

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 20 July 2016** at 7.30 p.m.

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Duration of the Meeting

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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. Presentation of Gifts to Former Members

The Mayor will present a gift to each of the following former Members of the Council, who have recently ceased to hold office, to commemorate their service to the Council:-

Colin Lloyd
Liam Marshall-Ascough
Bill Ward

With regard to former Councillors Keith Brockwell and Colin Moffatt, they have informed the Head of Legal and Democratic Services that they will be unable to attend this meeting, and alternative arrangements have been made in terms of the receipt of their gifts.

5. Presentation of Long Service Badges

The Mayor will present each of the following Members with a badge commemorating their long service as a Member of Crawley Borough Council:-

AWARD	NAME
30 Years	Councillor B A Smith
25 Years	Councillor Lanzer
10 Years	Councillor MeCrow

6. Public Question Time

To answer public questions under Council Procedure Rule 10. 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.

7. Appointment of Independent Person

In July 2012, The Council appointed 3 Independent Persons under Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 as follows:

Mr Peter Nicolson – 4 year term

Dr Barry Jones – 3 year term (extended in July 2015 by a further year)

Mr Andrew Timms – 2 year term

The Council currently has 2 independent persons (Mr Peter Nicolson and Dr Barry Jones), but the term of office of both these persons is due to end.

Of these two Independent Persons, Mr Peter Nicolson, has indicated that he is willing to serve a further term of office.

It will be moved by Councillor Stanley and seconded by Councillor Burrett (as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the Governance Committee):

- (1) That Mr Peter Nicolson be appointed as an Independent Person under section 28(7) of The Localism Act 2011 for a further term of office of three years.
- (2) That with Dr Barry Jones' role at this Council now ceasing, the Council's thanks and appreciation be conveyed to Dr Jones for the services he has provided to this Council.

(The Mayor will present a gift to Dr Jones to acknowledge his contribution to the Council's work).

8. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 27 May 2016. (The minutes are on pages 1 to 19 in the Book of Minutes Report, which Members will have before them).

9. 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.

10. 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 – 11 April 2016.
 - (b) Development Control Committee – 6 May 2016.
 - (c) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 6 June 2016.
 - (d) Planning Committee – 7 June 2016.
 - (e) Licensing Committee – 13 June 2016.
 - (f) Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 27 June 2016.
 - (g) Cabinet – 29 June 2016.
Including Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 relating to the Budget Strategy 2017/18 – 2021/22, the Financial Outturn 2015/16 and the Adoption of Crawley Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and Associated Documents.
 - (h) Planning Committee – 4 July 2016.

- (2) To adopt the recommendations to full Council, which have not been reserved for debate.

11. Reserved Items

To deal with items reserved for debate including any recommendations which have been identified by Members under Agenda Item 9.

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

12. Notices of Motion

- (a) To consider, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, the following Notice of Motion to be moved by Councillor Lunnon and seconded by Councillor Jones:-

“Crawley Borough Council calls on the Government to take whatever action it can to encourage the management of Southern Rail to put an end to the dreadful failure in service that Crawley residents and workers have been suffering recently.

The disruption damages both the economy and the personal lives of all who rely on the rail network, who pay good money and expect an acceptable quality of service for the price they pay.”

- (b) To consider, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, the following Notice of Motion to be moved by Councillor Sudan and seconded by Councillor Irvine:-

“This council notes with grave concern the Government’s plans (currently ‘on hold’) to introduce changes that will reduce the benefit entitlement for single people under 35 living in supported accommodation. At present, single people under 35 who live in supported accommodation are entitled to help with housing costs up to the ‘one bedroom rate’ (about £150 per week in this area).

If changes go ahead, the entitlement will be reduced to the ‘shared accommodation rate’, as currently applies to single people not occupying supported accommodation (around £80 per week in our area).

For young people, such as some care-leavers as well as others under 35, who are not ready or able to manage independent living, the higher rate paid enables organisations such as the YMCA and others, to provide a home and support for young people as they acquire the skills to manage independent living. Reducing the rate in the way proposed (by almost half) will significantly reduce the funds available to providers of supported accommodation. This is very likely to mean that they will no longer be able to continue providing a home and support for young people in the way they do now.

This Council resolves that:

Along with other local authorities, Crawley Borough Council welcomes the Government’s postponement of the introduction of these changes. We urge the Government to scrap these changes altogether as soon as possible, in order to end insecurity so that organisations can continue with the important work they do for our young people.”

13. Members’ Written Questions

To answer Members’ written questions under Council Procedure Rule 11.4.

14. 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.

15. Questions to Cabinet Members

To answer questions to Cabinet Members under Council Procedure Rule 11.2

Up to 15 minutes is allocated for questions to Cabinet Members.

16. Questions to Committee Chairs

To answer questions to Committee Chairs under Council Procedure Rule 11.3

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

17. Supplemental Agenda

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

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