council's website which will be fully assessed by Officers. There is a regular cadence of new parking controls as these get assessed, so please get that referral request into the website.

We are also limited about what we can do about people driving on pavements, and if you have evidence of that please will you contact the Police via 101, and they should do something about it as it is very dangerous. Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to

intervene on moving traffic offences at the moment.

### **Supplementary Question**

After the successful prioritising of the pupil safety and the introduction of School Streets by Reading Borough Council, is this something that Wokingham Borough Council would be prepared to investigate for the Maiden Erlegh and Aldryngton area?

### **Supplementary Answer**

I obviously cannot speak for my successor, whoever that may be, but certainly when the Highways Department was under my control, we were actively assessing School Streets.

## **7.2 Jan Heard asked the Executive Member for Planning and Enforcement the following question:**

### **Question**

Just before the election, representatives of the main parties were interviewed on BBC Radio Berkshire regarding the proposed development on Hall Farm. Two declared opposition to 4,500 Houses on Hall Farm and wanted more information from Officers regarding other sites. Another subsequently made a pledge in writing to oppose overdevelopment. Two Independents also publicly stated their opposition to Hall Farm.

Given the outcome of the election, and stated opposition to Hall Farm of representatives of all parties, I ask the Executive Member of Planning the following: In a climate where 97% of new development has been in southern wards, and 4,500 doubles numbers of houses required in the period, will this Council take Hall Farm out of the LPU?

### **Answer**

I did not actually see the broadcast that you are referring to. I am sure that it was exciting. I do not feel that I should be answering this question but the process is the process so I will.

It was interesting reading your question that you refer to the Opposition, I do not know because I have not listened, to other sites. I would say that for the last six years, it started with David Lee and then it moved on to Stuart Munro, we have had cross party working groups. All sites have been discussed so it is not something that I have kept a secret. It has all been discussed and alternatives have been sought. If you want clarification on that I am sure our lead Officers will give it to you. What I would say is was that electioneering? I do not know. I would suggest that in the future you may come back at a later date and ask the new administration if they will take out Hall Farm. For now I will say that we have had a massive response to the Local Plan, compared to with regards to when we did it with Grazeley. We are going through those responses, but as I said, please come back and ask the new administration if they would take out Hall Farm.

### **Supplementary Question**

I appreciate that someone may well be in your place soon. I would like to leave my supplementary for people of all parties to ponder over. I would be really pleased if you would consider taking Hall Farm off of the Local Plan Update, but also to make sure that relevant policies and voices are given full weight in planning matters. If I can draw attention in particular to the Arborfield and Barkham Neighbourhood Plan and also

Wokingham Council's Landscape Officer.

### **Supplementary Answer**

I think that will be up to the new administration.

### **7.3 David Spedding asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question. Due to his inability to attend the meeting the following written answer was provided:**

#### **Question**

How can the Council support safer roads around schools at drop off and collection times?

#### **Answer**

The Council is currently in the early stages of identifying schools to take part in a potential pilot project for School Streets in Wokingham. School Streets projects require the involvement of schools as it is the schools themselves that manage the temporary barriers. Once we have identified suitable schools, we will make contact with them to see whether there is any interest in participating.

From this financial year we also have funding allocated to a "Safer Routes to Schools" project which will seek to improve safety, and the perception of safety around schools and on key routes to schools to help encourage walking and cycling to school. Unfortunately, this funding will not enable us to address all schools in the first year so it is envisaged this will be a rolling programme over a number of years. Work is currently underway to identify which schools will be the first to receive the benefit of this funding.

In terms of cars parking dangerously around schools, particularly at drop off and pick up times, we do enforce illegal parking where restrictions are in place and can focus enforcement in particular areas for some periods of time, although we have limited resource so unfortunately, we cannot be everywhere at all times. We can also consider changing the parking controls and speed limits where data supports this, though an important first step would be for the school to develop and maintain a school Travel Plan which outlines how it expects its staff, pupils and visitors to travel and behave around the school. The My Journey Team is able to assist with this and also help each school attain Modeshift Stars accreditation which demonstrates their commitment to helping people travel more sustainably.

I would encourage those who have safety concerns at specific locations to contact the Council through our website and raise these concerns so that they can be investigated and addressed on a case by case basis.

### **7.4 Rachel Fielding asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question. Due to her inability to attend the meeting the following written answer was provided:**

#### **Question**

As a local resident and parent of a child at Aldryngton Primary School, the number of cars driving and parking dangerously along Silverdale Road seems to be increasing. How can we improve the route to prioritise pedestrians and make it safer for children walking to school; Reading Borough Council have recently started implementing 'school streets',

would this be a path you would consider following?

