

Council Addendum – Questions

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To all Members of the COUNCIL

For a meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held on **THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2019** at **7.30 pm** in the New Council Chamber - Town Hall, Reigate.

John Jory
Chief Executive

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

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Agenda Item 5

REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

Public Questions

No.	Question by:	Answered by:	Subject
1.	Mr M. Hay	Cllr D. Allcard Chair, Planning Committee	Future Developments in the Borough

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Mr Mick Hay will ask the **Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor D. Allcard** the following question:

Question: Future Developments in the Borough

I ask Reigate and Banstead Borough Council to commit to undertake a course of action with developers who are unable to meet their contractual obligations, that the development tender be closed and renegotiated, re-opened and re-born with other developers that are prepared to and can meet the nationally required living standards, can meet Reigate and Banstead Borough Council affordable housing targets, can develop an environmentally friendly complex and can develop high quality and sustainable living accommodation that benefits the residents of the Borough as well as the developers.

Would Reigate and Banstead Borough Council be prepared to take this action in respect of future developments in the Borough?

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REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

Questions by Members

No.	Question by:	To be answered by:	Subject
1.	Cllr S. Fenton	Cllr T. Schofield, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance	Preparations for Brexit
2.	Cllr J. Essex	Cllr E. Humphreys, Executive Member for Place and Economic Prosperity	Redhill Town Centre
3.	Cllr H. Brown	Cllr R. Biggs, Executive Member for Planning Policy	Redhill Golf Centre / Driving Range
4.	Cllr S. Kulka	Cllr N. Bramhall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Coronation Meadows
5.	Cllr S. Sinden	Cllr N. Bramhall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Street Cleaning
6.	Cllr R. Ritter	Cllr G. Knight, Executive Member for Housing and Benefits	Homelessness

Agenda Item 6

Council Meeting: 26 September 2019

Councillor S. Fenton will ask the **Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Finance, Councillor T. Schofield** the following question:

Question: Preparations for Brexit

What does the council consider to be the worst-case scenario in terms of damage caused to the local economy, businesses and communities by the UK leaving the EU, and what plans are in place to mitigate the impact should we leave on October 31st?

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Councillor J. Essex will ask the **Executive Member for Place and Economic Prosperity, Councillor E. Humphreys** the following question:

Question: Redhill Town Centre

Please can you provide an update on the current plans and timescale for the development of major schemes in Redhill town centre, including the Marketfield Way scheme and the Redhill station redevelopment project?

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Council Meeting: 26 September 2019

Councillor H. Brown will ask the **Executive Member for Planning Policy**, **Councillor R. Biggs** the following question:

Question: Redhill Golf Centre / Driving Range

Redhill golf driving range at the back of East Surrey Hospital has closed down. An application was made by the owner of the land to take it out of the Green Belt, presumably with a view to developing it.

Can you provide an update on the status of this land, and future plans for it?

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Councillor S. Kulka will ask the **Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor N. Bramhall** the following question:

Question: Coronation Meadows

I believe everyone is aware of the consequences of the loss of valuable habitat for bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. It is a matter of public record that in the last 75 years, an estimated 97 % of our wild flower meadows have been lost to development, agriculture and leisure activities.

The Coronation Meadow scheme headed by Prince Charles and supported by 3 major charities is looking to recreate these important flower meadows. All they need is the land.

I have seen small areas of wildflowers across the borough, but this council has more parcels of land in its ownership, such as parts of Earlswood Common where Golf is no longer played, or the redundant allotment site adjacent to Redhill Football club as examples that may be suitable for supporting such a scheme.

Would the executive member be willing to investigate the use of some of our under-utilised open land, which would not only benefit nature, but would also be of educational use and a colourful attraction for our residents and visitors?

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Councillor S. Sinden will ask the **Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor N. Bramhall** the following question:

Question: Street Cleaning

How often does the Redhill town centre get cleaned: firstly, after the market and over the weekend; and secondary how often is there a 'deep clean', such as to clean the town centre seating which has grooves that collect cigarette butts and small bits of paper, planters that collect rubbish, and the area around the bus station?

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Councillor R. Ritter will ask the **Executive Member for Housing and Benefits, Councillor G. Knight** the following question:

Question: Homelessness

This council supports the Winter Night Shelter run by Renewed Hope Trust and local churches to give a bed for the night to homeless men and women from December to March. These are some of the most vulnerable people in society often with complex mental health and other needs who need specialist support.

As there are homeless people and rough sleepers in the borough all year round, some of whom sleep in tents, tucked away in woodland, often on council owned common land, can the council inform us where these people are now supposed to go, since a recent High Court injunction taken out means that making an encampment or temporary shelter on Reigate and Banstead Borough Council-owned land is now a criminal activity with liability for arrest?

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