

Agenda

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Council

Date: Tuesday 20 July 2021

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: **(Please note the change of venue)** King's Centre,
Coppard Gardens, Chessington KT9 2GZ

Covid-19 Safety measures

This meeting will be livestreamed and we encourage residents to watch virtually if possible.

We are currently awaiting updated Government guidance on the Covid risk mitigation measures that may be in place and we will provide further information in due course.

If Members of the public wish **to attend** in person, you **must register your interest by 10am the day before the committee** by contacting democratic.services@kingston.gov.uk.

Opening of Meeting

The Mayor will invite her Chaplain, Reverend Helen Hancock, to open the meeting.

Emergency Evacuation Arrangements

On hearing the alarm which is a loud siren please leave the building by the nearest available fire exit.

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and any other non-pecuniary interests (personal interests) relevant to items on this agenda.

3. Minutes

To confirm that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 29 April 2021 and 18 May 2021 are a correct record.

4. Mayor's Announcements

5. Petitions

To receive petitions submitted by Councillors, or by members of the public who live, work or study in the Borough, on a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Royal Borough. The petition must contain at least 20 signatures, and **notice of the intention to submit the petition must be given in writing to democratic.services@kingston.gov.uk by 10am the day before the meeting.** The petitioner will have up to 2 minutes speaking time to present the petition. Up to 5 petitions can be presented at the meeting which will be presented in order of the number of signatories. (Any remaining petitions can be submitted, without speaking.)

Petitions will be processed in accordance with the [Council's Petition Scheme](#).

6. Public Questions

The following public questions were received by the deadline as set out in the Council's Meeting Procedure Rule 17(A):

Ava Mintz	Consultation on Guildhall future
Caroline Shah	Kingston Town Centre Development
Helen Hinton	Coronation Stone's future location
Deepa Veneik	The Council's finances

A period of up to 30 minutes shall be allowed at each Ordinary Meeting of the Council during which any person who resides, studies or works in the Borough other than Members of the Council may ask questions of the Mayor, the Leader of the Council, Leaders of the other Party Groups, any Portfolio Holder, Chairs of the Strategic and Neighbourhood Committees, and members representing the Council on outside bodies any question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Royal Borough.

At any one meeting no person may submit more than one question and no more than one such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation.

Questions will be asked in the order in which notice of them was received, unless the Mayor decides otherwise in the interests of the efficient conduct of the meeting.

One supplementary question shall be allowed provided it is for clarification, arises directly out of the original question/response and is not a statement.

Any question which cannot be dealt with during public question time, either because of lack of time or because of the non attendance of the Member, to whom it was to be put, will be dealt with by a written answer and a copy of the answer will be recorded with the minutes of the meeting.

7. Petition - Villiers Road Household Reuse and Recycling Centre **Appendix A – to follow**

To debate the petition calling for ‘No Charges at Villiers Road tip’ (Household Reuse and Recycling Centre) that received 3,638 signatures, and was formally submitted to the Culture, Housing, Environment and Planning Committee on 11 February 2021. The petition reached the threshold for it to be debated at Full Council on 20 July 2021.

In accordance with the Council’s Petition Scheme outlined in Part 4G of the Council’s Constitution the petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition may then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 30 minutes.

8. Motion: Planning

In accordance with Procedure Rule 8(A)(5), the Council will debate a motion which has been submitted by Members of the Council.

This will alternate, from meeting to meeting, between a motion submitted on behalf of the Administration and a motion submitted on behalf of Opposition Members of the Council.

The following Motion has been received from the Administration Group (Liberal Democrat Group):

Proposed by Councillor Caroline Kerr

Seconded by Councillor Rebekah Moll

“This Council reaffirms:

- i. its commitment to maximum public involvement and transparency in formulating the Borough’s Local Plan, is resolved to promote the highest quality of design, minimise congestion, maximise air quality, preserve and promote the very best In kingston’s built heritage, whilst remaining both jealous and proud of its responsibility as custodians of a very important and significant piece of London’s precious Greenbelt.

This Council notes:

- i. the significant concerns expressed through the ballot box in Chesham & Amersham over the Conservative Government's planning reforms;
- ii. the concessions already made to Tory backbencher concerns about the impact of planning deregulation on the home counties;
- iii. local resident concerns about their reduced ability to object to building works under Permitted Development Rights which have been extended under this Government; and
- iv. widespread concerns and condemnation of the Planning White Paper proposals across local government, the planning and architecture sector, and organisations concerned with protecting green spaces and heritage.