**Answer**

As mentioned in the previous response, Officers are in the early stages of identifying schools to take part in a potential pilot project for School Streets in Wokingham. The Council recognises that Silverdale Route is an important link road for residents, businesses and schools and therefore closing it during school opening and closing times might prove challenging. However, there are a number of things we can look at to improve routes and make it feel safer for children walking to school. The Council's "Safer Routes to Schools" project aims to address some of the issues.

It is good to see that Aldryngton Primary is already engaged with us in travel planning and the Modeshift Stars scheme and that they are clearly interested in sustainable travel to school. The team working on the schools' projects will ensure that Aldryngton Primary is considered as part of their work.

As I set out in my response to CP1 earlier, Officers are also investigating whether there are any measures that might deter antisocial driving behaviours such as footway parking and have already discussed with the School, measures that might reduce issues on the private access roads serving the School and nearby shops.

**8. PETITIONS**

There were no petitions received.

**9. MAYOR'S OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Mayor's or Head of Paid Service's Announcements.

**10. RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT ON MAY 2022 ELECTIONS**

The Council considered a report from the Returning Officer, which gave details of the results of the local elections held on 5 May 2022.

The report outlined the election process, the results and the turnout for each Borough ward contested.

It was proposed by Clive Jones and seconded by Stephen Conway that the report of the Returning Officer be noted.

Upon being put to the vote, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the report of the Returning Officer be noted.

**11. MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE**

Due to the resignation of the Leader of Council this item was no longer required.

**12. ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Following the resignation of the Leader of Council and in accordance with the governance arrangements which were adopted by Council at its meeting on 18 November 2010, the Mayor called for nominations for the Office of Leader of the Council for a four-year term (or until the Leader's Term of Office as a Councillor expires).



It was proposed by Stephen Conway and seconded by Prue Bray that Clive Jones be elected as Leader of the Council for a four-year term.

It was proposed by Charles Margetts and seconded by Gregor Murray that Pauline Jorgensen be elected as Leader of the Council for a four-year term.

In line with Rule 4.2.15.5 of the Constitution Chris Bowring requested that a recorded vote be held.

Voting was as follows:

<b>Clive Jones</b>	<b>Pauline Jorgensen</b>
Rachel Bishop-Firth	Sam Akhtar
Shirley Boyt	Keith Baker
Prue Bray	Parry Batth
Rachel Burgess	Laura Blumenthal
Stephen Conway	Chris Bowring
David Cornish	Anne Chadwick
Gary Cowan	Phil Cunningham
Andy Croy	David Davies
Peter Dennis	Michael Firmager
Lindsay Ferris	John Halsall
Paul Fishwick	Peter Harper
Jim Frewin	Pauline Helliard-Symons
Maria Gee	Graham Howe
David Hare	Norman Jorgensen
Chris Johnson	Pauline Jorgensen
Clive Jones	John Kaiser
Sarah Kerr	Abdul Loyes
Tahir Maher	Charles Margetts
Morag Malvern	Rebecca Margetts
Adrian Mather	Stuart Munro
Andrew Mickleburgh	Gregor Murray
Alistair Neal	Jackie Rance
Beth Rowland	Wayne Smith
Ian Shenton	Bill Soane
Imogen Shepherd-DuBey	Alison Swaddle
Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey	Shahid Younis
Caroline Smith	
Mike Smith	

**RESOLVED:** That Clive Jones be elected as Leader of the Council for a four-year term.

### **13. CONTINUATION OF THE MEETING**

At this point in the meeting, 8.31pm, in accordance with Procedure Rule 4.2.12 (m), the Council considered a Motion to continue the meeting beyond 9pm for a maximum of 30 minutes to enable further business on the Agenda to be transacted. The Motion was proposed by Prue Bray and seconded by Stephen Conway.

Upon being put to the vote, the Motion was declared by the Mayor to be carried.

#### **14. STATEMENTS FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

##### **Clive Jones, Leader of the Council:**

Thank you once again Madam Mayoy, can I once again congratulate you most sincerely on your appointment as Mayor. Can I also congratulate Beth Rowland on her appointment as your Deputy. I hope that you really enjoy your terms of office.

I would like to begin by thanking John Halsall, the outgoing Leader of the Council, and his Executive colleagues for all of their work over the last three years. I am particularly grateful for John's willingness to bring other political groups into discussions on the Council's response to Covid, and to John Kaiser for agreeing to the request to share his budget thinking with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. I congratulate Pauline Jorgensen on becoming Leader of the Conservative Group, and I hope that we will be able to work together in the spirit of cooperation.

