

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 17 December 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.

4. 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.

5. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 22 October 2014. (The minutes are on pages 1 to 21 in the Book of Minutes Report, which Members will have before them).

6. 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.

7. 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 – 13 October 2014.
- (b) Licensing Committee – 3 November 2014.
- (c) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 10 November 2014.
- (d) Development Control Committee – 11 November 2014.
- (e) Cabinet – 12 November 2014.
Including Recommendation 1 relating to the Strategic Approach to Affordable Housing Delivery 2015 – 2025.
- (f) General Purposes Committee – 24 November 2014.
Including Recommendations 2 and 3 relating to Recording How Members Vote Scrutiny Panel Final Report, and the Review of Terms of Reference of the General Purposes Committee.
- (g) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 1 December 2014.
- (h) Audit and Governance Committee – 2 December 2014.
Including Recommendation 4 relating to the Review of Terms of Reference of the Audit and Governance Committee.
- (i) Cabinet – 3 December 2014.
Including Recommendations 5 and 6 relating to New Cemetery, Little Trees, Tollgate Hill, Crawley, and Review of the Local Government Pension Scheme Discretions Policy.

- (2) To adopt the recommendations to full Council, which have not been reserved for debate.

8. Reserved Items

To deal with items reserved for debate including any recommendations, which have been identified by Members under Agenda Item 6.

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

9. Notice of Motion

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

“Fixed Odds Betting Terminals Motion

This council notes the prevalence of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in betting shops, and that, unlike fruit machines in pubs, bingo halls and amusement arcades where cash takes are limited to £2, gamblers can bet with cash or via a debit card up to £100 every 20 seconds on FOBTs, more than four times as fast as the rate of play in casinos.

This council recognises there has been research that indicates FOBTs are the most addictive form of gambling and that there are four times as many betting shops in areas of deprivation than in more affluent areas. And that nationally, more than 80% of turnover in betting shops and more than half of profits are

derived from FOBTs. Less than 20% of stakes in betting shops are over the counter.

This council also recognises and shares the concerns that the Government has not addressed the issues caused by FOBTs, following the announcement made by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport in October 2013, which confirmed the stakes on FOBTs would remain unchanged.

This council believes that the increase in FOBTs risks causing significant problems to the local community and believes that local authorities should be given the powers to protect the local amenity and wellbeing of communities by reducing maximum stakes.

Therefore Crawley Borough Council confirms its support for the use of the Sustainable Communities Act as a means to reduce the maximum stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to £2 per spin, as proposed by the London Borough of Newham. The council further requests that the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing committee, takes the steps they consider necessary to press the Government to take effective action to address the issues caused by FOBTs.”

10. Members’ Written Questions

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Questions to Committee Chairs

To answer questions to Committee Chairs.

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

14. Supplemental Agenda

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

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