

# 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 16 December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

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### **Duration of the Meeting**

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

## **Business - Part A**

### **1. Death of Former Councillor June Clay**

The Mayor will formally advise the Full Council of the death of former Councillor and Mayor June Clay who sadly passed away on 27 November 2015.

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

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

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **3. Members' Disclosures of Interest**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to declare interests where appropriate.

### **4. Communications**

To receive and consider any announcements or communications.

### **5. Public Question Time**

To answer public questions under Council Procedure Rule 9. The questions must be on matters which are relevant to the functions of the Council, and should not include statements.

One supplementary question from the questioner will be allowed.

Up to 30 minutes is allocated to Public Question Time.

### **6. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 21 October 2015. (The minutes are on pages 1 to 21 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 – 12 October 2015.
  - (b) Licensing Committee – 4 November 2015.
  - (c) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 9 November 2015.
  - (d) Development Control Committee – 10 November 2015.
  - (e) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 30 November 2015.
  - (f) Audit Committee – 1 December 2015.
  - (g) Cabinet – 2 December 2015.  
Including Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 relating to Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2015/2016, Crawley 2030: Crawley Borough Local Plan 2015 – 2030, and Affordable Housing Delivery Programme: Budget Approvals.
  - (h) Development Control Committee – 7 December 2015. **(To Follow)**.  
Including Recommendation 4 relating to the Protocol on Public and Ward Member Involvement in the Planning Process and Speaking at Development Control Committee.
- (2) To adopt the recommendations to full Council, which have not been reserved for debate.

## **9. Reserved Items**

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

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

## **10. Notice of Motion**

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

### **“Housing and Planning Bill**

This council notes:

- That the Housing and Planning Bill is currently being debated in Parliament, and if passed would threaten the provision of affordable homes for rent and buy through:

- forcing 'high-value' council homes to be sold on the open market;
  - extending the right-to-buy to housing association tenants; and
  - undermining section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes.
- That there is no commitment in the Bill that affordable homes will be replaced like-for-like in Crawley.
    - That while measures to help first-time buyers are welcome, the 'starter homes' proposals in the Bill will be unaffordable to families and young people on ordinary incomes in Crawley; will not preserve the taxpayer investment; and will be built at the expense of genuinely affordable homes to rent and buy.
    - That the Bill undermines localism by taking 32 new wide and open-ended powers for the Secretary of State over councils and local communities, including the ability to override local plans, to mandate rents for social tenants, and to impose a levy on stock-holding councils, violating the terms of the housing revenue account self-financing deal.
    - That the Bill, while introducing some welcome measures to get to grips with rogue landlords, does not help with the high rents, poor conditions and insecurity affecting many of England's 11m private renters – including one in four families with children – and does nothing to help arrest the recent rise in homelessness.

This council resolves to ask the Cabinet:

- To analyse and report on the likely impact of the forced sale of council homes, the extension of right-to-buy and the 'starter homes' requirement on the local availability of affordable homes.
- To analyse and report on any further likely impacts of the Bill on Crawley.
- To use this information to:
  - support the Leader of the Council in writing to the Secretary of State with our concerns about the Bill;
  - set up an urgent meeting between the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive with Henry Smith MP to raise our concerns;
  - make public our concerns, including by publishing the above information on the CBC website and promoting through the Crawley Local Papers.”

## **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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