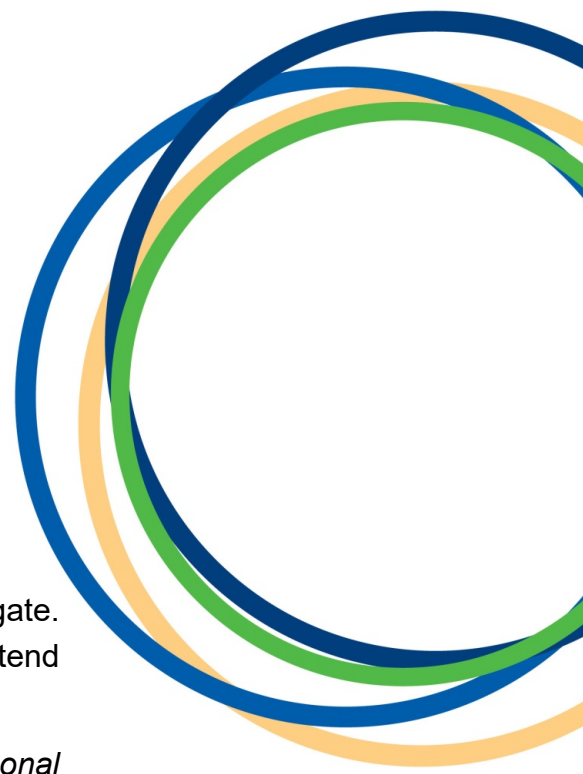


Agenda

Council



Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 7.30 pm

New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Reigate



Members will assemble at the Town Hall, Reigate. Members of the public and Officers may attend remotely.

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Members of Reigate and Banstead Borough Council are respectfully summoned to attend a meeting of the Borough Council on Thursday, 27 October 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain

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1. Minutes

(Pages 5 - 8)

To sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 22 September 2022.

2. Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

4. Urgent business

To consider any urgent business.

5. Public questions

To consider any questions received from members of the public under Council Procedure Rule 2.14.

6. Questions by Members

To consider any questions received from Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 2.15.

7. Local Plan - Local Development Scheme

To agree the initiation and timetable for a new Local Plan.

Report to follow.

8. Recommendations

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Council's Executive, Committees and Sub-Committees for decision including:

Executive meeting held on 20 October 2022

- Minute 30 - Treasury Management Strategy Outturn 2021/22.

The minute of the Executive's consideration of the item is to follow. Related Committee agenda, reports and minutes are available [here](#).

9. Statements

To receive any statements from the Leader of the Council, Members of the Executive, Chairmen of Committees or the Managing Director.

10. Motion: The cumulative impact of emergency sewerage discharges (Pages 9 - 10)

Councillor Chandler will move and Councillor Sinden will second the motion.

11. Leader's announcements

To receive any announcements by the Leader of the Council.

12. Mayor's announcements

To receive any announcements from the Mayor.



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Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held at the **New Council Chamber - Town Hall, Reigate** on **Thursday, 22 September 2022 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Councillors F. Kelly (Mayor) and M. A. Brunt (Leader); R. Absalom (Deputy Mayor), T. Schofield (Deputy Leader), G. Adamson, T. Archer, R. H. Ashford, H. Avery, J. Baker, R. Biggs, M. S. Blacker, N. J. Bramhall, J. S. Bray, V. Chester, Z. Cooper, M. Elbourne, J. C. S. Essex, P. Harp, N. D. Harrison, G. Hinton, J. Hudson, E. Humphreys, A. King, J. P. King, S. A. Kulka, V. H. Lewanski, R. Michalowski, N. C. Moses, C. M. Neame, S. Parnall, A. Proudfoot, R. Ritter, K. Sachdeva, S. Sinden, C. Stevens, D. Torra, R. S. Turner and S. T. Walsh

Attended remotely: Councillors P. Chandler and S. McKenna

23 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28 July 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed.

24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Booton, Buttironi, Harper, Tary and Thompson.

25 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

26 Urgent business

There was no urgent business.

