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Full Council

Supplementary Agenda – Order Paper

Wednesday, 13 December 2023

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Chief Executive

Live Streaming the Full Council Meeting: Facebook Live Guidance

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As a trial, the Full Council meeting on 13 December 2023 will be lived streamed via the Council's Facebook Live account. The recording of the meeting will then be placed on the Council's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/crawleybc> the day after the meeting.

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Details of the upcoming meeting will be posted on the Crawley Borough Council Facebook page in advance.

Come back to the page when the meeting is due to start, and a live video feed will appear. To watch it in larger size, click the two arrows on the bottom right of the picture.

Please note that the live stream will not have the comment function enabled.

2 Disclosures of Interest

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Enclosed are the Disclosures of Interests received in advance of this meeting.

4 Communications

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Enclosed are some Cabinet Member announcements.

7	Councillors' Questions Time	11 - 12
	<p>There are two written questions submitted in advance for Full Council to consider.</p> <p>There are two methods for Councillors asking questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Councillors can submit written questions in advance of the meeting and written answers will be provided on the evening of the Full Council.2. Councillors can also verbally ask questions during the CQT. <p>Councillors have the opportunity to ask oral supplementary questions in relation to either of the methods above.</p>	
8	Receiving the Minutes of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Other Committees including Items for Debate	13 - 14
	<p>There are three items for Debate.</p> <p><i>NB: In advance of the meeting Political Groups can identify any items they wish to debate as a Reserved Item. These Reserved Items will then be the only matters to be the subject of debate.</i></p>	
10	Amendment 1 to Recommendation 4 Budget Strategy 2024/25 – 2026/27	15 - 16
	<p>Enclosed is the Conservative Amendment 1 to Recommendation 4 Budget Strategy 2024/25 – 2026/27, Mover Councillor Crow and Seconder Councillor Ali</p> <p>This amendment will be discussed under item 6 Consideration of Full Council Recommendations and Call-in Decision, as part of the discussion on Recommendation 4 Budget Strategy 2024/25 – 2026/27</p>	

NOTE: The Mayor has agreed that, although this report and information was not available for at least five clear days before the meeting, there are special circumstances justifying its urgent consideration.

INFORMATION ON DURATION OF THE MEETING

If the business of the meeting has not been completed within two and a half hours (normally 10.00 p.m.), then the Mayor will require the meeting to consider if it wishes to continue for a period of up to 30 minutes. A vote will be taken and a simple majority in favour will be necessary for the meeting to continue. (Following the meeting's initial extension, consideration will be given to extending the meeting by further periods of up to 30 minutes if required).

Should the vote be in favour of not continuing, there is a process for dealing with motions and recommendations which have not been dealt with within the two and a half hours, or at the expiry of any agreed extension(s). In these circumstances, such motions and recommendations will be deemed as formally moved and seconded (together with any amendments). No speeches will be allowed on these items and the vote will be taken in the usual way. If a recorded vote is called for during this process, it will be taken immediately. This process will also apply in instances where the Council is statutorily required to make a decision about any matter before a particular date.

During the process set out above, the only other motions which may be moved are that a matter be withdrawn or referred to an appropriate body or individual for decision or report. When all motions and recommendations have been dealt with, the Mayor will declare the meeting closed.

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Disclosures of Interest

Appendix A

Councillor	Item and Minute	Meeting	Type and Nature of Disclosure
Councillor Ali	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (Minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – employed by a company based at Gatwick Airport.
Councillor Ali	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – a West Sussex County Council Councillor.
Councillor Jaggard	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – donates to, but has no direct contact with, environmental charities which have an opinion on the matter.
Councillor K Khan	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – previously employed at Gatwick Airport.
Councillor K Khan	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – has attended meetings with organisations that have an opinion on the matter.
Councillor Nawaz	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – a Gatwick Airport Community Group (Gatcom) representative. Has attended meetings regarding the matter.

