

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

Wednesday, 7 October 2020

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<p>1 Delegated Planning Decisions</p> <p>Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 28 September 2020 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager: Development Management on jean.mcperson@crawley.gov.uk.</p>	5 - 6
<p>2 Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders</p> <p>The following documents are attached in relation to Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders. • London to Brighton Veteran Car Race (Appendix A). • Southgate Road, Southgate (Appendix B). • London Road, Northgate/Langley Green (Appendix C). • Beehive Ring Road, Northgate (cancellation) (Appendix D). 	7 - 18
<p>3 Planned Carriageway Resurfacing</p> <p>Information relating to planned carriageway resurfacing is attached.</p>	19 - 20
<p>4 Action Taken Under Delegated Powers: Rear of 9/11 Home Close, Pound Hill - Naming 3 Dwellings</p> <p>On 30 September 2020 Councillor Jhans, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability, approved the naming of the 3 dwellings to the rear of 9/11 Home Close, Pound Hill as set out in report PES/369 which was published on 22 September 2020 in Councillors' Information Bulletin IB/1046.</p>	



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Amended Virtual Committee Procedure Rules

The Democratic Services Manager (in light of the vacancy of Head of Legal, Democracy and HR) has taken a decision to approve amendments to the Virtual Licensing Sub-Committee. These amendments:

- Allow non-Committee members to join the Committee feed (paragraph 2.6)
- Include provisions for Block Voting at meetings of the Full Council (paragraph 10.4).
- Provide amended procedures to allow a meeting to continue without the need for an adjournment. This change has been put in place to reflect the upgraded capabilities of MS Teams Live (paragraph 11).
- Provide clarification that all recordings will be retained for 6 months (paragraph 12).

In line with the Virtual Committee Procedure Rules, this decision was taken in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governance Committee, the Leader of the Council (as Chair of the Cabinet and Cabinet Member with portfolio holder responsibility for Democratic Services) and the Leader of the Opposition.

A copy of the revised Virtual Committee Procedure Rules is attached. These revised Rules will take immediate effect and the revised Procedure Rules will be added to the Constitution when it is next published.

Constitution Update: Interim Arrangements for the post of Head of Legal, Democracy and HR

The Constitution has been amended to reflect the current arrangements put in place in light of the vacancy in the position of Head of Legal, Democracy and HR.

Several sections have been amended to specifically reflect the interim arrangements. In particular the Officer Responsibilities and Decision-Making section has been updated to mirror interim responsibilities and Councillors' attention is drawn to these interim delegations:

Post	Designation
Democratic Services Manager	Monitoring Officer (Interim)
Legal Services Manager	Council's Solicitor
Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Monitoring Officer at Horsham DC	Data Protection Officer
Head of Community Services	Senior Responsible Officer for RIPA and Surveillance Matters

The Introduction to the Constitution states that whilst a vacancy remains for the position of Head of Legal, Democracy and HR, any references to this post are to be replaced by the Chief Executive (or Monitoring Officer or

Council's Solicitor) as necessary.

The [updated Constitution](#) is available on the Council's website.

7 **Budget Consultation**

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Information is attached for Councillors only.

8 **Tilgate Park Play Area Refurbishment**

Work has started on the new children's play area at Tilgate Park.

The removal of the current equipment began last week, this is being followed by the preparation of the area for new play equipment to be installed over the winter.

A security fence around the play area has been installed and notices informing the public of the works are displayed on site.

The new play area will open in spring 2021.

9 **Press Releases**

Press releases are available at www.crawley.gov.uk/news

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DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were issued, subject to conditions, under delegated powers for the period 28/09/2020 and 02/10/2020

