



COUNCIL

30 March 2023

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 THIRTIETH DAY OF MARCH 2023 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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2. MINUTES.

To approve the minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 9 February and 23 February 2023, as published.

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 disclosable pecuniary and other interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.
- (ii) 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 on those items.
- (iii) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Strategic Director - Corporate Resources, Kevin Foster 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 Foster may advise on those items.
- (iv) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Strategic Director - Place, Giorgio Framalitto, 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 Framalitto may advise on those items.
- (v) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Strategic Director - Communities, 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 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 published shortly before the meeting.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE WBC23-016. (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive and consider recommendations from the Executive.

7a. Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) EXE23-016.

7b. Review of the Constitution EXE23-033.

7c. Affordable Housing Delivery Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) EXE23-008.

8. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WBC23-013. (Pages 11 - 28)

9. ANNUAL REPORT BY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES WBC23-014. (Pages 29 - 54)

10. ANNUAL REPORT ON MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT WBC23-015. (Pages 55 - 70)

11. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2023-24 WBC23-001. (Pages 71 - 78)

12. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER DIRECTOR TO COUNCIL GROUP COMPANIES WBC23-017. (Pages 79 - 82)

13. NOTICES OF MOTION.

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.

13a. Councillor E Nicholson - Retrospective Surface Water Action.

The latest State of the UK Climate report indicates the UK has become wetter over the last few decades, although with significant annual variation. 2011-2020 was 9% wetter than 1961-1990. From the start of the observational record in 1862, six of the ten wettest years across the UK have occurred since 1998.

The recent UK climate projections (UKCP18) provide the most up-to-date assessment of how the UK climate could change over the 21st century. Overall, the UK is expected to experience wetter winters and drier summers.

However, rain that does fall in summer will likely be more intense than what we currently

experience. For example, rainfall from an event that typically occurs once every 2 years in summer is expected to increase by around 25%. This will impact on the frequency and severity of surface water flooding, particularly in urban areas.

In towns and cities, flash floods are a growing problem. Concrete can't soak up rainwater, so in heavy downpours it has nowhere to go except into drains, overloading sewers and setting off flash floods. During the recent heavy rainfall, the water caused slippages within the station underpass and led to pooling of water within areas of the town centre.

Therefore this motion proposes that this Council:

1. Engages with South West Trains to seek to secure surface water drainage systems are retrospectively fitted to the two entrances to the station underpass and /or other measures to capture rainwater are installed to reduce the excess water overspill causing slippage within the underpass.
2. That Woking planning applications continue to be assessed with surface water drainage systems in mind and that the County, as the lead flood authority is consulted on planning applications where required.
3. That Woking Borough Council work proactively with the partners to green Victoria Square, and introduce features such as rainwater gardens in line with the aspirations of the town centre Masterplan.

AGENDA ENDS

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

Councillors Akberali, Azad, Aziz, Barker, Boote, Brown, Cosnahan, Davis, Elson, Forster, Graves, Jordan, Kemp, Lyons, Morales, Morley, Nicholson, Raja, Roberts, Spencer and Whitehand, together with Officers attending the meeting.