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**Full Council**



**Supplementary Agenda – Order Paper**  
**Wednesday, 24 March 2021**

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**Chief Executive**

**MINUTE SILENCE**

There will be a minute silence at the start of the meeting, to allow a moment of reflection in honour of the Crawley residents that sadly died over the past year as a result of Covid-19 and also in honour of former Councillor David Barry who died recently.

<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosures of Interest</b>	<b>5 - 6</b>
	Enclosed are the Disclosures of Interests received in advance of this meeting.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>	
	There are no public questions submitted for Full Council to consider	
<b>9</b>	<b>Councillors' Questions Time</b>	<b>7 - 10</b>
	Enclosed are the Councillors' written questions along with the response to those Questions	
	Councillors have the opportunity to ask oral supplementary questions in relation to either of the methods above.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Receiving the Minutes of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Other Committees including Items for Debate</b>	<b>11 - 12</b>
	Enclosed are Items for Debate which are not Full Council Recommendations.	

**12 Conservative Amendment to Notice of Motion - Crawley's Peoples Future.**

**13 - 14**

Enclosed is the Conservative Notice of Motion - Crawley's Peoples Future to be moved by Councillor Crow and seconded by Councillor McCarthy.

This amendment will be discussed under item 8 – Notice of Motion - Crawley's Peoples Future.

***NOTE: The Mayor has agreed that, although this report and information was not available for at least five clear days before the meeting, there are special circumstances justifying its urgent consideration.***

### **INFORMATION ON 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 the Mayor will require the meeting to consider if it wishes to continue for a period of up to 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 of up to 30 minutes if required).*

*Should the vote be in favour of not continuing, there is a process for dealing with motions and recommendations which have not been dealt with within the two and a half hours, or at the expiry of any agreed extension(s). In these circumstances, such motions and recommendations will be deemed as formally moved and seconded (together with any amendments). No speeches will be allowed on these items and the vote will be taken in the usual way. If a recorded vote is called for during this process, it will be taken immediately. This process will also apply in instances where the Council is statutorily required to make a decision about any matter before a particular date.*

*During the process set out above, the only other motions which may be moved are that a matter be withdrawn or referred to an appropriate body or individual for decision or report. When all motions and recommendations have been dealt with, the Mayor will declare the meeting closed.*

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## Disclosures of Interest Received

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item and Minute</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Type and Nature of Disclosure</b>
Councillor R G Burgess	Community Grants Allocations (Minute 4)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – Council representative on Crawley Open House
Councillor R G Burgess	Community Grants Allocations (Minute 4)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – Crawley Festival committee member
Councillor R D Burrett	Community Grants Allocations (Minute 4)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – Trustee for Crawley Open House
Councillor RG Burgess	Proposed Extension of Crawley Air Quality Management Area Boundary (Minute 5)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – Ward member for Three Bridges
Councillor R D Burrett	West Sussex Health and Care in Housing Memorandum of Understanding (Minute 6)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor R D Burrett	West Sussex Health and Care in Housing Memorandum of Understanding (Minute 6)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – Trustee for Crawley Open House
Councillor R A Lanzer	"One Town" - Draft Crawley Economic Recovery Plan (Minute 7)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – WSCC Cabinet Member for Economy and Corporate Resources
Councillor R A Lanzer	Crawley Town Investment Plan - Draft Heads of Terms (Minute 7)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – WSCC Cabinet Member for Economy and Corporate Resources
Councillor R A Lanzer	Crawley Town Investment Plan - Draft Heads of Terms (Minute 7)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – Member of the Crawley Economic Recovery Task Force & Town Deal Board
Councillor R D Burrett	Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASC) (Minute 9)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 8 March 2021	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor R D Burrett	West Sussex Health and Care in Housing Memorandum of Understanding (Minute 6)	Cabinet 10 March 2021	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor R D Burrett	West Sussex Health and Care in Housing Memorandum of Understanding (Minute 6)	Cabinet 10 March 2021	Personal Interest - Trustee for Crawley Open House
Councillor Jhans	Proposed Extension of Crawley Air Quality Management Area Boundary (Minute 7)	Cabinet 10 March 2021	Personal Interest – Lives in a property that would be covered by the proposed AQMA

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Councillor Lamb	Proposed Extension of Crawley Air Quality Management Area Boundary (Minute 7)	Cabinet 10 March 2021	Personal Interest – Lives in a property boarding the proposed AQMA
Councillor R D Burrett	Community Grants Allocations (Minute 8)	Cabinet 10 March 2021	Personal Interest – Trustee for Crawley Open House

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## Councillors Written Questions and the Responses

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(Questions in *italics* and Answers in **RED**)

#### Questions to Councillor Lamb (The Leader of the Council) from Councillor Fiveash

##### 1) **Pandemic response.**

*I note your public statement that Crawley Borough Council has been working to “end the pandemic”.*