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Councillor Nawaz	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – a trustee of Gatwick Airport Community Trust.
Councillor Nawaz	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – employed by a company that has business relations with Gatwick Airport.
Councillor Noyce	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – a Gatwick Airport Community Group (Gatcom) representative. Has attended meetings regarding the matter.
Councillor Pritchard	Gatwick Airport Northern Runway Development Consent Order – Crawley Borough Council Relevant Representation (minute 4)	Planning Committee 24 October 2023	Personal interest – employed by Govia Thameslink, which serves Gatwick Airport railway station.
Councillor Ali	Planning Application CR/2023/0197/FUL – Land Adjacent to Hydehurst Lane, Northgate (minute 4)	Planning Committee 14 November 2023	Personal interest – a West Sussex County Councillor.
Councillor Ali	Planning Application CR/2023/0484/FUL – 9 Mill Road, Three Bridges (minute 6)	Planning Committee 14 November 2023	Personal interest – a member of West Sussex County Council’s Planning and Rights of Way Committee.
Councillor Lanzer	Crawley Station Gateway Phase 1 (Minute 7)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 27 November 2023	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
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Councillor Lanzer	Crawley Innovation Centre – Additional Towns Fund Monies (Minute 13)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 27 November 2023	Personal Interest – Member of Town Deal Board
Councillor Ali	Crawley Station Gateway Phase 1 (Minute 9)	Cabinet 29 November 2023	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor Burgess	Crawley Station Gateway Phase 1 (Minute 9)	Cabinet 29 November 2023	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
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Councillor Ali	Western Boulevard Scheme – Crawley Growth Programme (Minute 10)	Cabinet 29 November 2023	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor Burgess	Western Boulevard Scheme – Crawley Growth Programme (Minute 10)	Cabinet 29 November 2023	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC

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Councillor Crow	Western Boulevard Scheme – Crawley Growth Programme (Minute 10)	Cabinet 29 November 2023	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
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Cabinet Member Announcements - 13 December 2023

- Councillor Rana (*Cabinet Member for Resources*) – Webcasting. Tonight's meeting of the council is the first ever meeting in the council's history where we are trialling live streaming online for anyone wishing to watch proceedings in real time from anywhere in the world that can access the internet.
- Councillor Atif Nawaz (*Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development*) – Fountains. A meeting with the contractor undertaking the repair of the Queens Square Fountains is taking place on Tuesday 12th December. Progress with the repairs will be reported thereafter.
- Councillor Irvine (*Cabinet Member for Housing*) –
 - Telford Place. Telford Place has been awarded Outline Planning Permission for a mixed-tenure development of up to 300 affordable housing units, achieving a significant milestone in bringing this site forward.
 - APPG. The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Council Housing has launched an inquiry into the current and future demands for council homes.

As part of collecting evidence, the APPG is keen for local events to be organised to collate the views of a wider range of stakeholders.

So as well as submitting its own response, the Council will be hosting one of these local events, to which tenants, members of the public, and other stakeholders will be asked to talk about the importance of council housing and the investment needed moving forwards.

- Councillor Sue Mullins (*Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Culture*) – Collection for local charities at the Town Hall. Crawley Borough Council and its contractor Wates are supporting local foodbank charities The Easter Team and Free Shop Crawley this Christmas. The council has set up a donation station at the Town Hall for both charities, while Wates has delivered more than 200 advent calendars and festive food to The Easter Team. Residents can donate items in the Town Hall foyer until Tuesday 19 December.
- Councillor Chris Mullins (*Cabinet Member for Leisure and Wellbeing*) – Tilgate Park's Magical Christmas. Tilgate Park's Magical Christmas has returned to the Walled Garden for another year of exciting activities for all the family, and there are still opportunities to enjoy the event beginning this weekend from December 16 to 22. There's still a chance to see the resident Tilgate reindeer as well as all the stalls and rides at the Christmas Fair.

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Councillors Written Questions and the Responses

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**From Councillor Chris Mullins (Cabinet Member for Leisure and Wellbeing)
from Cllr Hazel Hellier to**

In November the Government launched its Swimming Pool Support Fund across England. This is intended to support swimming and leisure facilities across the country, to help people stay fit and healthy, and contributing to the Government's aim to cut obesity rates and increase rates of physical activity.

I welcome that K2 Crawley will benefit from a grant of £290,444 which is a considerable amount of funding to support the health and wellbeing of Crawley residents of all ages.

How does the council intend to use this grant to best support swimming at K2 Crawley? Please include an expected timetable for the spending of this grant in the response.

