

Crawley Borough Council

Notification of Decisions

To: All Councillors

The decisions of the Cabinet held on 2 February 2022 are attached.

The Call-in Period ends at noon on the 5^{th} day following publication, namely noon on the Tuesday 8^{th} February 2022

The call-in form is attached for your use if required. For further information please refer to the relevant sections of the Constitution.

Yours faithfully

Head of Legal, Governance & HR

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Item No.	Title	Decision
6.	2022/2023 Budget and Council Tax	RESOLVED That Full Council be recommended to approve the following items regarding the 2022/23 Budget:
		a) to approve the proposed 2022/23 General Fund Budget including savings rolled forward from the current financial year as set out in paragraph 6.4 of report FIN/549, this includes a transfer from reserves to cover the additional costs of Covid-19 of £451,730,
		b) to approve the proposed 2022/23 Housing Revenue Account Budget as set out above and Appendix 3(ii) of the report FIN/549 which includes the growth items as set out in Table 9,
		c) to agree to ringfence £1,055,000 of capital reserves for investment in the Towns Fund as a result of using an advance of 5% Government funding of the £21.1m in year. The requirement is to use this sum in year and set aside an equal sum of our own resources,
		d) to agree to increase the capital budget for Tilgate Park lake erosion by £150,000 funded from the capital programme reserve, this will be repaid over a three year period by the park,
		e) to approve the 2021/22 and future years Capital Programme and funding as set out in paragraph 11.6 of the report FIN/549,
		f) to agree that the Council's share of Council Tax for 2022/23 be increased by 2.31% (£4.95) from £213.84 to £218.79 for a band D property as set out in paragraph 13.1 of report FIN/549,
		g) to approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2022/2023 as outlined in paragraph 16.3 and Appendix 6 of report FIN/549 noting that the pay award has yet to be agreed in the current financial year.
		h) to agree to increase the capital budget for Temporary Accommodation by £6,000,000, funded from grant funding of £1,000,000 and borrowing of £5,000,000 and to note the changes to table 11 paragraph 11.6 as detailed in report FIN/560 which superseded the same table and paragraph in report FIN/549.

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		Reasons for the Recommendations
		To provide adequate funding for the proposed level of services and to fulfil the statutory requirement to set a Budget and Council Tax and report on the robustness of estimates.
		Increasing the capital programme for temporary accommodation by £6,000,000 to £8,400,000 will provide approximately 65 units of temporary accommodation. There are currently 121 in nightly paid accommodation and the use of these units will reduce Bed & Breakfast costs, this would cover the cost of borrowing for the schemes.
7.	Treasury Management	RESOLVED
	Strategy 2022-2023	That Full Council be recommended to approve the following items:
		a) the Treasury Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement contained within Section 5 of report FIN/557;
		b) the Treasury Management Strategy contained within Section 6 of report FIN/557;
		c) the Investment Strategy contained within Section 7 of report FIN/557;
		d) to amend the prudential indicators in the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/2023 (FIN/557) as set out in Section 4 of this report (FIN/561) before considering the recommendations contain within it.
		Reasons for the Recommendations
		The Council's financial regulations, in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management, requires a Treasury Management Strategy to be approved for the forthcoming financial year. This report complies with these requirements.
		The recommended amendment to the Budget and Council Tax Report (FIN/560) would impact on the capital programme and prudential indicators in the Treasury Management Strategy. The recommendations in this report enable the financing of the revised capital programme.
8.	2021/2022 Budget	RESOLVED
	Monitoring - Quarter 3	That the Cabinet agrees to note the:
		a) projected outturn for the year 2021/2022 as

		summarised in report FIN/554. b) updated proposed spend of Contained Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) grant funding as outlined in section 10 of report FIN/554. Reasons for the Recommendations To report to Members on the projected outturn for the year compared to the approved budget.
9.	Extension to Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) - Car Cruising	That Full Council be recommended to approve the following items: a) the extenisons for a period of 3 years the Borough wide Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to prohibit vehicle related anti-social behaviour associated with car cruise activity in the borough of Crawley as set out in Appendix A of report CH/195. b) that fixed penalties imposed for breaches of the PSPO be maintained at £100. Reasons for the Recommendations A PSPO can target a range of behaviours and can prohibit specified activities or require certain things to be done by people engaged in certain activities. PSPO's can send a clear message that certain behaviours will not be tolerated and help reassure residents and businesses that unreasonable conduct is being addressed. Council officers from a number of services including ASB, Community Wardens and Community Safety consider it necessary to extend the PSPO in order to prevent an increase in the in frequency and/or seriousness of car cruise activity after the current PSPO expires. The extension is also supported by the Police, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), and West Sussex County Council. The current PSPO has had some success at controlling the incidence of car cruise activity, particularly in relation to repeat offenders. However, the incidence of car cruise incidents continues to occur and there are currently regular gatherings including those occurring late into the evening and early hours of the morning between the hours of 22:00 and 03:00. The extension of the PSPO will continue to enhance public safety through a targeted approach to tackle the problems associated with car cruise activity.

