

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INFORMATION ITEM	Pages
<p>1 Delegated Planning Decisions</p> <p>Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 28 February 2022 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager (Development Management) on jean.mcpherson@crawley.gov.uk.</p>	3 - 4
<p>2 Temporary Traffic Regulation Order: Southgate Avenue, Southgate</p> <p>A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Southgate Avenue, Southgate is attached.</p>	5 - 6
<p>3 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority: Determination of Grant Applications for 2022/2023 and Grant Budget</p> <p>On 6 March 2022 Councillor Jones, as Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement, exercised delegated authority to approve the determination of 'main grant' applications. The funding is part of the grants budget. Main grants (provisional awards) are subject to appeal and final decision by the Grants Appeals Panel. All grants have been assessed against the new outcomes framework document.</p> <p>Details of awards are attached.</p>	7 - 8
<p>4 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Minor Amendment to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme</p> <p>The Council Tax Energy Rebate Scheme will allow a one off payment of £150 to properties in Council tax Bands A-D.</p> <p>The Council Tax (Demand Notices and Reduction Schemes) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 have now been laid before Parliament and came into force on 12 February 2022.</p>	



The Regulations also require all local council tax support schemes (including those for working age and pension age persons) from 1 April 2022 to disregard Energy Bills Rebate payments received by applicants.

Links to the regulations and the associated Explanatory Memorandum are:

- <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/127/contents/made>
- https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/127/pdfs/uksiem_20220127_en.pdf

Therefore on 4 March 2022 the Head of Corporate Finance (in consultation with the Leader) updated the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme to disregard this payment of £150 when calculating entitlement to Council Tax Reduction.

5	Water Neutrality Update	9 - 14
	Following the update provided to the Economic Regeneration Working Group meeting last month attached, for Councillors only, is an Update Briefing on the Water Neutrality situation and state of play. Any queries should be directed to Clem Smith, Head of Economy and Planning.	
6	Online Personal Safety Webinar for Councillors	15 - 16
	Information relating to an online Personal Safety webinar for Councillors is attached for Councillors only.	
7	Press Releases	
	Press releases are available at www.crawley.gov.uk/news	