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Full Council

Supplementary Agenda – Order Paper

Wednesday, 15 December 2021

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Chief Executive

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2 Disclosures of Interest	5 - 6
<p>Enclosed are the Disclosures of Interests received in advance of this meeting.</p>	
5 Public Question Time	
<p>There are no Councillors' written questions submitted in advance for Full Council to consider</p> <p>As stated in Full Council Procedure Rule 1.1-E, there will be up to 30 minutes allocated for Public Question Time.</p> <p>The questions must be on matters which are relevant to the functions of the Council, and should not include statements.</p> <p>One supplementary question from the questioner will be allowed.</p>	
8 Councillors' Questions Time	7 - 8
<p>Enclosed is the Councillors' written questions along with the response to those Questions</p> <p>There will be a maximum of 30 minutes for Councillors' Question Time (CQT). Councillors may ask questions relating to either a portfolio issue or with regard to the functions delegated to a Committee.</p>	

NOTE: The Deputy 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

Councillor	Item and Minute	Meeting	Type and Nature of Disclosure
Councillor R Lanzer	Budget Strategy 2022/23-2026-27 (Minute 4)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 22 November 2021	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor R Lanzer	Climate Emergency Action Plan (Minute 9)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 22 November 2021	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor R Lanzer	One Town – Crawley Economic Plan – Consultation Findings and Final Version (Minute 10)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 22 November 2021	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor P Smith	One Town – Crawley Economic Plan – Consultation Findings and Final Version (Minute 10)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 22 November 2021	Personal Interest – Local Authority Director of the Manor Royal Business Improvement District
Councillor P Smith	One Town – Crawley Economic Plan – Consultation Findings and Final Version (Minute 10)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 22 November 2021	Personal Interest – Board member of the Town Centre Business Improvement District
Councillor R A Lanzer	Crawley Innovation Centre – Draft Business Case (Minute 13)	Overview and Scrutiny Commission 22 November 2021	Personal Interest – Member of WSCC
Councillor P Smith	“One Town” - Crawley Economic Recovery Plan Consultation Findings and Final Version (Minute 12)	Cabinet 24 November 2021	Personal Interest – As Councillor P Smith is the Council’s representative to the Town Centre BID Board–
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Councillor P Smith	Crawley Innovation Centre – Draft Business Case (Minute 15)	Cabinet 24 November 2021	Personal Interest – As Councillor P Smith is the Council’s representative to the Manor Royal BID Board
Councillor Burrett	Planning application CR/2021/0243/FUL – Land East of Radford Road (and West of the Access Road to the Thames Sewerage Treatment Works), Radford Road, Crawley (Minute 4)	Planning Committee 30 November 2021	Personal Interest – had been approached by residents in his role as Councillor for Pound Hill North and Forge Wood to discuss the application site, but had expressed no view and remained impartial on the matter
Councillor Burrett	Section 106 Monies – Q4 2020/21 to Q2 2021/22 (Minute 5)	Planning Committee 30 November 2021	Personal Interest – Member of West Sussex County Council

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Councillors Written Questions and the Responses

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(Questions in *italics and Answers in RED*)

Questions to Councillor Jhans (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability) from Councillor Crow

The Council will shortly be going out to public consultation on its draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, which includes strengthening the code of conduct for drivers. In order to help gauge how the existing policy on the code of conduct is working:

- 1. During this council year so far, how many CBC licensed taxi drivers have been investigated by the Council for potential breeches of the Council's Taxi Licensing code of conduct?*
- 2. Of these if any, how many are resolved and how many are still being investigated?*
- 3. Of any resolved, what has been the outcome of those investigations?*

Response

The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (Draft) was released for consultation on Monday 13 December and concludes on 17 January 2022. All of the Trade will be written to, with the main Associations also emailed.

- 1. During this council year so far, how many CBC licensed taxi drivers have been investigated by the Council for potential breeches of the Council's Taxi Licensing code of conduct?*

01/04/2021 to date, there have been 52 complaints received in total.

43 related to individual drivers and the remaining 9 were in relation to Operators or vehicles associated with the same.

19 of the matters have been taken forward as formal matters requiring further intervention.

- 2. Of these if any, how many are resolved and how many are still being investigated?*

Of the 19 cases, 9 have been resolved.

10 cases are still being investigated in order of risk and priority.

- 3. Of any resolved, what has been the outcome of those investigations?*

There have been five licence revocations (one "immediate") *

* All five licence revocations have been appealed at the Magistrates Court and awaiting court dates. In such cases the licensed driver with the immediate revocation

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cannot work as a licensed driver pending the outcome of the Magistrates Court hearing. The other four licensed drivers can work as licensed drivers pending the outcome of the Magistrates Court hearing.

There has been one refusal to renew a licence.

13 cases were issued either a warning letter or Penalty Points as per the Policy. Penalty Points remain on an individual's record for 12 months and drivers are actively monitored.

Additional information

Six licences have been revoked on medical grounds with immediate effect. This is outside of the information outlined above.