

# 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 21 October 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 Dennis Malt and Chris Hamper**

The Mayor will ask all present at the meeting to observe one Minute's silence in memory of former Borough Councillor Dennis Malt and Chris Hamper - the Council's former PA to the Chief Executive and the Mayor. Both Dennis and Chris sadly passed away recently.

### **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.

#### Honorary Freeman and Alderman Jim Smith

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor will take this opportunity to congratulate Honorary Freeman and Alderman Jim Smith on being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. The award recognised Jim's services to the community in Crawley.

### **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 meeting of the Full Council held on 22 July 2015. (The minutes are on pages 1 to 24 in the Book of Minutes Report, which Members will have before them).

## **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 – 3 August 2015.
  - (b) Development Control Committee – 1 September 2015.
  - (c) Licensing Committee – 2 September 2015.  
Including Recommendation 1 relating to the Licensing Sub Committee Hearing Procedure Revision.
  - (d) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 7 September 2015.
  - (e) Cabinet – 9 September 2015.  
Including Recommendation 2 relating to the Budget Strategy 2016/17 – 2020/21.
  - (f) Development Control Committee – 21 September 2015.
  - (g) Audit Committee – 24 September 2015.
  - (h) Governance Committee – 28 September 2015.  
Including Recommendations 3 and 4 relating to Overview and Scrutiny Commission Membership Options for Chair and Vice Chair and Amendments to the Constitution following the Introduction of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.
  - (i) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 5 October 2015.
  - (j) Cabinet – 7 October 2015.  
Including Recommendation 5 relating to Affordable Housing Enabling: Langley Green Primary School Site.
  
- (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. Notices of Motion

- (a) To consider, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, the following Notice of Motion to be moved by Councillor Ward and seconded by Councillor Irvine:-

### **“Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis Motion**

On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015, in the wake of public outcry following three-year-old Aylan Kurdi's tragic death the Prime Minister agreed to increase the UK's commitment towards addressing the ongoing refugee crisis facing Europe and the Middle East; he was right to do so.

The global need for asylum is an international crisis and it requires an international solution, one which seeks to resolve both the causes and consequences of a people's forced flight from their homeland. The UK, alongside other countries, must play a part in that solution, both at home and abroad.

During previous periods of humanitarian crisis, Crawley has played a leading role in meeting the UK's refugee commitments and must do so again. Yet, we are aware of the fear that many UK residents are feeling as they too struggle to survive in the aftermath of a major recession, as they face an ongoing housing shortage and find growing demand pressures stretching the capacity of the public services upon which they depend.

Given this reality and the need to preserve social cohesion we require a national strategy for meeting the UK's refugee commitments, one which ensures that the consequent pressure is distributed equitably and backed up by adequate funding from central government, ensuring that those in need at home are not disadvantaged by the UK helping to save the lives of those in need abroad. Crawley stands ready to play its part in that national strategy.

This Council resolves:

- 1) to support the ongoing efforts of Crawley Borough Council, alongside West Sussex County Council and neighbouring districts, to meet the county's refugee obligations in a way which best ensures the best outcome for both refugees and existing local residents.
- 2) to write to the Prime Minister, expressing support for increasing the UK's commitment to addressing the ongoing global need for asylum, noting the more substantial commitments of other EU member states, and asking for resources to be made available to ensure that communities are able to meet the needs of both refugees and existing local residents.”

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

### **“TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership)**

This council notes:

1. That the EU and USA launched negotiations in July 2013 on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment partnership.
2. That negotiations are underway to determine which goods and services TTIP will apply to and if new rules can be agreed to protect investors, harmonise standards, reduce tariffs and open new markets throughout the EU and USA.
3. That there has been no impact assessment about the potential impact on local authorities.
4. That there has been no scrutiny of the negotiating texts by local government and no consultation with local government representatives.
5. That MPs are also unable to scrutinise the negotiating documents.

This council believes that:

1. TTIP could have a detrimental impact on local services, employment, suppliers and decision-making.
2. TTIP could have a detrimental impact on the NHS which would encourage privatisation, higher prescription costs, and prevent any re-nationalisation of the NHS.
3. A thorough impact assessment of TTIP on local authorities and the NHS must be undertaken before the negotiations are concluded.
4. The proposed Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism has been used by corporations to overturn democratic decisions by all levels of governments at significant public cost. Local decision-making must be protected from ISDS.
5. The EU's food, environmental and labour standards are better than those in the USA and TTIP negotiations must raise and not lower these standards across the EU and USA.
6. Sourcing supplies and employment locally is important to strengthening local economies and meeting local needs. TTIP must not impact on local authorities' ability to act in the best interests of its communities.

This council resolves:

1. To write to the secretary of state for communities and local government, local MPs and South East MEPs raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.
2. To write to the Local Government Association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask it to raise these with government on our behalf.
3. To call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.
4. To publicise the council's concerns about TTIP; join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems associated with TTIP.
5. To contact local authorities of municipalities twinned with Crawley Borough Council asking them to consider passing a similar motion on TTIP."

- (c)** To consider, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, the following Notice of Motion to be moved by Councillor Crow and seconded by Councillor Lanzer:-

“Local business rates are set by central government at a uniform national rate. They are collected by local councils and transferred to central government to be distributed back out across the country. Local councils such as Crawley Borough Council, which represent areas with a dynamic and growing local economy, disproportionately lose out through the current system.

As a local authority that welcomes the transfer of decision-making powers from central to local government, this Council resolves to:

1. Write to the Local Government Association to state its support for the principles of greater local retention of locally-collected business rates and of greater local control over the setting of business rates;
2. Carefully examine the detail of the proposal in the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Autumn Statement to change the business rates regime and as a result of these changes, look for potential opportunities to benefit the local economy;
3. Consult with the Crawley business community to seek their views on the proposals to change the business rates regime and on the current levels of business rates payable;
4. Explore the potential that lowering business rates could have on reducing the number of empty shops in Crawley town centre.”

- (d)** 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:-

“This council notes the promised new fire station for Crawley, first put forward in 2006 by West Sussex County Council (WSSCC), remains unbuilt and does not even form part of the list of works on the county council’s most up to date proposals for its future capital programme.

This council believes that a new fire station for the town is long overdue, and that the reasons why the current fire station should be replaced are even more relevant now than when it was first proposed.

This council also believes that WSSCC has a moral duty to provide the most modern and effective fire cover for the people of Crawley and the surrounding area, and that a previous report from the county council itself stated that the existing Ifield Avenue station is no longer in the best location to provide optimum cover either within the North of the County or for areas in Crawley at the highest risk, is beyond its design life, in poor condition and in need of replacement.

This council therefore resolves to:

Urge WSCC to take the steps necessary to build a new fire station for Crawley, and to authorise officers to enter into negotiations with WSCC to transfer the land currently owned by CBC adjacent to Cheals roundabout for either a zero or nominal sum, conditional upon the land being used to provide the new fire station.”

**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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