

# Crawley Borough Council

## Minutes of the Full Council

Wednesday 21 October 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, 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 McCrow, 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 – Appointed Independent Person.

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
Karen Hayes	Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits

### 42. Death of Dennis Malt and Chris Hamper

The Council observed 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.

### 43. Apologies for Absence

Councillor K Brockwell.

Mr A Quine - Honorary Freeman and Alderman.

#### 44. Members' Disclosures of Interests

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

#### 45. Communications

(i) Honorary Freeman and Alderman Jim Smith

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor took 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.

(ii) Shoreham Air Crash

With regard to the recent Shoreham Airshow crash, the Mayor announced that on behalf of this Council and its residents she had since written to the Chairman of Adur District Council to convey our deepest condolences to the people of Shoreham, and in particular the families and friends of those who had lost their lives.

#### 46. Public Question Time

A question asked in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 was as follows:

Questioner's Name	Subject	Name of Councillor(s) Responding
Ms A Pincus	With regard to addressing the ongoing refugee crisis facing Europe, would this Council be playing its part in offering sanctuary to refugees as part of the UK's overall commitment?	In responding to this matter, both Councillors Lamb and Crow indicated their support for the Council to play its part in helping refugees, and referred to the Notice of Motion to be considered later at this meeting.

#### 47. Minutes

Subject to the clerical correction below, the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on [22 July 2015](#) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor:-

##### Clerical Correction

With regard to Minute No. 40, under the heading of Questions to Committee Chairs, and in this respect the question asked by Councillor Crow, delete the words "the Leader of the Opposition", and replace with "a Conservative Group Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission".

**48. Items for Debate (Reserved Items)**

Members indicated that they wished to speak on a number of items as set out in the following table:

<b>Minute Book Page no.</b>	<b>Committee/ Minute no.  (and the Member reserving the item for Debate)</b>	<b>Subject  (Decisions previously taken under delegated powers, reserved for debate only).</b>	<b>Subject  (Recommendation to Full Council, reserved for debate)</b>
35	Development Control 1 September 2015 Minute 19  <b>(Conservative Group)</b>	Planning Application CR/2015/0417/FUL, (Woodall Duckham House)	
50	Cabinet 9 September 2015 Minute 25  <b>(Labour Group)</b>		Budget Strategy  Recommendation 2
64	Audit Committee 24 September 2015 Minute 13  <b>(Conservative Group)</b>	Fraud Team Report	
69	Governance Committee 28 September 2015 Minute 12  <b>(Labour Group)</b>		Overview and Scrutiny Commission Membership Options for Chair and Vice Chair  Recommendation 3
93	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 49  <b>(Conservative Group)</b>	Five Year Business Plan for Tilgate Park and Nature Centre	
98	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 40  <b>(Labour Group)</b>		Affordable Housing Enabling: Langley Green Primary School Site. Recommendation 5

**49. 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 – 3 August 2015.
  - (b) Development Control Committee – 1 September 2015.
  - (c) Licensing Committee – 2 September 2015.
  - (d) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 7 September 2015.
  - (e) Cabinet – 9 September 2015.
  - (f) Development Control Committee – 21 September 2015.
  - (g) Audit Committee – 24 September 2015.
  - (h) Governance Committee – 28 September 2015.
  - (i) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 5 October 2015.
  - (j) Cabinet – 7 October 2015.
  
- (2) That the recommendations contained in the reports on the following matters, which had not been reserved for debate, be adopted:-

**(i) Licensing Sub Committee Hearing Procedure Revision  
(Licensing Committee – 2 September 2015)  
(Recommendation 1)**

The Committee had considered report [PES/192](#) of the Head of Economic and Environmental Services.

## RESOLVED

That the revised Licensing Sub Committee Procedure attached as Appendix B to report PES/192 be approved for inclusion in the Constitution.

**(ii) Amendments to the Constitution following the Introduction  
of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2015  
(Governance Committee – 28 September 2015)  
(Recommendation 4)**

The Committee had considered joint report [LDS/107](#) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of People and Technology.

## RESOLVED

- (1) That the revised functions of the Appointments and Investigating Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the minutes of the Governance Committee of 28 September 2015, be approved.
- (2) That the revised Employment Procedure Rules as set out in Appendix 2 to the minutes of the Governance Committee of 28 September 2015, be approved.
- (3) That the establishment of an Independent Panel including terms of references comprising of a minimum of two Independent Persons as set out in Appendix 3 to the minutes of the Governance Committee of 28 September 2015, be approved.

