

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of the Full Council

Wednesday 22 July 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor C A Cheshire (Mayor)

Councillor R Sharma (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors M L Ayling, Dr H S Bloom, K Brockwell, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, R D Burrett, D G Crow, C R Eade, F Guidera, I T Irvine, K L Jaggard, M G Jones, S J Joyce, P K Lamb, R A Lanzer, C C Lloyd, T Lunnon, L S Marshall-Ascough, K McCarthy, B MeCrow, C A Moffatt, C J Mullins, D M Peck, B J Quinn, A C Skudder, B A Smith, P C Smith, J Stanley, M A Stone, K Sudan, J Tarrant, G Thomas, K J Trussell, L Vitler, and W A Ward.

Also in Attendance:

Mr J G Smith MBE – Honorary Freeman and Alderman.

Dr B Jones – Re-appointed Independent Person (Minute No. 22 below refers).

Mr P Nicolson – Appointed Independent Person.

Officers Present:

Lee Harris
Ann-Maria Brown
Roger Brownings
Karen Dodds

Chief Executive
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Democratic Services Officer
Head of Crawley Homes

16. Apologies for Absence

Mr A Quine - Honorary Freeman and Alderman.

17. Members' Disclosures of Interests

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

18. Communications

There were no communications.

19. Presentation of 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:-

Keith Blake
Sally Blake
Chris Oxlade
Michael Pickett
David Shreeves

With regard to former Councillors Nigel Boxall and Lenny Walker, they had informed the Head of Legal and Democratic Services that they would be unable to attend this meeting, and alternative arrangements were being made in terms of the receipt of their gift.

20. Presentation of Long Service Badge

The Mayor presented Councillor Ward with a badge commemorating his 20 years service as a Member of Crawley Borough Council.

21. 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 R Symonds	Seeking clarification of training provided to Council staff in relations to matters associated with Crawley's Chagossian community.	Councillor Lamb referred to the good links that the Council had with that community, and that whilst he was not fully aware of training specifics, he would get back to Mr Symonds on this matter.
Mr A Quirk	Issues raised around the delay to the Broadfield Barton Environmental Improvements project, as well as matters regarding security at Broadfield Park, with reference made to some incidences of vandalism.	Councillor Jones referred to the withdraw of funding from a private company for the Broadfield Barton project, which had also resulted in the project's delay. The funding shortfall had now been resolved, with the project to commence soon. He emphasised that the Broadfield community deserved this project, and

Questioner's Name	Subject	Name of Councillor(s) Responding
		<p>they were going to get it. Councillor Quinn indicated that he had been updating Mr Quirk by email on the work being undertaken to see this project through.</p> <p>In terms of the issues raised by Mr Quirk relating to Broadfield Park, Councillor Mullins commented that we were all aware of how difficult it was to deal with vandalism, including that of trees, and emphasised that the Council was aware of the issues being raised. Councillor Mullins indicated that whilst bearing in mind current budget constraints, all was being done to curtail the incidences identified, whilst Councillor Irvine suggested that all efforts needed to be made to try and engage people within communities to work together to prevent vandalism.</p>
Mr J Herbert	With Mr Herbert raising concerns regarding the relocation of the Bandstand to the Memorial Gardens, which he felt should remain in the Queens Square and "not in the mud" of the Gardens, he asked if that relocation had been decided ?	<p>Councillor Mullins confirmed that as part of the Queens Square Environmental Improvement Scheme, the Council had made the decision to approve the relocation of the Bandstand. In response to comments by Councillor B J Burgess, she was reminded that the decision to approve the Scheme, including the Bandstand relocation, followed a wide ranging consultation exercise, with the proposals / options also being well reported in the local press.</p> <p>Councillor Mullins reiterated that the special</p>

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		<p>status of the Memorial Gardens would continue to be acknowledged, and that all caution would be taken to ensure that future events would not detrimentally affect the Garden's. Events had successfully been held there before, whilst Councillor Lamb emphasised the considered view that the relocation of the Bandstand would help the need to enhance the viability of the Town Centre generally.</p> <p>It had become evident that a large event space was needed within the Queens Square, with a key weakness of the existing Square being the number of physical obstacles, including the Bandstand. With the particular status of the Memorial Gardens being greatly appreciated, and historical events acknowledged (specific reference to these issues was further made by Councillor Thomas), it was generally considered that the Gardens should be a positive centre for community activities for the town to enjoy.</p>

22. Appointment of Independent Person

The Council currently had 2 independent persons (Mr Peter Nicolson and Dr Barry Jones), but the term of office of one of those persons was due to end. Dr Barry Jones had indicated that he was willing to serve a further term of office for one year. The Council would then have the requisite number of independent persons to undertake a new role under new regulations relating to the dismissal of Council statutory officers as well as their existing role on Standards matters within the Localism Act 2011.

