

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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<p>1 Delegated Planning Decisions</p> <p>Delegated planning decisions for the week beginning 11 December 2023 are attached. Contact for enquiries: Jean McPherson, Group Manager (Development Management) on jean.mcpherson@crawley.gov.uk.</p>	3 - 8
<p>2 Consideration Report: Housing Revenue Account Portfolio Rents for 2024/25</p> <p>Consideration report CH/204 of the Head of Crawley Homes is attached.</p>	9 - 12
<p>3 Consideration Report: Contract Award: Building Conversion/Construction Works for Crawley Innovation Centre (Travel House)</p> <p>Consideration report PES/451 of the Head of Economy and Planning is attached for Councillors only.</p>	13 - 16
<p>4 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority: Calendar of Meetings 2024-2025</p> <p>On 14 December 2023 Councillor Rana, Cabinet Member for Resources exercised their delegated authority to approve the Calendar of Meeting for 2024-2025 as set out in report LDS/211 which was published on 6 December 2023 in Councillors' Information Bulletin IB/1211.</p>	
<p>5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Future Acquisitions for Affordable Housing Delivery Relating to Report (CH/201)</p> <p>The acquisition of land as detailed in Section 5.3 of report CH/201 secures the land and prepares the site for the purposes of delivering the consented affordable housing scheme for Crawley Homes ownership. The budget to support this land acquisition was approved by Full Council on 18th October 2023 for the HRA Acquisitions Budget to meet the costs of acquiring the land and clearing the site for future development. Contracts are due to be exchanged on terms that are within budget, where the freehold ownership</p>	



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will transfer to Crawley Homes on completion of contracts.

On 27th September 2023, Cabinet considered report CH/201 with regards to this property and agreed to proceed with the land acquisition as referenced in Section 5.3 of report CH/201, subject to satisfactory due diligence and procurement compliance and budget availability.

The Cabinet agreed to delegate the negotiation, approval (including a procurement process if necessary) and completion of all relevant legal documentation to secure additional affordable housing for the acquisitions identified in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of report CH/201 to the Head of Crawley Homes/Head of Strategic Housing (as appropriate), Head of Corporate Finance and Head of Governance, People & Performance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing.

Therefore on 13 December 2023, the Head of Crawley Homes, Head of Corporate Finance and the Head of Governance, People and Performance following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing undertook the actions necessary to undertake the acquisition as approved by Cabinet in report CH/201.

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