

Crawley Borough Council

Agenda of the Full Council

To: The Mayor and Councillors

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Full Council which will be held in Ashurst Main Hall - The Charis Centre, on Wednesday, 14 July 2021 at 7.30 pm

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Duration of the Meeting

If the business of the meeting has not been completed within two and a half hours (normally 10.00 pm), then in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.2, the Mayor will require the meeting to consider if it wishes to continue for a period not exceeding 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 however, no further extensions may be called to extend the meeting beyond 11.00pm when the guillotine will come into effect.



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The order of business may change at the Mayor's discretion

Part A Business (Open to the Public)

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1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Disclosures of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, councillors are reminded that it is a requirement to declare interests where appropriate.

3. Minutes 5 - 22

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 28 May 2021.

4. Communications

To receive and consider any announcements or communications, including any additional Cabinet Member announcements.

The Mayor has asked that the following statement be included under communications:

"I would like to make a short statement. This relates to my mayoral acceptance speech which I delivered at the Annual Meeting in May. At one point in my speech I made reference to the Palestine – Israel situation. I expressed my personal view which was based in sympathy for others. It was not my intention to cause offence or division. However, I realise that in my new role as Mayor, I should act in a non-partisan manner and in the interests of the whole Council. I therefore withdraw those particular comments. I acknowledge that they were not appropriate (coming from the Mayor) and confirm that they did not represent the Council's position."

5. Public Question Time

To answer public questions under Full Council Procedure Rule 1.1-E. The questions must be on matters which are relevant to the functions of the Council, and should not include statements.

One supplementary question from the questioner will be allowed.

Up to 30 minutes is allocated to Public Question Time.

6. Consideration of Full Council Recommendations and Call-In Decisions

To consider any recommendations before the Full Council or items which have been Called-In.

NB In advance of the meeting Political Groups will identify which recommendations they do not wish to reserve for debate.

7. Notification of Decisions Protected from Call-In (Recommendation 4)

In line with the Call-In Procedure Rule 8.3, which is set out in the Council's Constitution, the Council is required to be informed when the Chief Executive has protected a decision from Call-In.

The Chief Executive, under the Urgent Action decision making powers set out in the Constitution, took the following two decisions which were also protected from Call-In (in accordance with Call-In Procedure Rule 8).

The first decision, which was taken on 5 May 2021, was to agree the District Heat Network's Heat Tariff. The Heat Tariff was to come into force in May 2021 ahead of the occupation of Geraint Thomas House and is to be reviewed on an annual basis. This decision was protected from Call-In to avoid the potential scenario of Geraint Thomas House being occupied without any Heat Tariff being in place. Given the election, taking this decision through normal routes would have led to a delay of a number of weeks making such a scenario likely. The decision was reported in Councillors' Information Bulletin IB/1080.

The second decision, which was taken on 13 May 2021, was to agree that an additional discretionary Council Tax discount of up to £150 per household may be provided for working age Council Tax reduction claimants. This discount will reduce Council Tax bills by up to £150 for vulnerable working age residents. This decision was protected from Call-In to enable the Council to start implementing an additional discount to help reduce the impact of the pandemic on residents in receipt of Council Tax support as soon as possible. The decision was reported in Councillors' Information Bulletin IB/1080.

RECOMMENDATION 4

The Full Council is requested to note the use of the Protection from Call-In provision by the Chief Executive in respect of the decisions taken by the Chief Executive relating to the District Heat Network's Heat Tariff and Additional Discretionary Council Tax Discount which were taken on 5 May 2021 and 13 May 2021 respectively.

8. Notice of Motion 1 (Labour) - Motion amending the requirements of a Procedural Motion

To consider, in accordance with Full Council Procedure Rule 1.1-H, the following Notice of Motion to be moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor Peter Smith.

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9. Notice Of Motion 2 (Labour) - The Council's Response To The Boundary Commission For England

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To consider, in accordance with Full Council Procedure Rule 1.1-H, the following Notice of Motion to be moved by Councillor Lamb and seconded by Councillor Lunnon.

10. Councillors' Questions Time

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.

There are **two** methods for Councillors asking questions:

- Councillors can submit written questions in advance of the meeting and written answers will be provided on the evening of the Full Council.
- 2. Councillors can also verbally ask questions during the CQT.

Councillors have the opportunity to ask oral supplementary questions in relation to either of the methods above.

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

To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Committees, as listed on page 23, and set out in the appendices to this item and to debate any Reserved Items contained within those Minutes.

NB: In advance of the meeting Political Groups can identify any items they wish to debate as a Reserved Item. These Reserved Items will then be the only matters to be the subject of debate.

12. Supplemental Agenda

Any urgent item(s) complying with Section 100(B) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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