

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INFORMATION ITEM	Pages
1 Delegated Planning Decisions Delegated planning decisions for the period 17 December 2018 to 4 January 2019 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager: Development Management on 01293 438577.	5 - 10
2 Action Taken Under Delegated Powers: Calculation of Council Tax Base for 2019/20 Councillor Peter Lamb, as Leader of the Council, exercised delegated authority in accordance with the Constitution on the 19 December 2018 to approve the Council Tax Base for 2019/2020 as set out in the consideration report included in Councillors' Information Bulletin IB/954.	
3 Change to the Leader's Scheme of Delegation: Cabinet Member Portfolio Responsibilities The Leader has made the following change to the Cabinet Member Portfolio Responsibilities in his Scheme of Delegation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Responsibilities:</u> Delete specific delegations (1) and (2) and replace with the following: “The adoption of revised versions of the Local Development Scheme (LDS), including the adoption of associated planning documents and Supplementary Planning Documents as defined by the LDS.” Re-number the subsequent specific delegation accordingly. This change will take effect immediately and will be reflected in the Constitution when it is next updated.	



MyCrawley Self-Service Drop-In Session

The Council's new online self-service portal '[myCrawley](#)' was launched in July 2018.

Since then, over 3000 residents have signed up to manage their Council services online. This includes real-time information on waste and recycling collections and access to their Council Tax records and bills. The portal also provides personalised forms, so customer can request our services whenever and wherever they want to.

Councillors are invited to pop into Room 100 any time between 17:30 and 19:00 on Wednesday 23 January 2019 for a hands-on demonstration of the myCrawley portal. Councillors can also find out how many people have joined in the neighbourhoods they represent and hear about future plans.

Memorial Gardens Play Area

The Memorial Gardens Play Area refurbishment will be commencing in the Spring, providing an all new Town Centre Play facility. Tenders are currently out with Design proposals for the new play space due in very shortly.

During the winter months, prior to the installation of play equipment there will be a range of horticultural improvements undertaken by CBC patch teams. This work will include improvements to the grass areas and shrub beds adjacent to the play area and also the removal of unwanted vegetation surrounding the space. The work will improve the overall visual amenity, it will increase visibility and improve maintenance routines and will also assist in the management of rodent problems locally.

Following this will be the installation of new play equipment and park fencing with the new facility planned to open during the Summer this year. A high priority for the new play area is to ensure it is accessible to as wide a range of visitors as possible with 'Inclusive' play and particularly wheelchair access also being an important design goal for suppliers to meet.

Also forming part of this project is the relocation of the former Queens Square mosaic as well as the installation of a new drinking fountain, these features will be incorporated into the surrounding landscape design and will be installed at a similar time to the play equipment.

Mosaic Bench and Planter in the Memorial Gardens

The mosaic bench feature in the Memorial Gardens has unfortunately reached the end of its serviceable life and the structure will be removed shortly. The council is no longer able to meet the considerable repair and maintenance costs in its current condition. We are now investigating possible options for restoring or retaining parts of the mosaic.

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