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Date of Decision	Decision
CR/2020/0089/FUL	76 DOWER WALK, GOSSOPS GREEN, CRAWLEY	Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, and two storey side extension	30 September 2020	REFUSE
CR/2020/0285/TPO	36 HEATHFIELD, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Oak in front garden – reduce western aspect of crown extending towards no. 38 and 36 by 2.5m; reduce southern aspect of crown extending towards no. 40 by 2.5m; reduce height and eastern aspect of crown by 2m; remove stem growth up to crown break. All cuts to appropriate growth points (amended description)	30 September 2020	CONSENT
CR/2020/0322/TPO	46 HOLLYBUSH ROAD, NORTHGATE, CRAWLEY	Oak 1 (left of drive) – reduce height and crown radius by 1.5m to appropriate growth points (amended description) Oak 2 (right of drive) – reduce height and crown radius by 1.5m to appropriate growth points (amended description)	2 October 2020	CONSENT
CR/2020/0336/TPO	20 VANCOUVER DRIVE, LANGLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY	T1 Ash: lateral prune south west canopy towards house by 2-3m to appropriate pruning points and crown lift to 4m from ground level to mitigate some encroachment and light restriction issues	30 September 2020	CONSENT
CR/2020/0352/TPO	39 MOUNT CLOSE, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Oak tree – reduce height and crown radius by 1.5m to appropriate growth points (amended description)	30 September 2020	CONSENT
CR/2020/0364/TPO	18 VANCOUVER DRIVE, LANGLEY GREEN, CRAWLEY	T1 Oak - cut back boundary overhang by up to 3 metres to remove overhang to	30 September 2020	CONSENT

Application Number	Location	Proposal	Date of Decision	Decision
		garden and manage the trees crown within proximity to surroundings		
CR/2020/0389/FUL	93 HEATHFIELD, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Erection of a single storey side extension to provide disabled w/c and entrance lobby	28 September 2020	PERMIT
CR/2020/0486/192	28 ST MARYS DRIVE, POUND HILL, CRAWLEY	Certificate of lawfulness for demolition of rear kitchen extension and erection of new single storey rear extension with pitch roof	2 October 2020	PERMIT
CR/2020/0516/TCA	6 BATEMAN COURT, FORESTFIELD, FURNACE GREEN, CRAWLEY	Ash - raise crown by 2 metres and trim height by 30% Oak - raise crown by 2 metres and trim height by 30%	29 September 2020	NO OBJECTION

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The following documents are attached in relation to Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders:

- London to Brighton Veteran Car Race (Appendix A).
- Southgate Road, Southgate (Appendix B).
- London Road, Northgate/Langley Green (Appendix C).
- Beehive Ring Road, Northgate (cancellation) (Appendix D).

