

**SPECIAL COUNCIL
21 DECEMBER 2022**



Present:

Councillors Bhandari (Mayor), Allen, Dr Barnard, D Birch, Mrs Birch, Brossard, Brown, Dudley, Finch, Ms Gaw, Green, Mrs Hamilton, Harrison, Mrs Hayes MBE, Heydon, Mrs Ingham, Kirke, Leake, Mrs Mattick, McLean, Ms Merry, Mossom, Skinner, Temperton and Turrell

Present Virtually:

Councillors Mrs L Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Brunel-Walker, Ms Hayes, Mrs McKenzie and Mrs McKenzie-Boyle

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillors Angell, Atkinson, Bettison OBE, Bidwell, Gbadebo, Gibson, Kennedy, Neil, Parker, Porter, Virgo and Wade

31. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

32. Bracknell Forest Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2022

The special Council meeting had been convened as a result of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) granting consent for the Council to implement the final recommendations of the Bracknell Forest Community Governance Review.

The 'related alterations' request, to make minor alterations to the borough warding arrangements, must be sent to the LGBCE before the end of the year in order for them to be implemented in time for the May 2023 elections as such a special meeting of the full Council was necessary.

Councillor Birch explained that this was a technical item as Council had previously endorsed the final recommendations of the Boundary Review Group at the special meeting held on 28 September 2022. He explained that now the LGBCE had granted their consent to make the changes the Council could now make the required community governance order.

Councillor Birch thanked those councillors, officers and members of the community who had supported the drafting of the final recommendations.

Councillor Turrell endorsed Councillor Birch's comments and explained this has been an intricate and important piece of work and that the outcome of the review has helped ensure that the parish and town wards mean something to residents and reflect their local communities.

On the proposal of Councillor Birch and seconded by Councillor Turrell it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to make the Bracknell Forest Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2022 and;

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to submit a 'related alterations' request to the LGBCE for the borough boundary changes highlighted in yellow in Annexe A 1-6 of the Reorganisation Order

CHAIR