

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INFORMATION ITEM

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1 Delegated Planning Decisions

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Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 4 April 2022 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager (Development Management) on jean.mcpherson@crawley.gov.uk.

2 Road Closure: A2011 Crawley Avenue & Northgate Roundabout

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Information on this road closure is attached.

3 Cancellation of Temporary Traffic Regulation Order: Snow Hill, Crawley Down

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The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Snow Hill, Crawley Down has been cancelled and the road closure will no longer be going ahead. The original Temporary Traffic Regulation Order is attached.

4 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Property Acquisition to Increase the Council's Portfolio of Temporary Accommodation Relating to Report SHAP/083

The Covid pandemic and economic climate has fuelled what is already a high demand on the Council's Homelessness Services. In responding to this demand, the Council has been forced to resort to some of the most expensive forms of temporary accommodation, such as B&B's, commercial hotels and other forms of nightly paid accommodation, to meet its duties. As a result, costs to the Council have risen significantly.

In order to respond to the pressing need for temporary accommodation in the knowledge that this demand is expected to continue to increase, the Council is pursuing all available avenues to expand its existing temporary accommodation portfolio. This property acquisition generates an asset and for the Council, generates an income and provides suitable and more cost-effective provision of temporary accommodation within the Council's



control.

On [8 September 2021](#) the Cabinet considered report SHAP/083 with regard to the acquisition of this property and agreed to delegate the negotiation, approval and completion of all relevant legal document to complete the purchase/acquisition to the Head of Strategic Housing Services, Head of Legal, Governance and HR and Head of Corporate Finance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing.

Therefore on 7 April 2022 the Head of Strategic Housing Services, Head of Legal, Governance and HR and Head of Corporate Finance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing undertook the actions necessary to complete the purchase/acquisition within the financial limits approved by the Cabinet in report SHAP/083.

5 **Staff Changes: March 2022**

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Staff changes for March 2022 are attached for Councillors only.

6 **Press Releases**

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