I would like to thank all of my colleagues including the members of the Wokingham Borough Partnership for giving me the honour of being the Leader of Wokingham Borough Council. They have placed enormous trust in me, and I will do my very best to serve all of the residents of the Borough in a professional, effective and efficient manner. There will be a willingness from myself and my colleagues to consult with others and to call on the skills and experience of Councillors of all parties to help us tackle the considerable challenges that the Borough faces. Now more than ever is the time for grown up politics, which puts the interests of residents and businesses above party political point scoring. The challenges that the Borough faces are great; the cost of living crisis is hitting individuals, families and businesses here in Wokingham. The Government has imposed an unsustainable new housing allocation on the Borough, which greatly exceeds local need.

A climate emergency requires urgent action, not just to protect us here and now, but for the security of our children and our children's children. Meanwhile Ministers are putting the Council's finances under intense pressure with an enormous bill looming for their Social Care Reforms, and new rules that require us to put aside more money to cover the financing of investments, assets and capital loans. The cost of living crisis is hitting many families here in Wokingham, but we can, and we must help to address its local consequences, including acute hardship for a growing number of residents and rising costs on businesses and the Council. We will be placing an emphasis on anti-poverty measures and working closely with local businesses to see what the Council can do to help them. I will take the Business, portfolio, and we have created a new position on the Executive. I am delighted that Rachel Bishop-Firth will be the Executive Member for Equalities, Inclusion and Fighting Poverty.

People need affordable and decent homes to live in. We must aim to improve on the Council's record of building social housing. Stephen Conway, as well as being the Deputy Leader of the Council, will also be responsible for Housing. Although there is a widespread recognition that some new housing is required, especially affordable housing for younger people in our community, and for those of all ages that are priced out of the market. There is a tremendous hostility as we saw in the recent local elections, to the Government's imposition on the housing market that greatly exceeds local need. The Liberal Democrats have petitioned the Secretary of State for Communities, Housing and Levelling Up and asked for a reduction to the excessively high housing allocation imposed

on us by the Government. The Council had previously tried to get the number reduced, and our Executive Member for Planning and the Local Plan, Lindsay Ferris, will continue to argue our case for a reduction. If the Government accepts our housing allocation should be reduced, we can reassess the less sustainable sites in the draft Local Plan, but whatever this Conservative Government eventually decides we do need to address the problem of flood risk. It cannot be right to argue that the development of land will increase the risk of flooding, and let me take this opportunity to say to developers that this Administration is determined to oppose housing development in the Green Belt.

We must do more to make a contribution to tackling the climate emergency. We are very conscious that some measures that the Council have already looked at, have the potential to be very costly. We want to be certain that taxpayers' money is spent wisely. We want to ensure that climate emergency projects are based on a full business case, including a carbon saving assessment, and will have undergone rigorous scrutiny. I am personally delighted that Sarah Kerr will be Executive Member for Climate Emergency and Resident Services. There is no better person on this Council than you to be taking on that role.

Our Executive Member for Environment, Sport and Leisure, will be Ian Shenton. He will continue to promote our idea of a Covid memorial wood, to help meet the Council's tree planting ambitions, and to commemorate those in the Borough who have lost their lives in the pandemic.

We will use all the opportunities available to us to secure external funding for public transport and active travel initiatives, led by our new Executive Member for Active Travel, Highways and Transport, Paul Fishwick. Please note the emphasis on Active Travel.

There have been much needed changes and improvements in our Children's Services department in recent years. Only a few years ago they were in danger of being put into special measures. We have a very experienced Executive Member for Children's Services in Prue Bray. She will be working to continue this improvement and one of her priorities will be children's mental health.

As I said earlier, recent Government announcements on changes to the way the public pay for adult social care will mean significant changes for the Borough in the next few years. I am very pleased to have another very experienced Councillor, David Hare, to be taking on this role. He will be our Executive Member for Wellbeing and Adult Services, taking on this massive challenge.

The major financial challenges faced by the Council necessarily mean that we will need to work hard to ensure that the Council is on a firm financial footing. There are many things which are low cost but high impact that we would like to pursue. How many will be feasible will depend on the financial legacy left to us by the previous administration. Imogen Shepherd-DuBey will be our Executive Member for Finance, prioritising prudence, and stability. Madam Mayor, our new Lib Dem administration will seek to make the Council more open and more inclusive, as well as being financially sound. We have a vision of a caring, listening, responsive, Council, and we will happily work in partnership alongside anyone who shares that vision. Above all we will never forget that we are here to serve the people of this Borough. They have put faith in us. We are determined to show that we are worthy of that trust.