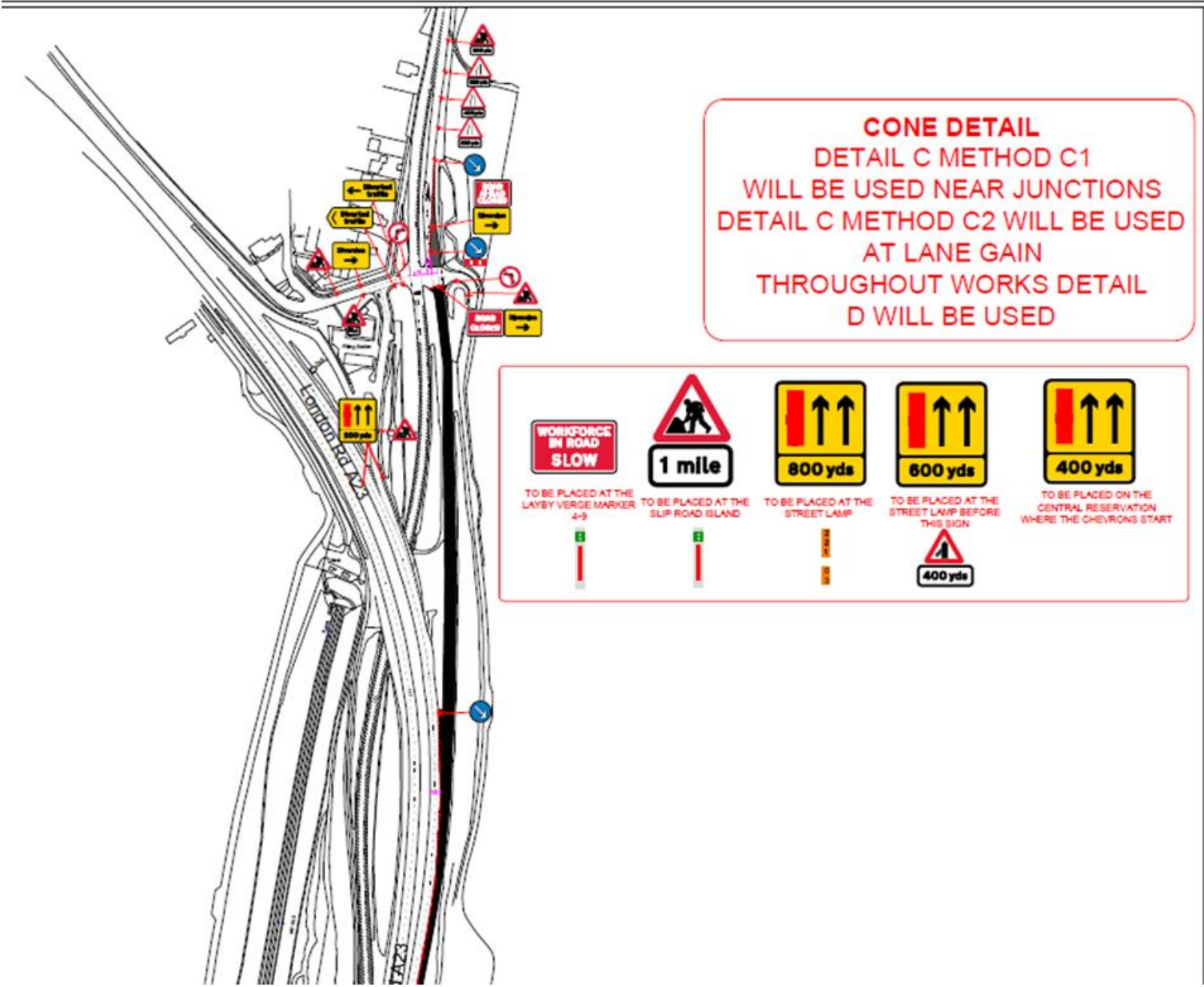
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Please be advised that West Sussex County Council has received a request for Temporary Traffic Regulation as follows.

Road Names	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cuckfield Road, B2214, Hammer Hill 2. High Street, B2036, Cuckfield 3. London Road, A273, Stonepound Crossroads, Hassocks 4. Clayton Hill, A273, Pyecombe 5. Ban on Right Turn from London Road, Pyecombe onto Clayton Hill Southbound, Pyecombe
Village / Town / Parish	As above
Specific Location	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hammer Hill - Cuckfield (B2114). Northbound road closure from junction with Rose Cottage Lane (B2114) to junction with B2115 Sloughgreen Lane. One way order southwards. 2. Cuckfield - High Street, B2036. Northbound road closure from junction of Leyton Lea to junction of Broad Street. High Street open Southbound to vet cars and public traffic. One way order southwards. 3. Stonepound Crossroads, Hassocks - London Road, A273. Temporary order to allow accredited traffic marshals to give priority passage to southbound veteran cars at traffic lights. 4. Clayton Hill (A273). Northbound road closure from junction of A273 Clayton Hill and B2112 New Road, southwards to a point 20 metres North of entrance to Pyecombe Golf Club. One way order southwards. 5. Ban on Right Turn from London Road, Pyecombe onto Clayton Hill Southbound, Pyecombe
Type of TTRO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary one-way southbound 2. Temporary one-way southbound 3. Temporarily allow accredited marshals to stop traffic 4. Temporary one-way southbound

	5. Ban on Right Turn. Please see below TM Plan. Section 16 TTRO	
Reason for TTRO	To allow veteran cars and accredited event vehicles safe passage	
Proposed start date/Time	Date: 01/11/20	Time: 06:30
Proposed End date/Time	Date: 01/11/20	Time: 17:00
The restriction will be effective	Day-time only from 06:30 to 17:00	
Diversion route (if applicable)	Signed on site at each location	
Access arrangements	Emergency, Pedestrian and Residential Vehicular access to be maintained at all times	
Applicant name	Goose Live Events Ltd	
Applicant contact tel number	01483 524400	
Any other details		

The application is currently being processed, please be aware that the details are subject to change.



