



## **COUNCIL**

**28 March 2024**

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 TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH 2024 at 7.00 pm to transact the business specified in the agenda overleaf.

JULIE FISHER  
Chief Executive

Civic Offices,  
Woking

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# AGENDA

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

## 2. 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 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.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) In accordance with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, the Head of Transformation, Digital and Customer, Adam Walther, 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 Walther may advise on those items.

## 3. MINUTES. (Pages 9 - 38)

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 February and 4 March 2024, as published.

## 4. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

## 5. URGENT BUSINESS.

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

## 6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC. (Pages 39 - 40)

To receive questions from Members of the Public of which due notice has been given.

## 7. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

To deal with written questions submitted by Members of the Council. 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.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.**

In accordance with Standing Orders, the Council to receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council (or their nominated spokesperson), Committee Chairmen and/or the Chief Executive.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE. (Pages 41 - 42)**

To receive and consider recommendations from the Executive.

**9a. The Improvement and Recovery Plan Progress - November 2023 to March 2024 EXE24-009 (Pages 43 - 100)**

**9b. Companies Governance Framework - Shareholder Executive Committee EXE24-025 (Pages 101 - 112)**

**10. REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING STRUCTURE WBC24-019 (Pages 113 - 162)**

**11. ANNUAL REPORT BY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES WBC24-015 (Pages 163 - 176)**

**12. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WBC24-016. (Pages 177 - 182)**

**13. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELECTIONS AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION REVIEW PANEL WBC24-014. (Pages 183 - 196)**

**14. ANNUAL REPORT ON MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT WBC24-013. (Pages 197 - 210)**

**15. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2024-25 WBC24-003. (Pages 211 - 216)**

**16. NOTICES OF MOTION.**

To deal with any motions received from Members of the Council in accordance with Standing Orders.

**16a Councillor P Graves - Climate and Ecology Bill.**

This motion proposes that Woking Borough Council notes that:

The Climate and Ecology Bill was last introduced in the House of Commons 10 May 2023.

The Bill is backed by **130** cross-party MPs and Peers, **237** local authorities.

The CE Bill requires the Government to:

1. Deliver an environmental plan for the climate and nature;
2. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1.5°C to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the best chance of meeting the UK's Paris Agreement obligations;
3. Halt and reverse the decline in nature and set it measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;
4. Take responsibility for our overseas carbon and industrial footprint
5. Prioritise nature in decision-making and end fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
6. Provide re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and
7. Give the British people a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative *Climate & Nature Assembly*, as part of creating consensus.

**And that Woking Council** therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Inform residents and inform local media of this decision.
3. Write to **our MP** to inform him that this motion has been passed, and urge him to sign up to support the CE Bill;
4. Write to Zero Hour, expressing **WBC's** support.

AGENDA ENDS

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

Councillors Aziz, Akberali, Barker, Boote, Caulfield, Davis, Dorsett, Forster, Hussain, Jordan, Leach, Lyons, Morales, Morley, Oades together with Officers attending the meeting.