

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of the Full Council

Thursday 26 September 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor R G Burgess (Mayor).

Councillor V S Cumper (Deputy Mayor).

Councillors M L Ayling, B K Blake, S A Blake, Dr H S Bloom, N Boxall, K Brockwell, B J Burgess, L A M Burke, R D Burrett, C A Cheshire, D G Crow, C L Denman, J I Denman, C R Eade, I T Irvine, M G Jones, S J Joyce, P K Lamb, R A Lanzer, C C Lloyd, L S Marshall-Ascough, C A Moffatt, C J Mullins, C Oxlade, D M Peck, B J Quinn, A J E Quirk, D J Shreeves, B A Smith, P C Smith, G Thomas, K J Trussell, L A Walker, W A Ward and K B Williamson

Also in Attendance:

Mr A Quine – Honorary Freeman and Alderman.

Mr J G Smith – Honorary Freeman and Alderman.

Mr B Jones – Appointed Independent Person.

Mr P Nicolson – Appointed Independent Person.

Mr A Timms – Appointed Independent Person.

Officers Present:

Lee Harris
Ann-Maria Brown
Peter Browning
Rachel Cordery
David Covill
Brian Cox
Phil Rogers
Roger Brownings

Chief Executive
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Director of Environment and Housing
Principal Planning Officer
Director of Resources
Senior Environmental Health Officer
Director of Community Services
Democratic Services Officer

36. Ian Gordon

The Mayor asked all present at the meeting to observe one Minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Ian Gordon, who had recently passed away.

37. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

38. Members' Disclosures of Interests

The disclosures of interests made by Members were set out in **Appendix A** to the minutes.

39. Communications

There were no announcements or communications.

40. Election of Leader of the Council.

The Council considered the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, LDS/ 071. The recommendations were considered as follows:-

First Recommendation (Paragraph 2.1 (a) of the report)

It was moved by Councillor Lanzer and seconded by Councillor Burrett:-

That in accordance with Article 7 of the Council's Constitution, Councillor Dr H S Bloom be elected as Leader of the Council.

Upon being put to the Council, the motion was CARRIED, and it was

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Article 7 of the Council's Constitution, Councillor Dr H S Bloom be elected as Leader of the Council.

Second Recommendation (Paragraph 2.1 (b) of the report)

Moved by Councillor Dr H S Bloom, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the details of those appointed by the Leader to serve as Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet, as set out below, be received:-

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Portfolio Responsibility</u>
Dr. H S Bloom	Chair of the Cabinet and Leader of the Council.
R D Burrett	Housing. Deputy Leader of the Council.
N Boxall	Community Engagement.
D G Crow	Leisure and Cultural Services.

C L Denman	Customer and Corporate Services.
R A Lanzer	Planning and Economic Development.
K J Trussell	Environmental Services.

Third Recommendation (Paragraph 2.1 (c) of the report)

Moved by Councillor Dr H S Bloom, seconded and

RESOLVED

That it is noted that any consequential amendments to the following documents would be published in the Members' Information Bulletin:

- Elected Leader's delegation of Cabinet functions to Cabinet Members and officers; and
- Terms of Reference and membership of the Town Centre Committee (being the one committee of the Cabinet).

41. Appointments

(a) Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission

With regard to Councillor Boxall's recent appointment to the Cabinet, the Council was asked to make an appointment to the consequent vacancy in relation to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

It was moved by Councillor B K Blake and seconded by Councillor B J Burgess that Councillor S A Blake be appointed, whilst it was moved by Councillor Irvine and seconded by Councillor Lloyd that Councillor Jones be appointed. A vote was taken.

RESOLVED

That Councillor S A Blake be appointed as the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

(b) Proportional Allocation of Seats on Council Committees

The resignation of Councillor Williamson from the Conservative Group in August had resulted in a review of seats held by the two Political Groups. Whilst Councillor Williamson remained a Member of the Council, the Council continued to have two Political Groups for the purpose of the allocation of seats on Committees. As a result of the review, the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Sub-Committee seat allocations would change from 9:6 to 8:7, and the Council was requested to receive the nomination from the Labour Group of a Member to sit on the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Labour Group's nomination of Councillor Williamson to sit on the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee, should he wish to accept it, be received.

Note by Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Since this Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council, Councillor Williamson has confirmed his acceptance to sit on the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee.