- (4) That in the event that this Panel is convened and is required to advise the Council on matters relating to the dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer, any Independent Person, so appointed is to receive a payment of £100 each (subject to a maximum of £750 per annum) for any formal meetings of the Panel they attend.
- (5) That the amendments to Article 4, Cabinet Functions and the Staff Appeals Board of the Constitution as set out in Appendix 4 to the minutes of the Governance Committee of 28 September 2015, be approved. .

## 50. Reserved Items

The matters identified in Minute No. 48 above were debated by the Full Council. These included:

(a) **Matter raised under the report of the Audit Committee – 24 September 2015**

The matter raised was in relation to the Fraud Team Report (Minute 13) and in this respect the significant work being undertaken by the Fraud Team in identifying, investigating and taking action against cases of fraud. With this in mind, the Full Council wished to place on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Team for the work it undertakes and the fantastic results being achieved.

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

The matter raised was in respect of the Five Year Business Plan for Tilgate Park and Nature Centre (Minute 49). A number of related issues continued to be discussed and suggested for further consideration, including free entry to the Nature Centre at particular times of the year, parking charges, and differential charging to provide subsidised leisure use to Crawley residents. With regard to establishing A Friends of Tilgate Park initiative, the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing indicated that he would speak to Officers on this matter, with an associated item to be included on the agenda for his next Portfolio meeting.

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

These were dealt with as set out in Minute Numbers 51, 52 and 53 below:-

## 51. Budget Strategy 2016/17 – 2020/21 (Cabinet – 9 September 2015) (Recommendation 2)

The Cabinet had considered report [FIN/368](#) of the Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits, which had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 7 September 2015. Two amendments were moved, seconded and considered as below:-

### Amendment 1

It was moved by Councillor Crow and seconded by Councillor Burrett that part 2 of the Recommendation be amended as follows. (Additional text is shown in bold, whilst deleted text has been crossed through):-

2. Note the current gap of £0.8m between projected General Fund income and expenditure for the three year period to 2018/2019 and work towards balancing ~~this over a three year period~~ **the Budget every year**, including putting back into reserves when the Budget is in surplus.

In response to the issue raised in the amendment, it was emphasised that the focus was on balancing the budget, but with a sustainable approach using a three year strategy to provide the best quality of services to residents. This approach took into account a number of issues / uncertainties which could impact on the budget process in the shorter term, including, for example, those to come out of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement.

The amendment upon being put to the Full Council, was declared to be LOST.

### Amendment 2

It was moved by Councillor Lanzer and seconded by Councillor McCarthy that part 5 of the Recommendation be amended as follows. (Additional text is shown in bold):-

5. Note that items for the Capital Programme are driven by the need for the upkeep of council assets and environmental obligations, and schemes will also be considered that are spend to save and spend to earn, **while not precluding the consideration of schemes that provide community and social value regardless of revenue return.**

As with the first amendment, the Council undertook a full and detailed discussion on this amendment, and considered the issues raised, including the current financial constraints and the considered need to move the Capital Programme forward in a way that was sustainable.

The amendment upon being put to the Full Council, was declared to be LOST.

With both amendments proposed having been lost, the Cabinet's recommendation to the Full Council remained as the substantive motion.

With no further comments received, the substantive motion upon being put to the Full Council, was declared to be CARRIED, and it was

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Budget Strategy 2016/2017 to 2020/2021 be approved.
- (2) That the current gap of £0.8m between projected General Fund income and expenditure for the three year period to 2018/2019 be noted, and work towards balancing this over a three year period, including putting back into reserves when the Budget is in surplus.

- (3) That a separate Business Rates Equalisation reserve be set up by transferring £5m from the General Fund Reserve. This reserve will be used to absorb in year fluctuations due to the complications of accounting for business rates.
- (4) That the Corporate Management Team be instructed to take action to address the long term budget gap and to identify policy options for consideration by Cabinet Members and the Budget Advisory Group.
- (5) That items for the Capital Programme are driven by the need for the upkeep of council assets and environmental obligations be noted and, schemes will also be considered that are spend to save and spend to earn.