27 Motion of condolence

The Mayor detailed the civic duties that he had undertaken since the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. These included attending the Surrey County Council proclamation and leading the Reigate & Banstead proclamation. Floral tributes had been laid at the Town Hall and prayers said by the Mayor, the Leader, the Managing Director and representatives from Unison. A letter of condolence had been sent by the Mayor to the Palace which had recalled a visit to the Borough by the Queen to re-open East Surrey College in 2011. A Minute of Silence for Reflection had been held on the eve of the Queen's funeral at the Town Hall. This had been illuminated to reflect the

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Queen's lifetime of service. The Mayor had also supported residents to contribute to the Books of Condolence by taking these into care homes across the Borough.

Council considered a motion of condolence. The motion was proposed by Councillor Brunt and seconded by Councillor Parnall.

The Mayor invited all Group Leaders to speak to the motion:

- The Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt, noted that for most if not all of those attending the meeting, Her Majesty The Queen was the only serving monarch they had known. It was noted that The Queen's image had always been on money and stamps. It would therefore take a long time to get used to the change in sovereign. The meeting had already reflected on The Queen's long service. The magnitude of The Queen's passing was demonstrated by people recalling where they were when they had heard the news. It was explained by the Leader that he had been conducting the business of the Council. This was fitting given it was done in the name of the sovereign. The Leader gave his thanks to staff at the Council for all they have done to support residents in expressing their condolences.
- Councillor Essex, the Leader of the Green Group, noted the intention to join in the mourning of The Queen's wider family and close friends. It was highlighted that Jesus had said a blessing for those who mourned and that they will be comforted. The Queen's integrity, faith and life of service were recognised. It was thought that the new King would fill The Queen's footprints well.
- Councillor Harrison, the Leader of the Residents' Association Group, noted the importance of adding to the accolades expressed about The Queen and speaking on behalf of residents, many of whom had paid their respects to The Queen during her Lying-in-State. The grainy footage of George VI's Lying-in-State and The Queen's own Coronation showed how much the country had changed during the 70 years of The Queen's reign. Not just in the style of dress but in terms of science, technology and economic development. Diversity had increased with changes in social attitudes, less deference and a more secular society. However, the one thing that had not changed was the affection, admiration and respect felt for The Queen. Rather, the esteem for Her Majesty had grown at home and around the world. How The Queen had herself recognised the need for change and had moved with the times was recognised along with the fact that she did not cease in her service. Councillor Harrison wished that The Queen may rest in peace.
- Councillor Kulka, the Leader of the Liberal Democratic Group, expressed his support for everything that had already been said. The profound loss was noted. The Queen was described as a dedicated public servant who had brought communities together irrespective of belief or identity. In the spirit of togetherness, everyone was united in shared condolences.

RESOLVED for Council to express its deepest regret and grief at the death of Her Majesty The Queen, to convey its sincere condolences to His Majesty The King and other members of the Royal Family in their bereavement; to affirm the great affection and esteem in which Her Majesty was held and express gratitude for her life of exceptional public service.

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Council considered a motion of allegiance to King Charles III.

The motion was proposed by Councillor Bray and seconded by Councillor Torra.

The Mayor invited all Group Leaders to speak to the motion:

- The Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt, provided a reminder that the actions of Councillors were undertaken as part of a delegated authority from the Head of State. Therefore, it was appropriate that all reaffirmed their allegiance to the new Head of State, King Charles III. The Leader expressed that it was his honour in representing the Conservative Group which was offering its allegiance to the new King.
- Councillor Essex, the Leader of the Green Group, noted that he had always respected Prince Charles as the new Monarch had formerly been known. His concern for issues of importance for the whole country was highlight including farming standards, climate change and challenging the plight of the poorest children in society. His role as King was anticipated with him continuing to stand for these issues and bring his private thoughts into his public role. Councillor Essex looked forward to the King leading the nation, by both respecting the past, honouring the present and taking the nation forward.
- Councillor Harrison, the Leader of the Residents' Association Group, highlighted that the way in which the new King had taken over from his mother had been impressive. He had served a long apprenticeship as Prince of Wales with Councillor Harrison being sure he would provide the leadership and continuity that was needed.
- Councillor Kulka, the Leader of the Liberal Democratic Group, described how King Charles III had always shown what he could become. Allegiance to the new King was stated.