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Traffic Management Notes

- 1) All temporary traffic management shall be in accordance with chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual 2009.
- 2) All temporary traffic management shall be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016
- 3) All temporary traffic management shall conform to the Safety at Street Works and Road Works, a code of Practice 2013.
- 4) All temporary traffic management signs should be located 450mm minimum from the kerb face.
- 5) All temporary traffic management sign locations are indicative and are subject to a on-site approval from the Engineer.

This drawing has been produced for the specific client and project identified below and is not intended for use by any other person or for any other purpose (c) Priority TM Ltd
 This drawing is a representation of the traffic management systems, which must be installed by qualified personnel. Distances between signs may NOT be to scale for purposes of clarity. On installations Taper Lengths, Safety Zones, Minimum Visibility to first sign & Minimum size of Signs & Cones will conform to Chp8 Guidelines for the speed of the road.

KEY

- Works /Excavation
- Safety zone
- 1m Road cones
- Welfare
- Traffic Head
- Aspect of sign view
- Pedestrian barrier
- Pedestrian walkway
- Stop and Go sign
- Road runner barrier
- No Parking cones

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary closure of Southgate Road, Crawley, 19th October 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from the date specified below, West Sussex County Council has temporarily closed to all traffic Southgate Road, in the Crawley District (B) under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, on Southgate Road for a distance approx 52 metres

The temporary closure is scheduled to commence on 19th October 2020 for up to 5 days (It is estimated to be completed on 19th October 2020) and is required for the safety of the public and workforce while UK Power Networks undertakes 24hr Road Closure between the junctions with Brighton Road to Malthouse Lane with works taking place outside No.3 to install a new electricity supply for a customer

The restriction will be in place **24hrs**

An alternative route will be signed on site but please visit <https://one.network/?tm=118575381> for more details.

Access for emergency service vehicles and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure.

For information regarding this closure please contact UK Power Networks on 07929049616 who will be able to assist with scope of these works.

Dated: 9th September 2020

Matt Davey

Director of Highways, Transport and Planning

West Sussex County Council

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Please be advised that West Sussex County Council has received a request for Temporary Traffic Regulation as follows:

Road Name	London Road	
Village/Town/Parish	Crawley	
Specific Location	London Road Northbound and Southbound, Crawley	
Reason for TTRO	24hr Speed Restriction between the Airport Roundabout to the County Oak Roundabout in conjunction with the sinage works being undertaken at Lowfield Heath Rounabout	
Proposed Start Date / Time	Date: 7th December 2020	Time: 07:30
Proposed End Date / Time	Date: 18th December 2020	Time: 17:30
The restriction will be effective	24 hours	
Access arrangements	Access maintained for emergency services, residents and pedestrians	
Applicant name	West Sussex County Council	
Applicant contact tel number	01798 872555	
Any other details	For more information about this proposed TTRO please visit: https://one.network/?tm=118853661	

The application is currently being processed and you will be advised further when details are confirmed.

Yours faithfully,

West Sussex County Council

Streetworks Team

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Please be advised that West Sussex County Council has received a request for Temporary Traffic Regulation as follows:

Road Name	Beehive Ring Road	
Village/Town/Parish	Crawley	
Specific Location	Beehive Ring Road, Crawley	
Reason for TTRO	Road Closure from the junctions with Airport Roundabout to Airport Way Services Roundabout with works taking place at the junction Beehive Ring Road to allow access underground structure for new fibre connection	
Proposed Start Date / Time	Date: 18th December 2020	Time: 09:30
Proposed End Date / Time	Date: 18th December 2020	Time: 15:30
The restriction will be effective	24 hours	
	Day-time only from (time) 09:30 to (time) 15:30	
	Night-time only from (time) 09:30 (time) 15:30	
Access arrangements	Access maintained for emergency services, residents and pedestrians	
Applicant name	BT	
Applicant contact tel number	03700500792	
Any other details	For more information about this proposed TTRO please visit: https://one.network/?tm=118452390	

The application is currently being processed and you will be advised further when details are confirmed.

Yours faithfully,

West Sussex County Council

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Please be advised that the below roads are due to be closed on the dates and times specified for planned carriageway resurfacing. An alternative route for traffic will be signed on site. Please note that these works are weather dependant, we will endeavour to inform you should there be significant changes to the programme.