**Pauline Jorgensen, Leader of the Conservative Group:**

Before I start my speech, I would like to thank a number of people. Thanks to Keith and Abdul for their services as Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the last year. You have been a real credit to the Borough. I would also like to thank John Halsall for his three years as Leader of the Council, guiding us through the pandemic and the difficult economic aftermath, and for putting in such a huge amount of hours of service to the Wokingham Borough residents. Also, to John Kaiser for keeping a firm grip on the finances. I would like to thank all of the Officers who have worked with my Conservative colleagues over the years to make this one of the best places to live, work and raise a family.

Congratulations to Clive on his election as Leader. I will admit that it is interesting that his coalition has scooped up the votes of the other parties without offering them any seats on the Executive. In the interests of transparency maybe the coalition members will tell us what they have been offered to join a coalition. Residents that put their cross next to Labour candidates in the election may also be taken aback that those same councillors have now decided to dissolve their parties and to join the Lib Dems. A pity that was not mentioned when they were out asking people to vote. We intend to approach Opposition differently from how the Liberal Democrats did when we were in office. Given that the voters have ensured that no party was elected with a majority on the Council, we fully support the need to work together to tackle the challenges ahead. Where we believe that the Lib Dem Group are doing things that are of benefit to Borough residents then we will support them. We will also hold them to account when they fail. I hope that the coalition will look for new ways to introduce more challenge to the Council meetings, maybe dedicated questions to the Council Leader from the Opposition Leader, like PMQ. We will provide challenge where it is needed, but will support where we share objectives. In the past we have worked together to press for pilot programmes on housing, the Local Plan needs to be addressed with urgency. Failing to get one means that we would be at the mercy of developers. Various Lib/Lab coalition Councillors promised on their Election literature that they would protect their areas from development. As we all know the best protection is the development of a Local Plan. We look forward to conversations about how to progress the Plan and we would be willing to help the Liberal coalition continue the successful conversations that we have been having with Government, to reduce the housing numbers.

The message from residents is clear, we must put aside our differences and move to work for the benefit of the Borough. The Lib Dem/Labour coalition has inherited an enviable legacy of 20 years of Conservative rule. Wokingham Borough is one of the best places in the UK and is one of the healthiest places to live. Sound financial management means that we have been able to maintain and increase services, put investment into new services in the Borough and develop an income stream that is funding better outcomes for residents.

The coalition will benefit from new schools and sixth forms that we have secured, new leisure centres we are building and have built, and those new social homes that we have delivered, along with £57million we have set aside for building and modernising affordable social housing. We have delivered new greenways and cycleways, doubled the spending on road maintenance, and are in the middle of a programme to reduce congestion, something which I remember the Lib Dems opposed. We also provided unprecedented support for families and businesses during the pandemic and its aftermath, including millions of pounds in grants. The Administration must continue our policy of backing people during these difficult times.

I hope that the coalition will continue to build on the legacy and priorities that we have put in place, and that when the going gets tough, as it inevitably will for any new

Administration, I hope they won't fall back on the normal position of trying to blame the excellent situation that they have inherited. The exercise of power carries obligation to take responsibility.

Finally, I want to thank my Conservative colleagues for electing me as their new Leader. I have a fantastic team around me, and I am looking forward to working with them over the coming year. We will provide scrutiny and we will provide challenge to the coalition, and we will make the case to residents of this great Borough on why they should return a Conservative administration at the next election.

Finally, I would like to point out that along with the normal Executive Members or Shadow Executive Members that we would have, we have introduced a new post, which is being held by Laura Blumenthal, which will cover levelling up, equality and social housing.

## **15. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Council considered a report regarding proposed changes to the Constitution, as considered by the Constitution Review Working Group.

It was proposed by Imogen Shepherd-DuBey and seconded by Prue Bray that the recommendations set out within the report be agreed.

Upon being put to the vote it was:

**RESOLVED** That:

- 1) Sections 11 Officers, be amended as set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- 2) Section 5.5.1 List of items delegated to Individual Executive Members be amended as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report;
- 3) Section 12.1.16.24 Fees and Charges, be amended as set out in Paragraph 2 of the report.

## **16. MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the agreed procedure the Mayor invited Members to submit questions to the appropriate Members.