RESOLVED for Council to express its allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III on his accession.

29 Approval of Council meeting date

RESOLVED for an Ordinary Council meeting to be convened from 7:30pm on Thursday 27 October 2022.

30 Leader's announcements

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt, had no announcements to make.

31 Mayor's announcements

The Mayor thanked the Brunoy and Eschweiler Twinning Association for the condolences provided following the death of Her Majesty The Queen. Specific teams and members of staff were thanked for ensuring the smooth implementation of the

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Civic Protocol. These included George Potter, the Security Team, the Borough's Community Centres, Duane Kirkland, the team at the Harlequin Theatre, the Communication Team and the Mayor's Office. Maggie Judd, the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress were thanked for supporting the Mayor in his visits to care homes to make the Books of Condolence available to their residents. Frank Etheridge was specifically thanked for his leadership of the Civic Protocol team.

Congratulations were expressed to Councillor Booton and his family on the birth of their child.

The meeting finished at 7.59 pm

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Motion with notice

Council procedure rule 2.17

Motion: The cumulative impact of emergency sewerage discharges

Councillor Chandler will move the motion. Councillor Sinden will second.

This Council notes that:

- Residents are deeply concerned about water quality and the impact of regular wastewater discharge, which includes untreated sewage, into our local rivers and the impact on wildlife and on human health.
- Emergency sewage spills have become common. Releasing sewage into rivers is no longer an emergency-only situation occurring as a result of severe storms but is now occurring on a regular basis even in 'normal' rainfall, reflecting a growing overload on the wastewater system that is required to treat sewage.
- East Surrey was the worst affected area in Surrey served by Thames Water according to data on 2021 discharges collated by the Rivers Trust (<https://theriverstrust.org/key-issues/sewage-in-rivers>).
- In Reigate and Banstead this included Earlswood STW near Redhill which spilt 98 times for a total of 1,778 hours into Earlswood Brook. Other sites in the borough were Lee Street in Horley where the sewer storm overflow spilled 69 times for a total of 1,119 hours, discharging into the Mole. The sewer storm overflow in Albury Road, Merstham spilled 30 times for a total of 353 hours, discharging into the Merstham Stream. The sewer storm overflow in Burstow spilled 112 times for a total of 1,025 hours, discharging into the Burstow Stream.

This Council agrees that:

- There is clear evidence of poor water quality (Thames Water Draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan DWMP – Surrey Catchment p.5) and evidence of multiple sewage discharge events or 'sewage overload' in our borough.
- The Council has an obligation to protect its rivers, including from the cumulative impacts of pollution through the development management process. Planning authorities have the right to independently assess the cumulative impact of new development on both water quality and pollution.
- Reigate & Banstead Borough Council's Development Management Plan (DMP) includes a section for Sewage and Wastewater Infrastructure requirements that

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states that none were identified relating to the developments listed in the local plan (DMP p216).

- Claims by major planning applications that there is sufficient capacity in the adjacent foul sewer network may be correct within current legislation but conflict with the scale of sewage spills that are occurring and the spill targets that Thames Water is setting in its Draft DWMP.

This Council resolves to:

- Monitor the extent, number and the cumulative impact of wastewater discharge including untreated sewage on our local rivers, wildlife and the health of our residents.
- Require Thames Water, from this date onwards, in its planning consultation responses for major development, to detail the number and duration of downstream sewage discharges into local rivers and whether this meets the spill targets in the Draft DWMP.
- Request that planning officers, from now onwards, include in all reports relating to major development a specific section on the impact on watercourses in line with DMP section INF1 paragraph 4, including the cumulative impact of development on sewage outflow into watercourses, the number and duration of sewage spills reported by the Environment Agency and whether Thames Water are meeting their spill targets and the infrastructure improvements planned to enable them.