**52. Overview and Scrutiny Commission Membership Options for Chair and Vice Chair  
(Governance Committee – 28 September 2015)  
(Recommendation 3)**

The Committee had considered report [LDS/109](#) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Moved by Councillor Stanley, seconded by Councillor Burrett and

**RESOLVED**

That from the Civic Year 2016, where there is more than one political group on the Council, either the position of Chair or Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission will go to a member nominated by an opposition group.

**53. Affordable Housing Enabling: Langley Green Primary school site  
(Cabinet – 7 October 2015)  
(Recommendation 5)**

The Cabinet had considered report [SHAPS/51](#) of the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services. In response to comments by Councillor B A Smith, the Cabinet Member for Housing indicated that he would seek clarification as to whether the County Council were adopting highways for new developments at this time. This included the highway infrastructure for the Langley Green Primary School site. The outcome would be provided to Members once known, as would a response to Councillor Burrett's comments regarding different dates that had been published in terms of the use of 1:4:1 receipts from Right to Buy sales. (The dates referred to being "June 2016" as shown in part (d) of Minute 40 of the 7 October Cabinet minutes, and "30 September 2017" as shown in the answer to part (e) of Councillor Burrett's Written Question, and circulated to this meeting).

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor Joyce and

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the allocation of £1.5m from the RTB 1-4-1 Budget for the provision of 30 Discounted Affordable Rent units presently under construction at the Langley Green Primary School site be approved.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of

Finance, Revenues and Benefits, in consultation with the Portfolio Member for Housing, to conclude a Funding Agreement with Raven to deliver this scheme as proposed.

**54. Notice of Motion (1 of 4)**

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

The Full Council undertook a full and detailed discussion on this motion and considered all the issues raised.

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

**RESOLVED**

**Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis Motion**

That 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.



**55. Notice of Motion (2 of 4)**

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

The Motion was in relation to the TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership). In considering issues arising from the Motion, a number of Members expressed the view that because of the complexities associated with the TTIP, and that the TTIP was still in the negotiating stages, more information and evidence was required before more informed consideration could be given. The more general view of Members was to support the Motion and the concerns highlighted therein.

**56. 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.

**57. Notice of Motion (2 of 4)**

**(Continued)**

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

**RESOLVED**

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

That 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.

## **58. Notice of Motion (3 of 4)**

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

### **Amendment**

It was moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor P C Smith:-

That with regard to the final paragraph of the Motion (Part 4.), delete the word "lowering" and replace with the word "changing".

Councillor Crow (as mover of the original motion) indicated his acceptance of the amendment. The Motion as amended therefore became the substantive motion. A full and detailed discussion was undertaken on the substantive motion, with all issues raised being considered.

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

### **RESOLVED**

That 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 changing business rates could have on reducing the number of empty shops in Crawley town centre.

#### **59. Notice of Motion (4 of 4)**

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

The Motion sought a new fire station for Crawley. As part of the detailed debate undertaken, Members of the Opposition Group referred to the forthcoming meeting of the West Sussex County Council which was to take place on Friday 30 October. Consideration would be given at that meeting to the County Council's future Capital Investment Programme. With this in mind it was advised that Members of that Group would be abstaining from the vote on the Notice of Motion, as they considered that the proper place to raise and consider proposals for a new fire station would be at meetings of the County Council, and where on 30 October specific consideration would be given to the planning and funding of major projects across the County.

The more general view of Members was to undertake the stance proposed in the Motion in seeking a new fire station for Crawley, and the Council continued to undertake a full and detailed discussion on the Motion and considered all the issues raised.

Reference was made by a Member to the Motion's proposal to authorise officers to enter into negotiations with WSCC to transfer the land currently owned by CBC adjacent to Cheals roundabout, with the intention that the land be used to provide the new fire station proposed. He hoped that if the land was transferred it would continue to be well maintained during any period that it remained vacant following that transfer, and asked that as part of the proposed transfer process, local residents' views be taken into account.

#### **60. Duration of the Meeting**

The business of the meeting had still not been completed. Having put it to the Full Council, the meeting was continued for an additional period not exceeding 30 minutes.

