

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of the Full Council

Monday 26 January 2015 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,
: K Brockwell, 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, 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 P Nicolson – Appointed Independent Person.

Officers Present:

Lee Harris	Chief Executive
Ann-Maria Brown	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Peter Browning	Deputy Chief Executive
Roger Brownings	Democratic Services Officer
Rachel Cordery	Principal Planning Officer
Brian Cox	Senior Environmental Health Officer
Sallie Lappage	Forward Planning Manager
Diana Maughan	Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services.

78. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Marshall-Ascough

79. Members' Disclosures of Interests

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

80. Communications

The Role of the Mayor at this Meeting

As part of her announcement on this matter, the Mayor explained that during the main debate on Agenda Item 5 "Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East", she would be taking the opportunity to express her own views, and that during that period she would be speaking as Ward Councillor for Langley Green, and not as the Mayor. She would at that point be making it clear to the Chamber in what capacity she was addressing the meeting, with the Deputy Mayor chairing the meeting during that address.

81. Public Question Time

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

Questioner's Name	Subject	Name of Councillor(s) Responding
Mr J Herbert	Seeking the views of the Council regarding the recent comments from Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL) that part of the fund it had pledged for community infrastructure projects - if Gatwick was selected for a second runway, could be used towards constructing a new hospital serving Crawley.	Councillor Lamb as part of his response on this matter emphasised that we all wanted a new local hospital, but that the construction costs involved in building a new hospital were not the biggest hurdle to the return of A&E and Maternity services to Crawley. The major issues were both how the operation of the facility would be financed and the current population distribution for the area being out of line with NHS requirements. Councillor Crow emphasised that the £46 million funding to be made available for community infrastructure was not just for the use of Crawley, but for the other local authorities neighbouring the Gatwick area. That funding would need to be spread across a large number of infrastructure projects generally.
Mr D Broadhead	Seeking clarification as to where the many additional houses will be located if	Councillor Lamb reiterated concerns regarding the Airports Commission's

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	<p>Gatwick was selected for a second runway, and who would be making the finance available for road improvements, bearing in mind the predicted increase in the number of car journeys.</p>	<p>conclusions on the likely housing numbers, with huge ranges as a result of the number of different scenarios presented and acknowledged that it would not be easy to identify the required sites. Councillor Joyce commented that the delivery of the additional housing was questionable, particularly as Crawley already had a large unmet housing demand. In terms of the availability of finance for infrastructure, including that in respect of road improvements, Councillor Lamb indicated that wherever the runway went, Gatwick or Heathrow, finance would be between public and private funding, and the Council would seek to secure the best possible deal.</p>
<p>Mr J Wilson</p>	<p>Mr Wilson lived in Burlands, Langley Green and sought clarification on the safeguarding / protection of land to the north of Crawley, and asked the Council to do its utmost to preserve all such associated land.</p>	<p>As part of his response to this matter Councillor P C Smith indicated that there had been a requirement to safeguard land for a potential second runway at Gatwick Airport in the Local Plan.</p>
<p>Mr J Byng</p>	<p>Mr Byng urged the Council to protect "green belt" land associated with a second Gatwick runway.</p>	<p>Councillor Lamb emphasised that the Council would do all it could to protect green space where possible.</p> <p>He also commented that whatever the initial designation of the land between the airport and the northern edge of the town, the reason why the land had not been built on was due to the requirement imposed by central government to safeguard the space for a</p>

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		possible future runway.
Mr J Dennison	Mr Dennison asked the Council to look closely at compensation arrangements currently proposed for residents affected by a second runway at Gatwick.	The Mayor confirmed that issues around this matter would be covered in the Council's full response to the Airports Commission.

**82. Report of the Cabinet Meeting of 14 January 2015 –
Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional
Runway Options in the South East**

The Cabinet had considered report [CEX/45](#) of the Chief Executive, a copy of which had been made available to all Members of the Council. The report summarised the findings of the Airports Commission's assessments, and set out the Borough Council's response to the Consultation. The report set out recommendations that would enable the Council to adopt an overall position in addition to responding on the technical issues. The Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 12 January 2015.

The Full Council acknowledged the deadline for the full response to the Airports Commission of 3 February 2015.

In receiving the extract of the report of the 14 January Cabinet meeting ([Enclosure A to the agenda for this meeting](#)), the Full Council was asked to determine upon the Recommendations contained therein. The Recommendations (which consisted of Parts 1 to 5) were moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor P C Smith, in the order set out in the report.

The Full Council undertook a full and detailed debate on this matter and considered all the issues raised. As part of that debate, and in accordance with Part 1 of the Cabinet's Recommendations, the Full Council considered the options as set below:-

1. That it is RECOMMENDED to the Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council to be held on 26 January 2015 that:
 - a) The Full Council considers that the interests of Crawley residents and businesses are best served by the Council not taking a specific view on the second runway at this time.
 - b) If (a) is not supported, the Council considers which of the following options it supports to be put forward to the Airports Commission:
 - i) The Full Council considers that the interests of Crawley residents and businesses are best served by the Council objecting to a second runway being developed at Gatwick.

ii) The Full Council considers that the interests of Crawley residents and businesses are best served by the Council supporting in principle a second runway being developed at Gatwick.

The Mayor highlighted the voting process to be undertaken, whilst indicating that in respect of the vote to be taken on each of the above options 1. a), 1. b) i) and 1. b) ii), she would call for a recorded vote.

