

BOROUGH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held as a Remote - Virtual Meeting on 8 April 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors R. Absalom (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, G. Buttironi, J. C. S. Essex, 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, 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 and S. T. Walsh.

71. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 11 February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Feeney, Kelly, Lynch and Whinney.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

74. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

75. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

76. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

One question on notice was asked, and a response given, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.15.

Question by	Response by	Subject
Cllr Sinden	Executive Member for Planning Policy and Place Delivery, Cllr Biggs	Marketfield Way

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>

77. RECOMMENDATIONS

RESOLVED that the Recommendations of the Executive, from its meeting on 25 March 2021, be adopted as follows:

- 1) Minute 78 (Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2021/22, Prudential Indicators 2021/22, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2021/22 and Borrowing Limits Provision Statement 2021/22)
- 2) Minute 83 (Overview and Scrutiny Proposed Work Programme 2021/22), subject to consultation with the Leader of the Council in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure rule 5.7.1.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Harrison as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee spoke on the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21, and Councillor Bray as Chair of the Audit Committee spoke on the Audit Committee Annual Report 2020/21.

RESOLVED that the recommendations from the Council's Committees be adopted as follows:

- 1) Minute 83, Overview and Scrutiny Committee 18 March 2021, (Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report and Annex 2020/21)
- 2) Minute 33, Audit Committee 11 March 2021, (Audit Committee's Annual Report 2020/21).

78. STATEMENTS

There were none.

79. RETIRING COUNCILLOR

Members noted that Councillor Keith Foreman (Hooley, Merstham and Netherne Ward) resigned from the Council on 28 February 2021.

80. PROCEDURE RULE 2.4.6 - CHANGE OF DATE OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLVED that the meeting of Council scheduled for 9 December 2021, be changed to 2 December 2021.

81. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Brunt:

- Thanked retiring Councillor Foreman for his contribution to the Council, the residents in his ward, and the community
- Thanked all Members for their contributions and support during the year, and passed on the good wishes of the Council to those Members standing for election in May
- Commended staff for their dedication and commitment in response to a challenging year.

82. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed the Council that the national day of reflection for those that had lost their lives due to the Covid-19 pandemic had been respectfully observed throughout the Borough on 23 March 2021. Honorary Alderman Selby was continuing to recover from illness and had been grateful for the Council's good wishes.

The Mayor's Art Competition had been launched for the children of the Borough to reflect on the past year, themed 'Lockdown Life and the Future'. The winning artwork would be framed and hung in the Mayor's Parlour.

The nomination process for the Reigate & Banstead Volunteer Awards would open during Volunteer's Week (1 - 7 June 2021), and the awards ceremony would take place in September.

The Mayor had supported and commended the work of the *Toilet Twinning* charity which was raising funds in support of Tearfund's water and sanitation programme, operating in 25 countries around the world. The Charity aimed to provide families living in poverty with better access to toilets, clean water, and information about hygiene.

The Meeting closed at 8.03 pm