The Chair of the Governance Committee took this opportunity to thank Dr Barry Jones for his past work and was happy to move the motion as below:-

Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded by Councillor Burrett (as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the Governance Committee) and

RESOLVED

That Dr Barry Jones be appointed as an Independent Person under section 28(7) of The Localism Act 2011 for a further term of office of one year.

23. Appointment of Members to Serve on the Members' Allowances Independent Remuneration Panel

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (No.1021), before it made or amended its' Members' Allowances Scheme, the Council should have regard to the recommendations made in relation to it by an Independent Remuneration Panel. Consequently, the Council was required to establish such a Panel.

The Council had previously appointed 4 representatives (in 2011) to serve on the Panel for a four year period until July 2015. The following persons had kindly agreed to serve on the Panel for the coming four year period 2015-2019:-

Name	Nominating organisation
Rachel Booles	Chief Executive, Crawley CVS
Alan Kennedy	Lay Chair, Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body
Jeremy Taylor	Chief Executive, Gatwick Diamond Business Association
New Crawley District Commander (tbc) or Chief Inspector Justina Beeken	Sussex Police

If the new Crawley District Commander was unable to sit on the Panel, Chief Inspector Beeken had kindly offered to do so or to help identify any new nomination from Sussex Police.

Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded by Councillor Burrett (as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the Governance Committee) and

RESOLVED

- (1) That Rachel Booles, Alan Kennedy, Jeremy Taylor and either Chief Inspector Justina Beeken or her successor as Crawley District Commander (to be confirmed) be appointed to serve on the Members' Allowances Independent Remuneration Panel from 2015/16 to 2018/2019;
- (2) If required, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, be authorised to approve any additional nominees and that these be reported in the Members' Information Bulletin.

24. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on [29 May 2015](#) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

25. 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)
45	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 June 2015 Minute 4 (Labour Group)	Prevent Duty	
55	Governance Committee 22 June 2015 Minute 5 (Conservative Group)		Revised Operations for the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and the Future of Performance Monitoring Scrutiny Panel (Recommendation 1)
92	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 6 July 2015 Minute 25 (Conservative Group)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2015-2016	
Page 2 of Supp Minute Book	Cabinet 8 July 2015 Minute 8 (Conservative Group)		Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy (Recommendation 3)
Page 6 of Supp Minute Book	Cabinet 8 July 2015 Minute 9 (Conservative Group)	Treasury Management Outturn for 2014/15	
Page 8 of Supp Minute Book	Cabinet 8 July 2015 Minute 11 (Labour Group)	Broadfield Barton Environmental Improvements	

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Page 9 of Supp Minute Book	Cabinet 8 July 2015 Minute 12 (Conservative Group)		Financial Outturn 2014/15 (Recommendation 4)

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

Moved by Councillor Sharma (as the Deputy Mayor) and

RESOLVED

(1) That the following reports be received:-

- (a) Development Control Committee – 23 March 2015.
- (b) Development Control Committee – 13 April 2015.
- (c) Appointments and Investigating Committee – 14 April 2015
- (d) Development Control Committee – 8 May 2015.
- (e) Licensing Committee – 3 June 2015.
- (f) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 8 June 2015.
- (g) Development Control Committee – 9 June 2015.
- (h) Governance Committee – 22 June 2015.
- (i) Audit Committee – 24 June 2015.
- (j) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 6 July 2015.
- (k) Development Control Committee – 7 July 2015.
- (l) Cabinet – 8 July 2015.

(2) That the recommendations contained in the reports on the following matters, which had not been reserved for debate, be adopted:-

- (i) **Changes to the Constitution
(Governance Committee – 22 June 2015)
(Recommendation 2)**

The Committee had considered report [LDS/102](#) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

RESOLVED

That the amendments to the Constitution as proposed in Appendix B to the minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of 22 June 2015 be agreed.

**(ii) Procurement Code
(Cabinet – 8 July 2015)
(Recommendation 5)**

The Cabinet had considered report [CPS/011](#) of the Head of Partnership Services. As part of its decision on this matter, the Cabinet had agreed that any future minor changes to the Procurement Code be delegated for approval to the Head of Partnership Services in consultation with the Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

RESOLVED

That the revised Procurement Code as attached as Appendix 1 to report CPS/011 be approved.

**(iii) Acquisition of Affordable Housing at the Southern Counties site, 27-45 Ifield Road
(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 – 8 July 2015)
(Recommendation 6)**

The Cabinet had considered report DCE/01 of the Deputy Chief Executive. The report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 6 July 2015.