### **16.1 Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey had asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport a question**

This Member question was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

## **17. POLITICAL BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL AND ALLOCATION AND APPOINTMENT TO SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

The Council considered a report on the political balance of the Council and the appointment to the Council's Committees and Boards, in accordance with the wishes of the Groups.

It was proposed by Clive Jones and seconded by Stephen Conway that the recommendations in the report be agreed.

Norman Jorgensen questioned the standing of the coalition group and what would happen should the Group dissolve. Members were advised that all 28 Members had formally signed up to join the Wokingham Borough Partnership Group and had met all legal requirements. It was clarified that for the purposes of political balance there were two political groups on the Council. Keith Baker sought confirmation that as far as the Council was concerned there was not a Liberal Democrat Group, or a Labour Group or an Independent Group. It was reiterated that for the purposes of political balance there were two political groups, however individual Councillors were still members of their respective political parties

Upon being put to the vote, it was:

**RESOLVED That:**

- 1) it be noted that the representation of the political groups on the Council, as advised to the Chief Executive, is 28 Wokingham Borough Partnership Group Members and 26 Conservative Group Members;
- 2) the appointment and composition of Committees and Boards as set out in Para 2.1, including the changes to those currently set out in the Constitution, be approved;
- 3) the allocation of seats on Committees and Boards on the basis that, of the 86 seats (as set out in Para 3.4), 48 be allocated to the Wokingham Borough Partnership Group and 38 be allocated to the Conservative Group;
- 4) the proposals submitted by the respective Group Leaders be approved and that those Members be appointed to the Committees and Boards as set out in Appendix 1 to the minutes;
- 5) that the principles of proportionality be applied when Members are appointed to Sub Committees, Panels or Working Groups;
- 6) it be noted that the Constitution states that the Chairman of the Standards Committee will be appointed at Annual Council and agrees that as with all other committees the Chairman will be appointed at the first meeting of the Standards Committee;
- 7) the appointment of the Independent Persons to assist the work of the Standards Committee and the co-opted Parish/Town Council Representatives as set out in Appendix 1, be noted;
- 8) the elected Member representatives on the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board, as set out in Appendix 1, as nominated by the Leader of Council in accordance with Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, be noted.

**Appendix 1 - Appointment to Committees/Boards**

**18. APPOINTMENTS TO PANELS/WORKING GROUPS, ETC**

Members were asked to refer to a list of nominations to various Panels, Working Groups, Joint Committees, and Various Bodies, as circulated at the meeting as Appendix 2.

Where more nominations had been received than places, individual votes were taken.

Pauline Jorgensen proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Chris Bowring.

“To increase the number of seats on the Constitution Review Working Group from 4 to 5, and thus improve the political balance so that there are 3 Wokingham Borough Partnership Members, and 2 Conservative Members to ensure the Working Group is more reflective of the balance of the Council.”

Gary Cowan suggested that the Constitution Review Working Group consider whether it wished to recommend that it increase in size.

It was clarified that the Constitution Review Working Group was politically balanced for a committee of four and that this was reflected in recommendation 5 of the Political Balance report considered earlier.

The proposer of the report Clive Jones did not accept the amendment.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was lost.

Upon being put the vote, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Members be appointed to the Council’s Panels, Working Groups, Joint Committees and Various Bodies, as set out in Appendix 2 to the Minutes.

## **Appendix 2 - Appointment to Panels/Working Groups/Joint Committees and Various Boards**

### **19. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members were asked to refer to a list of nominations to various Outside Bodies, as circulated at the meeting as Appendix 3.

Where more nominations had been received than places, individual votes were taken.

At this point in the meeting 9.26pm, in accordance with Rule 4.2.13.11h) it was proposed by the Mayor and seconded by Pauline Jorgensen that Rule 4.2.8 be suspended to allow the meeting be extended for up to 30 minutes in order to complete the business on the agenda.

Following a vote, this was declared by the Mayor to be carried.

Upon being put to the vote, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That Members be appointed to the Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendix 3 to the Minutes.

