

# 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 25 February 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

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### **Duration of the Meeting**

If the business of the meeting has not been completed within two and a half hours (normally 10.00 p.m.), then in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2, the Mayor will require the meeting to consider if it wishes to continue for a period not exceeding 30 minutes. A vote will be taken and a simple majority in favour will be necessary for the meeting to continue. (Following the meeting's initial extension, consideration will be given to extending the meeting by further periods not exceeding 30 minutes in each case).

## **Business - Part A**

### **1. Death of Former Councillor Bert Crane, Honorary Freeman and Alderman of the Borough**

It is with deep sadness and regret that the Full Council is formally advised of the death of former Councillor Bert Crane, Honorary Freeman and Alderman of the Borough, on 10 February 2015.

The Mayor will ask all present at the meeting to observe one Minute's silence in memory of Bert.

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **3. 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.

### **4. Communications**

To receive and consider any announcements or communications.

### **5. 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.

### **6. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings of the Full Council held on:-

(i) 17 December 2014. (The minutes are on pages 1 to 19 in the Book of Minutes Report, which Members will have before them).

(ii) 26 January 2015. (The minutes are on pages 20 to 30 in the Book of Minutes Report).

## **7. 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.

## **8. 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 – 8 December 2014.
  - (b) Development Control Committee – 5 January 2015.
  - (c) Licensing Committee – 7 January 2015.
  - (d) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 12 January 2015.
  - (e) Cabinet – 14 January 2015.
  - (f) Governance Committee – 20 January 2015.  
Including Recommendation 1 relating to Changes to the Constitution.
  - (g) Development Control Committee – 2 February 2015.
  - (h) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 9 February 2015.
  - (i) Cabinet – 11 February 2015.  
Including Recommendations 2, 3 and 4 relating to the 2015 / 2016 Budget and Council Tax and the Notice of Precept (circulated separately) and the Treasury Management Strategy 2015/2016.
  
- (2) To adopt the recommendations to Full Council, which have not been reserved for debate.

## **9. Reserved Items**

To deal with items reserved for debate including any recommendations which have been identified by Members under Agenda Item 7.

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

## **10. Notice of Motion**

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

Voting Reform Motion

“This Council believes:

- 1) 16 and 17 year olds are knowledgeable and passionate about the world in which they live and are as capable of engaging in the democratic system as any other citizen;
- 2) Lowering the voting age to 16, combined with strong citizenship education, empowers young people to better engage in society and influence decisions that will define their future;
- 3) People who can consent to medical treatment, work full-time, pay taxes, get married or enter a civil partnership and join the armed forces should also have the right to vote;
- 4) That there is an increasing body of support for lowering the voting age, including from youth organisations such as the British Youth Council, the National Union of Students and the Scottish Youth Parliament;
- 5) Individual registration is affecting the accuracy and completeness of the electoral register, with particular repercussions for young, student, BME, disabled, and disadvantaged people living in social and rented housing.

The Council resolves to:

- 1) Support the recent proposals to extend the franchise in all elections to 16 and 17 year olds.
- 2) Ask local MPs and the government to back the policy announced by the Labour Party, in the spirit of their actions in the Scottish Referendum and extend the franchise in all elections to 16 and 17 year olds.
- 3) Work with Crawley Schools and Colleges to enhance citizenship education for all young people in Crawley.
- 4) Continue working with community groups, faith organisations, residential associations, and other groups and people to make the electoral register as complete as possible.”

## **11. Members’ Written Questions**

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

## **12. 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.

**13. 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.

**14. Questions to Committee Chairs**

To answer questions to Committee Chairs.

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

**15. Supplemental Agenda**

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

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