RESOLVED

- (1) That authority be delegated to negotiate and agree the detailed terms of the Conditional Purchase Agreement and acquisition (as set out in report DCE/01) to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader; the Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits; the Head of Legal and Democratic Services; and the Head of Crawley Homes.
- (2) That a supplementary capital estimate (as set out in report DCE/01), funded from Housing Revenue Account reserves and Right To Buy 1-4-1 receipts, for the acquisition of the completed residential dwellings for Crawley Homes, be approved.

**(iv) Telford Place Residential Development
(Exempt Paragraph 3 - information relating to financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))
(Cabinet – 8 July 2015)
(Recommendation 7)**

The Cabinet had considered report SHAP/049 of the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services. The report had also been considered by the

Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 6 July 2015. As part of its decision on this matter, the Cabinet had agreed:-

(a) That officers be authorised to determine the viability of including a ground floor commercial element within the development and to delegate authority to the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services in consultation with the Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits, Head of Economic and Environmental Services, Cabinet Member for Housing and Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development to approve the final use mix.

(b) That the tenure mix set out in paragraph 5.2.3 of report SHAP/049 for 40% affordable housing and 60% market sale be approved in principle, subject to the outcome of detailed feasibility work, and that delegated authority be given to the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services, Head of Crawley Homes and Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development to approve the final tenure mix.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the inclusion of the affordable housing element of this site to the Council's Housing Delivery Programme to be funded through the HRA and the Right to Buy one-for-one replacement fund, be approved.
- (2) That officers be authorised to develop an Implementation Strategy for the delivery of the scheme and to enter into the procurement of a development partner in accordance with the Council's Procurement Code and to delegate authority to the Head of Crawley Homes to approve the appointment in consultation with the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services, Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits, Cabinet Member for Housing and Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development.

27. Reserved Items

The matters identified in Minute No. 25 above were debated by the Full Council. These included:

(a) Matter raised under the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission (OSC) – 8 June 2015

The matter raised was on the new Prevent Strategy (Minute 4). This included the Duty placed on local authorities, in respect of which Members expressed concern that Prevent funding from the Home Office was only in place for one year. A brief discussion was held on this and on issues raised regarding the possibility of introducing Member briefings as part of future meetings of the OSC, whilst the Commission's Chair referred to the scheduled attendance (at its 7 September meeting) of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Chair suggested that there was perhaps an opportunity to put the issue of Prevent funding to the Commissioner, whilst indicating that she was keen to see the commencement of Prevent briefings to all Members, and to the public, so that information could be disseminated across the town, and enable the Council to learn from it.

(b) Matter raised under the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 6 July 2015

The matter raised was in respect of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission Work Programme 2015-2016 (Minute 25). Members continued to have mixed views regarding the decision to review the Council's Democratic Structures, and discussed and considered related issues at length. The Chair of the Commission indicated that Members generally would be invited to give their views as part of the established Panel's review process.

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

These were dealt with as set out in Minute Numbers 28, 29 and 30 below:-

28. Revised Operations for the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and the Future of Performance Monitoring Scrutiny Panel (Governance Committee – 22 June 2015) (Recommendation 1)

The Committee had considered report [LDS/100](#) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services. The Committee had also considered report OSC/238 of the Acting Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission which detailed the comments and recommendations on this matter made by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission (OSC) at its meeting on 8 June 2015.

As part of the Full Council's consideration of the issues arising, Councillor Brockwell requested the Council to further consider his request for an amendment to the Commission's Terms of Reference – Article 6, paragraph 6.1 (10). At this point, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services reiterated the opinion of the Governance Committee that the revised wording proposed did not add value and that the Committee had not supported the amendment. Members of the Full Council were of a similar view, suggesting that the amendment sought didn't materially change the purpose of the clause concerned. The debate continued, with Councillor Brockwell moving and Councillor Crow seconding that the amendment be put, as below:-

That Article 6, paragraph 6.1 (10) of the proposed Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission be amended in the last sentence as follows:

The insertion of the word "properly" immediately before the word "discharged" and the deletion of the words "at all" immediately after the word "discharged".

Upon the amendment being put to the Full Council, it was LOST

It was acknowledged that as part of the Committee's decision on the revised OSC operations, the Committee had agreed that a report regarding the Chair and Vice Chair membership options for OSC, based on the recommendations of the Centre for Public Scrutiny, be considered by a future meeting of the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded by Councillor Burrett and

RESOLVED

That the revised Terms of Reference and Scrutiny Procedure Rules for the Overview and Scrutiny Commission as set out in Appendix A to the minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of 22 June 2015 be agreed

**29. Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy
(Cabinet – 8 July 2015)
(Recommendation 3)**

The Cabinet had considered report [PES/187](#) of the Head of Economic and Environmental Services. The matter had also been considered at the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 3 June 2015, and report [LDS/106](#) documented the Committee's comments.

