

Council, 2 December 2021

Motion – Allowance for members to vote online

Councillor McKenna will move the motion. Councillor Chandler will second.

This Motion asks Council to resolve to:

This Council notes that Councillors across England have been calling for some time now for the ability to be able to attend and vote online. Whilst we will always want councillors to be able to meet in person, there needs to be the provision for some to be online, for example if they are vulnerable, have caring responsibilities or difficulties with transport. It is also in line with reducing carbon emissions to zero by 2030. Northern Ireland recently agreed in its parliament to allow councils to meet and vote remotely, Wales and Scotland already allow this. England is being left behind.

This Council therefore calls for the Leader to write to the new Secretary of State, to call for parity across the UK and enable councillors in England, including here in Reigate and Banstead, to meet and vote online as they see fit.