

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SURREY
HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL held on
7 April 2021**

+ Cllr Pat Tedder (Mayor)
+ Cllr Sarah Jane Croke (Deputy Mayor)

+ Cllr Dan Adams	+ Cllr David Lewis
+ Cllr Graham Alleway	+ Cllr David Mansfield
- Cllr Peter Barnett	+ Cllr Emma-Jane McGrath
+ Cllr Rodney Bates	+ Cllr Charlotte Morley
- Cllr Cliff Betton	+ Cllr Alan McClafferty
+ Cllr Richard Brooks	+ Cllr Sashi Mylvaganam
+ Cllr Vivienne Chapman	+ Cllr Adrian Page
+ Cllr Paul Deach	+ Cllr Robin Perry
+ Cllr Colin Dougan	+ Cllr Darryl Ratiram
+ Cllr Tim FitzGerald	+ Cllr Morgan Rise
+ Cllr Sharon Galliford	+ Cllr John Skipper
+ Cllr Shaun Garrett	+ Cllr Graham Tapper
+ Cllr Edward Hawkins	+ Cllr Victoria Wheeler
+ Cllr Josephine Hawkins	+ Cllr Helen Whitcroft
+ Cllr Rebecca Jennings-Evans	+ Cllr Valerie White
+ Cllr Ben Leach	+ Cllr Kristian Wrenn

+ Present
- Apologies for absence presented

77/C Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Peter Barnett and Cliff Betton.

78/C Minutes

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor, and

RESOLVED that the open minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 24 February and 19 March be approved as a correct record.

79/C Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor mentioned a number of events she had attended which had included the Surrey Armed Forces Covenant Conference via Zoom. She had also opened the new Bike Park in The Square and visited the new store "I Love My Bike".

The Mayor paid tribute to David Leary who had been a postman in Chobham for many years including through the Pandemic. She sent thanks to him for all his hard work and wished him a long and happy retirement.

80/C Leader's Announcements

The Leader referred to the easing of the lockdown restrictions as from 12 April and the arrangements for the reopening of the Council Offices to the public and the opening of the shops in the town centre supported by the Council's Covid Ambassadors and Marshalls. The Council's public realm works in High Street were now substantially complete in time for the re-opening of the shops.

He highlighted the occupation of the first 20 homes above the former BHS premises as part of the 116 unit development, and the provision of new accommodation for homeless persons in Gordon Avenue, Camberley and the recent purchase of Connaught Court, Bagshot, to further relieve homelessness pressures in the Borough.

The Leader also mentioned the completion of the partnership arrangements with Runnymede Borough Council for the provision of a fully integrated community service, the unprecedented response to the Council's the summer intern programme, and the recruitment to the post of Head of Planning which was due to conclude at the end of the month.

81/C Executive, Committees and Other Bodies

- (a) Executive –16 February and 16 March 2021

It was moved by Councillor Alan McClafferty, seconded by Councillor Colin Dougan, and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 16 February and 16 March 2021 be received:

- (b) Planning Applications Committee – 18 March 2021

It was moved by Councillor Edward Hawkins, seconded by Councillor Victoria Wheeler, and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held on 18 March 2021 be received.

- (c) External Partnerships Select Committee – 2 March 2021

It was moved by Councillor Robin Perry, seconded by Councillor Morgan Rise and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the External Partnerships Select Committee held on 2 March 2021 be received.

- (a) Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee – 17 March 2021

It was moved by Councillor Sashi Mylvaganam, seconded by Councillor Shaun Garrett, and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee held on 17 March 2021 be received.

- (e) Licensing Committee – 24 March 2021

It was moved by Councillor Rodney Bates, seconded by Councillor Vivienne Chapman and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 24 March 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted as set out below:

16/L Statement of Licensing Policy and Guidance 2021-2026

RESOLVED that the Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026, as set out at Annex A to the Licensing Committee agenda, be agreed.

- (f) Employment Committee – 25 March 2021

It was moved by Councillor Sharon Galliford, seconded by Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Employment Committee held on 25 March 2021 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted as set out below.

39/EC National Graduate Programme

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Council creates three new posts of ‘Graduate Trainee’ and that it seeks to recruit to these roles via the Local Government Association’s National Graduate Development Programme; and**
- (ii) the budget be increased accordingly.**

- (g) Joint Staff Consultative Group – 12 March 2021

It was moved by Councillor Graham Tapper, seconded by Councillor David Mansfield and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Staff Consultative Group held on 12 March 2021 be received.

82/C Motions

It was moved by Councillor Sharon Galliford and seconded by Councillor Morgan Rise and unanimously

RESOLVED to

- (i) **acknowledge the efforts that this Council is making to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;**
- (ii) **further recognise**
 - a) **that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so;**
 - b) **that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies, community groups and councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, if they wished;**
 - c) **that revenues received by such local companies, community groups and councils that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;**
- (iii) **support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 236 MPs and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company; and**
- (iv) **inform the local media of this decision;**
- (v) **write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and**
- (vi) **write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.**

83/C Urgent Action

The Council was advised of the urgent action taken by officers pursuant to the Scheme of Delegation of Functions to Officers in relation to the creation of the role of the Head of Planning and the disestablishment the role of Executive Head of Regulatory.

84/C Leader's Question Time

The Leader, in response to a question from Councillor Helen Whitcroft, indicated that with the significant increase in usage of the Council parks and open spaces during the latter part of the lockdown when the weather had been better,

investigations were taking place concerning the frequency of the emptying of refuse bins, and the number of bins in use.

The Leader was asked a question by Councillor Paul Deach and confirmed that Amey, the Council's Waste Contractor, had experienced problems with its website which was not accessible by its customers. Amey was still fully contactable by phone or via an on-line form. The Executive Head of Community was asked to express the Council's concerns to Amey and to ascertain its plan to resolve the situation.

Councillor Paul Deach expressed his concerns in relation to the resumption of face to face Council meetings after 6 May and the risks involved. A number of other Members also voiced their concerns. The Leader confirmed that the Council would comply with the law relating to meetings but would look at ways to mitigate the risks. In addition he would relay the cross party concerns of Members to the Government.

The Leader responded to a question from Councillor Morgan Rise concerning anti-social parking along Deepcut Bridge Road, Mytchett, and indicated that he would ask officers to investigate the issue.

Mayor