Councillor Crow referred to representations he had received from a private hire operative relating to requirements within the Policy, which it was felt needed to be made clearer. These related to restrictions for private hire vehicle colour (which sought to overcome uncertainty in distinguishing between private hire and hackney carriage vehicles), and to requirements regarding the minimum vehicle engine size. (The minimum 1.6 engine if registered as, say, 1598 cc, would remain acceptable for the Council's licensing purpose, provided the manufacturer confirmed it was badged as a 1.6 vehicle).

In response, it was confirmed that the Policy was an evolving document which had been devised to maintain the high standards of the Council, and that the points raised by Councillor Crow would be taken forward and be considered further.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy as detailed in report PES/187 be approved, subject to the following amendments:-

1. The revision of Paragraph 3 of Appendix A to the report to read as follows:

“The passenger carrying capacity will be at the discretion of the Council, but shall usually be such for the carriage capacity of not less than 4 and not more than 8 passengers with the provision of a seatbelt for each passenger.”

2. The revision of Paragraph 22 (emissions) of Appendix A to the report to read as follows:

“From 1st April 2016, an 11 year rolling age limit will be introduced for taxis unless exempted. Vehicles already licensed at the date of adoption of this policy must, as a minimum, meet Euro 4 standards for emissions or be capable of being retrofitted to achieve the same within a reasonable time period and all newly licensed taxis must, as a minimum, meet Euro 5 standards for emissions. Vehicles older than 4 years with **an average annual** mileage of less than 30,000 may be considered but any such application must be accompanied by original MOT certificates or other suitable documents such as a service history to verify the vehicle mileage as genuine.”

3. The revision of Paragraph 23 of Appendix A to the report to read as follows:

“The Council is fully committed to meeting the needs of the travelling public in Crawley including those who have a disability of any nature. In addition to the disability awareness training drivers shall be required to undertake, the number of hackney carriages licensed by the authority will contain a sufficient number of vehicles which are capable of carrying a wheel chair as determined by an unmet demand survey which shall include a section on this matter. The Council therefore reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of wheel chair assessable vehicles based on local need. The decision as to whether any vehicle that is submitted to the Council for the purposes of being licenced as a hackney carriage, shall be capable of carrying a wheel chair will be at the discretion of the Head of Economic and Environmental Services in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Licensing functions and be made with a reference to the local need at the time of the application.”

4. The insertion of the following new bullet point after Paragraph 52(c) of Appendix B to the report:

“(d) Whilst public safety and comfort are the key elements that the Council considers when judging the suitability of vehicles meeting the requirements of section 52 of this policy, predicating that they should be of a side loading type, it reserves the right to deal with any application concerning other vehicle types on their own merits based on suitable expert opinion and evidence. Any such evidence or opinion will normally be required to originate from a qualified automotive engineer or similar professional.”

5. The revision of Paragraph 8 of Appendix E to the report to read as follows:

“From 1st April 2016, an **11 year** rolling age limit will be introduced for private hire vehicles unless exempted. Vehicles must, as a minimum, meet Euro 4 standards for emissions and be no older than 4 years at the time of initial licensing. Vehicles older than 4 years with **an average annual** mileage of less than 30,000 may be considered but any such application must be accompanied by original MOT certificates or other suitable documents such as a service history to verify the vehicle mileage as genuine.”

**30. Financial Outturn 2014/15
(Cabinet – 8 July 2015)
(Recommendation 4)**

The Committee had considered report [FIN/362](#) of the Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits. As part of its decision on this matter, the Cabinet had agreed that the Outturn for the year 2014/2015, as summarised within the report FIN/362, be noted.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the allocation of £5m of capital reserves to an earmarked Investment Acquisition Reserve to fund the potential acquisition of commercial properties in accordance with the criteria set out in section 9 of report FIN/362, be agreed.

31. Notice of Motion (1 of 3)

The Full Council considered a Notice of Motion in accordance with Council

Procedure Rule 12, which was moved by Councillor Marshall-Ascough and seconded by Councillor Crow.

