

## BOROUGH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD

### COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate, RH2 OSH on 26 May 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors J. S. Bray (Mayor), R. S. Turner (Deputy Mayor), M. A. Brunt (Leader), T. Schofield (Deputy Leader), R. Absalom, G. Adamson, T. Archer, R. H. Ashford, H. Avery, J. Baker, R. Biggs, M. S. Blacker, J. Booton, Z. Cooper, P. Chandler, V. Chester, J. C. S. Essex, R. Harper, N. D. Harrison, G. Hinton, J. Hudson, E. Humphreys, F. Kelly, S. A. Kulka, A. King, J. P. King, V. H. Lewanski, S. McKenna, R. Michalowski, N. C. Moses, S. Parnall, A. Proudfoot, R. Ritter, S. Sinden, C. Stevens, M. Tary, C. Thompson, D. Torra and S. T. Walsh

In remote attendance: Councillors Elbourne and Sachdeva.

Before the start of the meeting the Mayor reminded all present that this meeting of the Council would be webcast live on the Council's website.

#### 1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Madam Mayor announced that the first item of business was the election of the Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

It was moved by Councillor Brunt and seconded by Councillor Blacker that Councillor Kelly be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Kelly be elected Mayor of the Borough of Reigate and Banstead for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

The retiring Mayor vacated the Chair, and the newly elected Mayor made the Declaration of Office and signed the Acceptance of Office Book. In returning thanks for his election, the Mayor announced "*Be The Difference*" as the theme for his year in office and the *Surrey and Sussex Healthcare Charity (SASH)* and the *Include Choir* as his designated charities.

Councillor Harrison expressed the Council's thanks and appreciation to the retiring Mayor (Councillor Bray) and her Consort (Mr Mantle) for their services during the past Municipal Year.

The Mayoress presented the outgoing Mayor with a medallion, denoting her past office and the outgoing Consort with a badge of office. The outgoing Mayor responded.

## **2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

It was moved by Councillor Lewanski and seconded by Councillor Biggs that Councillor Absalom be elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

There were no other nominations.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Absalom be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Reigate and Banstead for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

The Deputy Mayor made the Declaration of Office, signed the Acceptance of Office Book, and returned thanks for her election.

Councillor Brunt, the Leader of the Council, expressed the Council's thanks and appreciation to the retiring Deputy Mayor (Councillor Turner) for her work during the past Municipal Year. The outgoing Deputy Mayor responded and received a presentation from the Mayoress.

## **3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 7 April 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed.

## **4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Head of Paid Service reported to Council that apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs Bramhall, Buttironi, Harp and Neame.

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made to the meeting.

## **6. THE RESULT OF LOCAL ELECTIONS**

The Head of Paid Service reported that at the election of Borough Councillors, held on 5 May 2022, 10 serving Members had been re-elected together with five new Members who had been listed in the agenda.

## **7. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) To constitute the Ordinary Committees of the Council and appoint their Membership for 2022/23 as detailed in the agenda.
- 2) To appoint Members to the Surrey County Council Local Committee and the Governance Task Group for 2022/23 as detailed in the agenda.
- 3) To appoint a representative on the Police and Crime Panel Joint Committee for 2022/23 as detailed in the agenda.

## **8. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business to be addressed by Council.

## **9. VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNCIL EMPLOYEES**

Councillor Brunt, the Leader of the Council, expressed the Council's thanks to the Council's employees for their services during the 2022/23 Municipal Year. The Head of Paid Service responded noting the challenges faced caused by the Pandemic, its aftermath and economic pressures which were adding to complexity

and need. The determination, engagement, positivity, and resilience of staff were noted.

**10. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader expressed thanks on behalf of Council to the five retiring Members for their services to the Council and residents (past Councillors Feeney, Horwood Lynch, Philpott and Whinney).

**11. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced that the Beacon in Priory Park would be lit at 7:30pm on Thursday 2 June 2022 in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee with Big Jubilee Lunches being held in Redhill Memorial Park, Reigate Priory Park and Lady Neville Park on Sunday 5 June 2022. Horley would be holding its own celebrations on Saturday 4 June 2022.

The Civic Church Service was to be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Redhill at 10am on Sunday 3 July 2022. This was also announced as the venue for the Mayoral Christmas Service with more details to be forthcoming.

A "*Dress to Impress*" Mayoral Ball was to be held at Reigate Manor Hotel on Saturday 13 May 2023, with attendees asked to hold the date. A calendar of forthcoming events was to be published.

The Mayor announced that the Reigate and Banstead Awards would open for nominations in June 2022 with encouragement given to make nominations. Information was to be made available on the Council's website.

The Meeting closed at 9.23 pm