With the debate drawing to a close, and having called Councillor Lamb to sum up, the Mayor then commenced the vote. At the request of the Mayor, and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the names of the Members voting for and against the options contained in Part 1 of the Recommendations were recorded as set out below:-

Vote on Option 1. a)

For this option:-

Councillors S J Joyce, P K Lamb, C A Moffatt, C Oxlade and P C Smith (5)

Against this option:-

Councillors M L Ayling, B K Blake, S A Blake, Dr H S Bloom, N Boxall, K Brockwell, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, R D Burrett, C A Cheshire, D G Crow, C R Eade, I T Irvine, M G Jones, R A Lanzer, C C Lloyd, T Lunnon, B McCrow, C J Mullins, D M Peck, M W Pickett, B J Quinn, R Sharma, D J Shreeves, B A Smith, J Stanley, K Sudan, G Thomas, K J Trussell, L A Walker and W A Ward (31).

Abstentions

None.

Option 1. a) was therefore LOST. With this in mind the Council voted on which of the options it supported to be put forward to the Airports Commission:

Vote on Option 1. b) i)

For this option:-

Councillors B K Blake, S A Blake, Dr H S Bloom, N Boxall, K Brockwell, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, R D Burrett, C A Cheshire, D G Crow, C R Eade, I T Irvine, M G Jones, R A Lanzer, C C Lloyd, B McCrow, C J Mullins, D M Peck, D J Shreeves, B A Smith, J Stanley, K Sudan, G Thomas, K J Trussell, and W A Ward (25)

Against this option:-

Councillors M L Ayling, S J Joyce, P K Lamb, T Lunnon, C A Moffatt, C Oxlade, M W Pickett, B J Quinn, R Sharma, P C Smith and L A Walker (11).

Abstentions

None.

Option 1. b) i) was therefore CARRIED.

As a result of this option being carried, option 1. b) ii) had fallen (with, therefore, no vote on that option being necessary).

Parts 2 to 5 of the Recommendations

Upon being put to the Council, Parts 2 to 5 of the Recommendations were declared to be CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, and it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Full Council considers that the interests of Crawley residents and businesses are best served by the Council objecting to a second runway being developed at Gatwick.
- (2) That, without prejudice to the decision in (1) above, the proposed responses on the individual topic areas outlined in section 5 in report CEx/45 be submitted to the Airports Commission, subject to a full, detailed technical response expanding on these issues being agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader;
- (3) That, without prejudice to the decision in (1) above, the proposed additional mitigations and infrastructure requirements set out in section 5 be submitted to the Airports Commission, subject to a full, detailed technical response expanding on these issues being agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader;
- (4) That the Borough Council, without prejudice to the decision in (1) above continues to work closely with Gatwick Airport, the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (C2C LEP), the Environment Agency and other local authorities on the future of the airport, whatever decision is made on the location of a new runway;
- (5) That the Borough Council should highlight in its response to the Airports Commission the need for the Commission, and the Government to provide clarity at the earliest appropriate opportunity with regards to the need for future safeguarding of land in Crawley borough for additional runways if a second runway at Gatwick is not the recommended option.

In bringing the meeting to a close, the Mayor took this opportunity to thank all members of the Council for the exemplary debate undertaken, and thanked the many members of the public who attended for their contribution and for respecting the Councillors views, whatever they were.

The Mayor also paid great tribute to Sallie Lappage (Forward Planning Manager) and to Rachel Cordery (Principal Planning Officer) for all their work and huge commitment in terms of the vast amount of work they had undertaken in relation to the response to the Airports Commission Consultation. Indeed, the Full Council showed its appreciation by giving Sallie and Rachel a round of applause.

83. Closure of Meeting

The meeting ended at 10.10 p.m.

B A Smith
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 M L Ayling	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as members of her family are employed at Gatwick Airport.
Councillor B K Blake	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of lfield), and member of One's Enough.
Councillor S A Blake	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of lfield), and member of One's Enough.
Councillor Dr H S Bloom	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Charlwood).
Councillor R D Burrett	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor D G Crow	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council, and members of his family are employed at Gatwick Airport.
Councillor C R Eade	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as a member of her family is employed by a retailer based at Gatwick Airport.
Councillor M G Jones	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council.

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Councillor S J Joyce	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Langley Green).
Councillor P K Lamb	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council (which has its own position in terms of the runway proposals), a local authority representative to the Gatwick Diamond, and a local authority representative on the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee.
Councillor R A Lanzer	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest - Member of West Sussex County Council, and Councillor Lanzer's Mother lives in a house close to the axis of the existing runway.
Councillor T Lunnon	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Employee at a Local Airways Company.
Councillor C J Mullins	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Langley Green)
Councillor C Oxlade	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council.

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Councillor M W Pickett	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as Councillor Pickett is employed by the Office of National Statistics as a civil servant at Gatwick. He has no connection with Gatwick Airport Limited or indeed any commercial company that operates at Gatwick or in support of Gatwick.
Councillor B J Quinn	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as a member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor D J Shreeves	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Langley Green)
Councillor B A Smith	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Member of West Sussex County Council, is living in proximity to a proposed 2nd runway, and is Chair of “One’s Enough”.
Councillor P C Smith	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest as a Council representative on the Manor Royal Business Group/Board.
Councillor J Stanley	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Ifield) and is an employee of a company contracted to Gatwick Airport Limited.

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Councillor K Sudan	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal interest – Both Councillor Sudan and her husband are Members of Gatwick Area Conservation Committee (GAC), both are also registered supporters (not members) of “One’s Enough”, and living in proximity to Gatwick Airport (Residents of Ifield).
Councillor G Thomas	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Ifield), and is a CBC representative on the Ifield Conservation Committee (IVCAAC).
Councillor K J Trussell	5	Cabinet 14 January 2015 Minute 64	p2	Response to the Airports Commission Consultation on Additional Runway Options in the South East	Personal Interest – Living in close vicinity of Gatwick Airport (Resident of Pound Hill North).