

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Full Council

Wednesday, 17 July 2019 at 7.30 pm

Councillors Present:

R Sharma (Mayor)

S Malik (Deputy Mayor)

M L Ayling, A Belben, T G Belben, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, R D Burrett, D Crow, C R Eade, R S Fiveash, M Flack, F Guidera, J Hart, I T Irvine, K L Jaggard, G S Jhans, M G Jones, P K Lamb, R A Lanzer, T Lunnon, T McAleney, K McCarthy, C J Mullins, D M Peck, A Pendlington, C J Petts, M W Pickett, J Purdy, T Rana, B A Smith, P C Smith, K Sudan and G Thomas

Also in Attendance:

Mr P Nicolson

Officers Present:

Natalie Brahma-Pearl	Chief Executive
Ann-Maria Brown	Head of Legal, Democracy and HR
Heather Girling	Democratic Services Officer
Chris Pedlow	Democratic Services Manager

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor L M Ascough and J Millar-Smith

Apologies for Early Departure:

Councillor F Guidera

1. Minute's Silence and Tributes to Councillor Charles Petts

The Full Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Charles Petts who had sadly and suddenly passed away.

The Mayor then invited representatives from each party to pay tribute to Councillor Petts. Councillors Crow, Lamb, B Smith, Guidera and the Mayor on behalf of the Council paid their respects with heartfelt and touching tributes.

2. Disclosures of Interest

The disclosures of interests made by Councillors were set out in Appendix A to the minutes.

3. Communications

The Mayor provided the Full Council with a brief update on some of the Mayoral events he had attended so far this year, including the final of Crawley's Premier League Cricket, a number of Armed Forces Day events and the opening of the new L3-Harris building in Manor Royal with HRH the Prince of Wales. Members were informed that the Mayor had also held a number of events in the council chamber before it was decommissioned, including having a visit from students from Manor Green School.

The Mayor also offered congratulations to the Men's England Cricket Team for winning the World Cup.

4. Presentation of Gifts to Former Councillors

The Mayor presented gifts to former Councillors Chris Cheshire, Carlos Portal-Castro, Brian Quinn, Martin Stone and Lisa Vitler, who had all ceased to hold office, to commemorate their service to the Council.

Former Councillors Nigel Boxall, Jan Tarrant, Andrew Skudder and Laura-Lee Willcock were unable to attend the Full Council meeting and would receive their commemorative gifts separately.

5. Presentation of Long Service Badges

The Mayor presented Councillor Brenda Burgess with a 15 year commemorative badge and Councillor Irvine with a 20 year commemorative badge respectively, to mark their service as Members of Crawley Borough Council. In doing so, the Mayor thanked them for their long and dedicated service to the Authority.

6. Public Question Time

Questions asked in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 were as follows:

Questioner's Name	Name of Councillor Responding
Ian Dickson – Gossops Green <i>I've come to ask a question about the Notice of Motion about cutting carbon emissions to zero by 2050. Climate change is the biggest issue facing us. I welcome the motion and congratulate Councillor Thomas</i>	Councillor Lamb (Leader of the Council) <i>The date was subject to a lot of discussion and 2030 was an option but upon looking into the detail and looking at current contracts and technology available if we pledged to complete by 2030 there was a high probability that</i>

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<p><i>for bringing the Motion to Council for discussion. I think 2050 is too far ahead and it should be cut to 2030 as a target date, there should be an annual audit review, join with other Councils to pressure the government to act more on climate change. Will the Council do these 3 things?</i></p> <p>Supplementary Question</p> <p><i>The Council should look at this seriously and see if you can achieve a 2030 target date.</i></p>	<p><i>legally we would not be able to deliver by that date within our current constraints. I don't want to promise to do something that we are not going to deliver. We are keen to have something that is obtainable. If the technology improves, there will be the opportunity to move at a faster pace then we will do that. We are not going to promise anything we can't deliver.</i></p> <p>Councillor Thomas (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability)</p> <p><i>Thank you Ian. You asked 2 other questions. One was about an annual audit. Whilst I would be very keen on that, it is not for me to be specifying that from my relative incomplete knowledge of the total workings of the council. Which is why I've referred this and urged the OSC to set up a scrutiny panel to look at the whole thing. I hope that when they report some sort of annual review audit would be part of that. As far as pressuring government is concerned I welcome the current Prime Minister talking about 2050 whereas the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was talking about having major reductions by 2030.</i></p>
<p>Jeremy Peck – Bewbush</p> <p><i>I also believe 2030 should be a target and believe 2050 is a bit complacent. In view of that I would suggest that the Fastway bus is not fit for purpose and councils should be thinking of a tramway to replace it which would not be throwing out fumes.</i></p>	<p>Councillor Sharma (Mayor of Crawley)</p> <p><i>The Fastway was a West Sussex County Council matter Jeremy, unfortunately.</i></p>
<p>Robin Burnham – Bewbush</p> <p><i>I think the Council should aim to be the greenest Council in the country. Do you agree?</i></p>	<p>Councillor Lamb (Leader of the Council)</p> <p><i>Thank you Robin. Yes we certainly want to aim to do that. The practicality of how to deliver that is the problem. We are here to make a plan that is deliverable to get this town green as quickly as possible.</i></p>