#### **61. Notice of Motion (4 of 4)**

**(Continued)**

At the request of Councillor Stanley, and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the names of the Members voting for and against the Motion were recorded as set out below:-

**For the Motion:-**

Councillors M L Ayling, C A Cheshire, I T Irvine, M G Jones, S J Joyce, P K Lamb, C C Lloyd, T Lunnon, C A Moffatt, C J Mullins, B J Quinn, R Sharma, A C Skudder, B A Smith, P C Smith, J Stanley, K Sudan, G Thomas and W A Ward (19).

**Against the Motion:-**

There were no votes against the motion.

**Abstentions:-**

Councillors Dr H S Bloom, R G Burgess, R D Burrett, D G Crow, C R Eade, F Guidera, K L Jaggard, R A Lanzer, L S Marshall-Ascough, K McCarthy, B MeCrow, D M Peck, M A Stone, J Tarrant, K J Trussell and L Vitler (16).

The Motion was therefore CARRIED, and it was.

**RESOLVED**

That this council notes the promised new fire station for Crawley, first put forward in 2006 by West Sussex County Council (WSCC), 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 WSCC 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.

**62. 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 Eade.
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Wellbeing.
Subject	K2, Crawley Bowls Facility.
Questioner	Councillor Eade.
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Housing.
Subject	Planned Surface Maintenance in Areas of Furnace Green.
Questioner	Councillor Burrett.
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Housing.
Subject	1:4:1 Receipts from Right to Buy Sales.
Questioner	Councillor Irvine
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development.
Subject	Section 106 Funds.

### 63. Announcements by Cabinet Members

Cabinet Member	Subject
Councillor Lamb (Chair of the Cabinet)	Councillor Lamb referred to issues raised through Notices of Motion considered at previous meetings of the Full Council on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals, Tax Credits and Aerotoxic Syndrome. He briefly reported on the responses since received in letters from respective Government Ministers in relation to those Motions, which indicated that the steps that the Council had agreed in each case to help address the issues raised would not, or would not at this time, be taken forward for the reasons given in the letters. Councillor Lamb advised that he would be happy to provide copies of those letters to any Member should they wish to read the full responses.

### 64. 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 Eade	Concerns raised by residents regarding the potential danger to Badger setts in the	Councillor Mullins (as Cabinet Member for Wellbeing), indicated that he would make enquiries regarding this matter and thanked

Name of Councillor asking Question	Subject	Name of Cabinet Member(s) Responding
	area of Tilgate Golf Course, as a result of grounds maintenance works.	Councillor Eade for bringing it to his attention.
Councillor R G Burgess	Councillor Burgess referred to the "terrible mess", including an accumulation of rubbish, gathering on and around the former off-licence premises in Barnfield Road, Northgate.	Councillor Lamb, as a Ward Member for Northgate, confirmed that he and fellow Ward Member Councillor Thomas would be arranging a tidy-up of the site concerned. This would be done whilst the future of the premises (which was currently under consideration for future development) was officially being discussed and agreed.
Councillor Irvine	Permitted Development Rights (PDR) which had been introduced by the Government temporarily in 2013. Councillor Irvine Sought the opinion of the Cabinet Member as to what he felt the impact would be on Crawley as a result of the Government's recent announcement that PDR would soon be made permanent.	Councillor P C Smith (as Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development) considered strongly that PDR was damaging the local economy and was affecting both businesses and residents. The town was already losing significant employment space, and business leaders in Crawley were vehemently opposed to the loss of that space. That space would be used for conversion into homes, but without the need to apply for full planning permission. Councillor Smith emphasised that the Council was doing everything that it could to deliver more homes for Crawley residents, with 1000 affordable new builds commissioned over the last 18 months. The Council wanted more residential development within the town, and this was reflected in its Local Plan, but it was felt that an increase in residential development through PDR needed to be balanced against the loss of employment space and the negative impacts that might arise through the removal of planning controls including quality of the development, space standards, provision of parking and refuse disposal facilities and potential neighbourhood conflict. He indicated the intention to convey the objections of the Council to the DCLG (Department for

