

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Meeting of Council 9 February 2023

Questions by Members

Verbal responses to be given at the meeting			
	Question by	To be answered by	Subject
1.	Councillor Ritter	Councillor Ashford, Executive Member for Community Partnerships	Resident use of Community Partnership support
2.	Councillor Kulka	Councillor Schofield, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance and Governance	Voter ID publicity
3.	Councillor Essex	Councillor Neame, Executive Member for Housing & Support	Pre-payment meters
4.	Councillor Torra	Councillor Mrs Bramhall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Pedestrian Zones in Redhill Town Centre
5.	Councillor Booton	Councillor Mrs Bramhall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Benches on Earlswood Common
6.	Councillor Chandler	Councillor Mrs Bramhall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Electric vehicles as part of the RBBC fleet
7.	Councillor McKenna	Councillor Biggs, Executive Member for Planning Policy & Place Delivery	National Planning Policy Framework consultation

Councillor Ritter will ask the **Executive Member for Community Partnerships, Councillor Ashford**, the following question:

Question 1: Resident use of Community Partnership Support

Could the Executive member for Community Partnerships give an update on numbers of residents accessing support from the following core voluntary sector partners in 2021/22; Citizen's Advice Reigate and Banstead, MHA Communities East Surrey, Stripey Stork, Community Debt Advice and Age Concern; the proportion of these referred directly from the Council.

Councillor Kulka will ask the **Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance & Governance, Councillor Schofield**, the following question:

Question 2: Voter ID publicity

Could you please outline what work the Council is doing to help the groups most affected by the introduction of photo voter ID (young people, older people and people with disabilities), to raise awareness of this new requirement?

Councillor Essex will ask the **Executive Member for Housing & Support, Councillor Neame**, the following question:

Question 3: Pre-payment meters

Does the Council have a list of those on pre-payment meters locally and/or have a way to reach out and help those whose energy meter has been removed during the Cost-of-Living crisis, including those forcibly removed by energy companies, removing the human rights of people to have a decent quality of life in our communities.

Councillor Torra will ask the **Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Mrs Bramhall**, the following question:

Question 4: Pedestrian Zones in Redhill Town Centre

How does the council deal with handing out permits for vehicles driving and parking onto pedestrian zones in Redhill town centre and penalise those that are not exempt to do so when there is no contravention code 54 (Enforceable Restrictions for the Parking Enforcement Team)?

Councillor Booton will ask the **Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Mrs Bramhall**, the following question:

Question 5: Benches on Earlswood Common

Residents have told us that the benches on Earlswood Common are rotting and there are concerns that now the golf club is no longer there, these benches when they become unfit for purpose, will not be replaced. What capital budget does the Borough Council have for renewing these to improve amenities?

Councillor Chandler will ask the **Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services, Councillor Mrs Bramhall**, the following question:

Question 6: Electric vehicles as part of the RBBC fleet

According to the inventory of RBBC vehicles a year ago there were 8 electric vehicles out of 132. Parking Services were allocated 4 of those vehicles but this function moves to Surrey County Council shortly. Are these vehicles also moving to Surrey County Council so that we are left with just 3% of the fleet being electric or have we progressed towards a zero-emission fleet this past year?

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

Question 7: National Planning Policy Framework consultation

With regards to forthcoming changes in the planning system it is understood that this Council is committed to provide a full response on the current National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation which finishes in early March. This NPPF is likely to introduce some significant changes including proposals to roll back the requirement for a five-year housing land supply, such as by allowing councils to take into account previous year's over delivery of housing completions. How will the Executive Member ensure both that councillors are briefed on the implications of these proposed policy changes and their input sought to inform the Council's response to this important government consultation?