



## **COUNCIL**

**4 March 2024**

To: The Mayor and Members of  
WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **SUMMONS TO A MEETING**

You are hereby summoned to attend an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the COUNCIL to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Gloucester Square, Woking on MONDAY, THE FOURTH 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 5 - 6)

- (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. 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. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF PUBLIC. (Pages 7 - 10)

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

## 6. 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.

## 7. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2024-25 WBC24-002. (Pages 11 - 112)

## 8. CAPITAL, INVESTMENT AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND MRP STATEMENT WBC24-001 (Pages 113 - 178)

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION.**

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

**9a Councillor Anila Javaid - Taxi Licensing. (Pages 179 - 180)**

“The motion is being raised to consider and update the current licensing practice for service providers that facilitate the taxi sector.

These companies provide licensed taxis that are maintained and insured and are ready to be driven by licensed taxi drivers to rent or as replacement courtesy vehicles. The public hire vehicle license is usually issued in the company name, which then assigns a licensed taxi driver to that vehicle, which is then informed to the council. This practice helps taxi drivers and the taxi business/trade.

Over the last few years, the council (Local Licensing team) has been insisting that only a licensed taxi driver can hold the vehicle license, which is causing multiple issues for drivers and service providers.

This practice is not well thought out and is limiting the options for our local drivers to work. We host a large number of taxi drivers who live in our borough and work in the neighbouring borough.

I propose the council to look into some of the highlighted issues created due to this practice and consider this matter from all angles and conclude a workable solution for service providers by letting them have the licenses in the company name (Service Provider). This update will make the process practical for such operators/service providers.”

**9b Councillor Saj Hussain - Funding for Non-Statutory Services.**

“Council urges the commissioners to negotiate with The Public Works Loans Board or such bodies that the interest payments on WBC repayment be deferred for one week, together with the drastic cuts already achieved this will enable Woking Borough Council to continue to provide much needed funding to the Non-statutory services to our residents such as Citizen Advice Woking, Community Transport and other essential community organisations which support the most vulnerable residents of Woking, the deferment will also give those organisations breathing space to plan for the future.”

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, Barker, Boote, Brown, Cosnahan, Davis, Greentree, Hussain, Javaid, Johnson, Kirby, Morales, Mukherjee, Nicholson, Oades, Roberts, and Sullivan, Independent Co-Opted Person Claire Storey and Independent Person Tim Stokes together with Officers attending the meeting.