

Addendum

Council

Dear Councillor,

Council - Thursday, 10 December 2020, 7.30 pm

I enclose, for consideration at the meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday, 10 December 2020 at 7.30 pm, the following reports which were unavailable when the agenda was published.

Mari Roberts-Wood
Interim Head of Paid Service

6. Questions by Members (Pages 3 - 10)

To consider any questions received from Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 14.

9. Designation of Polling Places and Deputy Electoral Registration Officer (Pages 11 - 12)

Revised Appendix 1.

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Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Meeting of Council 10 December 2020

Questions by Members

Number	Question by	To be answered by	Subject
1	Cllr Sinden	Executive Member for Planning Policy and Place Delivery, Cllr Biggs	Retrofitting of High-Rise Buildings
2	Cllr Essex	Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt	Surrey County Council Energy Reduction Funding (to be answered in writing)
3	Cllr McKenna	Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt	Council House Building
4	Cllr Essex	Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt	Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
5	Cllr Ritter	Executive Member for Investments and Companies, Cllr Archer	Proposed Crematorium
6	Cllr Kulka	Executive Member for Investment and Companies, Cllr Archer	Reigate Priory Building and Museum

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Councillor Sinden will ask the **Executive Member for Planning Policy and Place Delivery, Councillor Biggs** the following question:

Question 1: Retrofitting of High-Rise Buildings

Please can you confirm whether there are any buildings over 11m high in the borough that need to be retrofitted to reduce their fire risk, including those that have aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding, as in the Grenfell Tower or High Pressure Laminate (HPL) cladding which was identified as having a similarly unacceptable fire risk in the Grenfell Tower phase 1 report. The reason for asking for over 11m is this is the reach height for a standard fire engine.

Councillor Essex will receive a written answer from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt to the following question:

Question 2: Surrey County Council Energy Reduction Funding

Surrey County Council have just been awarded around £6.2 million pounds from the government to help around 600 households reduce their energy bills. Please confirm how this will be targeted and promoted in Reigate and Banstead and how this forms part of our wider plan for 'energy makeovers' for all of the existing homes across the Reigate and Banstead Borough Council area.

A written response will be provided.

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Councillor McKenna will ask the **Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt** the following question:

Question 3: Council House Building

We note and support this Council's robust submission against the Government White Paper "The Future of Planning" expressing opposition to the weakening of the planning system and the imposition of housing targets regardless of local need. Bearing in mind that the White Paper appears to be catering for the needs of the housebuilding lobby rather than addressing the real needs of our local communities more must be done to help families access decent quality low cost housing in this area.

At a time of particular pressures where jobs are disappearing and access to home loans are beyond the reach of many including key workers it is time to send a clear message that our Borough Council will stand up for communities by providing new council owned homes. We are failing to secure genuinely affordable council housing at present in the Borough and especially when there is a significant pot of money available to do a lot of good for example (several millions) in the Borough Council's Strategic Housing Delivery Fund and in addition New Homes Bonus monies not currently in the fund (possibly as much as £3 millions).

Therefore would the Executive agree that it makes sense to proactively and directly release funds into a substantial programme of council house building on brownfield land utilising funds in the Strategic Housing Delivery Fund, the New Homes Bonus and even using low interest monies borrowed from the Public Works Loans Board. Furthermore, where sites are not in public ownership will the Executive promote selective acquisition of brownfield land to carry out this programme? Finally, will the Executive agree that what is now needed is a dramatic and targeted intervention which will make a significant difference in achieving these outcomes?

