



## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**7 December 2017**

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 SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2017 at 7.00 p.m. to transact the business specified in the agenda overleaf.

RAY MORGAN  
Chief Executive

Civic Offices,  
Woking,  
29 November 2017

NOTE: Filming Council Meetings

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If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the Head of Democratic and Legal Services at the meeting.



# AGENDA

Prior to the commencement of business, Reverend Dr Daniel Newman, Associate Minister of St John's Church, St John's, Woking will say prayers.

1. **MINUTES.** To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19 October 2017, 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.** To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests from Members and Officers in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, the Leader of the Council, Councillor D J Bittleston, Councillor Mrs B A Hunwicks, Councillor C S Kemp and Councillor J Kingsbury will declare a non-pecuniary interest in any items under which the Thamesway Group of Companies is discussed, arising from their positions as Directors of the Thamesway Group of Companies. The interest is such that speaking and voting are permissible.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor J Kingsbury will declare a non-pecuniary interest in any items under which the Victoria Square Development is discussed, arising from his position as a Director of Victoria Square Woking Limited. The interest is such that speaking and voting are permissible.

In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor J Kingsbury will declare a non-pecuniary interest in any items under which the Brookwood Cemetery is discussed, arising from his position as a Director of Woking Necropolis and Mausoleum Limited, Brookwood Park Limited and Brookwood Cemetery Limited. The interest is such that speaking and voting are permissible.

In accordance with Officer Procedure Rules, the Chief Executive, Ray Morgan, Deputy Chief Executive, Douglas Spinks, Strategic Director, Sue Barham, and Head of Democratic and Legal Services, Peter Bryant, will declare an interest in any items under which the Thamesway Group of Companies is discussed, arising from their positions as Directors of the Thamesway Group of Companies. The interest is such that speaking is permissible.

In accordance with Officer Procedure Rules, the Chief Executive, Ray Morgan, will declare an interest in any items under which the Victoria Square Development is discussed, arising from his position as a Director of Victoria Square Woking Limited. The interest is such that speaking is permissible.

In accordance with Officer Procedure Rules, the Deputy Chief Executive, Douglas Spinks, and Head of Democratic and Legal Services, Peter Bryant, will declare an interest in any items under which Brookwood Cemetery is discussed, arising from their positions as Directors of Woking Necropolis and Mausoleum Limited, Brookwood Park Limited and Brookwood Cemetery Limited. The interest is such that speaking is permissible.

**6. PRESENTATION OF THE ERIC THEOBALD AWARD.**

**7. 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.

- 8. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE.** To receive and consider recommendations from the Executive. WBC17-035

- 9. WEST BYFLEET NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM.** WBC17-034

- 10. APPOINTMENT TO FRIENDS OF WOKING PALACE.** WBC17-033

**11. NOTICES OF MOTIONS.**

To deal with the following Notices of Motions received in accordance with Standing Order 5.0. In the event any Notices of Motions are received after the publication of the agenda but before the deadline has passed, a supplementary list will be published.

Councillor W P Forster

“Care leavers have had their childhoods punctuated by instability and trauma, they leave home earlier and have less support than other young people. As a result, care leavers have some of the worse life chances in the country.

A 2016 report by the Children's Society found that when care leavers move into independent accommodation, they find managing their own finances extremely challenging. With no family to support them and insufficient financial education, care leavers are falling into debt and financial difficulty. The Children's Society recommends that care leavers should be taken out of Council Tax until they turn 25.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places corporate parenting responsibilities on borough and district councils for the first time, requiring them to have regard to children in care and care leavers when carrying out their functions.

To ensure that transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, this Council agrees not to charge care leavers under 25 living in Woking Borough any Council Tax from April 2018.

This Council also agrees to look at ways of supporting care leavers further to ensure they fulfil their potential.”

Councillor K Howard

“With a view to finding a solution to the ongoing problem of roadside litter, officers will investigate and recommend ways in which the Council can target people who throw litter from vehicles on the public highway.”

## **12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

The Mayor will move, and the Deputy Mayor will second:-

"That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 13 in view of the nature of the proceedings that, if members of the press and public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, to the Local Government Act 1972."

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## **PART II – PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

- 13. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE.** To receive and consider any recommendations from the Executive under Part II of the agenda.

AGENDA ENDS

At the close of the meeting the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Graham Cundy, will hold a Reception in the Council's Staff Rest Area on the second floor of the Civic Offices. The Mayor would like to invite Members of the Council, the Independent Co-Opted Member, the Independent Person, the Independent Directors of the Thamesway Group of Companies, Corporate Management Group and Officers attending the meeting, and Members of the Press, to the Reception.