

Council Agenda



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Councillor,

A meeting of the Council of the Borough of Reigate and Banstead will be held in the New Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Reigate on **THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2019** at **7.30 pm** to which you are summoned to attend.

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Jory'.

John Jory
Chief Executive

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

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To: All Members of the Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

1. MINUTES

(Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 December 2018.

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 public under Council Procedure Rule 2.15.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Council's Executive.

Report to Follow

8. STATEMENTS

To receive any statement from the Leader of the Council, Members of the Executive, Chairmen of Committees or the Head of Paid Service.

9. MOTION: CLIMATE CHANGE

Councillor J.C.S. Essex will move and Councillor H. Brown will second the following Motion:

The IPCC Special Report on Global Warming published in October 2018 states that we have just 12 years to act on climate change if global temperature rises are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius.

All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate change, and local authorities that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies. UK cities, boroughs and districts need to commit to ambitious reduction targets and carbon neutrality as quickly as possible

Carbon emissions from the Council's estate and operations totalled 4,939 tonnes of CO₂ in 2012/13. In 2016, the residents and businesses in Reigate and Banstead Borough spent a total of £246 million on energy and fuel bills. If we invested in all of the profitable energy efficiency and low carbon options available now our total energy bills would be cut by £64 million a year (including £18m for households and a further £18m in schools, hospitals, offices, shops and restaurants in the area). Source: <http://www.candocities.org/sites/default/files/Reigate%20and%20Banstead.pdf>

Reigate and Banstead Council has already shown foresight and leadership when it comes to addressing the issue of climate breakdown: (a) Reigate and Banstead previously committed to a 30% reduction in CO₂ emissions from its estate and services between March 2009 and March 2014; (b) This had resulted in a 19.5% reduction was achieved as of March 2012, saving £260,000 per year. (Source: latest Council energy performance data on Council website).

Our current plans and actions will not be enough, given that the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5^oC limit before 2050. Other Local Authorities are currently responding to the IPCC report and Reigate and Banstead Council should continue to be at the forefront, working with other Councils in taking a leadership role.

In light of the above, I request that the Council approves the following:

1. Update its 2010 Carbon Management Plan in light of the recent IPCC report. This should include the setting of a carbon neutral target for Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and a governance structure to ensure close monitoring of the Plan;
2. Integrate this (1 above) into the Council's commitment and leadership to businesses and strategic partners, to deliver widespread carbon reductions across the borough; and
3. Call on the Government to provide the necessary powers and resources to make local action on climate change easier.

10. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019/20

(Pages 15 - 24)

To receive a report on the adoption of the Council's Pay Policy Statement.

11. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

The resignation of Councillor J.C. White in December 2018 resulted in a vacancy on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Surrey County Council Local Committee.

Following consultation with the Party Group Leaders Councillor N. Harrison has been appointed as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor C.T.H. Whinney as a member of the Surrey County Council Local Committee for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year by the Head of Legal and Governance utilising the delegation introduced by Council in November 2016.

Council is requested to note the report.

12. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements by the Leader of the Council.

13. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements from the Mayor.

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