This road closure is covered by the 14.1 order made on 25th September 2020.

Road Name	Town	Date From	Date To	No of shifts	Timing of Closure
Balcombe Road	CRAWLEY	26/10/2020	30/10/2020	5	Nights (20:00-06:00)
A23 London Road Northbound (South of Terminal B to Surrey Border)	CRAWLEY	09/11/2020	21/11/2020	10	Nights (20:00-06:00)

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VIRTUAL COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULES

1. SCOPE OF THESE RULES

- 1.1. These Rules apply to all Committee and Sub-Committee meetings of the Council including Full Council, Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission, and Scrutiny Panels and must be read in conjunction with the General Committee Procedure Rules.
- 1.2. The Licensing Sub-Committee Procedure Rules have been rewritten to include the ability to hold Sub-Committee hearings virtually, but regard should still be paid to these Rules when operating Sub-Committee Hearings.

2. OVERVIEW

- 2.1. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations came into force on 4 April 2020. These Regulations allow the Council to hold its Council and Committee meetings virtually until 7 May 2021. Committees can be run wholly virtually, or partly virtually and partly in physical form. If any part of a meeting is held virtually then the Virtual Committee Procedure Rules shall apply and take precedence over the General Committee Procedure Rules.
- 2.2. Virtual Committee meetings will be held through Microsoft Teams Live Events and broadcast via the Council's website. Members of the public and press can view a meeting via a link which will appear on the Committee page of the website 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting.
- 2.3. Agendas for Committee meetings will be published via the Council's website in line with normal procedure.
- 2.4. In order for Councillors to be able to attend meetings of the Council remotely, they need not be physically present, provided they are able to hear and be heard by (and where practicable, see and be seen by) other Committee members and members of the public attending remotely or in person.
- 2.5. At the commencement of a meeting the Chair will ask Committee members in turn (alphabetically) to confirm their attendance. This is to ensure that communication between the Chair, Committee, and officers is working correctly and that the meeting is quorate.
- 2.6. Councillors who are members of the Committee or who are presenting a report will receive a link to join the Committee feed. All non-Committee members are also entitled to join the Committee feed and as such may request to join that feed by contacting Democratic Services prior to the start of the meeting; those Councillors will then be dialled into the Committee feed in advance of the meeting. Non-Planning Committee members who have submitted a representation on a planning application as a Ward Councillor must follow the above procedure. Non-Committee members wishing to view discussions relating to exempt or confidential information (Part B items) may only do so through the Committee feed.

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NB: For record purposes any non-Committee members present at the meeting (via the Committee feed) will be announced by either the Chair or the Democratic Services Officer. It will be taken that such Councillors do not have any disclosures of interest unless indicated by the Councillor themselves.

- 2.7. Connection issues may nullify Committee members' entitlements to vote on agenda items. See sections 9 (Adjournments) and 10 (Voting).

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 3.1. There will no in-person public question time (PQT) at any Council meeting while virtual Committee meetings are being held.
- 3.2. Public questions to Committees can instead be submitted in writing by **noon two days*** in advance of the meeting by emailing [democratic.services@crawley.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@ Crawley.gov.uk) with the exception of the Full Council where the questions must be submitted by **noon one week**** before the meeting.
- 3.3. There are to be **no** written public questions allowed for Planning Committee, Licensing Sub-Committee or Scrutiny Panel meetings.
- 3.4. All accepted public questions will be published within a supplementary agenda.
- 3.5. Written public questions will be read out (normally by the Chair or by the Democratic Services Officer) during the allocated time at a meeting and will be followed by a response. A written copy of the response will be included within the minutes of that meeting and the questioner will receive an emailed copy of the response given at the meeting. There will be no supplementary questions.

Rules Governing Written Public Questions

- 3.6. The Monitoring Officer shall have the final say as to whether any question received meets the following criteria.
- 3.7. For ordinary meetings of the **Overview and Scrutiny Commission, Audit Committee, Governance Committee and Licensing Committee** the following rules apply to the written question:
- a) The question must be received by **noon two days*** before the scheduled date of the meeting.
 - b) The question should be relevant to any item on the agenda.
 - c) The question must **not** relate to an individual case which should be dealt with under the Council's Complaints Procedure or any other formal appeals procedure.
 - d) The question must **not** be, in essence, the same as a question which has been put to that Committee in the past 6 months.
 - e) The question must **not** be more than 100 words long.
 - f) The Chair of the Committee, at their discretion, may answer the question or invite other Committee members or officers to respond.