10.	Irrecoverable Debts 2021/22 (Over £50,000)	RESOLVED That the Cabinet is recommended to approve the write-off of the Commercial Rent debt as set out in paragraph 5 of the report FIN/551.
		Reasons for the Recommendations
		The Council's Constitution necessitates amounts exceeding £50,000 requiring write-off to be approved by the Cabinet.
12.	Crawley Innovation Centre - Draft Towns Fund Business Case	Exempt Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
		RESOLVED
		That Cabinet, subject to confirmation of approval by the Coast to Capital LEP Board of £8.4 million of Getting Building Fund monies for the Crawley Innovation Centre project,
		a) approves the Towns Fund business case for the Crawley Innovation Centre project (Appendix A) of report PES/395, and
		b) delegates authority to the Head of Economy and Planning and the Head of Corporate Finance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development to
		i.to make any technical modifications required to the wording and content of the business case.
		ii.to produce a summary version of the business case and to submit that summary version to the government.
		That Full Council be recommended to approve the following items:
		a) the addition of a new capital scheme to the capital programme for the Innovation Centre of £8.4m funded from the Getting Building Fund (subject to LEP board approval).
		b) to increase the capital programme budget for the Innovation Centre by £900,000 of Towns Fund monies subject to a viable business case that satisfies the

- s151 officer being received on the revenue financial implications to the Council of the project and receipt of approval from Government.
- c) to allocate £1.6 million of Towns Fund revenue funding to the Crawley Innovation Centre project subject to a viable business case and receipt of Government funding.
- d) to authorise the Council's S151 Officer to request the Local Enterprise Partnership's powers of flexibility in order to ensure the Getting Building Fund (GBF) monies are defrayed in 2021-22 in accordance with the LEP's requirements by spending any residual GBF monies on the new Town Hall capital scheme and then rolling forward the equivalent sum from the Town Hall scheme into 2022-23 to ensure delivery of Crawley Innovation Centre project".

Reasons for the Recommendations

To enable the Council to finalise and confirm approval of the business case for £2.5 million of Towns Fund monies to be allocated to the Crawley Innovation Centre project, as cofinancing alongside the £8.4 million of Getting Building Fund monies from the Coast to Capital LEP.

To enable the Council to submit a summary version of the business case to the government in order to confirm that the project has been approved by the Council.

To enable the allocation of £900,000 of Towns Fund monies to the CBC capital programme, subject to:

- LEP approval of the Getting Building Fund monies;
- Full Council approval
- The viability of the business case satisfying the Council's s151 officer

To enable the allocation of £1.6 million of revenue finances from the Towns Fund to the Crawley Innovation Centre project.

In order to roll forward Getting Building Fund finances into next year to ensure delivery of the Crawley Innovation Centre project.

FORM OF NOTIFICATION OF SUPPORT FOR CALL-IN

Any Councillor of the Council, calling in a decision, must then obtain within the five working days following the call-in, the support of <u>three other</u> Councillors of the Council.

In order to ensure that Call-In is not abused, nor causes unreasonable delay, the following requirements must be fully satisfied before a matter will be considered for Call-In:

- a) At least four Councillors (one of which will be the named signatory) must request Call-In of the decision. Failure to obtain the support of three other Councillors within this period will mean that the original decision will stand, on the sixth day, the decision will be implemented.
- b) The request for Call-In must specify the reason for the Call-In and provide evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach of at least one principle of decision making.
- c) The request for Call-In must be received by the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon on the fifth day following publication of the decision. The request for Call-In should either be submitted:
 - <u>In Hard Copy</u>: including the signatures of the Councillor requesting the Call-In and those Councillors supporting the Call-In.
 - <u>Electronically:</u> to <u>democraticservices@crawley.gov.uk.</u> The Councillor requesting the Call-In must submit the form and each Councillor supporting the Call-In must send an email in support. All emails must be sent from the Councillors' individual Crawley Borough Council email address.
- d) The decision for which Call-In is requested must not have been subject to a prior Call-In request.
- e) Should the proposed Call-In decision have been considered by the Commission, the justification must also explain why the Councillor requesting the Call-In is of the view that, either:
 - The Commission did **not fully** scrutinise the decision in advance of it being taken; or
 - The views of the Commission were **not fully** considered or addressed by the Cabinet in their decision making.

Decision being called in (including item no.)	Which provisions have been breached and how?

Signatories

Signature of Councillor calling-in the decision
Name in capitals
Signature of Councillor Supporting the call-in
Name in capitals
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