



COUNCIL

31 March 2022

To: The Mayor and Members of
WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL

SUMMONS TO A MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend an ORDINARY MEETING of the COUNCIL to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking on THURSDAY, THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH 2022 at 7.00 pm to transact the business specified in the agenda overleaf

JULIE FISHER
Chief Executive

Civic Offices,
Woking

NOTE: Filming Council Meetings

Please note the meeting will be filmed and will be broadcast live and subsequently as an archive on the Council's website (www.woking.gov.uk). The images and sound recording will also be used for training purposes within the Council. Generally the public seating areas are not filmed. However by entering the meeting room and using the public seating area, you are consenting to being filmed.

AGENDA

Prior to the commencement of business, Reverend Lucy Brierley, Minister of the United Reformed Church, Woking will say prayers.

1. MINUTES.

To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 February 2022, as published.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

4. URGENT BUSINESS.

To consider any business which the Chairman rules may be dealt with under Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. (Pages 7 - 8)

- (i) To receive declarations of interest from Members and Officers in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.
- (ii) In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor A Azad declares a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which she is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that speaking and voting are permissible.
- (iii) In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor K M Davis declares a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which he is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that speaking and voting are permissible.
- (iv) In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor D Harlow declares a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which she is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that speaking and voting are permissible.
- (v) In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor C S Kemp declares a non-pecuniary interest in any items concerning the companies of which he is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that speaking and voting are permissible.
- (vi) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Chief Executive, Julie Fisher, declares a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which she is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that Mrs Fisher may advise the Council on those items.
- (vii) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Joanne McIntosh, declares a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which she is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that Mrs McIntosh may advise the Council on those items.

- (viii) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Planning, Giorgio Framalocco, declares a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which he is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that Mr Framalocco may advise the Council on those items.
- (ix) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Neighbourhood Services, Geoff McManus, declares a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which he is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that Mr McManus may advise the Council on those items.
- (x) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Director of Housing, Louise Strongitharm, declares a disclosable personal interest (non-pecuniary) in any items concerning the companies of which she is a Council-appointed director. The companies are listed in the attached schedule. The interests are such that Mrs Strongitharm may advise the Council on those items.

6. QUESTIONS.

To deal with written questions submitted by Members under Standing Order 8.1. Copies of the questions and of the draft replies (which are subject to amendment by the Leader of the Council) will be laid upon the table.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES WBC22-010. (Pages 9 - 12)

To receive and consider recommendations from the Executive and Committees.

- 7a. Review of Code of Conduct Arrangements STA22-001.
- 7b. Planning Peer Review.
- 7c. Notice of Motion - Cllr A Kirby - Easy access to Council recordings EXE22-033.
- 7d. Working for all Strategy and Directorate Service Plans EXE22-007.
- 7e. Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) EXE22-030.
- 7f. Safeguarding Policy EXE21-053.

8. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WBC22-013. (Pages 13 - 38)

9. ANNUAL REPORT BY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES WBC22-012. (Pages 39 - 62)

10. ANNUAL REPORT ON MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT WBC22-011. (Pages 63 - 80)

11. NOTICES OF MOTION WBC22-014.

To deal with any motions received in accordance with Standing Order 5.0. Any motions received before the deadline has passed for the receipt of motions will be published and a copy of the list will be tabled at the meeting.

11a. Notice of Motion - Cllr S Dorsett - Russian Invasion of Ukraine.

“Woking Borough Council is saddened and disturbed by the unprovoked aggression against Ukraine, which has caused horrific devastation, and created an escalating humanitarian crisis with millions displaced or affected. In light of this, and as a way of expressing support for the people of Ukraine and members of our communities who are from or who have ties with Ukraine this Council;

- a. Condemns the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine and stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their families and friends, including those local to Woking.
- b. Stands ready to provide support and open our arms to innocent people displaced and affected by this unprovoked Russian aggression.
- c. Will work with and support the efforts of our local communities to provide help, support and comfort to those in need.”

11b. Notice of Motion - Cllr K Davis - Housing Allocations.

“It is vitally important that our residents directly benefit from new housing development in their local area. The Council already requires a 2-year local connection for applicants joining its Housing Register for affordable homes, as well as expecting any shared ownership homes secured through the Section 106 process to be first marketed to those living or working in the Borough.

However, the Council should consider going further in promoting a “Local First” approach by:

- Investigating any further flexibilities that could be incorporated into the Housing Allocations Policy to prioritise local residents;
- Exclusively marketing any new homes built and sold by Thamesway for a set period of time to residents living in that Ward or Neighbourhood Area;
- Considering a local connection policy for any new homes delivered under the Government’s new “First Homes” tenure that prioritises residents living in that Ward or Neighbourhood Area before opening up to the Borough.”

11c. Notice of Motion - Cllr D Roberts - Benefits Management.

“The council undertakes programmes of work to deliver benefits to the borough and controls are put in place to ensure the work is delivered on time, on budget and to scope. Whilst delivering to scope should result in the delivery of benefits, it may not always be the case. Complex projects spanning many years can require interim decisions to balance budgets, timescales, and scope because of issues arising throughout the life of the project.

This council is committed to both best practice and transparent project reporting including benefits tracking from the point at which it is considered for approval by members through to the conclusion and delivery of the project.

This council will therefore investigate how it will implement benefits management on all major projects as part of existing standard project controls such as risk and issues management.”

AGENDA ENDS

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Note: At the close of the meeting the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Liam Lyons, would like to invite the following to join him in the parlour:-

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Hussain, and Councillors M Ali, S Ashall, M Bridgeman, J Brown, S Dorsett, W Forster, D Hughes, S Hussain, I Johnson, A Kirby, N Martin, R Mohammed, M Raja, D Roberts and M Whitehand, Independent Co-Opted Member Claire Storey and Independent Person Tim Stokes, together with Officers attending the meeting.