Leader's Update

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Introduction and Welcome!

Welcome to my latest Update.

I would like to start with the Coronation weekend, celebrating the following Coronation Weekend Bank Holiday Monday. It was great to see so many residents and visitors across the borough enjoying exceptional scenes, playing an important role as enabler and leader in helping to ensure a fantastic weekend for everyone. Thanks to all our staff, our partners and our residents who made it such a memorable occasion. Special thanks to our Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture, Cllr Ashley Bunyan, who led on the Coronation Weekend programme and who has been a tireless champion for our parks. Please listen to his interview.

Last Friday, 23rd June, was Armed Forces Day. I proposed that the Wokingham Borough Council Armed Forces Covenant be signed by the Council, which was agreed by Council. This was a great opportunity to celebrate our Armed Forces community and their contribution to our community and country. The signing and meeting were well attended by the council meeting chamber and online.

The annual parade and service in Wokingham town centre was a fantastic occasion, with a large number of residents and visitors lining the streets to show their support for our Armed Forces community. The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has given the council the opportunity to bid for a share of £1.5 million of funding to support the Armed Forces community. I have asked officers to submit a bid for this funding, which will be used to support our Armed Forces community. Our Armed Forces community is a very diverse community, with approximately 10 Armed Forces veterans in South Reading alone. We have a large 16-Armed Forces veterans in South Reading alone. We have a large 16-Armed Forces veterans in South Reading alone. We have a large 16-