

# Crawley Borough Council

## Minutes of the Full Council

**Wednesday 22 October 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

### **Present:**

Councillor	B A Smith (Mayor).
Councillor	C A Cheshire (Deputy Mayor).
Councillors	M L Ayling, B K Blake, S A Blake, Dr H S Bloom, N Boxall, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, R D Burrett, D G Crow, C R Eade, I T Irvine, M G Jones, S J Joyce, P K Lamb, R A Lanzer, C C Lloyd, T Lunnon, L S Marshall-Ascough, B McCrow, C A Moffatt, C J Mullins, C Oxlade, D M Peck, M W Pickett, B J Quinn, R Sharma, D J Shreeves, P C Smith, J Stanley, K Sudan, G Thomas, K J Trussell, L A Walker and W A Ward.

### **Also in Attendance:**

Mr J G Smith – Honorary Freeman and Alderman.

Mr B Jones – Appointed Independent Person.

Mr P Nicolson – Appointed Independent Person.

### **Officers Present:**

Lee Harris	Chief Executive
Ann-Maria Brown	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Peter Browning	Director of Transformation and Housing
Roger Brownings	Democratic Services Officer
David Covill	Director of Development and Resources
Phil Rogers	Director of Community and Partnership Services

### **35. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor K Brockwell.

Mr A C W Crane - Honorary Freeman and Alderman.

### **36. Members' Disclosures of Interests**

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

### **37. Communications**

(a) Councillor K B Williamson

It was formally reported 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.

(b) Newly Elected Councillor M W Pickett

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

The associated review of the allocation of seats to Political Groups, would be discussed later at this meeting.

(c) The Armed Forces Community Covenant for Crawley

The Mayor was pleased to announce that she had recently been asked by both Group Captain Derek North, West Sussex Deputy Lieutenant, and Mr Alan Tait, Sussex Branch Chairman of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen Families Association (SSAFA), to convey their huge thanks and appreciation to the Council regarding its signing of the Covenant, and for all the associated work and support provided by the Council following that signing with the Armed Forces in June 2013. The Mayor asked that these messages of thanks be passed on to all the staff involved in the Covenant's work.

(d) New Headquarters for the 1<sup>st</sup> Langley Green Scout Group

The Mayor was also pleased to inform the Council that she had been asked by Eddy Hills, the District Commissioner – Crawley Scout District, to convey his deep gratitude for the part the Council had played in the joint project with Moat Housing to build the recently opened new Headquarters for the 1<sup>st</sup> Langley Green Scout Group. The Mayor asked that the Commissioner's gratitude be conveyed to the appropriate staff.

(e) Recent Incident at Nature Centre

Councillor Mullins (as Cabinet Member for Leisure and Cultural Services) took this opportunity to refer the Council to the recent terrible attack and killing of a sheep at Tilgate Park Nature Centre which had been highlighted in that week's local press. It was suspected that this incident involved a dog and its owner, and Councillor Mullins appealed to anyone who might have information relating to the incident, to contact the Police.

### **38. Review of Allocation of Seats to Political Groups (Recommendation 1)**

As a result of Karl Williamson's recent resignation as a Member of the Council for the Southgate Ward, and the election of Councillor Michael Pickett at the consequent Southgate by-election, Minute No. 37 above (Communications) refers, Political Group Leaders had reviewed the allocation of seats, and considered revised Committee

appointments required, with a view to recommendations being made to this meeting of the Full Council.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor Crow and

## **RESOLVED**

- (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.

## **39. Presentations**

### **(a) Gifts to Former Members**

The Mayor presented a gift to each of the following former Members of the Council, who had 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 had informed the Head of Legal and Democratic Services that they would be unable to attend this meeting, and alternative arrangements (including arrangements with former Councillor Karl Williamson) were being made in terms of the receipt of their gifts.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked the former members for their service to this Authority.