## **Appendix 3 - Appointments to Outside Bodies**

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### APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

<b>Audit Committee – 7 Seats</b>	
<i>Members of the Executive or Overview and Scrutiny Committees cannot sit on the Audit Committee</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (4)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>
1 Maria Gee	1 John Kaiser
2 Tahir Maher	2 Peter Harper
3 Mike Smith	3 David Davis
4 Rachel Burgess	

<b>Licensing and Appeals Committee – 13 Seats</b>	
<i>(all members of the Licensing and Appeals Committee will also be members of the School Transport Appeals Panel)</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (7)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (6)</b>
1 Peter Dennis	1 Bill Soane
2 Mike Smith	2 Chris Bowring
3 Beth Rowland	3 Michael Firmager
4 Al Neal	4 Jackie Rance
5 Morag Malvern	5 Abdul Loyes
6 Rachel Burgess	6 Shahid Younis
7 Sarah Kerr	

<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee – 11 Seats</b>	
1) <i>Members of the O&amp;S Management Committee cannot sit on the Audit Committee.</i> 2) <i>The O&amp;S Management Committee must include the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the three O&amp;S Committees</i> 3) <i>No Executive Members</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (6)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (5)</b>
1 Andrew Mickleburgh	1 Norman Jorgensen
2 Morag Malvern	2 Gregor Murray
3 David Cornish	3 Graham Howe
4 Adrian Mather	4 Alison Swaddle
5 Andy Croy	5 Stuart Munro
6 Jim Frewin	

<b>Substitute Members</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (6)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (5)</b>
1 Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey	1 Pauline Jorgensen
2 Chris Johnson	2 Michael Firmager
3 Al Neal	3 Wayne Smith
4 Peter Dennis	4 Bill Soane
5 Gary Cowan	5 Charles Margetts
6 Beth Rowland	

<b>Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 7 Seats</b>	
1) <i>Members of this Committee cannot sit on the Audit Committee.</i>	
2) <i>No Executive Members</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (4)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>
1 Andrew Mickleburgh	1 Anne Chadwick
2 Morag Malvern	2 Graham Howe
3 Beth Rowland	3 Pauline Helliard-Symons
4 Shirley Boyt	

<b>Substitute Members</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (4)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>
1 Al Neal	1 Alison Swaddle
2 Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey	2 Rebecca Margetts
3 Gary Cowan	3 Laura Blumenthal
4 Chris Johnson	

<b>Community and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Seats</b>	
1) <i>Members of this Committee cannot sit on the Audit Committee.</i>	
2) <i>No Executive Members</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (5)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (4)</b>
1 David Cornish	1 Norman Jorgensen
2 Peter Dennis	2 Laura Blumenthal
3 Al Neal	3 Pauline Jorgensen
4 Chris Johnson	4 Gregor Murray
5 Shirley Boyt	

<b>Substitute Members</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (5)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (4)</b>
1 Adrian Mather	1 Michael Firmager
2 Gary Cowan	2 Anne Chadwick
3 Andy Croy	3 Chris Bowring
4 Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey	4 Abdul Loyes
5 Beth Rowland	

## Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 Seats

- 1) *Members of this Committee cannot sit on the Audit Committee.*
- 2) *No Executive Members*

Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (5)	Conservative Group (4)
1 Adrian Mather	1 Phil Cunnington
2 Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey	2 Rebecca Margetts
3 Al Neal	3 Alison Swaddle
4 Beth Rowland	4 Jackie Rance
5 Andy Croy	

## Substitute Members

Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (5)	Conservative Group (4)
1 Morag Malvern	1 Michael Firmager
2 Jim Frewin	2 Pauline Jorgensen
3 Chris Johnson	3 Sam Akhtar
4 David Cornish	4 Shahid Younis
5 Andrew Mickleburgh	

## Personnel Board - 7 Seats

Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (4)	Conservative Group (3)
1 Rachel Bishop-Firth	1 Stuart Munro
2 Clive Jones	2 Pauline Jorgensen
3 Stephen Conway	3 Pauline Helliard-Symons
4 Prue Bray	

## Personnel Board - Substitute Members

*(to substitute for members of the Personnel Board in relation to the appointment or dismissal of or disciplinary action in respect of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> tier Officers)*

Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (8)	Conservative Group (8)
1 Lindsay Ferris	1 Rebecca Margetts
2 Ian Shenton	2 Michael Firmager
3 David Hare	3 Peter Harper
4 Paul Fishwick	4 Dave Davis
5 Sarah Kerr	5 Graham Howe
6 David Cornish	6 Wayne Smith
7 Peter Dennis	7 Bill Soane
8 Imogen Shepherd-Dubey	8 Norman Jorgensen

### Planning Committee – 9 Seats

*All members of the Planning Committee will be members of the Commons Registration Committee.*

<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (5)</b>		<b>Conservative Group (4)</b>	
1	Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey	1	Chris Bowring
2	Andrew Mickleburgh	2	Rebecca Margetts
3	Stephen Conway	3	Wayne Smith
4	David Cornish	4	John Kaiser
5	Gary Cowan		