Amendments

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

Crawley has a significant number of residents who are employed in the airline industry as flight crew, as well as many frequent flying airline passengers. There are increasing public concerns about Aerotoxic Syndrome, which is the term given to the illness caused by exposure to contaminated air in jet aircraft. Earlier this year, when investigating the death of a 43 year old pilot, the Senior Coroner for Dorset stated that people regularly exposed to fumes circulating in planes faced “consequential damage to their health”. **In addition, a large number of Crawley residents work at Gatwick airport as ground crew and in other areas, getting exposure to aircraft emissions on a daily basis.**

With an increasing number of unexplained illnesses and deaths potentially linked to Aerotoxic Syndrome **and other aircraft emissions**, this council believes that there should be a full and open public inquiry into the cases surrounding the possibility of toxic air poisoning ~~in~~ **caused by** British registered aircraft.

Therefore this Council resolves to instruct the ~~Chief Executive~~ **Council Leader** to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting the instigation of a public inquiry into Aerotoxic Syndrome and **the effects of aircraft emissions** and how ~~it~~ **they** can be prevented.
2. Write to the Chief Executive Officer of Gatwick Airport to raise the Council's concern about Aerotoxic Syndrome **and the effects of aircraft emissions**, and to seek reassurance that every possible measure is implemented at Gatwick to reduce the risk of toxic air in aircraft cabins **and in working airport environments**.
- 3. Write to Unite, expressing support for their continued leading efforts in seeking safer working conditions for flight crew and passengers.**

Councillors Marshall-Ascough and Crow (as mover and seconder of the original motion) indicated their support for the amendments. Whilst this was the case, Councillor Crow sought and received consent for him (as Leader of the Opposition) to join the Leader of the Council, in writing to the three parties identified in the motion as amended. With this further amendment in mind, and upon all the amendments now being put to the Full Council, all amendments were CARRIED.

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

RESOLVED

That Crawley has a significant number of residents who are employed in the airline industry as flight crew, as well as many frequent flying airline passengers. There are increasing public concerns about Aerotoxic Syndrome, which is the term given to the illness caused by exposure to contaminated air in jet aircraft. Earlier this year, when investigating the death of a 43 year old pilot, the Senior Coroner for Dorset stated that

people regularly exposed to fumes circulating in planes faced “consequential damage to their health”. In addition, a large number of Crawley residents work at Gatwick airport as ground crew and in other areas, getting exposure to aircraft emissions on a daily basis.

With an increasing number of unexplained illnesses and deaths potentially linked to Aerotoxic Syndrome and other aircraft emissions, this council believes that there should be a full and open public inquiry into the cases surrounding the possibility of toxic air poisoning caused by British registered aircraft.

Therefore this Council resolves to instruct the Council Leader and the Leader of the Opposition to:

1. Write to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting the instigation of a public inquiry into Aerotoxic Syndrome and the effects of aircraft emissions and how they can be prevented.
2. Write to the Chief Executive Officer of Gatwick Airport to raise the Council's concern about Aerotoxic Syndrome and the effects of aircraft emissions, and to seek reassurance that every possible measure is implemented at Gatwick to reduce the risk of toxic air in aircraft cabins and in working airport environments.
3. Write to Unite, expressing support for their continued leading efforts in seeking safer working conditions for flight crew and passengers.

32. Notice of Motion (2 of 3)

The Full Council considered a Notice of Motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, which was moved by Councillor Burrett and seconded by Councillor B J Burgess.

Amendments

In connection with this motion, it was moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor P C Smith that the motion be amended, commencing at the point of the motion's third paragraph, as follows. (Deleted text has been crossed through, whilst additional text is shown in bold):-

Therefore, in relation to Council-owned land being put forward for housing development, this Council resolves to;

~~1. Investigate and present to the membership of the Council all potential viable options for housing development which are in accordance with the Council's Local Plan, with any associated figures calculated on a Borough-wide basis.~~

1. Recognise the council's ongoing efforts to meet the housing aspirations of the whole of Crawley's community, whether they be for a council house, decent private rental accommodation or personal home ownership.

2. Ensure that options for aspirational housing are given due and fair consideration within the context of providing a broad mix of housing tenure across the town”.

Councillors Burrett and B J Burgess (as mover and seconder of the original motion) indicated their acceptance of the amendments, and upon the amendments now being put to the Full Council, the amendments were CARRIED.

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

RESOLVED

That one of the greatest challenges facing the Council is the delivery of an adequate supply of housing of all types. The right to a home is fundamental, and this is one of the most important areas in which the Council can positively influence quality of life and social cohesion.

The formation and sustainability of strong communities is assisted through the development of all types and tenures of housing to cater for the full range of residents' needs. This includes aspirational housing, which can bring substantial benefits for the whole community.

Therefore, in relation to Council-owned land being put forward for housing development, this Council resolves to;

1. Recognise the council's ongoing efforts to meet the housing aspirations of the whole of Crawley's community, whether they be for a council house, decent private rental accommodation or personal home ownership.
2. Ensure that options for aspirational housing are given due and fair consideration within the context of providing a broad mix of housing tenure across the town.

