

BOROUGH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held as a Remote Virtual Meeting on 28 May 2020 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors K. Foreman (Mayor), R. Absalom (Deputy Mayor), M. A. Brunt (Leader), T. Schofield (Deputy Leader), G. Adamson, T. Archer, 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, J. Hudson, N. D. Harrison, A. C. J. Horwood, E. Humphreys, F. Kelly, 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.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER COUNCILLOR BRIAN STEAD

Before commencement of the business of the meeting, the Mayor called upon Councillor Jill Bray, ward Member for Tattenham Corner and Preston, to lead a tribute to former Councillor Brian Stead, who had sadly passed away in April.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 13 February 2020 be approved as a correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Allcard.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. CONSTITUTION OF AN AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED That an Audit Committee of nine Members, politically balanced, be constituted as an Ordinary Committee of the Council, and that the Membership be appointed in accordance with the nominations of Group Leaders as appended to these Minutes.

5. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF ORDINARY COMMITTEES 2020/21

RESOLVED That the Ordinary Committees of the Council be established for the forthcoming Municipal year and that the Membership of those Committees be appointed in accordance with the nominations of the Group Leaders, as appended to these Minutes.

6. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

RESOLVED

1. That the Membership of the Reigate and Banstead Local Committee of Surrey County Council, be appointed in accordance with the nominations of Group Leaders, as appended to these Minutes.
2. That the Governance Task Group for the forthcoming Municipal Year be constituted and the Membership be appointed in accordance with the nominations of Group Leaders, as appended to these Minutes.

7. APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL JOINT COMMITTEE 2020/21

RESOLVED that Councillor Lewanski be appointed as the Council's representative on the Surrey Police and Crime Panel Joint Committee for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

8. REVISED CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2020/21

Members noted that a revised Calendar of Meetings had become necessary as part of the recovery from the COVID -19 emergency.

RESOLVED that the revised Calendar of Meetings for 2020/21 be approved.

9. COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 4.5

RESOLVED that the two decisions set out on the agenda that had been made pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 4.5, be noted.

10. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

11. VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt, emphasised that the past year had not been a normal year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Council staff had risen to the challenge and had gone above and beyond their usual roles, to ensure that the Borough's most vulnerable people were provided with the support they needed, whilst still maintaining critical services. The Leader voiced his sincere appreciation and gratitude to all the Council's employees.

The Chief Executive thanked the Leader for his kind words and endorsed the outstanding efforts of the Council's staff during the coronavirus crisis. The Chief Executive expressed his thanks to all the Council's employees who had been a credit to themselves, Members, residents and businesses.

12. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

13. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor expressed his appreciation to those staff involved in supporting his Mayoral year; the Mayors' Chaplain, and the Mayoress.

14. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD FOR 2020/21

Councillor Blacker moved, and Councillor Walsh seconded, that Councillor Rosemary Absalom be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020/21. With there being no other nominations, the Council duly:

RESOLVED that Councillor Rosemary Absalom be elected Mayor of the Borough of Reigate and Banstead for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

15. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Brunt moved, and Councillor Foreman seconded, that Councillor Frank Kelly be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020/21. With there being no other nominations, the Council duly:

RESOLVED that Councillor Frank Kelly be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020/21.

The Meeting closed at 7.36 pm