Councillor Essex will ask the **Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt** the following question:

Question 4: Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is bringing in changes, including to the number of fire crews and fire engines at different fire stations. These changes started from April 2020 with further reductions including to the fire station in Banstead proposed for this month. This question is to formally request that the council request that SFRS share a report for each month from July 2020 to see how this is impacting our borough council area, based on information that the fire service collect:

- Firstly, for each month, how many fire and rescue incidents occurred in Reigate and Banstead, how many of these were attended by neighbouring fire services (e.g. London), and for each Critical Incident that occurred within the borough, please list the response times for the 1st and 2nd appliances that attended for incidents where the SFRS Critical Incident Response Standard was not achieved.
- Secondly, the Monthly Average Call Handling Time (from the 999 call to alerting the crew), Turn-out Time (from the crew being alerted to leaving the fire station) and Monthly Average Surrey Response Time (from alerting the crew to appliances arriving at the incident).
- Thirdly, the percentage of time during each month, that each of the frontline appliances in Reigate and Banstead's fire stations were for available to respond to emergency calls (compared to the required availability in the Making Surrey Safer Plan).
- Fourthly, please confirm the number of Competent On Call firefighters expressed as FTE (Full time Equivalent) employed to provide cover at Reigate and Banstead fire stations on the 1st October 2018, 2019, 2020.

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Councillor Ritter will ask the **Executive Member for Investment and Companies, Councillor Archer** the following question:

Question 5: Proposed Crematorium

Following the announcement of the council's proposal to build a crematorium bordering Woodhatch and Earlswood Lakes and the considerable feeling from local residents, can the Executive member for Investment and Companies explain why building on the Green Belt is considered to have less impact here in terms of people and wildlife than in other parts of the borough?

Councillor Kulka will ask the **Executive Member for Investments and Companies, Councillor Archer** the following question:

Question 6: Reigate Priory Building and Museum

It is now common knowledge that Reigate Priory School will move to a new building on the Canon site.

Could the Executive member please explain what this Council plans to do with the listed Reigate Priory building including the museum, once this has happened?

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Item 9, Designation of Polling Places and appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officer

Revisions to Appendix 1 – Recommended designation of polling places

Borough District	County Division(s)	Current polling place	Alternative options considered	Recommendation	Reason
CKW4	Tadworth, Walton and Kingswood	War Memorial Hall, Brighton Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Comrades, Brighton Road • Heathside Brewers Fayre, Brighton Road 	No change to the designated polling place (War Memorial Hall)	<p>The War Memorial Hall is considered suitable and can accommodate a one-way system and social distancing measures. The Hall would be available under Tiers 1 & 2, however it would be closed under Tier 3.</p> <p>A suitable alternative (Heathside Brewers Fayre) has been identified and assessed – and would be available under Tier 3. In the event of Tier 3 restrictions, the ERO would seek to designate the Heathside Brewers Fayre as the polling place for CKW4 in consultation with Ward Members, candidates and agents.</p>
EWB4	Earlswood and Reigate South	Redhill Football (Social) Club, Three Arch Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitebushes Village Hall, Mason's Bridge Road • Tollgate Evangelical Church, Woodhatch Road 	To delegate authority to the ERO to designate the polling place for EWB4 in consultation with Ward Members	<p>ERO is awaiting a decision from Tollgate Evangelical Church on 9th December. If we are given permission to use the premises, the ERO needs to conduct a detailed suitability assessment (including a COVID risk assessment) before an informed decision can be made.</p> <p>There is not enough time to complete this assessment before the Council meeting on 10th December. A decision is required by January, before the next Full Council meeting in February. Paragraph 1.24 of the Officer Scheme of Delegation within the Constitution gives the ERO delegated authority to designate the polling place where it is not practicable to report to a meeting of the Council.</p>
HRW1	Horley West, Salfords and Sidlow	Reigate Valley College, Sidlow Bridge Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horley Leisure Centre, Anderson Way • Emmanuel Church, Reigate Road 	To designate the Emmanuel Church, Reigate Road as the polling place for HRW1	<p>The currently designated polling place (Reigate Valley College, Sidlow Bridge Campus) does not meet the requirements for social distancing / one-way systems.</p> <p>The ERO visited the nearby Emmanuel Church to conduct a full assessment and considers the venue to be suitable and can accommodate a one-way system and social distancing measures.</p> <p>This change would be highlighted on electors' poll cards and with additional signage at both locations, which are approx. 0.2 miles (a 5-minute walk) apart.</p>

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