33. Notice of Motion (3 of 3)

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

Amendments

In connection with this motion two amendments were moved and seconded.

First Amendment

It was moved by Councillor Crow and seconded by Councillor McCarthy that the motion be amended, commencing at the point of the motion's fourth paragraph, as follows. (Additional / amended text is shown in bold):-

In supporting the needs of local residents, the council authorises the Leader of the Council to write to the Government on behalf of the authority to:

- 1) Challenge the Prime Minister's decision to break his commitment to the electorate made less than two months ago by agreeing to the cuts in tax credits, and;
- 2) Call upon the Chancellor on behalf of the council to reverse the changes to tax credits, prioritising measures for addressing the deficit which do not unduly target Crawley families on average and low incomes".

3) State that the motion authorising his letter on behalf of the council has the support of the council's 19-strong Labour group, but that it does not have the support of the council's 18-strong Conservative group, who welcome the Chancellor's budget and his plan to move the UK away from a low wage, high

tax and high welfare economy, to a higher wage, lower tax and lower welfare society.

A debate on the amendment then followed, with the Mayor emphasising her view that on the grounds of predetermination and negating the original motion, the amendment could not be considered as being valid. The Mayor suggested that the amendment predetermined the outcome of support / non-support before the motion had been debated. Concerns highlighted by the Leader of the Council reflected the comments of the Mayor, and there was a strong exchange of views between Members of both political groups.

With this exchange of views continuing, the Mayor adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes to allow further consideration to be given to the amendment and the issues arising.

The meeting was then reconvened, and the Mayor addressed the meeting. The Mayor considered that on balance the amendment was not in the spirit of the motion as originally proposed, and that based on advice she had received from the Council's Monitoring Officer, who had further considered this matter, the Mayor ruled that on the grounds of predetermination, and that the amendment negated the original motion, the amendment was to be withdrawn from further consideration.

Second Amendment

It was moved by Councillor Guidera and seconded by Councillor B J Burgess that the motion be amended, commencing at the point of the motion's fourth paragraph, as follows. (Deleted text has been crossed through, whilst additional text is shown in bold):-

In supporting the needs of ~~local residents~~ **the Labour Party**, the council authorises the Leader of the Council to write to the Government on behalf of the authority to:

- 1) Challenge the Prime Minister's decision to break his commitment to the electorate made less than two months ago by agreeing to the cuts in tax credits, and;
- 2) Call upon the Chancellor on behalf of the council to reverse the changes to tax credits, prioritising measures for addressing the deficit which do not unduly target Crawley families on average and low incomes".

In considering this second amendment, a further exchange of views between Members of both political groups ensued. As with the first amendment, the Mayor considered that on balance this second amendment was not in the spirit of the motion as originally proposed, and following further considerations she had received from the Council's Monitoring Officer, the Mayor ruled that on the grounds that the amendment focussed specifically on a political stance, as opposed to the original motion's reference to local residents, this amendment was also to be withdrawn from further consideration.

34. 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.

35. Notice of Motion (3 of 3)

(Continued)

With both amendments being withdrawn, and whilst Members of the opposition continued to support the views set out in the amendments (referring particularly to the first amendment), the Full Council undertook a detailed discussion on the original motion.

Upon being put to the Full Council, the original motion was CARRIED, and it was

RESOLVED

Protecting Working Families Motion

That Despite David Cameron stating as recently as last April that “I’m not going to cut your tax credits,” this council notes that just two months since the General Election and the Prime Minister’s commitment, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced wide-scale cuts to tax credits. These plans are set to hit over 3m working families in Britain, including many living in Crawley.

In some cases families are set to lose over twice as much as any projected uplift in the National Minimum Wage, leaving them hundreds, if not thousands, of pounds worse off as a result of the recent Budget.

This council believes Crawley’s population will be hit harder than most, for while the town has traditionally had low levels of unemployment, a significant proportion of the work has tended to be low paid. For the relatively high numbers of those in low paid work in Crawley tax credits have, until now, provided a lifeline for the town’s working families. The Government’s decision risks causing severe financial hardship to hard-working residents they claimed to support only a few months ago.

In supporting the needs of local residents, the council authorises the Leader of the Council to write to the Government on behalf of the authority to:

- 1) Challenge the Prime Minister’s decision to break his commitment to the electorate made less than two months ago by agreeing to the cuts in tax credits, and;
- 2) Call upon the Chancellor on behalf of the council to reverse the changes to tax credits, prioritising measures for addressing the deficit which do not unduly target Crawley families on average and low incomes.

