

Crawley Borough Council

Agenda for the Full Council

To: The Mayor and Members of the Council

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Full Council** which will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Crawley, on **Wednesday 22 October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

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Business - Part A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Members' Disclosures of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to declare interests where appropriate.

3. Communications

To receive and consider any announcements or communications.

(i) Councillor K B Williamson

The Council is formally advised that on Friday 29 August 2014 notification was received that Councillor Karl Williamson had resigned as a Member of the Council for the Southgate Ward with immediate effect. Councillor Williamson is thanked for his service to the Council and wished the very best for the future.

(ii) Newly Elected Councillor M W Pickett

Following the resignation reported in (i) above, the consequent Southgate by-election was held on Thursday 9 October 2014, and the Mayor will welcome newly elected Councillor Michael Pickett to this meeting of the Full Council.

The associated review of the allocation of seats to Political Groups, will be discussed at this meeting as item 4 below of this agenda.

4. Review of Allocation of Seats to Political Groups

As indicated in Item 3 above of this agenda, A by-election was held on 9 October 2014, which had resulted in Councillor Michael Pickett (Labour) being elected as a Councillor for the Southgate Ward. As this had brought about a change in the membership of the political groups, the Council was required to review the allocation of seats on committees to ensure that the allocation continued to meet the legal requirement for the seats allocated on each body to reflect the political composition of the Council.

The Council only had a legal requirement to achieve political proportionality for the Development Control Committee, General Purposes Committee, Audit and Governance Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Commission although it was the practice of the Council to endeavour to achieve this on all Committees, Sub-Committees, Policy Development Forums and Working

Groups (with the exception of Cabinet and the Town Centre Committee which are both single party).

As a result of both Karl Williamson's resignation from the Council and Councillor Michael Pickett's subsequent election - and with a view to recommendations being made to the Full Council, Political Group Leaders have reviewed the allocation of seats and considered revised Committee appointments required.

RECOMMENDATION 1

That the Council be recommended:

(1) That the seat allocation on Committees be revised as follows:-

That the Development Control Committee, Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee be reduced from 15 to 14 Members – 8 Labour and 6 Conservative (previously 8 Labour and 7 Conservative).

(2) That the seat allocation on all other Committees be retained as previously agreed at Annual Council on 13 June 2014, and that no changes were required to retain political proportionality on Working Groups, Policy Development Forums and Scrutiny Panels.

(3) That, on the nominations of the Conservative Group:

i) Councillor K J Trussell be removed from the membership of the Development Control Committee.

ii) Councillor C R Eade be removed from the membership of both the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Sub-Committee.

(4) That subject to the changes in (3) above, the membership of all Committees be retained as existed immediately following Karl Williamson's resignation from the Council.

(5) That with regard to the current vacancy on the Performance Monitoring Scrutiny Panel, and on the nomination of the Conservative Group, Councillor K J Trussell be appointed to that position.

5. Presentations

(a) Gifts to Former Members

The Mayor will present a gift to each of the following former Members of the Council who have recently ceased to hold office, to commemorate their service to the Council:-

Vanessa Cumper
Alan Quirk

With regard to former Councillors Lee Burke, Claire Denman and John Denman they have informed the Head of Legal and Democratic Services that they will be unable to attend this meeting, and alternative arrangements (including arrangements with former Councillor Karl Williamson) are being made in terms of the receipt of their gifts.

(b) Long Service Badge

The Mayor will present Councillor Walker with a badge commemorating his 10 years service as a Member of Crawley Borough Council.

(c) Andrew Timms

Andrew Timms was appointed by the Council as an Independent Person for a 2 year term on 18th July 2012. His term of office has now expired. He has given 10 years service to this Council in an Independent capacity, serving 8 years as an Independent Member under the previous arrangements on Standards matters, and 2 years under the arrangements introduced by the Localism Act as an Independent Person. With Andrew's role at this Council now ceasing, the Mayor will present a gift to Andrew to acknowledge his contribution to the Council's work.

(d) Grace Lawton

The Mayor will present a gift to Grace Lawton in recognition of her 60 years service as a School Governor in Crawley.

