

BOROUGH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the New Council Chamber - Town Hall, Reigate on 26 July 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors Mrs. D. A. Ross-Tomlin (Mayor), J. M. Ellacott (Deputy Mayor), Mrs. R. Absalom, D. Allcard, T. Archer, L. S. Ascough, R. H. Ashford, R. Biggs, Mrs. J. S. Bray, H. Brown, R. W. Coad, G. P. Crome, G. R. Curry, J. E. Durrant, J. C. S. Essex, K. Foreman, Dr. L. R. Hack, R. Harper, N. D. Harrison, E. Humphreys, F. Kelly, V. H. Lewanski, A. M. Lynch, S. McKenna, R. Michalowski, R. C. Newstead, G. Owen, S. Parnall, J. Paul, T. Schofield, M. J. Selby, B. A. Stead, J. M. Stephenson, C. Stevens, Ms. B. J. Thomson, Mrs. R. S. Turner and J. F. White.

Before the start of the meeting the Mayor reminded all present that this meeting of the Council would be webcast live on the Council's website.

19. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 May 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed.

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Blacker, Mrs N.J. Bramhall, V.W. Broad, M.A. Brunt, J. Godden, A.C.J. Horwood, J. King, G.J. Knight, Mrs R. Mill, D.T. Powell, Mrs A. Tarrant, S.T. Walsh, C.T.H. Whinney and J.C. White.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

23. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

24. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Three questions were asked and responses given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.15 and the Order Paper circulated at the meeting. Details were as follows:

Question by	Answered by	Subject
Councillor S. McKenna	Councillor K. Foreman, Executive Member for Planning Policy	The National Planning Policy Framework and Garden Village Principles
Councillor H. Brown	Councillor K. Foreman, Executive Member for Planning Policy	Redhill Aerodrome
Councillor J.C.S. Essex	Councillor M.A. Brunt, Leader of the Council, nominated Councillor T. Schofield, Executive Member for Finance, to respond	Pathway for Care

Note: For more information on responses to Council questions please see this page on the Council's website:

http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20323/council_and_committees/336/full_council

25. STATEMENTS

None.

26. MOTION: SINGLE USE PLASTICS

Councillor G.R. Curry moved and Councillor R.W. Coad seconded the following Motion, concerning single use plastics:

1. That the Chief Executive be requested to undertake an audit of the Council's purchasing with respect to single use plastics and to report the findings of this review to the Executive with appropriate recommendations for their reduction;
2. That the Chief Executive be requested to take action to immediately eliminate the use of single use plastics in the Town Hall complex, liaise with satellite facilities such as the Earlswood Depot, Harlequin, leisure centres and businesses within the Council's commercially rented properties to work towards this goal on a practical timescale;
3. That the Chief Executive works with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services to prepare an awareness campaign of the need to reduce single use plastics within our local community; and
4. That the Chief Executive be requested to develop a system that would promote achievement levels through a voluntary rating system for local businesses (and other organisations, e.g. schools) to highlight those doing the most to eliminate single use plastics, reduce general disposable and single use items and working to increase their recycling rates.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.17.3 of the Constitution the Motion upon being moved and seconded was referred without discussion to the Executive for consideration.

27. REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL: BOUNDARY REVIEW SUBMISSION (WARD BOUNDARIES)

Councillor J. Durrant, Executive Member for Community Safety and Chairman of the Boundary Review Member Working Group, informed the Council that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) had, earlier in the year, announced proposals to reduce the council size from 51 to 45 as part of its review of Reigate and Banstead's size, electoral arrangements and ward boundaries.

Councillor J. Durrant explained that the LGBCE had published proposed ward boundaries, following an initial consultation, in June 2018. It was noted that LGBCE had been consulting on these proposals and the deadline for commenting on warding patterns and names was 13 August 2018.

Councillor J. Durrant explained that the Council had established a cross-party, Member Working Group, which had supported the Council's activities in relation to the LGBCE review. It was highlighted that the response to the consultation, set out in Annex 1 of the report, represented the collective work of all Members. Cllr J. Durrant placed on record his thanks to Members, and the Working Group in particular, for their time and effort and paid tribute to officers for their support and guidance.

In drawing ward boundaries it was noted that the LGBCE needed to balance the following statutory criteria: delivering electoral equality; reflecting local community interests and identities; and promoting effective and convenient local government.

Councillor J. Durrant informed the Council that the discussions at Working Group meetings had been very positive and had allowed Members to use their combined local knowledge to better realise the affinities local residents had and to suggest appropriate changes to the proposals put forward by the LGBCE.

It was noted that the Working Group had identified some areas of significant concern, such as the splits in Kingswood and Woodmansterne. However, it was also highlighted that many smaller changes had been identified to help better reflect local communities.

It was explained that the following minor amendments would be made to the Council's response prior to submission:

- The addition of Burgh Heath to the Kingswood, Chipstead and Woodmansterne ward name.
- The estimated population for Banstead Village would be amended to 7,645. This was in accordance with the forecast electorate numbers calculated on the boundary mapping tool used to map the proposed amendments.
- The correction of typos in relation to Horley East and Salfords.

Cllr J. Durrant moved the Recommendations set out in the report which was seconded by Councillor K. Foreman.

During the discussion that followed a number of issues were considered, including:

- The cross-party support for work carried out by the Member Working Group and the response to the boundary review consultation, set out in Annex 1 of the report.
- That feedback from the local community had helped inform the Council's response and that Councillors had undertaken various community engagement activities.
- The importance of promoting the LGBCE consultation and encouraging all residents to provide a response to help ensure the final proposal, due in October 2018, best reflected communities across the borough.

In addition a number of issues were raised by other Councillors regarding specific aspects of the proposal. This included a request for the Council's submission to include a list of all anomalies highlighted at an earlier stage of the review. In response, Councillor J. Durrant suggested this could be addressed as part of the delegation on minor amendments. This was agreed and it was;

RESOLVED

1. That the response to the boundary review consultation, set out in Annex 1 of the Report of the Head of Corporate Policy, Performance and Legal and recommended by the Member Working Group, be approved for submission to the Local Authority Boundary Commission for England;
2. That the Electoral Services Manager be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of the Boundary Review Member Working Group and all Group Leaders, to make any minor amendments to the response prior to submission.

28. APPOINTMENTS TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR THE 2018/19 PERIOD

RESOLVED that:

1. Mr Colin Woods continue as an IRP Member until 2020.
2. Mrs Tracey Jessup be re-appointed as an IRP Member, for an extra one year term, until 2019 to ensure consistency and transfer of knowledge.
3. Mr Paul Whitehouse be re-appointed as an IRP Member, for an extra one year term, until 2019 to ensure consistency and transfer of knowledge.

29. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

30. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported on the success of the Mayoral Facebook account. It was highlighted that the account, set up for the new Mayoral team, had received positive ratings of over 86%. It was noted that this facility had allowed the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to reach out to many people across the community and had been used to promote upcoming events.

The Mayor also informed the Council that:

- The Heritage Open Day was being held on Saturday 15 September at the Town Hall, Reigate.
- A Ladies Lunch was being held on Tuesday 20 November at the Redhill and Reigate Golf Club. It was noted that Virginia McKenna, from the Born Free Foundation, would be guest speaker.

The Mayor closed the meeting by inviting Members and guests to the Parlour for light refreshments after the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.18 pm