36. 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.

37. 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 Irvine
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Housing
Subject	Total Dwelling Stock
Questioner	Councillor Ward
Addressed to	Chair of the Development Control Committee.
Subject	Planning Consents for Residential Development.
Questioner	Councillor Peck
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Resources
Subject	Veterans Interview Programme
Questioner	Councillor Crow
Addressed to	Chair of the Cabinet
Subject	Redundancy Payments

38. Announcements by Cabinet Members

Cabinet Member	Subject
Councillor Lloyd (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability)	Councillor Lloyd was pleased to confirm that the work associated with the 18 month renovation of the Ifield Mill Pond would be completed this month. In response to enquiries he had received from residents and Councillors he indicated that plans were currently being considered as to how the reopening of the Mill Pond was to be celebrated. A Group had been established which would include representatives from the local community and resident groups, along with Members and Officers, and which would consider appropriate ways of celebrating this newly restored and lovely location within Crawley.
Councillor Mullins (Cabinet Member for Wellbeing)	Councillor Mullins referred to the Fun Day on 19 July at Worth Park, and which included a Victorian Picnic, to celebrate a milestone in the restoration project being undertaken there. The day marked the switching on of the Park's fountain for the first time in many years, and with Councillor Mullins confirming that it had been a wonderful day of celebrations, he took this opportunity to thank staff, contractors, volunteers, the local community and the Heritage Lottery Fund for all their work, commitment and support in bringing the Worth Park project to near completion. It was a good news

Cabinet Member	Subject
	<p>story and he hoped that people would continue to visit the Park and enjoy what it had to offer.</p> <p>Councillor Mullins also referred to the new access road into Tilgate Park (linking the Park to the A23), which would be opening very shortly. He indicated that the road would form part of the Park's economy and its ongoing improvement works, and he thanked staff and all concerned for their continuing positive work in that popular visitor area.</p>

39. 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 Thomas	Grass Verges in Crawley	Councillor Lloyd (as Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability) agreed with Councillor Thomas' view that there had been a big improvement in the control of the length of grass locally. He considered that this reflected our commitment to the in-house service, the good work of staff concerned and good management.
Councillor Eade	Update required for West Green Bowls Club and 4sight on the need for additional improved lighting to the K2, Crawley bowls facility, to assist visually impaired people.	Whilst emphasising how pleased he was that visually impaired people were using those facilities, Councillor Mullins (as Cabinet Member for Wellbeing) indicated that he was still awaiting feedback in terms of the update required.
Councillor Peck	Column afforded to Group Leaders in the local press	The issues referred to were similar to those raised by Councillor Burrett and put to Councillor Lamb (as Leader of the Council) at the last two ordinary meetings of the Full Council. Councillor Lamb in referring to points he made in his responses at those previous Council meetings, reiterated that at times when he was involved in other important business and not available to write in the column, he felt it appropriate for the Cabinet Member responsible for

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		Community Engagement to undertake that column instead.
Councillor Irvine	Fly-tipping in Crawley	Councillor Lloyd (as Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability) acknowledged Councillor Irvine's view that work to address fly-tipping locally was producing some positive outcomes. Councillor Lloyd commented that the campaign to help stop fly-tipping locally, and thus also reduce associated costs incurred by the Council, was an ongoing process, with an improving situation in the fly-tipping hot spots. The emphasis of the message was to dispose of rubbish in a social (not anti-social) and legal way.
Councillor R G Burgess	The Worth Park project, and the vote by Councillor Lamb against that project's commencement, bearing in mind the subsequent and successful re-opening of that Park area.	In response, Councillor Lamb emphasised that at the time of the Full Council taking the vote in question, it was a period of economic recession and that we were all having to consider financial constraints, and that Members had to think very carefully as to the best ways of spending public money. With all this in mind, he did think at that time that he was right to vote (along with others) in the way he had, but that whilst this was the case, he was now pleased that the project had proved to be a success, and that with the public money invested had come a park for the people.
Councillor Stanley	Councillor Stanley asked that congratulations be conveyed to all staff concerned for their work undertaken in relation to the Ifield Mill Pond project.	Councillor Lloyd (as Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability) confirmed that it would give him great pleasure to pass the Council's thanks and congratulations to all the staff concerned, as well as to the contractors, and to local residents for all their patience during the time of construction. Councillor Lloyd confirmed that the project had cost the Council £1 million less than originally budgeted.
Councillor Lanzer	Seeking an update relating to the current status of the work of	In response, Councillor Mullins (as Cabinet Member for Wellbeing) indicated that discussions were