Name of Councillor asking Question	Subject	Name of Cabinet Member(s) Responding
		Communities and Local Government) in the strongest possible terms.
Councillor Crow	Issues raised in an article (on e-cigarette chargers) in the September 2015 Crawley Homes News.	Those issues were responded to by Councillor Joyce (as Cabinet Member for Housing).
Councillor Thomas	<p>Councillor Thomas referred to a Memorial Stone, which was not dated, but which had been erected some years ago by voluntary subscriptions in honour of Dr T H Martin JP. The Stone which was located in the Memorial Gardens was in recognition of Dr Martin's many public services during (what Councillor Thomas believed to be), the turn of the last century. Councillor Thomas' recollection was that the Memorial Stone was part of a drinking fountain in the children's playground adjacent to what was now known as the Memorial Gardens. He enquired with the Cabinet member as to whether that water supply could be reinstated - especially given the current prevalence of expensive and sugar-packed fizzy drinks to quench children's thirst, whilst at the same time reconnect the links with local history.</p>	Councillor Mullins (as Cabinet Member for Wellbeing) asked Councillor Thomas to email details of this matter to him, and in indicating that he would support the request by Councillor Thomas, he advised that he would raise the matter at the appropriate forum.

**65. Duration of the Meeting**

The business of the meeting had still not been completed. Having put it to the Full Council, and whilst the item of business on Questions to Committee Chairs was still outstanding, the vote was in favour of not continuing the meeting.

**66. Closure of Meeting**

The meeting ended at 11.01 p.m.

C A Cheshire  
**Mayor**



**APPENDIX A**

**Members' Disclosures of Interest**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Name and date of Cabinet/ Committee and Minute No.</b>	<b>Minute Book Page No.</b>	<b>Subject or Planning Application No.</b>	<b>Type and Nature of Disclosure.</b>
Councillor B J Burgess	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	31	CR/2015/0261/RG3 Land adjacent to South Eastern Boundary of Tilgate Forest Recreation Centre, Tilgate, Crawley	Personal Interest - a Guiding Ambassador
Councillor D G Crow	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	27	CR/2015/0020/FUL Gatwick 23, Gatwick Road, Northgate, Crawley	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor R Sharma	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	29	CR/2015/0188/FUL Ifield Sports and Social Club, Ifield Green, Ifield, Crawley	Personal Interest – Knows the applicant
Councillor P C Smith	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	27	CR/2015/0020/FUL Gatwick 23, Gatwick Road, Northgate, Crawley	Personal Interest – Board Member for Manor Royal Business Group
Councillor P C Smith	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	30	CR/2015/0393/RG3 Queens Square, Northgate, Crawley	Personal Interest – Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development
Councillor M Stone	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	28	CR/2015/0041/FUL Land at Keepers Cottage, Brighton Road, Tilgate, Crawley	Personal Interest – Knows the applicant
Councillor J Tarrant	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	28	CR/2015/0041/FUL Land at Keepers Cottage, Brighton Road, Tilgate, Crawley	Personal Interest – Knows the applicant
Councillor G Thomas	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	28	CR/2015/0041/FUL Land at Keepers Cottage, Brighton Road, Tilgate, Crawley	Personal Interest – Knows the applicant
Councillor G Thomas	8(1)(a)	Development Control 3 August 2015 Minute 14	29	CR/2015/0188/FUL Ifield Sports and Social Club, Ifield Green, Ifield, Crawley	Personal interest – CBC Representative on the Ifield Village Conservation Area Advisory Committee
Councillor R D Burrett	8(1)(d)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 7 September 2015 Minute 38	46	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC)	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.

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Councillor B A Smith	8(1)(d)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 7 September 2015 Minute 38	46	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC)	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor R D Burrett	8(1)(e)	Cabinet 9 September 2015 Minute 28	53	Your Energy Sussex (Formerly Sussex Energy Saving Partnership) and the Installation of PV to Crawley Homes Properties	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor B A Smith	8(1)(e)	Cabinet 9 September 2015 Minute 28	53	Your Energy Sussex (Formerly Sussex Energy Saving Partnership) and the Installation of PV to Crawley Homes Properties	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor B J Burgess	8(1)(f)	Development Control 21 September 2015 Minute 24	60	CR/2015/0345/RG3 High Street, Northgate, Crawley	Personal - Member of Crawley Cycling Forum
Councillor P C Smith	8(1)(f)	Development Control 21 September 2015 Minute 24	61	CR/2015/0435/FUL Land parcel at Jersey Farm, County Oak Way, Langley Green, Crawley	Personal – Member of the Manor Royal Business District Board
Councillor G Thomas	8(1)(f)	Development Control 21 September 2015 Minute 24	60	CR/2015/0345/RG3 High Street, Northgate, Crawley	Personal - Member of Crawley Cycling Forum
Councillor G Thomas	8(1)(f)	Development Control 21 September 2015 Minute 24	62	CR/2015/0509/NCC Crawley Baptist Church, Crabtree Road, West Green, Crawley	Personal – previously spoken to members and applicant from Crawley Baptist Church
Councillor W A Ward	8(1)(f)	Development Control 21 September 2015 Minute 24	62	CR/2015/0509/NCC Crawley Baptist Church, Crabtree Road, West Green, Crawley	Personal – previously spoken to members and applicant from Crawley Baptist Church
Councillor R D Burrett	8(1)(h) and 9	Governance 28 September 2015 Minute 12	69	Overview and Scrutiny Commission Membership Options for the Chair and Vice Chair	Personal Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor R D Burrett	8(1)(h)	Governance 28 September 2015 Minute 13	70	West Sussex County Council Electoral Boundary Review	Personal Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.