*Given that the only ways to end a pandemic are through a vaccine, herd immunity or a cure could you please clarify for the public what actions the council has taken under your leadership to “end the pandemic”?*

*I'm not aware of any public statement I've made to that effect. However, I did Tweet from my personal account: 'Every step of the way #Crawley Borough Council's attempts to end the pandemic locally have been hampered by the Government stopping us from getting data we needed on infections in our area >> Coronavirus report scathing on UK Government's handling of data' on the 15th March. This was one of a number of Tweets I made on that day from an account which clearly states in its bio 'Tweets in a personal capacity'. It is gratifying to note Cllr Fiveash is prepared to give up so much of his time to follow my every remark.*

*Unfortunately, the question cannot be answered in its current form, as it is built upon a logical fallacy. The question sets out that there are only three ways of ending the pandemic, attempting to infer that as such things are out of the hands of the local authority the council could not play a role in ending the pandemic. Like many logical fallacies, the error essentially involves discounting the potential for other possibilities than those which have provided, as is the case here. All the more puzzling here because the clue as to the error is contained within the question itself.*

*Why would a vaccine, herd immunity and a cure (which I only include here because it is in the initial list, not because it would actually help to end the pandemic, unless it were administered prior to the infected becoming infectious) help to end the pandemic? Because they limit the potential for the virus to be transmitted. So, we are faced with a simple question: are these three things the only things which might prevent a virus from being transmitted, to which we come to the obvious conclusion: no.*

*For viruses to survive they have to be spread and that requires humans to put them in contact with other humans. Prevent that from happening and there's no transmission, hence no pandemic. Lockdowns have been used precisely because they reduce the rate of transmission, with rates climbing once they are removed for the same reason. Reduce the rate of transmission to zero*

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*and you've essentially ended the pandemic. New Zealand has managed to maintain new cases numbers at essentially single digit levels since last April precisely through using such restrictions. It is in these efforts at limiting transmission that local authorities have, alongside the Police, played a major role on the ground in trying to end the pandemic, most significantly through the council's enforcement via environmental health officers and community wardens, getting the homeless housed to reduce the risk of transmission, implementing safety restrictions in the council's sheltered housing stock, implementing food and medicine deliveries for high-risk individuals, and through restrictions applied to the council's own facilities. In addition, the council have supported track and tracing, and vaccination efforts within the borough, albeit in a minor role.*

*Council officers have been through an incredibly tough year, with significant challenges yet to come. It would be nice for them to know that councillors recognise the considerable efforts they gone through to try to end the pandemic in Crawley, rather than their sacrifices being sneered at for the sake of petty politics.*

## **2) Adventure playgrounds.**

*The Council has decided to close the adventure playgrounds in Bewbush and Broadfield while keeping open for unsupervised play those in Langley Green and Furnace Green (despite Bewbush and Broadfield having a higher density of children and Furnace Green having Tilgate park available for unsupervised play for children).*

*The reason given by the Cabinet Member is that these two adventure playgrounds required £500k of refurbishments which the council cannot afford.*

*I notice that the Towns Fund plan includes £565k for "micro parks" in Manor Royal, presumably for the use of adults at work.*

*Will you commit to exploring the reallocation of this funding to the adventure playgrounds to facilitate their reopening*

*"The criteria for allocating Crawley Towns Fund plan monies are set by the government and not by the Council. As set out in their Towns Fund guidance the government requires Towns Fund monies to be spent on projects which help "to drive the sustainable economic regeneration of our towns for long-term economic and productivity growth".*

*The government has also confirmed that Towns Fund monies can be used to support economic recovery. This means projects that help directly to attract jobs and business investment and economic activity.*

*The Micro-Parks project has been identified by the Manor Royal BID and business community there as a priority project to help improve the Manor Royal environment to attract more businesses and jobs. The project has also been endorsed by the Crawley Town Deal Board. Also since the delivery body*



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*for the Micro-Parks project is the Manor Royal BID - it is not a Council initiative – the Council would also need the agreement of the Manor Royal BID and its Board to reallocate the funds.*

*Unfortunately, it would prove to be very difficult to argue that using Towns Fund monies on reopening adventure play grounds is an economic regeneration project. The Council cannot decide to allocate these funds unilaterally but would need to persuade the Crawley Town Deal Board and ultimately the government. I am not convinced your suggestion would meet the government's Towns Fund criteria".*

### **3) Transparency.**

*In my previous questions I asked if you believed that the removal of Councillors rights to "any document" in the possession or control of the leader or a cabinet member (regarding council decision making) from the constitution made the council more transparent.*