**(b) Long Service Badge**

The Mayor presented Councillor Walker with a badge commemorating his ten years service as a Member of Crawley Borough Council and thanked him for his long and dedicated service with this Authority.

**(c) Andrew Timms**

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

**(d) Grace Lawton**

The Mayor presented a gift to Grace Lawton in recognition of her 60 years service as a School Governor in Crawley. The Mayor paid tribute to the fantastic work and the many highlights of Grace's service to schools in Crawley, which Grace currently continued following her appointment on the Northgate Primary School's Governing Body. A presentation was also made to Grace by County Councillor Amanda Jupp, Chairman of West Sussex County Council. In response to the many tributes and congratulations conveyed to her, Grace thanked the Council for the honour they had bestowed on her.

**40. Public Question Time**

Questions asked in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 were as follows:

<b>Questioner's Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Name of Councillor(s) Responding</b>
Mrs P Chappell	Access restrictions for Private Hire vehicles at the Bus Station / front entrance of County Mall.	Councillors Jones and Lloyd responded to this matter and as part of that response indicated that the Council would shortly be in touch with Mrs Chappell to provide full clarification of the issues raised.
Ms V Cumper	Allegations made by Ms Cumper, including those relating to the Council's landlord responsibilities.	Councillor Lamb in firmly denying the Council's neglect of any of its responsibilities referred to, asked Ms Cumper to make further contact with him and provide specific details of the allegation made.

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Mr R Symonds	The relevance of future consultation regarding the three options for a potential second runway as submitted by Gatwick Airport, as part of the process being undertaken by the Independent Airports Commission.	<p>Councillor P C Smith provided a full and detailed response to the issues raised by Mr Symonds. As part of that response Councillor Smith emphasised that as a second runway and its supporting facilities were classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), any planning application would be heard by the Planning Inspectorate who would make a recommendation in a report to the Secretary of State. The Council would not therefore be exercising a planning authority role, but would be considering the matter from a wider perspective, taking account of all implications, not just planning considerations, for all the options, including a no expansion at Gatwick scenario. At this stage given the Council's status as a key stakeholder, and regardless of any current preferences indicated by Gatwick or the Airports Commission, on-going and further debate by the Council was indeed of value both in terms of the forthcoming Commission's consultation process and any future NSIP process which provided for local authorities to make representations on any proposal taken forward.</p> <p>Councillor Smith reiterated that should he wish to accept such an invitation, Mr Symonds would be welcome to the Town Hall to meet with Councillor</p>

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		Smith and appropriate officers to discuss any element of this matter.

#### 41. Minutes

Subject to the following clerical correction, the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on [23 July 2014](#) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor:-

##### Clerical Correction

That with regard to Minute Number 28 (a) (Matter raised under the report of the Audit and Governance Committee – 25 June 2014), delete the words at the very end of that minute which read “and conclude the matters concerned”.

#### 42. Items for Debate (Reserved Items)

Members indicated that they wished to speak on a number of items as set out in the following table:

Minute Book Page no.	Committee/ Minute no. (and the Member reserving the item for Debate)	Subject (Decisions previously taken under delegated powers, reserved for debate only).	Subject (Recommendation to Full Council, reserved for debate)
	Agenda Item 4  (Labour Group)		Review of Allocation of Seats to Political Groups.  (Recommendation 1)
25	Development Control Committee 4 August 2014 Minute 15  (Labour Group)	CR/2014/0342/FUL  Ifield West Community Centre, Dobbins Place, Ifield, Crawley. Erection of open-sided canopy shelter within the courtyard.	
44	Cabinet 10 September 2014 Minute 21  (Councillor Crow)	Land at Ely Close, Tilgate, Crawley.	
45	Cabinet 10 September 2014 Minute 22		Amendment to the Housing Allocations Scheme – Local Connection &