Response

- K2 Crawley received funding from Phase I of the Swimming Pool Support Fund from Sport England. The purpose of this grant is to enable pool operators to continue to provide the same level of provision going forward in spite of the considerable increases in utilities and chemical costs. Phase I is a revenue grant with eligible expenditure classified as expenditure relating to energy or chemical use for the facilities between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024. The grant funding agreement is very specific in stating that the revenue grant cannot be used for any purpose other than funding eligible expenditure. Applications had to be placed by local authorities on behalf of any public swimming pool providers within their area. Facility operators are named in the grant funding agreement as the subsidy recipients. As K2 Crawley is operated by Everyone Active this money therefore was transferred to them as per the agreement with Sport England. Utility costs at K2 Crawley have increased from £700,497 in 2021/22 to a forecasted £1,056,374 in 2023/24, an increase of 51%. Chemical costs related to the pool have increased 58% over the same period from £12,500 to £19,700.
- CBC have applied for Phase II funding which is for capital projects linked to energy efficiencies for swimming pool facilities. If successful this money will be used by CBC directly to fund any agreed projects by Sport England. It is anticipated that successful recipients for Phase II will be notified by the end of 2023.

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Question to Councillor Nawaz (Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development) from Councillor Crow

From the Question Time agenda item of minutes of the 19 July 2023 Full Council meeting, I have reproduced below my follow-on verbal question to my written question on the ongoing Queen's Square water jets shambles, and the subsequent answer.

Councillor Crow to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Supplementary question to written question – Thank you for the response to the question. It would appear we had two summers in which they were working; 2018 and 2019 but unfortunately as the answer mentions due to works completion they won't be working until late September, and this will be four summers where the town has not had the fountains. I accept there was Covid in 2020 and 2021 but it is disappointing they will not be working this summer, but it would be beneficial if the Cabinet Member could express an apology for the failure for the delay and please could we understand the reasons for the delay and where the liability rests?

Councillor Nawaz, Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development: There has been a technical fault which has occurred which has unfortunately caused the delay. We are working to resolve the issue and the fountains should be back on this September, although hopefully sooner. We are looking at options with regards to liability after the works are complete.

Qu1. September has long passed which happened to be the hottest month of 2023 and the hottest ever recorded September in the UK. It is now December and the water jets are still not operational. Please provide an accurate update as to when the repairs will be completed and when Queen's Square's water jets will be in use once again?

Qu2. Is there any risk that due to the sheer number of years that the water jets have not been operational, that other as yet unknown or unforeseen faults could have developed due to the lack of use, that could cause even further delay?

Response

Ans 1 Please refer to the 6th December 2023's [Councillors' Information Bulletin](#) for the update on the fountains.

Ans 2 No, we don't foresee any difficulties with lack of use that won't have been addressed by the current works.

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8. Receiving the Minutes of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Other Committees including Items for Debate

Items for Debate which are not Full Council Recommendations

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p.24	Licensing Committee 19 October 2023 (Minute 4) Councillor Lanzer	Proposed Fees and Charges for 2023: Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Regime.
p.46	Planning Committee 14 November 2023 (Minute 6) Councillor Crow	Planning Application CR/2023/0484/FUL – 9 Mill Road.
p.97	Cabinet 29 November 2023 (Minute 8) Councillor Lanzer	Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2023-24,

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Amendment 1 To Recommendation 4 Budget Strategy 2024/25 – 2026/27

*Mover Councillor Crow and
Seconder Councillor Ali*

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RECOMMENDATION 4

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- c) approve the growth items for the General Fund as outlined in sections 6.3 of the report FIN/636.
- d) approve the inclusion of new capital schemes in future budgets with the value of £652,000 as identified in section 9.2 of the report FIN/636.
- e) note the following highlights of the Budget Strategy:
 - i. that the Budget is aligned to the Council's Corporate Priorities.
 - ii. the outline 3 year forecast as shown in table 6 paragraph 6.5 of the report FIN/636.
 - iii. that the current budget deficit of £1.012m for 2024/25 (section 6.5 of the report FIN/636) is based on a Council tax increase of 2.99% which is £6.74. However, table 10 highlights that the gap could be higher when looking at sensitivity analysis.
 - iv. that there are uncertainties around Government funding prior to the settlement in December and the delay in Local Government Funding reforms as business rates retention and the future of New Homes Bonus.
- f) **Note the recent welcome announcement from Government, that additional funding would be made available to assist with any additional cost pressures that arise, if significant numbers of Chagossian British citizens move to Crawley.**

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Proposed Amended Recommendation 4, if approved, now read:

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 - iv. that there are uncertainties around Government funding prior to the settlement in December and the delay in Local Government Funding reforms as business rates retention and the future of New Homes Bonus. will be generated from the development of the old town hall site.
- f) Note the recent welcome announcement from Government, that additional funding would be made available to assist with any additional cost pressures that arise, if significant numbers of Chagossian British citizens move to Crawley.