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3.8. For the **Cabinet** the following rules apply to the written question:

- a) The question must be received by **noon two days*** before the scheduled date of the meeting.
- b) The question should be relevant to the functions of the Cabinet.
- c) The question must **not** relate to an individual case which should be dealt with under the Council's Complaints Procedure or any other formal appeals procedure.
- d) The question must **not** be, in essence, the same as a question which has been put to the Cabinet in the past 6 months.
- e) The question must **not** be more than 100 words long.
- f) The Leader may answer the question or invite the most relevant Cabinet Member(s) or an officer present to respond.

**For example, "noon two days before the meeting" means that questions must be received by noon on Monday for a meeting held on the Wednesday of that week.*

3.9. For **Full Council** the following rules apply to the written question, based on the *Public Written Questions* section set out in the current *Full Council Procedure Rules*:

- a) A question will normally be put to either:
 - The Mayor.
 - A Cabinet Member.
 - The Chair of any Committee.
- b) The question must be received by **noon one week**** before the scheduled date of the meeting.
- c) Where possible, the questions and answers will be published in advance of the meeting via a supplementary agenda on the Council's website.
- d) The Monitoring Officer may reject a question if, in their opinion, it:
 - Is a statement and not a question.
 - Does **not** relate to an issue for which the Council holds responsibility, or which specifically affects the Borough.
 - Is defamatory, frivolous or offensive.
 - Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information or relates directly to an individual's personal circumstances.
 - Is substantially the same as a question which has been put to a meeting of the Council in the past 6 months.
 - Relates to a specific planning or licensing application.
 - In the case of a written question, it has not been submitted before the defined deadline or is more than 100 words long.

***For example, questions must be received by **noon** on Wednesday for a meeting held on the following Wednesday.*

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4. PUBLIC SPEAKING RIGHTS

- 4.1. There are no public speaking rights at any virtual Committees or Sub-Committees with the exception of the Licensing Sub-Committee or at a meeting of the Cabinet or Full Council in respect of a presentation of a petition by the principal petitioner.

Planning Committee

- 4.2. There will be no right to speak at a virtually held Planning Committee meeting. Instead the applicant, anyone who has submitted a valid written representation on an application, the local Ward Borough Councillors, or any other elected individual (as defined in the Speaking at Planning Committee Procedure Rules (SPCPR)) has the ability to submit a further statement for consideration by the Planning Committee. This replaces the ability to address the Committee during consideration of the application as detailed in the SPCPR.
- 4.3. People wishing to submit a statement must have emailed their statement to [democratic.services@crawley.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@ Crawley.gov.uk) no later than **noon two days*** before the Committee meeting.
- 4.4. The document must be in a Microsoft Word or PDF format, may contain images, and must be no more than 1½ A4 sheets of text and a further 1½ A4 sheets of images. Presentations will not be accepted. Statements will be read out at the Planning Committee meeting (normally by the Chair or by the Democratic Services Officer) and will be allocated a maximum of 3 minutes each.
- 4.5. To try to align with the current SPCPR a limited number of statements will be accepted per application and they will be accepted on a first come, first served basis:
- 3x Objectors (including Objectors on behalf of a group)
 - 3x Applicant, Agent or Supporters, including relevant Cabinet Member/s
 - Ward Borough Councillors
 - Any other elected individual.
- 4.6. The order in which the statements will be presented to the Committee will be as set out in paragraph 6 (Order of Speaking and Time Allocation) of the SPCPR.