Minute Book Page no.	Committee/ Minute no.  (and the Member reserving the item for Debate)	Subject  (Decisions previously taken under delegated powers, reserved for debate only).	Subject  (Recommendation to Full Council, reserved for debate)
	<b>(Labour Group)</b>		Residency Criteria.  (Recommendation 2)
48	Cabinet 10 September 2014 Minute 24  <b>(Labour Group)</b>		Coast to Capital Strategic Joint Committee  (Recommendation 3)
49	Cabinet 10 September 2014 Minute 26  <b>(Labour Group)</b>		Acquisition of Kilnmead Car Park, Kilnmead, Northgate.  (Recommendation 4)
59	Audit and Governance Committee 24 September 2014 Minute 14  <b>(Labour Group)</b>	Internal Audit Progress Report as at 31 August 2014	
61	Audit and Governance Committee 24 September 2014 Minute 18  <b>(Councillor Walker)</b>	Maidenbower Pavilion,	
63	General Purposes Committee 29 September 2014 Minute 5  <b>(Labour Group and Councillor Walker)</b>		Polling Arrangements  (Recommendation 5)
66	General Purposes Committee 29 September 2014 Minute 6  <b>(Labour Group)</b>	Petition Scheme	
67	General Purposes Committee 29 September 2014 Minute 7  <b>(Labour Group)</b>		Changes to the Constitution  (Recommendation 6)

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88	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 6 October 2014 Minute No. 34  <b>(Labour Group)</b>	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC).	
88	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 6 October 2014 Minute 35  <b>(Councillor Crow)</b>	Scrutiny Panels.	
90	Cabinet 8 October 2014 Minute 33  <b>(Labour Group and Councillor Crow)</b>		Petitions Scheme  (Recommendation 7)
92	Cabinet 8 October 2014 Minute 34  <b>(Labour Group)</b>	Report from the West Sussex Joint Scrutiny Task & Finish Group – Commissioning of Community Advice from Citizen's Advice Bureau.	
93	Cabinet 8 October 2014 Minute 35  <b>(Labour Group)</b>		Land at Gales Place, Three Bridges, Crawley.  (Recommendation 8)

#### **43. Reports of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Committees**

Moved by Councillor Cheshire (as the Deputy Mayor) and

#### **RESOLVED**

That subject to the clerical corrections set out below, the following reports be received:-

- (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.
- (f) Development Control Committee – 22 September 2014.



- (g) Audit and Governance Committee – 24 September 2014.
- (h) General Purposes – 29 September 2014.
- (i) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 6 October 2014.
- (j) Cabinet – 8 October 2014.

#### Clerical Corrections

That with regard to the report of the Development Control Committee held on 22 September 2014:

- (i) The names of Councillors M L Ayling, B K Blake and S A Blake be included in the list of the Councillors present.
- (ii) The names of Councillors B J Burgess and K J Trussell be deleted from that list (with their names remaining under the heading of Apologies for Absence).
- (iii) The heading of Minute Number 21 be amended to read: "Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order P16.9.66 (Old Horsham Road No.5)"

#### Recommendations to Full Council not Reserved for Debate (Unreserved Items)

Whilst at this point (and as indicated in the agenda) it was to be moved that the recommendations to Council, which had not been reserved for debate be adopted, this was not now necessary as all the recommendations to Council had, on this occasion, been reserved for debate.

#### **44. Reserved Items**

The matters identified in Minute No. 42 above were debated by the Council. These included:

**(a) Matter raised under the report of the Development Control Committee – 4 August 2014**

With regard to the matter of Planning Application CR/2014/0342/FUL (Ifield West Community Centre, Dobbins Place, Ifield - Erection of open-sided canopy shelter within the courtyard (Minute Number 15), Councillor Stanley took this opportunity to convey his thanks to staff and the Cabinet Member for the work that had been undertaken generally regarding that Community Centre's overall development.