**42. Report of the Cabinet Meeting of 11 September 2013 –
Future Growth of Gatwick Airport**

The Cabinet had considered report [CEX/040](#) of the Chief Executive, a copy of which had been made available to all Members of the Council. The report:

- 1) Outlined the work of the independent Airports Commission established to examine the scale and timing of any requirement for additional capacity and to identify and evaluate how any need for additional capacity should be met.
- 2) Explained that Gatwick Airport Limited had made a submission to the Airports Commission which outlined three options for providing a second runway at Gatwick to the south of the existing runway based on the vision that the additional runway capacity that was required to maintain the UK's aviation hub status would be best provided by a constellation of airports around London with Gatwick, Stansted and Heathrow all having two runways, rather than a single "mega hub" airport.
- 3) Emphasised that there was limited detailed information available on many of the impacts at this stage but that more detailed assessments would be undertaken if Gatwick formed part of the shortlist of options put forward by the Airports Commission for more detailed consideration at the end of 2013.
- 4) Set out three broad options for the Cabinet and the Council to consider.
- 5) Noted that the deadline for responses to the Airports Commission for Stage 1 proposals was 27 September 2013 and outlined the next steps in the process.

In receiving the extract of the report of the 11 September Cabinet meeting ([Enclosure B to the agenda for this meeting](#)), the Full Council was asked to determine upon the recommendation contained therein.

The Future Growth of Gatwick Airport had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 9 September 2013. To further assist the Full Council's consideration of this matter, a copy of the Commission's comment sheet to the Cabinet was also before the Full Council ([Enclosure C to the agenda](#)).

In addition to its Recommendation to the Full Council, the Cabinet had also resolved as follows:-

- That the Borough Council, without prejudice to its position with regard to a second runway, seeks to work with Gatwick and other Local Authorities on the detailed assessment of runway options at Gatwick.
- That the Borough Council should highlight in any response to the Airports Commission, the need for the Airports Commission and the government to provide clarity at the earliest appropriate opportunity with regards to the need for future safeguarding of land for additional runways if in the event that particular locations for additional runways are ruled out.
- That due to the significant nature of the issues, the Cabinet support the view of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission that all Members of the Council should

- not be whipped and should be given a free vote on this report at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council on 26 September 2013.

The Full Council undertook a full and detailed debate on this matter and in accordance with the Cabinet's recommendation to this meeting, considered the three broad options (as set out in the report) for the Council to consider.

The Mayor in highlighting the voting process to be undertaken in relation to the Options concerned, advised that a vote on those Options would be taken in the order that they were moved and seconded at this meeting, and that for every vote taken on this Gatwick matter he would call for a recorded vote.

It was moved by Councillor Lanzer and seconded by Councillor B A Smith:-

That this Council adopts Option 1 below as its response to the Airports Commission for Stage 1 proposals regarding additional airport capacity:

Option 1: To determine that, in line with existing policy, the Council does not support a second runway at Gatwick Airport based on what is currently known about the likely impact of a second runway on the area.

It was moved by Councillor P C Smith and seconded by Councillor Dr Bloom:-

That this Council adopts Option 2 below as its response to the Airports Commission for Stage 1 proposals regarding additional airport capacity:

Option 2: Not to express a view on a second runway at Gatwick Airport at this current time until more information especially on environmental impacts is available as part of the next stage of the work of the Airports Commission. As the scale of the impact of a second runway is not fully understood at present, this will enable the environmental implications to be fully considered alongside the economic benefits in light of a wider set of available information.

It was moved by Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Ayling:-

That this Council adopts Option 3 below as its response to the Airports Commission for Stage 1 proposals regarding additional airport capacity:

Option 3: To agree that the options for a second runway at Gatwick should be put forward for further consideration by the Airports Commission in the next stage of its work in 2014/15. The Council reserves its view on a second runway pending the outcome of the detailed assessments to be carried out in this next stage. The Council seeks the opportunity to actively engage with Gatwick Airport to ensure that the further assessment of the runway options by Gatwick are robustly undertaken and provide the level of information that would enable the Council and other interested parties to make an informed decision on a second runway.

There was a range of views expressed by Members (with limited support conveyed at this stage for Option 3) in considering the three Options further. Those views mainly related to concerns about the current absence of sufficient evidence and detail (as clearly identified in the report) upon which to develop an informed view on the likely economic, environmental and other implications for the Borough with regard to either any of the proposed runway options or of not having a second runway.

Amendment

It was moved by Councillor Marshall-Ascough and seconded by Councillor Williamson:-

That the following text be added as part 2) to the Recommendation to the Full Council:

“2) That the Council agree in principle to the holding of a Referendum for the electorate of Crawley Borough Council, to provide the electorate with an opportunity to declare their views on the Future Growth of Gatwick Airport. This is subject to:

1. The Airports Commission identifying Gatwick Airport as an airport for future growth.
2. The Council receiving a report from the Council's Returning Officer on arrangements for the management, costs and conduct of a Referendum.”

The Full Council considered this amendment in detail and discussed all the issues raised.