A presentation will also be made to Grace by County Councillor Amanda Jupp, Chairman of West Sussex County Council.

6. Public Question Time

To answer public questions under Council Procedure Rule 9. The questions must be on matters which are relevant to the functions of the Council, and should not include statements.

One supplementary question from the questioner will be allowed.

Up to 30 minutes is allocated to Public Question Time.

7. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 23 July 2014. (The minutes are on pages 1 to 17 in the Book of Minutes Report, which Members will have before them).

8. Items for debate (Reserved Items)

Prior to the introduction of the Reports of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Committees (as contained in the Book of Minutes), Members will be given the opportunity to indicate on which items they wish to speak.

These Reserved Items will then be the only matters to be the subject of a debate.

9. Reports of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Committees

- (1) To receive the following reports of the meetings of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Committees.
 - (a) Development Control Committee – 14 July 2014.
 - (b) Development Control Committee – 4 August 2014.
 - (c) Development Control Committee – 1 September 2014.
 - (d) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 8 September 2014.
 - (e) Cabinet – 10 September 2014.
Including Recommendations 2, 3 and 4 relating to the Amendment to the Housing Allocations Scheme – Local Connection and Residency Criteria, the Coast to Capital Strategic Joint Committee and the Acquisition of Kilnmead Car Park, Kilnmead, Northgate.
 - (f) Development Control Committee – 22 September 2014.
 - (g) Audit and Governance Committee – 24 September 2014.
 - (h) General Purposes – 29 September 2014.
Including Recommendations 5 and 6 relating to Polling Arrangements and Changes to the Constitution.
 - (i) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 6 October 2014.
 - (j) Cabinet – 8 October 2014.
Including Recommendations 7 and 8 relating to the Petitions Scheme and Land at Gales Place, Three Bridges, Crawley.
- (2) To adopt the recommendations to full Council, which have not been reserved for debate.

10. Reserved Items

To deal with items reserved for debate including any recommendations, which have been identified by Members under Agenda Item 8.

Councillors who have reserved items for debate, may speak on an item for no more than 5 minutes.

11. Notice of Motion

To consider, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, the following Notice of Motion to be moved by Councillor Crow and seconded by Councillor Lanzer:-

“This Council welcomes the result of the recent Scottish independence referendum and the promise of further devolution to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The referendum and further devolution have highlighted the ‘West Lothian Question’ by which Scottish MPs can vote on matters solely relating to England but where English MPs have no such vote on matters solely relating to Scotland.

This Council notes that bills on local government outside of England are devolved matters for the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh and Northern Irish Assemblies, but that in England they are matters for the UK Parliament to decide.

Crawley Borough Council supports the principle of English votes for English laws and matters by which only English MPs would vote on matters solely relating to England, and wishes to see this implemented for all Parliamentary votes relating to English local government, as well as for all other laws and issues that solely affect England.

Therefore, this Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the four main Group Leaders (Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Independent) at the Local Government Association (LGA) to:

- i. State Crawley Borough Council’s support for ‘English votes for English laws’ for all Parliamentary votes relating to English local government;
- ii. Encourage the LGA to lobby on behalf of English councils for all three main political parties to make ‘English votes for English laws’ on local government a manifesto commitment for the next General Election; and
- iii. Call on the LGA to negotiate with Central Government on what further service delivery responsibilities and powers can be devolved to elected local authorities in England.”

12. Members’ Written Questions

To answer Members’ written questions under Council Procedure Rule 10.3.

13. Announcements by Cabinet Members

An opportunity for Cabinet Members to report verbally (if necessary) on issues relating to their Portfolio not covered elsewhere on the agenda and deal with questions relating to these issues.

14. Questions to Cabinet Members

To answer questions to Cabinet Members under Council Procedure Rule 10.1.

Up to 15 minutes is allocated for questions to Cabinet Members.

15. Questions to Committee Chairs

To answer questions to Committee Chairs.

Up to 15 minutes is allocated for questions to Committee Chairs.

16. Supplemental Agenda

Any urgent item(s) complying with Section 100(B) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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