### Special Council Executive Committee – 7 Seats

*The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Council will automatically be members of this committee. There will therefore need to be five other Members appointed and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will count against their political party's allocation.*

<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (4)</b>		<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>	
1	Caroline Smith	1	Pauline Jorgensen
2	Beth Rowland	2	Charles Margetts
3	Clive Jones	3	Stuart Munro
4	Stephen Conway		

### Substitute Members

<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (1)</b>		<b>Conservative Group (1)</b>	
1	Prue Bray	1	Gregor Murray

### Standards Committee – 7 Seats

<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (4)</b>		<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>	
1	Morag Malvern	1	John Kaiser
2	Imogen Shepherd-Dubey	2	Graham Howe
3	Adrian Mather	3	Sam Akhtar
4	Chris Johnson		

### Co-opted Membership and Independent Persons

#### Parish/Town Council Representatives

*Non-voting, Co-opted Members*

1	Sally Gurney
2	Roy Mantel
3	Sheena Matthews

<b>Independent Persons</b>	
1	David Comben
2	Paddy Haycocks
3	Nicholas Oxborough

<b>Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board – 4 Seats</b>	
<i>(Political balance rules are not applicable)</i> <i>(Only requires noting as elected Member Representatives are nominated by the Leader of Council)</i>	
<b>Conservative/Partnership Group</b>	<b>Opposition Member</b>
1 Leader of Council	1 Charles Margetts
2 Executive Member for Children's Services	
3 Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing	

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### APPOINTMENT TO PANELS / WORKING GROUPS / JOINT COMMITTEES AND VARIOUS BODIES

Adoption Panel – 1 Member	
Wokingham Borough Partnership Group	Conservative Group
1 David Hare	1

Adopt Thames Valley Regional Adoption Agency Governance Board – 1 Member	
<i>Must be Executive Member with responsibility for Children's Services</i>	
Conservative/Partnership Group	
1	Executive Member for Children's Services

Berkshire Local Transport Body – 1 Member plus substitute	
<i>Must be Executive Member with responsibility for Transport</i>	
Conservative/Partnership Group	
1	Executive Member with responsibility for Transport
Substitute	
Sarah Kerr	

Borough / Parish Liaison Forum – 5 Members	
Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (3)	Conservative Group (2)
1 David Cornish	1 Michael Firmager
2 Mike Smith	2 David Davis
3 Morag Malvern	

Substitutes – 3 Members	
Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (2)	Conservative Group (1)
1 Gary Cowan	1 Bill Soane
2 Beth Rowland	

Community Safety Partnership – 2 Members	
<i>1 Member from Wokingham Borough Partnership Group and 1 Member from Conservative Group</i>	
Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (1)	Conservative Group (1)
1 Ian Shenton	1 Peter Harper

<b>Constitution Review Working Group – 4 Members</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (3)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (1)</b>
1 Clive Jones	1 Stuart Munro
2 Imogen Shepherd-Dubey	
3 Prue Bray	

<b>Corporate Parenting Board – 9 Members</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (5)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (4)</b>
1 Andrew Mickleburgh	1 Graham Howe
2 Beth Rowland	2 Rebecca Margetts
3 Prue Bray	3 Alison Swaddle
4 David Hare	4 Peter Harper
5 Morag Malvern	

<b>Electoral Review Working Group – 9 Members</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (5)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (4)</b>
1 Clive Jones	1 Chris Bowring
2 Stephen Conway	2 Peter Harper
3 Prue Bray	3 Gregor Murray
4 Andy Croy	4 Alison Swaddle
5 Paul Fishwick	

<b>Fostering Panel – 1 Member</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>
1 David Hare	1

<b>Highwood Management Conference – 2 Members</b>	
<i>1 Member from Wokingham Borough Partnership Group and 1 Member from Conservative Group</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (1)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (1)</b>
1 Shirley Boyt	1 Laura Blumenthal



<b>Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) – 2 Members</b>  <i>Must not be an Executive Member and should ideally be on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (1)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (1)</b>
1 Adrian Mather	1 Phil Cunnington

<b>Joint Waste Disposal Board – 2 Members</b> <i>Must be Executive Members</i> <i>Appointment is for four years to 30 June 2026</i>	
<b>Partnership Group</b>	
1 Ian Shenton	
2 Clive Jones	

<b>PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee – 1 Member</b> <i>Must be Executive Member with responsibility for Highways</i>	
<b>Partnership Group</b>	
1 Executive Member with responsibility for Highways	