*In you answer you stated that the rule change from April 2020 did not "change the entitlement for Councillors" and that therefore "level of openness and transparent remains the same". You also said that "Prior to April 2020 Councillors were entitled to any formal documents" but this is obviously incorrect given the wording of the previous constitution.*

- i) *Could you please state that you understand the difference between "any document in your possession or control" and "a formal document" and set out what those differences are in your view?*

*The entitlement hasn't changed as "any document in your possession or control" meant any formal document covered under Access to Information Rules & Freedom of Information legislation, but this wasn't clear previously and was open to misinterpretation, as your question has shown. For this reason the wording was amended to read "formal document" to avoid any doubt and clear up any confusion.*

- ii) *Given the huge difference could you please state whether you believe that this change has made the council more transparent and open?*

*As the previous answer shows, this phraseology doesn't change the level of openness and transparency. Rather it clears up any ambiguity.*

### **Questions to Councillor Mullins (The Cabinet Member for Wellbeing) from Councillor Bob Burgess:**

1. *What was the total cost of installing the petanque pitch at West Green Park?*

*£4,715*

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2. *Since installation, what have been the maintenance costs each year?*

*Approximately £200 per annum*

3. *How many people in each of the years it has been in use have used the pitch? If no figures exist please provide an estimate.*

*The facility officially opened in October 2018. It is unsupervised with no requirement to book so no usage figures are collected. It is very difficult to estimate usage of such a facility. Anecdotally, use of the facility is infrequent however a new facility will often take time to establish and the Covid19 Pandemic will have inevitably hindered this over the past 12 months.*

4. *Are people wanting to use the facility able to hire the necessary equipment? If so, how much are the hiring costs?*

*Yes they can borrow equipment from Town Hall, free of charge.*

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## 10. Receiving the Minutes of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Other Committees including Items for Debate

Items for Debate which are not Full Council Recommendations

<b>Agenda Page no.</b>	<b>Committee/ Minute no.</b>	<b>Item</b>
p.68	Cabinet 10 March 2021 (Minute 7)  Conservative Group	Proposed Extension of Air Quality Management Area.

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### CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MOTION – CRAWLEY'S PEOPLES FUTURE

*Mover Councillor Crow and Seconder Councillor McCarthy*

*(Those words in **Bold** are proposed be added and  
the words **Red** and crossed through to be removed)*

Crawley's economy has been hit hard throughout the pandemic, largely (but not wholly) due to the hit taken by Aviation and related businesses. This council has done all it can to support the Town's economy in securing a thriving future – perhaps, for better or worse, less reliant on aviation.

Difficult decisions have had to be made and the need to focus on Crawley's economic recovery is justified. Difficult decisions will no doubt need to be made in the future and it is right that the focus has been on economic recovery because the well-being of Crawley's residents depends on it.

~~*But this works both ways. The work of the Social Mobility Scrutiny Panel showed that there is a gap in the standard of living between those who live in Crawley and those who live outside the Town and come here to work. Even before the pandemic, Crawley was a very expensive place to live because of high housing costs relative to income. It has long been recognised that there are many ways in which Crawley is not a healthy place to live. The work of that committee also highlighted that the poorer you are, the less likely you are to be able to be economically upwardly mobile and the more reliant you will be on the safety net that is provided by public services – services that are being cut.*~~

~~*The Towns' Fund is about 'levelling up'. Levelling up really means greater equality – narrowing the gap between the better and worse off. There is no dispute that Crawley has been severely affected by the pandemic and we know that the highest cost, both socially and financially, will be borne by the ordinary people of our Town. It is not enough to support business. For our people to thrive, we must keep the safety net intact by preserving, for now and for the future, the public services that the council provides.*~~

Just as the well-being of the people of our town depends on its economic well-being, our Town's economy needs Crawley people. Difficult decisions have been taken and will need to be taken in the future. Budgets are about prioritising, and this council resolves to ensure that the needs of Crawley people – those of us who live here and whose council tax has paid, and will continue to pay, the bills – remain paramount at every stage and at every level. We recognise that, in our efforts to make Crawley a

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nice, attractive place to work and do business, there is a danger of widening the divide between those who live here and those who come here to work.

~~In order to avoid this, t~~ This Council resolves to ensure that, whatever the future holds, ~~whatever we get — or don't get — from the Towns' fund or anywhere else,~~ the interests of Crawley people will **continue to** be paramount **and reaffirms its commitment to community engagement and public consultation.** ~~We resolve to do this by building on the knowledge and understanding that individual members have of our Town, and through proactively seeking, at every stage and at every level, the views of Trades Unions and community organisations of all kinds.~~

## **Proposed Amended Notice Of Motion – Crawley's Peoples Future, if approved, now read:**

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This Council resolves to ensure that, whatever the future holds, the interests of Crawley people will continue to be paramount and reaffirms its commitment to community engagement and public consultation.