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Councillor D G Crow	8(1)(h)	Governance 28 September 2015 Minute 13	70	West Sussex County Council Electoral Boundary Review	Personal Interest as he was a West Sussex County Councillor
Councillor M G Jones	8(1)(h)	Governance 28 September 2015 Minute 13	70	West Sussex County Council Electoral Boundary Review	Personal Interest as he was a West Sussex County Councillor
Councillor P K Lamb	8(1)(h)	Governance 28 September 2015 Minute 13	70	West Sussex County Council Electoral Boundary Review	Personal Interest as he was a West Sussex County Councillor
Councillor B A Smith	8(1)(h)	Governance 28 September 2015 Minute 13	70	West Sussex County Council Electoral Boundary Review	Personal Interest as he was a West Sussex County Councillor
Dr B Jones	8(1)(h)	Governance 28 September 2015 Minute 14	71	Amendments to the Constitution following the Introduction of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015	Personal Interest as an Appointed Independent Person.
Mr P Nicolson	8(1)(h)	Governance 28 September 2015 Minute 14	71	Amendments to the Constitution following the Introduction of the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015	Personal Interest as an Appointed Independent Person.
Councillor Dr H S Bloom	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 51	94	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest – Wife is a Trustee of Crawley Community Voluntary Service
Councillor C A Cheshire	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 51	94	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest - Patient Representative of Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group
Councillor C A Cheshire	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 51	94	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest – Trustee of Crawley Community Transport
Councillor C A Cheshire	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 51	94	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest – Trustee of Crawley Community Voluntary Service

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Councillor K Sudan	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 51	94	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal interest - CBC Representative for Relate
Councillor L Vitler	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 51	94	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal interest – work in Mental Health Wellbeing Services.
Councillor L Vitler	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 51	94	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal interest – attends Young Crawley Children & Families C CVS Forum.
Councillor R D Burrett	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 53	95	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC)	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor B A Smith	8(1)(i)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 5 October 2015 Minute 53	95	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC)	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor Dr H S Bloom	8(1)(j)	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 41	99	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest – Wife is a Trustee of Crawley Community Voluntary Service
Councillor C A Cheshire	8(1)(j)	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 41	99	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest - Patient Representative of Crawley Clinical Commissioning Group
Councillor C A Cheshire	8(1)(j)	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 41	99	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest – Trustee of Crawley Community Transport
Councillor C A Cheshire	8(1)(j)	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 41	99	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest – Trustee of Crawley Community Voluntary Service
Councillor R A Lanzer	8(1)(j)	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 41	99	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal Interest – Member of Central & South Sussex Citizens' Advice Bureau
Councillor K Sudan	8(1)(j)	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 41	99	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal interest - CBC Representative for Relate

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Councillor L Vitler	8(1)(j)	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 41	99	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal interest – work in Mental Health Wellbeing Services.
Councillor L Vitler	8(1)(j)	Cabinet 7 October 2015 Minute 41	99	Fairness Commission Scrutiny Panel Final Report	Personal interest – attends Young Crawley Children & Families C CVS Forum
Councillor R D Burrett	10(d)			Notice of Motion	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor D G Crow	10(d)			Notice of Motion	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor M G Jones	10(d)			Notice of Motion	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor P K Lamb	10(d)			Notice of Motion	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor R A Lanzer	10(d)			Notice of Motion	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor B A Smith	10(d)			Notice of Motion	Personal interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.