

# Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

Meeting of Council 28 March 2024

## Public Questions

<b>Number</b>	<b>Question by</b>	<b>To be answered by</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	Sujata Das	Councillor Moses, the Executive Member for Environment & Sustainability	Playgrounds in Horley West
2	Ian Vernon	Councillor Biggs, the Leader of the Council	The Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control

**Sujata Das** will ask the **Executive Member for Environment & Sustainability, Councillor Moses** the following question:

**Question: Playgrounds in Horley West**

There are multiple playgrounds in Horley West which are ready but not open to use. Can you please confirm when will these be open to public and why is this held up currently?

**Ian Vernon** will ask the **Leader of the Council, Councillor Biggs** the following question:

**Question: The Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control**

Our Government has made a decision to create a Smokefree England by 2030, however, The Khan Review, June 2022 (welcomed by The Royal College of Psychiatrists), highlighted, "without further action, England will miss the Smokefree 2030 target by at least 7 years. There is an opportunity for local Representatives to lead on this matter to influence the success of the target, and wider behaviour, to reduce further detriment to public health. The above Royal College and The Royal College of Physicians, endorsed by Cancer Research UK and The Faculty of Public Health, in 2013, stated, " It is not acceptable to sustain an environment that actually supports smoking or promotes it covertly through the use of rights and privileges to smoke". The ALL PARTY Parliamentary Group, (2021), on Smoking and Health, in their recommendation of delivering a Smokefree 2030, endorsed the Governing Party's approach to the cessation of poor health by non-smoking. Alongside the publicly funded educational drive in our schools, colleges and GP Surgeries, and respecting the lead from Surrey County Council, (which became a signatory some 10 years ago), will THIS Council join its wider party approach, acknowledge the decades of medical, public health, fire and safety advice and act in joining some 130 other authorities in signing up to The Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control.