

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held at the **New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate** on **Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Councillors R. S. Turner (Deputy Mayor), T. Schofield (Deputy Leader), G. Adamson, R. H. Ashford, J. Baker, Z. Cooper, P. Chandler, M. Elbourne, J. C. S. Essex, R. Harper, A. C. J. Horwood, J. Hudson, E. Humphreys, S. A. Kulka, N. C. Moses, C. M. Neame, S. Parnall, R. Ritter, S. Sinden, C. Stevens, M. Tary and C. T. H. Whinney

Also present: Councillors T. Archer, R. Biggs, M. S. Blacker, J. Booton, N. J. Bramhall, P. Harp, A. King, J. P. King, V. H. Lewanski, S. McKenna, R. Michalowski, J. E. Philpott, K. Sachdeva, D. Torra and S. T. Walsh



30 Minutes

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

31 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Buttironi, Feeney, Harrison, A. King and Lynch.

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

Sixteen questions on notice were asked, and responses given, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.15 as follows:

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Question by	Response by	Subject
Cllr Moses	Executive Member for Community Partnerships, Cllr Ashford	Partnerships with the voluntary and community sector
Cllr Absalom	Executive Member for Economic Prosperity, Cllr Humphreys	Support for employment of young people in the Borough
Cllr Cooper	Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance and Governance, Cllr Schofield	COVID impact on revenue and service income
Cllrs Ritter and Turner	Executive Member for Housing and Support, Cllr Neame	Afghan resettlement programme
Cllr Booton	Executive Member for Housing and Support, Cllr Neame	Sustainable housing
Cllr Stevens, on behalf of Cllr Buttironi	Leader of the Council, Cllr Brunt	Ash dieback at the land between Arne Grove and Landen Park
Cllr Tary	Leader of the Council, Cllr Brunt	20 mph speed limit in residential areas
Cllr Baker	Leader of the Council, Cllr Brunt	Support for armed forces veterans
Cllr Michalowski	Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Cllr Bramhall	Garden waste collection
Cllr Torra	Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Cllr Bramhall	Littering and street cleansing
Cllr Sinden	Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Cllr Bramhall	Parking on Redhill Station roundabout
Cllr Hudson	Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Cllr Bramhall	HGV driver shortage impact on Council services
Cllr McKenna	Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Cllr Bramhall	Anti-social behaviour at Memorial Park
Cllr Chandler	Executive Member for	Public water fountains

	Neighbourhood Services, Cllr Bramhall	
Cllr Stevens	Executive Member for Planning Policy and Place Delivery, Cllr Biggs	Delivering change in Horley Town Centre
Cllr Essex	Executive Member for Planning Policy and Place Delivery, Cllr Biggs	Gatwick consultation

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=13264>

36 Recommendations

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Executive, from its meeting on 16 September 2021 (Minute 31), be adopted.

37 Appointment of an Independent Member of the Audit Committee

RESOLVED that Robert Coyle be appointed as the Independent Member of the Audit Committee for a four-year period (until September 2025) in accordance with the terms stipulated in the role profile agreed by Council on 27 May 2021.

38 Statements

There were no statements.

39 Leader's announcements

There were no announcements.

40 Mayor's announcements

Heritage Open Day

The Mayor gave thanks to all those who attended Heritage Open Day.

Group tours of the building were led by Macebearer Paul Danbury, which gave guests a history of the Town Hall and its many past uses.

Heritage Open Day coincided with several Mayoral engagements, including the Longcroft Clinic Park Run, the opening of the Horley Café in the Park and the newly refurbished tennis courts, the Preston Park Community Event, the Merstham Community Facility Trust Community Event, a rugby match at Old Reigations, the Banstead District Scouts AGM and the Live from Lockdown Event at the Harlequin.

Reigate & Banstead Volunteer Awards

The annual Reigate & Banstead Volunteer Awards on Tuesday 21 September recognised over 40 volunteers for their efforts to support the community at the Harlequin Theatre.

Individuals and groups were nominated in five different awards categories: Young Volunteer, Individual Volunteer, Crisis Response, Individual Trustee, and the Team award.

The new Peter Harrison Award was created in memory of the late Sir Peter Harrison CBE who established an independent grant making trust supporting voluntary and community organisations in the UK.

The Foundation agreed to support the Volunteer Awards for 5 years and the first recipient of the award was Lt (SCC) Peter Bishop, of the Reigate Sea Cadets, who was commended for his lifelong commitment to helping others and supporting his young Cadets throughout lockdown.

The Mayor thanked all those that were involved in the event, including Voluntary Action, Reigate & Banstead, the Harlequin, and the Refugee Support team.

Remembrance Sunday services

The Mayor announced that planning was underway for Remembrance Sunday commemorations in Redhill, Horley and Banstead.

Mayor's Charities

The Mayor promoted a Quiz Night event on Friday 26th November at the YMCA.

The meeting finished at 9.06 pm