<b>Schools Forum – 1 Member</b> <i>1 representative of the Local Education Authority. Under Regulations the Executive Member with responsibility for Education and the Mayor <b>are not</b> eligible for appointment to the forum. (Note: They may attend as non-voting observers)</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>
1 Morag Malvern	1

<b>Secure Accommodation Panel – 1 Member and Substitutes</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>
1 Prue Bray	1

<b>Substitutes</b> Any Member of the Corporate Parenting Board	
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<b>Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education – 2 Members</b>	
<i>1 Member from Wokingham Borough Partnership Group and 1 Member from Conservative Group</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (1)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (1)</b>
1 Adrian Mather	1 Jackie Rance

<b>Tenant and Landlord Improvement Panel – 4 Members</b>	
<i>2 Members from each Political Group</i>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group (2)</b>	<b>Conservative Group (2)</b>
1 Shirley Boyt	1 Laura Blumenthal
2 Stephen Conway	2 Phil Cunningham

<b>Thames Valley Police and Crime Panel – 1 Member</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>
1 Maria Gee	1

<b>Substitute (1)</b>	
1 Chris Johnson	1

<b>Wokingham Learning Disability Partnership Board – 1 Member</b>	
<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Group</b>	<b>Conservative Group</b>
1 David Hare	1

### REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2022/23

1 Member to be appointed on an annual basis unless otherwise stated

Organisation	Wokingham Borough Partnership Nomination	Conservative Nomination
Age Concern Twyford and District	Lindsay Ferris	
Age UK Berkshire	Shirley Boyt	
Atomic Weapons Research Establishment - Local Liaison Committee	Chris Johnson	
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Tahir Maher	
Berkshire Maestros	Sarah Kerr	
Berkshire Museum of Aviation	Andy Croy	
Berkshire Pension Fund Advisory Panel	Maria Gee	
Citizens Advice Wokingham	Rachel Bishop-Firth	
Finchampstead Baptist Church Advisory Board (Member should be a ward member from either Finchampstead North or Finchampstead South)	David Cornish	
Keep Mobile	Andy Croy	
Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly (4 Members)	1. Clive Jones 2. Stephen Conway 3. Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey	1. Pauline Jorgensen
Mid & West Berks Local Countryside Access Forum (Note: appointment is for 3 years until May 2025)		Wayne Smith

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Wokingham Borough Partnership Nomination</b>	<b>Conservative Nomination</b>
Readibus Management Committee	Mike Smith	
Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service (4 Members) (Note: appointments must be in accordance with the Council's political balance)	1. Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey 2. Mike Smith 3. Morag Malvern	1. Pauline Helliars-Symons
Royal Berkshire Hospital Foundation Trust - Board of Governors	Adrian Mather	
Sonning & District Welfare and Educational Trust		Michael Firmager
South East Employers (SEE) Full Committee (2 Members, 2 Substitutes)	1. Clive Jones 2. David Cornish	1. 2.
<i>Substitutes</i>	1. Imogen Shepherd-DuBey 2. Ian Shenton	1. 2.
South East Reserve Forces and Cadets Association ( <i>and Armed Forces Champion</i> )	Andy Croy	
Standing Conference on Archives	Stephen Conway	
Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association (SASIG)		Charles Margetts
Thames Basin Heaths Joint Strategic Partnership (1 Member, 1 Substitute)	David Cornish	
<i>Substitute</i>	Ian Shenton	
The Piggott Trust	Lindsay Ferris	

Organisation	Wokingham Borough Partnership Nomination	Conservative Nomination
The Polehampton Charity	Stephen Conway	
The Poors Land Charity (Note: appointment is for 4 years)	<b>For Information only: Abdul Loyes appointed until May 2023</b>	
White Waltham Airfield Consultative Committee		Wayne Smith
Wokingham and District Association for the Elderly ( <i>observer only</i> )	Beth Rowland	
Wokingham Borough Sports Council	Ian Shenton	
Wokingham Borough Sports Sponsorship Fund	Ian Shenton	
Wokingham Job Support Centre Management Committee	Andy Croy	
Wokingham Volunteer Centre	Rachel Burgess	
Wokingham Waterside Centre	Shirley Boyt	
Wokingham Youth Counselling & Information Service (ARC)	Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey	
Woodley Town Centre Management Initiative (2 Members, 1 Substitute)	1. Shirley Boyt 2. Andy Croy	1. 2.
Substitute	Beth Rowland	
Woodley Volunteer Centre	Beth Rowland	

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