The Mayor called on Councillor Lanzer (who had moved Option 1), Councillor P C Smith (who had moved Option 2), Councillor Walker (who had moved Option 3) and Councillor Marshall-Ascough (who had moved the Amendment) to sum up.

The Mayor then commenced the vote. At the request of the Mayor, and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.4, the names of the Members voting for and against the Amendment and Options were recorded as set out below:-

Vote on the Amendment

For the Amendment:-

Councillors I T Irvine, M G Jones, P K Lamb, L S Marshall-Ascough, C A Moffatt, C Oxlade, B J Quinn, D J Shreeves, L A Walker, W A Ward and K B Williamson (11).

Against the Amendment:-

Councillors M L Ayling, B K Blake, S A Blake, Dr H S Bloom, N Boxall, K Brockwell, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, L A M Burke, R D Burrett, C A Cheshire, D G Crow, V S Cumper, C L Denman, J I Denman, C R Eade, S J Joyce, R A Lanzer, C C Lloyd, C J Mullins, D M Peck, A J E Quirk, B A Smith, P C Smith, K J Trussell (25).

Abstention:-

Councillor G Thomas.

The Amendment was therefore LOST.

Vote on Option 1

For Option 1:-

Councillors B K Blake, S A Blake, K Brockwell, R D Burrett, D G Crow, I T Irvine, M G Jones, R A Lanzer, C C Lloyd, D J Shreeves, B A Smith, G Thomas and W A Ward (13).

Against Option 1:-

Councillors M L Ayling, Dr H S Bloom, N Boxall, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, L A M Burke, C A Cheshire, V S Cumper, C L Denman, J I Denman, C R Eade, S J Joyce, P K Lamb, C A Moffatt, C J Mullins, C Oxlade, D M Peck, B J Quinn, A J E Quirk, P C Smith, K J Trussell, L A Walker and K B Williamson (23).

Abstention:-

Councillor L S Marshall-Ascough.

Option 1 was therefore LOST.

Vote on Option 2

For Option 2:-

Councillors Dr H S Bloom, N Boxall, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, L A M Burke, C A Cheshire, V S Cumper, C L Denman, J I Denman, C R Eade, S J Joyce, P K Lamb, R A Lanzer, C A Moffatt, C J Mullins, C Oxlade, D M Peck, B J Quinn, A J E Quirk, P C Smith, K J Trussell and W A Ward (22).

Against Option 2:-

Councillors M L Ayling, B K Blake, S A Blake, K Brockwell, R D Burrett, D G Crow, I T Irvine, M G Jones, C C Lloyd, D J Shreeves, B A Smith, G Thomas, L A Walker and K B Williamson (14).

Abstention:-

Councillor L S Marshall-Ascough.

Option 2 was therefore CARRIED.

As a result of Option 2 being carried, Option 3 had fallen (with, therefore, no vote on that Option being necessary), and it was

RESOLVED

That this Council adopts Option 2 below as its response to the Airports Commission for Stage 1 proposals regarding additional airport capacity:-

Option 2: Not to express a view on a second runway at Gatwick Airport at this current time until more information especially on environmental impacts is available as part of the next stage of the work of the Airports Commission. As the scale of the impact of a second runway is not fully understood at present, this will enable the environmental implications to be fully considered alongside the economic benefits in light of a wider set of available information.

43. Closure of Meeting

The meeting ended at 10.05 p.m.

R G Burgess
Mayor

APPENDIX A

Members' Disclosures of Interest

Member	Agenda Item No.	Name and date of Cabinet/ Committee and Minute No.	Agenda Page No.	Subject or Planning Application No.	Type and Nature of Disclosure.
Councillor B K Blake	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Ifield)
Councillor S A Blake	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Ifield)
Councillor K Brockwell	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Pound Hill North)
Councillor V S Cumper	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Close relative lives in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Langley Green)
Councillor S J Joyce	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Ward Member for Langley Green and, as a resident of Langley Green, living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport.
Councillor C C Lloyd	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – by virtue of Councillor Lloyd's wife being employed part-time (1-2 days per month) by a charitable organisation based at Gatwick Airport.
Councillor C J Mullins	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Langley Green)
Councillor L S Marshall-Ascough	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Employee at a Local Airways Company.
Councillor D J Shreeves	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Ward Member for Langley Green and, as a resident of Langley Green, living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport.

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Councillor B A Smith	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Ward Member for Langley Green and, as a resident of Langley Green, living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport.
Councillor P C Smith	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest - Employee at a Local Airways Company.
Councillor G Thomas	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Ifield)
Councillor K J Trussell	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Pound Hill North)
Councillor K B Williamson	7	Cabinet 11 September 2013 Minute 40	3	Future Growth of Gatwick Airport	Personal Interest – Employee at a Local Airways Company.