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	art on the boundary between Pound Hill South, Worth and Maidenbower, by the Balcombe Road.	currently being undertaken, including that with the artist, on a number of matters, such as costs, relating to the art work concerned.
Councillor B J Burgess	Councillor Burgess referred to an accumulation of rubbish gathering on an area next to St. Elizabeth Church, Northgate.	In response, Councillor Lloyd (as Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability), suggested that the matter needed to be investigated and that he would be raising the matter with Northgate Ward Members.
Councillor Crow	Councillor Crow raised some concerns about the number of emails currently being circulated within the Council regarding IT problems, and asked how much disruption had been caused to the Council's services as a result thereof and what was being done to stop them.	Councillor Skudder (as Cabinet Member for Resources) indicated that a detailed response to the issues raised would be provided to all Members shortly.

40. Questions to Committee Chairs

Name of Councillor asking Question	Subject	Name of Chair Responding
Councillor McCarthy	Issues raised relating to the recent consultation on the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy, particularly around the matter of wheel chair accessibility to vehicles, with Councillor McCarthy asking whether any lessons had been learnt from that consultation process.	Councillor Quinn (as Chair of the Licensing Committee) indicated that all parties had been given the chance to contribute to the consultation, which had spanned a period of 2 months, with, a number of members of the local trade also attending the Committee's meeting on 3 June, for example. Ultimately the Council was required to regulate the local trade, and had to balance the interests of all parties. As such, it was not always possible to make decisions which all parties agreed with. The

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		Policy was an evolving document which had been devised to maintain the high standards of the Council.
Councillor Crow	On the basis that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission were both members of the current administration, Councillor Crow asked the Chair of the Commission if she would consider inviting the Leader of the Opposition to the Commission's pre meetings.	Councillor B A Smith (as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission) indicated that she would consider Councillor Crow's request, but also indicated that if she was to accept that request it would be her choice as to which member of the opposition would be invited.

41. Closure of Meeting

The meeting ended at 11.04 p.m.

C A Cheshire
Mayor

APPENDIX A

Members' Disclosures of Interest

Member	Agenda Item No.	Name and date of Cabinet/ Committee and Minute No.	Minute Book Page No.	Subject or Planning Application No.	Type and Nature of Disclosure.
Councillor R G Burgess	6			Public Question Time - Bandstand	Personnel Interest as Chairman of Crawley Festival.
Councillor G Thomas	11(1)(b)	Development Control 13 April 2015 Minute 69	P26	CR/2014/0316/ARM Fairfield House site, West Green Drive, West Green, Crawley	Personal Interest as Cllr Thomas was a member of the Central Crawley Conservation Committee.
Councillor W A Ward	11(1)(b)	Development Control 13 April 2015 Minute 69	P26	CR/2014/0316/ARM Fairfield House site, West Green Drive, West Green, Crawley	Personal Interest as Cllr Ward was a member of the Central Crawley Conservation Committee.
Councillor B J Burgess	11(1)(d)	Development Control 8 May 2015 Minute 76	P35	CR/2015/0062/FUL 10 Haversham Close, Three Bridges, Crawley	Personal and prejudicial interest.
Councillor C A Cheshire	11(1)(f)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 June 2015 Minute 2	P44	Minutes and Matters Arising - Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) – Northgate Surgery.	Personal interest – Patient Representative of Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
Councillor K Sudan	11(1)(f)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 June 2015 Minute 2	P44	Minutes and Matters Arising - Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) – Northgate Surgery.	Personal interest – husband is a 'lay Member' of the Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
Councillor Dr H S Bloom	11(1)(j)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 6 July 2015 Minute 19	P90	Broadfield Barton Environmental Improvements	Personal Interest as wife is Chair of Relate in West Sussex. The organisation has a Charity Shop on Broadfield Barton shopping parade.
Councillor R D Burrett	11(1)(j)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 6 July 2015 Minute 26	P94	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC)	Personal Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor Dr H S Bloom	11(1)(l) and 12	Cabinet 8 July 2015 Minute 11	P8 of Supp. Minute Book.	Broadfield Barton Environmental Improvements	Personal Interest as wife is Chair of Relate in West Sussex. The organisation has a Charity Shop on Broadfield Barton shopping parade.

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Councillor P K Lamb	13 (a)			Notice of Motion	Personal Interest – A Member of Unite.
Councillor T Lunnon	13 (a)			Notice of Motion	Personal Interest – Employee at a Local Airways Company.
Councillor L S Marshall-Ascough	13 (a)			Notice of Motion	Personal Interest – Employee at a Local Airways Company.
Councillor L S Marshall-Ascough	13 (a)			Notice of Motion	Personal Interest – A Member of Unite.