

BOROUGH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held as a Remote - Virtual Meeting on 24 September 2020 at 7.45 pm.

Present: Councillors R. Absalom (Mayor), F. Kelly (Deputy Mayor), M. A. Brunt (Leader), T. Schofield (Deputy Leader), G. Adamson, R. H. Ashford, R. Biggs, M. S. Blacker, N. J. Bramhall, J. S. Bray, H. Brown, G. Buttironi, J. C. S. Essex, R. J. Feeney, P. Harp, R. Harper, N. D. Harrison, A. C. J. Horwood, J. Hudson, E. Humphreys, G. J. Knight, S. A. Kulka, J. P. King, V. H. Lewanski, A. M. Lynch, S. McKenna, R. Michalowski, N. C. Moses, C. M. Neame, S. Parnall, J. Paul, J. E. Philpott, S. J. G. Rickman, R. Ritter, D. A. Ross, K. Sachdeva, S. Sinden, C. Stevens, R. S. Turner, S. T. Walsh and C. T. H. Whinney.

REMEMBRANCE OF COUNCILLOR DEREK ALLCARD

Before commencement of the business of the meeting, the Mayor called upon the Leader of the Council to speak in tribute to Councillor Derek Allcard, who had sadly passed away. Members observed a Minute's silence, in remembrance.

30. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 30 July 2020 be approved as a correct record.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Archer and Councillor Foreman.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

33. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

34. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

35. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Seven questions on Notice were asked, and responses given, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.15.

Question by	Answered by	Subject
Councillor Walsh	<p>Councillor Knight, Executive Member for Housing and Benefits</p> <p>Councillor Humphreys, Executive Member for Place and Economic Prosperity</p>	Developments at Marketfield Way, Cromwell Road and Pitwood Park
Councillor Sachdeva	Councillor Knight, Executive Member for Housing and Benefits	Homelessness
Councillor Feeney	Councillor Humphreys, Executive Member for Place and Economic Prosperity	Reopening High Streets Safely Fund
Councillor Ritter	Councillor Bramhall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	National Government Support to Deliver on Carbon Emissions Reduction Targets
Councillor Brown	Councillor Knight, Executive Member for Housing and Benefits	Welfare Arrangements
Councillor McKenna	Councillor Biggs, Executive Member for Planning Policy	Response to Government Consultation on Planning System
Councillor Sinden	Councillor Schofield, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance	COVID-19 Second Wave

Note: For more information on responses to Council questions, please see this page on the Council's website: <https://reigate-banstead.moderngov.co.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13453>.

36. RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendation of the Executive (Minute 28) concerning the Treasury Management Outturn Report 2019/20, be adopted.
2. That the recommendation of the Standards Committee (Minute 9) concerning the Annual Standards Report 2019/20, be adopted.

37. STATEMENTS

The Leader of the Council: Councillor Brunt

The Leader of the Council stated that further details were expected in relation to local government reorganisation from the Government. Once received, the Leader would update Members. The Boroughs and Districts in Surrey had worked closely together and would continue to do so.

Members were assured that the Council's priority was to keep residents safe from Covid-19. The Leader would continue to work closely with the Executive, Officers and other Borough Leaders accordingly.

Chairman of the Planning Committee: Councillor Parnall

Councillor Parnall expressed his support for the Executive Member for Planning Policy, and Officers, in their preparation of a response to the Government's White Paper 'Planning for the Future'.

38. QUARTERLY REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS

RESOLVED to note the use of the special urgency provision (3.5.8) in relation to *Project Baseball* at a meeting of the Commercial Ventures Executive Sub-Committee on 11 May 2020.

39. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 4.5

RESOLVED To note the use of Council Procedure Rule 4.5 by the Chief Executive, on 28 July 2020, in relation to the *Business and Planning Act 2020*

40. POSTHUMOUS RECOGNITION OF FORMER COUNCILLORS

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt, moved the recommendation and in so doing, paid tribute to former Councillor Joan Spiers who had served as a Councillor for Kingswood and Burgh Heath for 32 years. Councillor Spiers would be remembered for her dedication and hard work for the residents of the Borough. Councillor Spiers served as Leader of the Council from 2003-2014 and as Mayor in 2015-16. She had also served on many Committees, including as Chair of the Community Services Committee. As Mayor, she officiated the opening of Tadworth Leisure Centre, introduced the concept of "Mini-Mayor" and raised £40,000 for her chosen charities.

The recommendation was seconded by Councillor Bray, who spoke in tribute to former Councillor Brian Stead. Former Councillor Stead would be remembered for his time as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee; he was courteous and spoke with passion and clarity as an unwavering advocate of his residents. As Mayor, he had raised a substantial amount of money for his chosen charities. Nork

Park was his passion and it was thought that a suitable recognition for him would be the naming of the outdoor gym and playground in his honour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council, in posthumous recognition of the contribution of former Councillors Joan Spiers and Brian Stead, do so agree that a suitable form of appreciation and acknowledgment be reported to the next Ordinary meeting of the Council.

41. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

42. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council that the Mayor's Consort had raised over £1,000 for the Mayor's chosen charity, the Community Fund for Reigate and Banstead. Over two days, the Mayor's Consort walked over 30 miles and was supported by the Deputy Mayor, several Councillors and colleagues in neighbouring Districts and Boroughs. The Mayor thanked those who had supported the walk.

Heritage Open Day took place from 11- 22 September and the theme was 'Hidden Nature'. Residents were encouraged to explore the beauty of the natural world on their doorstep and to post photos to social media.

The Mayor announced that due to social distancing measures, the annual Remembrance Sunday services at Banstead, Horley and Redhill would not take place this year. Planning was underway for a pre-recorded service to be shared across social media and on local radio station, Susy 103.4 FM.

The Meeting closed at 9.13 pm