**(b) Matter raised under the report of the Audit and Governance Committee – 24 September 2014**

The matter raised was in respect of the Maidenbower Pavilion (Minute Number 18). This focussed on concerns raised by Councillor Walker regarding that Pavilion and a decision that had previously been recorded which suggested that an additional report would be submitted to the 24 September meeting of the Committee on the outcomes of further investigations regarding Councillor Walker's concerns which remained outstanding. With this in mind Councillor Walker reiterated his deep surprise and concern that such a report had not in fact been included in that meeting's agenda.

Councillor Irvine (as Chair of the Committee) confirmed that whilst at the last meeting of the Full Council on 23 July he had requested the Cabinet Member to take forward the concerns raised, it was not the intention that those concerns and the work

undertaken thereon would be withdrawn for further consideration by the Committee. He also had indicated surprise that the report requested was not submitted, but emphasised that the Committee's decision of 25 June was still in place, and the report requested for submission to the Committee, would now, instead, be submitted to the Committee's next meeting on 2 December. With Councillor Walker continuing to convey his disappointment that the report requested had not been submitted to the Committee, Councillor Mullins, the respective Cabinet Member, confirmed that a thorough investigation was being undertaken into the concerns raised, which involved primarily operational matters, and that he would be working closely with officers and representatives of the Pavilion's Social Club. Councillor Irvine advised that he and Councillor Walker (the Committee's Vice Chair) and appropriate Officers would also be meeting to consider and develop matters regarding the scope of the report to be presented to the Committee with the intention of resolving once and for all the outstanding concerns raised.

**(c) The reserved items containing recommendations to Full Council.**

These were dealt with as set out in Minute Numbers 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51 below:-

**45. Amendment to the Housing Allocations Scheme – Local Connection and Residency Criteria  
(Cabinet – 10 September 2014)  
(Recommendation 2)**

The Cabinet had considered report [SHAP/40](#) of the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services which sought a decision on whether to amend the residency qualification criteria in the Council's Housing Allocation from 3 years to 5 years. The report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 8 September 2014. As part of its decision on this matter, the Cabinet had resolved to note the contents of the report.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the results of the consultation process undertaken in respect of the proposed change be noted.
- (2) That the Council's Housing Allocation Scheme be amended as set out in section 5.12 of report SHAP/40, and
- (3) That the change take effect on 3 December 2014 or such subsequent date as may be agreed by the Head of Strategic Housing & Planning Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing.

**46. Coast to Capital Strategic Joint Committee  
(Cabinet – 10 September 2014)  
(Recommendation 3)**

The Cabinet had considered report [LDS/087](#) of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the establishment of the Coast to Capital Joint Committee be approved and constituted in accordance with the Heads of Terms as set out in Appendix 1 of report LDS/087.
- (2) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to take all measures necessary for or incidental to (i) the implementation of recommendation (1) above, and (ii) the ongoing management and administration of the Committee.
- (3) That the Head of Legal & Democratic Services as Monitoring Officer be instructed to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect the establishment of the Joint Committee.
- (4) That the nomination of the Leader of the Council to serve on the Joint Committee be approved.

**47. Acquisition of Kilnmead Car Park, Kilnmead, Northgate  
(Exempt - Paragraphs 3 - Information relating to financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information), and 5 - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings).  
(Cabinet – 10 September 2014)  
(Recommendation 4)**

The Cabinet had considered report DIRTH/046 of the Director of Transformation and Housing. As part of its decision on this matter, the Cabinet had resolved to note the contents of the report.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the contents of report DIRTH/046 be noted and the acquisition of the Homes & Communities Agency's freehold interest in the site be approved.
- (2) That a supplementary capital estimate of £1.6m, funded from Housing Revenue Account reserves and Right To Buy 1-4-1 receipts be approved for the purchase of this site and for pre-construction costs to enable the delivery of an affordable housing scheme (subject to additional funding for construction).

