

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Full Council

Wednesday, 2 March 2022 at 5.45 pm

Councillors Present:

M Flack (Deputy Mayor)

A Belben, T G Belben, J Bounds, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, D Crow, I T Irvine, K Khan, M G Jones, P K Lamb, K McCarthy, M Morris, A Nawaz and P C Smith

Officers Present:

Natalie Brahma-Pearl	Chief Executive
Heather Girling	Democratic Services Officer
Karen Hayes	Head of Corporate Finance
Chris Pedlow	Democracy & Data Manager

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Z Ali, M L Ayling, S Buck, R D Burrett, C R Eade, R S Fiveash, K L Jaggard, G S Jhans, R A Lanzer, T Lunnon, S Malik, J Millar-Smith, C J Mullins, S Mullins, M Mwagale, D M Peck, A Pendlington, M W Pickett, S Piggott, S Raja and B A Smith

Note by the Head of Legal, Governance and HR: -

It was asked that, in respect of the Apologies for Absence, it be recorded that the Deputy Mayor, in discussion with both Group Leaders, had agreed to have minimal attendance due to the extraordinary and urgent nature of this meeting.

1. Moment of silence for Ukraine

The Full Council observed a moment of silence in light of the tragic events that were occurring in the Ukraine.

The Deputy Mayor then read the recently released joint statement from the Leader of the Council Peter Lamb for Crawley, Leader of the Opposition Cllr Duncan Crow and Deputy Mayor of Crawley, Councillor Morgan Flack:

"We are flying the Ukrainian flag outside of the Town Hall to demonstrate unity with the people of Ukraine and Ukrainians in Crawley and around the world.

"Our thoughts are with all those affected, and we sincerely hope that there is a return to peace at the earliest opportunity. Crawley stands with Ukraine."

2. Disclosures of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Notice of Precept 2022/2023 - Recommendation 5

Councillor Lamb presented the report that set out the Notice of Precept from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex and West Sussex County Council, which combined with the previously agreed Crawley Borough Council precept to formulate the 2022/23 Council Tax Resolution for 2022/23.

Moved by Councillor Lamb, seconded by Councillor Crow.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the names of the Councillors voting for and against the Recommendation were recorded as set out below:-

For the Recommendation: Councillors A Belben, T Belben, B Burgess, R Burgess, Crow, Flack, Irvine, Jones, Khan, Lamb, McCarthy, Morris, Nawaz and P Smith (14)

Against the Recommendation: None (0)

Abstentions: None (0)

The Deputy Mayor declared the recommendation was carried – votes in favour 14, and votes against 0 with 0 abstentions.

RESOLVED

1. That it be noted that on 12 January 2022 the Leader of the Council under delegated powers calculated the Council Tax Base 2022/23 for the whole Council area as **35,758.2** [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
2. That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2022/23 is calculated at £7,823,537.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2022/23 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

(a)	£114,010,670	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
(b)	£106,187,133	being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£7,823,537	being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

(d)	£218.79	being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
(e)	£0	being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
(f)	£218.79	being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

4. That it be noted that the County Council have proposed precepts and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Sussex have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below.
5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the table below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2022/23 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

COUNCIL TAX SCHEDULE 2022/23

	CRAWLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL	WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL	POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SUSSEX	TOTAL
BAND A	145.86	1,037.16	149.94	1,332.96
BAND B	170.17	1,210.02	174.93	1,555.12
BAND C	194.48	1,382.88	199.92	1,777.28
BAND D	218.79	1,555.74	224.91	1,999.44
BAND E	267.41	1,901.46	274.89	2,443.76
BAND F	316.03	2,247.18	324.87	2,888.08

BAND G	364.65	2,592.90	374.85	3,332.40
BAND H	437.58	3,111.48	449.82	3,998.88

6. That it be determined in accordance with Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council 's basic amount of Council Tax for 2022/23 is NOT excessive in accordance with principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of the Act.

Closure of Meeting

With the business of the Full Council concluded, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.51 pm