

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Meeting of Council 30 March 2023

Questions by Members

Verbal responses to be given at the meeting			
	Question by	To be answered by	Subject
1.	Councillor (James) King	Councillor Ashford, Executive Member for Community Partnerships	Antisocial Behaviour
2.	Councillor Booton	Councillor Lewanski, Executive Member for Corporate Policy & Resources	EV charging rollout
3.	Councillor Ritter	Councillor Schofield, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance & Governance	Voter ID
4.	Councillor Essex	Councillor Archer, Executive Member for Investment & Companies	Cafes in Redhill and Reigate Parks
5.	Councillor Chandler	Councillor Archer, Executive Member Investment & Companies	Single Use Plastics
6.	Councillor Proudfoot	Councillor Brunt, the Leader of the Council, on behalf of Councillor Sachdeva, the Executive Member for Leisure & Culture	Promotion of the arts
7.	Councillor Sinden	Councillor Mrs Bramall, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services	Commercial Recycling Services
Written responses to be given after the meeting			
8.	Councillor (James) King	Councillor Biggs, Executive Member for Planning Policy & Place Delivery	Woodhatch Road/A217/Prices Lane Junction and Road Maintenance

Councillor (James) King will ask the **Executive Member for Community Partnerships, Councillor Ashford** the following question:

Question 1: Antisocial Behaviour

Recently there has been an increase in antisocial behaviour in South Park and Woodhatch where both graffiti and vandalism to private property are causing residents to have safety concerns and costing them significant amounts of money at a time when many cannot afford it.

Could the portfolio holder for community safety explain how this council is currently working with the police to prevent this from happening, and what more can be done by the Joint Enforcement Team and Joint Action Group?

Councillor Booton will ask the **Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Resources, Councillor Lewanski**, the following question:

Question 2: EV charging rollout

The government has a target of installing 300,000 EV charge points by 2030. To aid this the government has rolled out several funding schemes. Current latest records show that nationally we are just 12% towards reaching the 300,000 target. Does this authority have a charge point strategy in place either for our Borough or through working with the County Council and if not, by when will one be in place? What work is being done in conjunction with the County Council to access funding for the borough to increase the number of EV charging points?

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

Question 3: Voter ID

At a time when voter turnout for local elections in RBBC was as low as 29% in one ward last year and voters need to be encouraged to partake in democracy. Voter ID is the biggest change to the electoral process in decades, and it will affect voters in polling stations at the upcoming elections on 4th May.

It is therefore important that we have assurances that voters aren't being disenfranchised by this significant change. With that in mind, will the Returning Officer be gathering data on how many people are unable to vote at polling stations due to not having appropriate ID so that this data can be fed back to national government?

Councillor Essex will ask the **Executive Member for Investment & Companies, Councillor Archer**, the following question:

Question 4: Cafes in Redhill and Reigate Parks

Please can you confirm when the cafes in Reigate Priory Park and Redhill Memorial Park will be reopened.

Councillor Chandler will ask the **Executive Member for Investment & Companies, Councillor Archer**, the following question:

Question 5: Single Use Plastics

In light of the Council's public commitment to avoid Single Use Plastic please can you confirm that the catering premises contracted by the Council are committed to avoid the use of non-recyclable packaging.

Councillor Proudfoot will ask the **Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt**, on behalf of the **Executive Member for Leisure & Culture, Councillor Sachdeva**, the following question:

Question 6: Promotion of the Arts

With the arrival of a newly appointed Arts Development Officer at the Council I would like to ask if there could be greater provision of noticeboards on the High Streets of our towns. It would be an inexpensive means to amplify publicity for the activities of our very popular cultural societies. I for one would like to say that the 132 year old Redhill Sinfonia continues to be a cornerstone of my life and that the recognition by the Guinness Book of Records of my fellow Viola player, Anne Miller, for her 70 years world record of continuous playing is a significant contribution to the life of this Borough. Publicity is hard to achieve in the modern age with the demise of a newspaper culture and it is certain that noticeboards would make a major difference.

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

Question 7: Commercial Recycling Services

I am aware that the Council offers a charged service to collect recycling from local businesses. In these financially hard times would the council please consider reducing costs for charities and public sector organisations whom we collect rubbish from, including the NHS.

WRITTEN RESPONSES TO BE PROVIDED AFTER THE MEETING

Councillor (James) King will ask the **Executive Member for Planning Policy & Place Delivery, Councillor Biggs**, the following question:

Question 8: Woodhatch Road/A217/Prices Lane Junction and Road Maintenance

Surrey County Council has carried out some repairs to the Woodhatch Road/A217/Prices Lane Junction.

However, further much needed repairs are awaiting UK Power Networks to do some underground cabling work.

With respect to this junction, will the Portfolio Holder and the Borough Council please work with Surrey County Council to both encourage and ensure that UK Power Networks proceed as soon as possible with their planned works in this area? For example, could the Council please write UK Power Networks to urge a date to be put on these works.