**48. Polling Arrangements  
(General Purposes Committee – 29 September 2014)  
(Recommendation 5)**

The Committee had considered report [LDS/092](#) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services. As part of its decision on this matter, the Committee had resolved that a report on the polling arrangements for Ifield East Ward (LFB) and Maidenbower Ward (LHB) be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Holiday Inn Express be confirmed as the polling place for polling district LMC.
- (2) That new polling districts be created for Broadfield North LBA and LBB as shown in Appendix A to report LDS/092.
- (3) That new polling districts be created for Broadfield South LCA and LCB as shown in Appendix A to the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of [29 September 2014](#).

**49. Changes to the Constitution  
(General Purposes Committee – 29 September 2014)  
(Recommendation 6)**

The Committee had considered report LDS/089 of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the amendments to the Constitution as proposed in Appendix B to the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting of [29 September 2014](#) be agreed.

**50. Petitions Scheme  
(Cabinet – 8 October 2014)  
(Recommendation 7)**

The Cabinet had considered the joint report [LDS/088](#) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which requested the Cabinet to consider whether any changes should be made to the Petitions Scheme. The report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 6 October 2014. The General Purposes Committee had also considered the Scheme at its meeting on 29 September 2014.

At the request of Councillor Crow, the Mayor agreed to put the Recommendation to the Full Council in parts as follows: Part 1, Part 2 and then Part 3:-

Part 1 of the Recommendation

Upon being put to the Council, Part 1 of the Recommendation was declared to be CARRIED.

Part 2 of the Recommendation

Upon being put to the Council, Part 2 of the Recommendation was declared to be CARRIED.

Part 3 of the Recommendation

Upon being put to the Council, Part 3 of the Recommendation was declared to be CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the recommendation of the Overview & Scrutiny Commission for petitions numbering 50-999 to be considered by the Commission prior to its submission to the appropriate decision-maker, be endorsed.
- (2) That subject to (1) above, the retention of a Petition Scheme and e-petition facility be endorsed and the changes proposed to the Council's Petition Scheme (including e-petitions facility) be approved.
- (3) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be instructed to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect any changes to the Petition Scheme, including the e-petition facility.

**51. Land at Gales Place, Three Bridges, Crawley**  
***(Exempt - Paragraphs 3 - Information relating to financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))***  
**(Cabinet – 8 October 2014)**  
***(Recommendation 8)***

The Cabinet had considered report CH/155 of the Head of Crawley Homes. The report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 6 October 2014. As part of its decision on this matter, the Cabinet had resolved to note the contents of the report.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That a supplementary estimate of £1,749,250 funded from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) reserve and £750,750 from the Council's Right to Buy (RTB) Receipts (1-4-1) fund (giving a total of £2,500,000), be approved for the delivery of approximately 13-16 No rented residential units at Gales Place, Three Bridges, Crawley.
- (2) That authority be delegated to officers to undertake the procurement exercise in accordance with the Procurement Code to select a suitable contractor to design and construct the scheme.

- (3) That authority be delegated to the Head of Crawley Homes in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing to enter into a contract with the successful bidder for the detailed design and construction of the dwellings.

## 52. Notice of Motion

The Full Council considered a Notice of Motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, which was moved by Councillor Crow and seconded by Councillor Lanzer.

### Amendments

In connection with this motion, it was moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor Oxlade that the motion be amended as follows (Additional / amended text is shown in bold, whilst deleted text has been crossed through):-

“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~~ **devolution** and ~~matters by~~ **English self-determination on all** ~~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.~~ **The Council also believes that it is for the people of England, and not just a Westminster-elite, to decide what form their future Governance should take and that the people of England should be given the same opportunity as other UK nations to decide their own future for themselves.**

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 **an English Constitutional Convention, to explore the various opportunities for English devolution, such as Regional Assemblies, an English Parliament and** ‘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 **an English Constitutional Convention** ~~‘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.”

**53. Duration of the Meeting**

As the business had not been completed within the two and a half hours specified within Council Procedure Rule 2.2, the Mayor required the Full Council to consider if it wished to continue with the meeting, and having put it to the Council, the meeting was continued for an additional period not exceeding 30 minutes.

