

COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INFORMATION ITEM	Pages
<p>1 Delegated Planning Decisions</p> <p>Delegated planning decisions for the weeks beginning 18 December 2023 and 25 December 2023 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 Orders</p> <p>The following documents are attached in relation to Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders. • Ifield Drive, Ifield (Appendix A). • Chaucer Road, Pound Hill (Appendix B). • Charlwood Road, Langley Green (Appendix C). • Martyrs Avenue, Langley Green (Appendix D). • Billinton Drive, Maidenbower (Appendix E). • Radford Road Roundabout, Northgate (Appendix F). 	5 - 18
<p>3 Response to Questions and Actions Arising from Meetings of the Full Council</p> <p>The response to questions and actions arising from the recent meeting of the Full Council are attached.</p>	19 - 20
<p>4 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Significant Operational Decision): Biodiversity Duty Report</p> <p>The Environment Act 2021 has introduced a strengthened 'biodiversity duty' that requires public authorities to consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in England. This means that all major planning applications submitted after 1 January 2024, and all planning applications from 1 April 2024 must result in enhanced biodiversity. Local</p>	



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authorities are required to publish a duty report by 1 January 2024 explaining how they will ensure these requirements are implemented.

Consequentially, on 20 December 2023, the Head of Economy and Planning approved the publication of a high level summary of Crawley Borough Council's response to the legislation and steps the Council will take to develop detailed policies. The duty report has been published on the Crawley.gov.uk [website](#).

This approach is consistent with other local authorities and is deemed appropriate since the legislation is new and its impact is not fully understood. Detailed plans for implementation will be developed during 2024 as the Local Plan review is completed, and the full implications of the legislation are understood.

5 **Revised Guidance in Relation to Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003**

In December 2023 the Home Office issued revised guidance in relation to Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The new guidance document can be found online [here](#). Under the Act a licensing authority must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182.

The Institute of Licensing has summarised several of the changes [here](#).

6 **Press Releases**

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