Council is concerned that:

- i. government proposals to deregulate planning will remove the rights of residents to influence or object to inappropriate development where they live; and
- ii. the Government's proposals will decimate the character of our borough, and give carte blanche to developers to build what they please across large 'zones' without needing planning permission.

Council believes that:

- i. residents have the right to a say over development that will change the area they live in.
- ii. local councils, in consultation with their businesses and residents are best placed to understand the issues in their area and respond with a spatial strategy tailored to that area.

Council calls for the Government to:

- i. scrap its Planning White Paper and instead:
 - a) undertake a wholesale review of Permitted Development Rights;
 - b) make the Bristol-based Planning Inspectorate more accountable to local people; and
 - c) implement stronger controls to ensure Ministers making decisions on planning applications are not connected either financially or personally with the developers or related parties to the application."

9. Member Questions

In accordance with Procedural Rule 6 (1&2) replies will be given to questions of which notice has been given which may be addressed to the Mayor, the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holders, the Leader of the Opposition, Chairs of the Standing and Neighbourhood Committees and Members representing the Council on Outside Bodies.

**10. Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2021 - 2026 - Appendix B
Recommendations of the Licensing Committee (01.07.21)**

As a Licensing Authority, the Council must approve and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy setting out its approach to licensing under the Licensing Act 2003 and how this will inform and influence its decisions on applications that come before it - including Premises Licences, Club Premises Certificates, Personal Licences and Temporary Event Notices.

The Council's current Policy was approved in 2016. The Licensing Policy must be reviewed within 5 years of it being adopted and accordingly a statutory review has been carried out.

The review included an engagement process seeking views and opinions on a draft revised policy. The Licensing Committee considered the results of that engagement at its meeting on 1st July 2021, and resolved to agree a revised Policy for approval by Council.

The Policy is a framework within which licensing decisions will be taken on the merits of each individual application and is designed to help to deliver the Council's strategic outcomes in promoting a safer borough whilst protecting the health of residents by helping to ensure a licensed social economy that is safe, controlled and promoted.

The Council is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the Revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026 attached at **Appendix B** to this agenda.

**11. Emergency Decision Making Arrangements - Recommendations Appendix C
of the Corporate and Resources Committee (13.07.21)**

To consider the recommendations of the Corporate and Resources Committee, to be held on 13 July 2021, subject to their endorsement, relating to the review of the arrangements for the operation of the Council's Committees and the decision making process in the light of the evolving public health situation as set out in Appendix C.

**12. Scheme of Members Allowances - Recommendations of the Appendix D
Corporate and Resources Committee (13.07.21)**

To consider the recommendations of the Corporate and Resources Committee, to be held on 13 July 2021, subject to their endorsement, relating to the proposed adjustment to the provisions within the Scheme of Member Allowances in respect of care for dependants, as set out in Appendix D.

**13. Appointments of Members to Committees, Panels and other
bodies**

The Council is **RECOMMENDED** to make the following appointment of:

Councillor Maria Netley to be appointed to the People Committee to replace Councillor Nicola Sheppard.

14. Appointment of Climate Change Champion

The Council is **RECOMMENDED** to appoint Councillor Hilary Gander as the Council's Climate Emergency Champion to oversee the roll-out and monitoring of the Council's Climate Emergency plan.

Key aspects of the role will be to:

- promote a coordinated approach across all of the Council's business, so that the Climate Emergency is factored into all its decision-making
- ensure that all of the Council's service areas (and its partners) are accountable for timely and appropriate contributions to the Council's carbon balance sheet
- support the Council's working with the wider community of stakeholders (e.g. businesses, residents, schools, colleges and the University) to raise the profile of the climate emergency and encourage and enable a collective effort to mitigate the impacts of climate change

Kingston Council passed a motion to declare a Climate Emergency in July 2019.

15. Minutes of expired Committees

To approve the following minutes of the meetings as a true and correct record since the change to the Strategic Committee structure at Council on 29 April 2021:

- Response and Recovery Committee – 13 May 2021
- Culture, Housing, Environment and Planning Committee - 17 March 2021

16. Urgent Items authorised by the Mayor

To consider any items which, in the view of the Mayor, should be dealt with as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances in accordance with S100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

17. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following resolution is included as a standard item which will only be relevant if any exempt matter is to be considered at the meeting for which the Committee wish to resolve to exclude the press and public:

To exclude the public from the meeting under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it is likely that exempt information, as defined in paragraph *...of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, would be disclosed and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(*relevant regulatory paragraph to be indicated)