**54. Notice of Motion**

**(Continued)**

The Council then undertook a full and detailed discussion on the amendments which considered all the issues arising. Upon being put to the Full Council, the amendments were CARRIED.

The original motion as amended then became the substantive motion which itself was fully debated. Upon being put to the Council the substantive motion was CARRIED, and it was

**RESOLVED**

That 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.

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Crawley Borough Council supports the principle of English devolution and English self-determination on all matters solely relating to England. The Council also believes that it is for the people of England, and not just a Westminster-elite, to decide what form their future Governance should take and that the people of England should be given the same opportunity as other UK nations to decide their own future for themselves.

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- 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.

## 55. Members' Written Questions

Questions asked in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.3, together with the answers, were tabled as follows:

Questioner	Councillor Irvine
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Housing
Subject	Sale of Council Houses
Questioner	Councillor Trussell
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Subject	The new Waste and Recycling Contract
Questioner	Councillor Crow
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Customer and Corporate Services
Subject	The recent Southgate By-Election.

## 56. Announcements by Cabinet Members

Cabinet Member	Subject
Councillor Mullins (Cabinet Member for Leisure and Cultural Services).	Councillor Mullins was proud to confirm Crawley's recent significant achievements arising from (i) the South and South East in Bloom and (ii) Britain in Bloom Awards 2014. Councillor Mullins, on behalf of the Council, conveyed his congratulations to all involved, including the staff concerned and the many people involved within the community, for their magnificent effort and commitment in achieving these successes.

## 57. Duration of the Meeting

The business of the meeting had still not been completed. Having put it to the Council, the meeting was continued for an additional period not exceeding 30 minutes.

## 58. Questions to Cabinet Members

Questions asked pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.1 were as follows:

Name of Councillor asking Question	Subject	Name of Cabinet Member(s) Responding
Councillor Walker	Maidenbower Pavilion	In response to Councillor Walker's comments regarding arrangements to consider operational matters at the Pavilion , Councillor Mullins (as the Cabinet Member for



Name of Councillor asking Question	Subject	Name of Cabinet Member(s) Responding
		<p>Leisure and Cultural Services), confirmed that in the first instance he was scheduled to meet (on 4 November) with representatives of the Pavilion's Social Club to consider a number of issues, including associated operational matters. He would then report back and involve Ward Members in deliberations prior to a report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee. Members were aware that there was also a meeting to be held to consider and develop issues regarding the scope of the report to be presented to the Committee.</p>
Councillor Crow	Was there a possibility of this Council returning to a Committee System of Governance?	Councillor Lamb (as Chair of the Cabinet and Leader of the Council), indicated that he and members of his Group were always open to consider alternative working practices and arrangements, including those in terms of governance.
Councillor Burrett	The Council's Forward Plan.	Councillor Lamb (as Chair of the Cabinet and Leader of the Council), clarified operational matters and issues previously raised in relation to that Plan.
Councillor R G Burgess	Councillor Burgess sought the Leaders current position regarding the appropriateness of a Mayoral Car during the present financial constraints.	Councillor Lamb (as Chair of the Cabinet and Leader of the Council), felt that the appropriateness of all expenditures should be considered at a time of budget constraints, and that the main focus was on the Council's overall budget strategy and ensuring a sound financial footing.

