

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 24 February 2016 at 7.30 p.m.**

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Business - Part A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. 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.

3. Communications

To receive and consider any announcements or communications.

4. 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.

5. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 16 December 2015. (The minutes are on pages 1 to 21 in the Book of Minutes Report, which Members will have before them).

6. 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.

7. 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 – 4 January 2016.
 - (b) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 11 January 2016.
 - (c) Licensing Committee – 12 January 2016.
 - (d) Governance Committee – 18 January 2016
 - (e) Development Control Committee – 1 February 2016.
 - (f) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 8 February 2016.
 - (g) Cabinet – 10 February 2016.
Including Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 relating to the 2016/2017 Budget and Council Tax and the Notice of Precept (circulated separately) and the Treasury Management Strategy 2016/2017.
- (2) To adopt the recommendations to full Council, which have not been reserved for debate.

8. Reserved Items

To deal with items reserved for debate including any recommendations which have been identified by Members under Agenda Item 6.

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

9. Notice of Motion

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

“Tilgate Golf Course is a premier golf course and, as a popular leisure facility in Crawley, is a great asset for the town. Due to its woodland and heathland habitat, the golf course is also an important habitat for wildlife and is a popular area for walking on its footpaths and public rights of way.

On the 8th of February 2016, local councillors from Furnace Green and Tilgate visited the golf course for the first time in 2016 and were shocked at the sheer volume of tree felling. This has left behind an unsightly mess and has damaged footpaths and public rights of ways. This has taken place under the woodland management plan of the golf course operator.

Local councillors welcome that the operator has agreed to a site visit with a group of local residents who regularly walk on the paths through the golf course, to identify any areas of concern for the second phase of the work in the southern half of the golf course and any remedial work needed to reinstate access to existing damaged areas, but feel that as the landowner, Crawley Borough Council should have a greater oversight of the work and its

impact. Therefore, the Council instructs the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing to meet with the golf course operator with a view to;

1. Seeking sound assurances that the second phase of the woodland management plan is implemented in a much more sympathetic way to the natural environment than the first phase.
2. Ensuring that the damaged footpaths are returned to a usable condition as soon as is reasonably possible and the adjacent areas cleared, 10 metres either side; of any hazards, such as damaged overhanging branches and sharp broken stumps, as these pose a significant health and safety risk to users and their animals.
3. Identifying and protecting healthy mature trees from being felled in locations that do not have a detrimental effect on the playing of golf or do not have any negative impact on the management of the woodland.

The Council further requests that the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing maintains a dialogue with the golf course operator throughout the duration of the works and keeps members updated, as appropriate, with the implementation of the woodland management plan.”

10. Members’ Written Questions

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Questions to Committee Chairs

To answer questions to Committee Chairs.

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

14. Supplemental Agenda

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

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