

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INFORMATION ITEM	Pages
<p>1 Delegated Planning Decisions</p> <p>Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 16 August 2021 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager (Development Management) on jean.mcperson@crawley.gov.uk.</p>	3 - 4
<p>2 Solar Together Sussex</p> <p>Following the success of the autumn 2020 auction, Crawley is again working in partnership with the County Council and other partner authorities in Sussex to help residents install solarpanels and reduce their carbon emissions.</p> <p>Solar Together Sussex offers high-quality solar panels and battery storage to people across the county. It's a group-buying scheme, which brings Sussex's households together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price.</p> <p>Residents who have already invested in solar panels can opt for 'retrofit' battery storage to get more from the renewable energy they generate and increase their independence from the grid.</p> <p>From w/c 13 September 2021 5,500 Crawley properties identified as potentially suitable for solar PV will receive a letter inviting them to register for the scheme.</p> <p>Households will be able to register free of charge for Solar Together Sussex between 23 August and 28 September 2021. The process is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration – the homeowner registers their interest in the scheme for free at www.solartogether.co.uk/crawley. They provide some basic information about their roof, such as size and orientation. • Auction – a supplier 'auction' will be held on 28 September when approved solarinstallers will bid to supply solar panels to all the households who have registeredtheir interest, with the most competitive bid winning. The more people that register, the better the deal should be for each household. • Personal recommendation - from the start of October, those who have signed upwill be emailed a personal recommendation and quote from the winning supplier. This is based on the roof details 	5 - 8



given during registration.

- **Decision:** Those who have signed up to the scheme will then need to decide if they want to accept the recommendation and quote. There is no obligation to continue. They will have until 26 November to decide.
- **Installation:** If the recommendation and quote is accepted, the winning supplier will be in contact to survey the roof and set an installation date.

The Solar Together Sussex scheme is being run on a zero-cost basis with commission payments from the installations covering direct marketing costs.

Contact claire.stark@ Crawley.gov.uk for more information.

3 **Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Extension of Lease Agreement of the Orchard Building to Crawley Community Action to December 21st 2023**

Crawley Community Action (CCA), a voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisation, have a lease agreement (peppercorn rent) in place with the Council for The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6AD, until December 2021 (a 6 month extension to the current lease agreement, to June 21st 2022, was agreed on 16th June 2021 with a view to further extension based on CCA's future business plan). CCA are seeking an extension to the lease agreement, forming part of their business model to deliver their future programme of work.

On 13 August 2021 the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement, took the Significant Operational Decision to agree an 18 month extension to the current lease agreement, to December 21st 2023, based on CCA's business plan.

In signing the lease, CCA agree to:

- Provide ongoing infrastructure support to voluntary and community groups in Crawley.
- Meet with representatives from CBC on a quarterly basis to provide feedback against these outcomes.
- Continue to ensure that existing and new voluntary and community organisations are able to access and use the space at The Orchard making it a hub for the voluntary and community sector in Crawley.

More information relating to this decision can be found on the [Council's website](#).

4 **Press Releases**

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