

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held at the **New Council Chamber - Town Hall, Reigate** on **Thursday, 20 July 2023 at 7.30 pm.**



Present: Councillors E. Humphreys (Mayor) and R. Biggs (Leader); J. Baker (Deputy Mayor), V. H. Lewanski (Deputy Leader), G. Adamson, R. H. Ashford, H. Avery, J. S. Bray, G. Buttironi, P. Chandler, V. Chester, Z. Cooper, J. Dwight, M. Elbourne, J. C. S. Essex, K. Fairhurst, B. Green, P. Harp, R. Harper, N. D. Harrison, G. Hinton, J. Hudson, F. Kelly, S. Khan, A. King, J. P. King, S. A. Kulka, R. Michalowski, N. C. Moses, C. M. Neame, A. Proudfoot, K. Sachdeva, S. Sinden, M. Smith, C. Thompson, J. Thorne, D. Torra and S. T. Walsh

15 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held 25 May 2023 on be approved as a correct record and signed.

16 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blacker, Booton, McKenna, Parnall, Ritter, Stevens and Tary.

17 Declarations of interest

There were none.

18 Urgent business

There was no urgent business for Council to address.

19 Questions by Members

Sixteen questions with notice were received from Members of the Council. Two were on the same subject and received a joint response. Three were from Members who provided their apologies to the meeting and therefore were to receive written

1.	Councillor Dwight	Councillor Biggs, Leader of the Council	Changes to rail ticket offices
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responses. Two were additional. Oral responses were therefore received at the meeting to eleven questions with written responses provided to five questions in accordance with Procedure Rule 2.15.8.

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2.	Councillor Essex	Councillor Biggs, Leader of the Council	Changes to rail ticket offices
3.	Councillor Sinden	Councillor (Andrew) King, the Executive Member for Commercial & Community Assets	Park pavilions and toilets
4.	Councillor Khan	Councillor Ashford, Executive Member for Communities, Leisure & Culture	Community bus service
5.	Councillor Cooper	Councillor Ashford, Executive Member for Communities, Leisure & Culture	Financial support for the rising cost of living
6.	Councillor Torra	Councillor Moses, Executive Member for Environment & Sustainability	Single use plastics
7.	Councillor Chandler	Councillor Lewanski, Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Finance, Governance & Organisation	Ethical procurement
8.	Councillor Thorne	Councillor Neame, Executive Member for Housing & Support	Asylum seekers
9.	Councillor Proudfoot	Councillor Michalowski, Executive Member for Place, Planning & Regulatory Services	Biodiversity Net Gain
10.	Councillor Chester	Councillor Michalowski, Executive Member for Place, Planning & Regulatory Services	Gatwick Airport Development Consent Order
11.	Councillor Kelly	Councillor Michalowski, Executive Member for Place, Planning & Regulatory Services	Merstham Recreation Ground renovation
Written responses to be given after the meeting			
12.	Councillor Booton	Councillor Biggs, Leader of the Council	Climate Emergency
13.	Councillor Ritter	Councillor Avery, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Garden Waste
14.	Councillor Kelly	Councillor Avery, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Recycling bus
15.	Councillor McKenna	Councillor Michalowski, Executive Member for Place, Planning & Regulatory Services	Permitted Development Rights

16.	Councillor Khan	Councillor Michalowski, Executive Member for Place, Planning & Regulatory Services	Permitted Development Rights
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Note: For more information on the response to Council questions, please see the following page on the Council's website:

<https://reigate-banstead.moderngov.co.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13260>

20 Recommendations

RESOLVED: to adopt the Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2028/29 as the framework for the budget elements of service and financial planning for 2024/25 onwards.

RESOLVED: to adopt the Capital Investment Strategy as the framework for the Capital Programme elements of service and financial planning for 2024/25 onwards.

21 Statements

There were no statements made.

22 Leader's announcements

There was no statement made by the Leader.

23 Mayor's announcements

The Mayor acknowledged the many engagements he had undertaken since taking up his role including a 103rd birthday celebration, a performance by Banstead Prep School and a Surrey Youth Arts Event. Councillor Ashford and the Community Partnership Team were thanked for inviting the Mayor to the latter.

The Mayor thanked all those involved in making his Civic Service a success including Reverend Gill Long and Scouts Anthony Squibb and Benjamin Squibb who gave an entertaining performance. The Deputy Mayor was thanked for attending the Armed Forces service.

Further information about the Mayor's events would be forthcoming. Members were encouraged to attend those in their wards and in order to facilitate this to contact the Mayor's Office. The celebration of the Volunteer Award nominees and winners was anticipated on 26 September 2023. Reigate Town Hall would be open as part of the Heritage Open Day festival on 9 September 2023. This would also be the date for Pride in Surrey.

The meeting finished at 8.28 pm