**For example, “noon two days before the meeting” means that statements must be received by noon on Monday for a meeting held on the Wednesday of that week.*

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

- 5.1. Members of the public and press may only be excluded either in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules relating to exclusion on the grounds of exempt or confidential information (Part B items) or Rule 17 (Disturbance by Public) of the Full Council Procedure Rules/General Committee Procedure Rules.
- 5.2. Any agenda item that requires exclusion of the public under the Access to Information Procedure Rules will be taken as the final item on the agenda. The live stream will be ended for the public and press, and the meeting will continue privately.
- 5.3. Any Committee member participating in a private session of a meeting is required to ensure that that part of the meeting cannot be seen or heard by any other person at their remote location. It is recommended that headphones are worn for such items.

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6. COUNCILLORS' CONDUCT AT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

The general requirements of the Code of Conduct for Councillors still apply. Particular attention should be paid to the following.

- 6.1. Every Councillor present at the meeting shall:
 - a) Treat others with courtesy and respect.
 - b) Conduct themselves in a way which does not cause offence to others or limit in any way others' ability to participate at the meeting.
 - c) Only speak when called on by the Chair or speak through the Chair.
 - d) Be mindful of the background of their video stream as it will be shown throughout the duration of the meeting. Backgrounds should be blurred or a Council-branded background used whenever possible.
 - e) Ensure that there will be no visible or audible disturbances.
 - f) Log on to a meeting individually and not share a screen.
 - g) Notify the Chair or the Democratic Services Officer if they need to leave the meeting, want to raise a procedural motion or are having technical difficulties.
- 6.2. When the Chair speaks during a debate, any Councillor speaking must stop and mute themselves.
- 6.3. If a Committee member wishes to speak during a meeting, they should indicate to the Democratic Services Officer via the agreed approach. Committee members should only speak when called upon and ensure that they are 'live' before they address the Committee. The Chair and Democratic Services Officer on their behalf have discretion as to the order of speakers at any meeting.
- 6.4. A Committee member when speaking shall address the Chair. While a Committee member is speaking others shall remain quiet, normally being muted unless raising a procedural motion or making a personal explanation.
- 6.5. Committee members are asked not to use the Microsoft Teams 'chat' facility during a Committee meeting, except when informing the Democratic Services Officer of connectivity problems. Otherwise, the facility is to be used only by the Chair and the officers present to provide or seek advice.
- 6.6. All Councillors hold a strict responsibility not to share any links to Committee meetings, including with fellow Councillors.

7. SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

- 7.1. At the request of the Mayor it may be necessary for each political Group to provide a list of Councillors wishing to speak on specific items at a Full Council meeting, which must be sent to Democratic Services prior to the meeting. This would not prevent other Councillors from requesting to speak at the meeting itself, as defined in section 6.3, but the list will ensure that the virtual Full Council meeting runs efficiently.
- 7.2. Any Councillor either seconding a Notice of Motion, Recommendation or an Amendment will not have the ability to reserve their right to speak later in the debate, but must instead make their speech as they second the item.

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- 7.3. Notices of Motion may be submitted in line with current procedure set out in the Constitution, as long as the Councillor submitting provides evidence to demonstrate to the Monitoring Officer that the matter is time critical.

8. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

- 8.1. All Committee members will need to declare whether they have an interest in any item of business being considered by the Committee. Committee members shall be called upon in turn to disclose the existence and nature of any interest (personal, prejudicial, or a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest [DPI]).
- 8.2. If a Committee member has a DPI or prejudicial interest in any item on the agenda, that Committee member will be required to disconnect from the meeting for the duration of the consideration of that item. Once the item has been discussed and voted upon, the Committee member shall be invited back into the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENTS

- 9.1. Should the Chair wish to adjourn the meeting for a brief period, the Committee will be notified and advised of the time at which it shall reconvene. Participants should remain connected to the meeting with their microphones muted and their video off.
- 9.2. Where a Committee member has lost connection, the Chair has discretion as to whether to adjourn the meeting for a short period to allow for their connection to be re-established, or to continue to transact the business of the meeting. The Chair is required to ensure the meeting remains quorate.
- 9.3. If a Committee member's connection is lost while in attendance at a **regulatory/quasi-judicial meeting of the Council** (i.e. Planning Committee, Licensing Committee, or Licensing-Sub Committee) and the meeting continues, the disconnected Committee member(s) should vote to **abstain** on the item as they have been unable to hear the consideration of said item.
- 9.4. If technical reasons cause **all participants** to lose connection to a meeting, there will be a temporary adjournment to allow participants to re-connect. If this is not possible, the meeting will be adjourned and the business considered at a future date.
- 9.5. If it becomes clear either that the public feed is not functioning or the public are unable to connect to view the meeting, the meeting will be temporarily adjourned and a fix sought. If the public connection cannot be restored within a reasonable time period, the meeting will be adjourned and the business considered at a future date.