<b>Name of Councillor asking Question</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Name of Cabinet Member(s) Responding</b>
Councillor Sharma	The following day's festival of Diwali.	<p>Councillor Lamb (as Chair of the Cabinet and Leader of the Council).</p> <p>The Full Council expressed its thanks to Councillor Sharma who on behalf of the local Hindu community had wished the Council a very happy Diwali. As part of the response to this matter, and in returning the Council's own best wishes to Councillor Sharma and the Hindu community generally, the Mayor on behalf of the Council also took this opportunity to convey appreciation to all communities locally for the contribution they make to this town.</p>

## 59. Questions to Committee Chairs

<b>Name of Councillor asking Question</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Name of Chair Responding</b>
Councillor Walker	The decision to bring forward the matter of polling places with regard to Maidenbower when considering the Polling Arrangements report at the recent meeting of the General Purposes Committee.	In response, Councillor Stanley indicated that he had received a request that the Committee consider the polling places for both Ifield East Ward (LFB) and Maidenbower Ward (LHB). As a consequence, Councillor Stanley (as Chair) had sought the Committee's agreement that a report on the polling arrangements at both these Wards be put before a future meeting of the Committee for full consideration by Members at that point.
Councillor Crow	The Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel.	Councillor Ward noted the point made by Councillor Crow that the Overview and Scrutiny Commission

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		had both a Labour Group Chair and a Labour Group Vice Chair. Councillor Ward then went on to indicate that it was on the basis of a detailed debate at the recent Scrutiny Workshop, that the decision was made to go forward with a Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel.

**60. Closure of Meeting**

The meeting ended at 10.55 p.m.

B A Smith  
**Mayor**

**APPENDIX A**

**Members' Disclosures of Interest**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Name and date of Cabinet/ Committee and Minute No.</b>	<b>Minute Book Page No.</b>	<b>Subject or Planning Application No.</b>	<b>Type and Nature of Disclosure.</b>
Councillor R Sharma	9(1)(a)	Development Control 14 July 2014 Minute 10	p20	CR/2014/0237/FUL 140 Three Bridges Road, Three Bridges, Crawley	Personal Interest in the item as he knew the owner of the property
Councillor G Thomas	9(1)(a)	Development Control 14 July 2014 Minute 10	p20	CR/2014/0237/FUL 140 Three Bridges Road, Three Bridges, Crawley	Personal Interest in the item as he was a Trustee of Ifield Park Nursing Home which was a fellow care home provider in the town.
Councillor S A Blake	9(1)(b)	Development Control 4 August 2014 Minute 15	p25	CR//2014/0347/FUL 5 Kipling Close, Pound Hill, Crawley	Personal Interest as a neighbour of 5 Kipling Close was known to her.
Councillor R D Burrett	9(1)(b)	Development Control 4 August 2014 Minute 15	p25	Planning Application CR/2014/0347/FUL – 5 Kipling Close, Pound Hill, Crawley	Personal Interest as acquainted with an objector.
Councillor R D Burrett	9(1)(d)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 8 September 2014 Minute 20	p41	Safer Crawley Partnership Performance Review 2013-2014 and Future Priorities 2014-2017	Personal Interest as a trustee of Crawley Open House.
Councillor C Oxlade	9(1)(d)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 September 2014 Minute 20	p41	Safer Crawley Partnership Performance Review 2013-2014 & Future Priorities 2014-2017	Personal interest as a Trustee of Crawley Open House
Councillor R D Burrett	9(1)(d)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 September 2014 Minute 21	p42	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council.
Ann-Maria Brown (Head of Legal and Democratic Services)	9(1)(e) and 10	Cabinet 10 September 2014 Minute 21	p44	Land at Ely Close, Tilgate, Crawley.	Personal Interest as she lodged part time in the vicinity of the site.
Councillor R D Burrett	9(1)(i) and 10	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 6 October 2014 Minute 34	p88	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council.

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Councillor R D Burrett	9(1)(j) and 10	Cabinet 8 October 2014 Minute 34	p92	Report from the West Sussex Joint Scrutiny Task & Finish Group – Commissioning of Community Advice from Citizens' Advice Bureau	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor R A Lanzer	9(1)(j) and 10	Cabinet 8 October 2014 Minute 34	p92	Report from the West Sussex Joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Group – Commissioning of Community Advice from Citizen's Advice Bureau.	Personal interest as a Member of the Central Sussex CAB