10. VOTING

Entitlement to Vote

- 10.1. Committee members must have been 'present' as defined by section 2.4 and have heard the proceedings (at the absolute minimum) to be able to vote on the item.
- 10.2. If a Committee member loses connection during either a Planning Committee, Licensing Committee or Licensing-Sub Committee, and the meeting continues, that Councillor, even if they reconnect during the item, cannot vote and must **abstain** as they have been unable to hear the full discussion on that item.

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Moving and Seconding a Recommendation

- 10.3. During voting all substantive recommendations shall be moved by the Chair and seconded by the Vice-Chair of the Committee. If the Chair and/or Vice-Chair are absent, alternative movers and seconders will be sought. Movers and seconders of amendments or alternative recommendations will differ on a case-by-case basis.

Block Voting at Full Council

- 10.4. Block Voting allows the Group Whip (or another individual named in advance) to vote on behalf of their respective Group as a block vote, rather than each Councillor voting individually. Any individual from within their Group still retains the right to use their own vote as an individual and not be included within their Group's block vote. Should a Group propose to use a block vote for an item, the Political Group Leader or Secretary must notify the Mayor via Democratic Services of that intention by midnight the day before the meeting. When no indication has been provided the voting procedure for that item will default to that set out below.

Recorded Voting at all Virtual Meetings

- 10.5. For any Committee held virtually, all voting (with the exception of 10.4) will be held via a recorded vote taken by the Legal Officer/Democratic Services Officer on behalf of the Chair. In accordance with the Full Council Procedure Rules Full Council decisions relating to the Annual Budget and Council Tax will always be taken as a recorded vote.
- 10.6. The exceptions to this are the approving of the minutes of the previous meeting or any other procedural item or where the item's sole recommendation to a Committee is to 'note' the report. The Chair will move the item and it will be presumed agreed, unless a dissenting comment from any Committee member is made.

Connection Issues during Voting

- 10.7. If a Committee member's microphone connection fails during a vote, but they still can hear the officer taking the recorded vote, that Committee member may still vote by showing their vote through the raising of a hand.
- 10.8. If a Committee member's video connection fails during a vote, and the Councillor can still hear the officer taking the recorded vote, that Committee member may still vote by indicating verbally.
- 10.9. If either of the voting connection issues occurs (as defined in section 10.7 or 10.8) during a Planning Committee, Licensing Committee, or Licensing-Sub Committee vote, the Committee Member must also consider section 10.2 which requires a vote to **abstain** be made if they have been unable to hear the full discussion on that item.

11. DURATION OF A MEETING

- 11.1. With the exception of Full Council (see Full Council Procedure Rules), the business of any formal Council meeting should conclude within 4 hours, unless a vote(s) to continue the meeting has been passed.
- 11.2. If the business of the meeting has not been completed within 3 ½ hours, the Chair will call for a vote to extend the meeting for up to 30 minutes. A simple majority is required for the meeting to continue.

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- 11.3. If required, following the meeting's initial extension, further votes may be taken to extend the meeting by 30 minute increments.

12. RECORDING AND RETENTION OF THE MEETING

- 12.1. Committee meetings will be live streamed through Microsoft Teams Live Events. Democratic Services will, dependent on technological capability, aim to make a recording of each meeting available on the Council's website. Recordings will be available for six months after the meeting.

13. ADVANCEMENT OF THE VIRTUAL COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULES

- 13.1. There is an expectation that the above Procedure Rules will evolve as technology adapts and as the Council becomes more experienced at holding virtual meetings.
- 13.2. The Chief Executive and/or Democratic Services Manager has the delegation to amend these Procedure Rules in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee and the Leader of the Council, to ensure that the Council's virtual Committees run as efficiently as possible and mirror, where possible, standard committees.

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