Questioner's Name	Name of Councillor Responding
<p>David Gonzalez – Pound Hill</p> <p><i>I am currently undergoing my International Citizen Service and with that I'm carrying out a survey for Friends of Goffs Park. I notice that the Council is about to open a consultation on its Forward Plan for the town. Is this the right time to look at the whole issue of facilities at Goffs Park including those for the model railway?</i></p>	<p>Councillor Mullins (Cabinet Member for Wellbeing)</p> <p><i>We have been canvassed by the Friends of Goffs Park and I have empathy for the issues that are raised. Finances always pose issues but the practicalities of the facilities that are missing in the park are also very real. I understand the plight of the model railway but it isn't just that. When there are festivals in the park for example the toilets are far away. I have asked officers to work up a business plan for Goffs Park. It will require consultation and it will need to bring in finance and resources in a similar way to Tilgate.</i></p>
<p>Dave Hathaway – Three Bridges Forum</p> <p><i>I support the motion Councillor Thomas is putting forward this evening. My question concerns electric vehicle charging points. Can Crawley Borough Council actually be the co-ordinating organisation to co-ordinate the funding streams that are bound to be coming forward now to put in the infrastructure for all the electric vehicles that are going to be hitting Crawley? Please say to yourselves, we are going to be co-ordinating the installation of 2000 electric charging points.</i></p>	<p>Councillor P Smith (Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development)</p> <p><i>Thank you Dave for your question. We are able to release a new Transport Strategy for the town which will be going to public consultation later in the year. It does include the provision of electric vehicle charging points, car pools, more improvements to sustainable transport etc. We also have the Local Plan that has just gone out for consultation and I would urge you to submit comments on that regarding electric vehicles. We also have a planning application gone in for the Moka site and they are planning to put in electric charging points there as well so we are starting work on it. The more support we receive from residents the better and any ideas please send them in.</i></p>

In line with the constitution, the Mayor also rejected another separate question raised by a member of the public, as the question 'either did not or was not related to the matters which was relevant to the functions of the Council,' or the question related to an individual's case that would 'disclose personal information'.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 24 May 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor subject to the following amendment on page 10 that should read 'R. Sharma' and not 'Castro' as the Mayor, which had been previously stated.

8. Items for Debate (Reserved Items)

Councillors indicated that they wished to speak on a number of items as set out in the following table:

Agenda page no.	Committee/ Minute no. <i>(and the Group reserving the item for debate)</i>	Subject <i>(Decisions previously taken under delegated powers, reserved for debate only)</i>	Subject <i>(Recommendation to Council, reserved for debate)</i>
p.40	Planning Committee, 4 June 2019 (Minute 6) <i>Conservative Group</i>	Metro Bank, 25-29 Queens Square, Northgate, Crawley.	
p.44	Licensing Committee, 10 June 2019 (Minute 4) <i>Conservative Group</i>	Public Consultation Findings Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Livery	
p.77	Cabinet, 26 June 2019 (Minute 10) <i>Labour Group</i>		Crawley Growth Programme – Next Phase Projects and Update to S106 Allocation, Funding and Governance Recommendation 2
p.83	Cabinet, 26 June 2019 (Minute 14) <i>Labour Group and Conservative Group</i>		Occupational Sick Pay for Crawley Homes' Contractor Staff Recommendation 4 <u>Part B - Item</u>

9. Minutes of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Committees

Moved by Councillor Malik (as the Deputy Mayor):-

RESOLVED

That the following reports be received:

- Planning Committee – 8 April 2019
- Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 3 June 2019

- Planning Committee – 4 June 2019
- Licensing Committee – 10 June 2019
- Governance Committee – 19 June 2019
- Overview and Scrutiny Commission – 24 June 2019 (*including the Exempt Minute 11. Occupational Sick Pay for Crawley Homes' Contractor Staff*)
- Cabinet – 26 June 2019

Moved by Councillor Malik (as the Deputy Mayor):-

That the recommendations contained in the reports on the following matters, which had not been reserved for debate, be adopted:-

**Appointment of an Independent Person
Governance Committee – 19 March 2019 (Recommendation 1)**

The Full Council considered the recommendation of the Head of Legal, Democracy and HR, which had been previously considered by Governance Committee on 19 June 2019.

RESOLVED

That Full Council approves the appointment of Mr P Nicolson for a further two year term of office as the Independent Person under the provisions of The Localism Act 2011.

**Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Agreements
Cabinet – 26 June 2019 (Recommendation 3)**

The Full Council considered report [SHAP/78](#) of the Head of Strategic Housing which had been previously considered by Cabinet on 26 June 2019 and Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 24 June 2019.

RESOLVED

That Full Council approves an amended supplementary capital estimate of up to £6,423,280 (£4,423,280 and £2,000,000), funded from the Housing Infrastructure Fund as outlined in paragraph 3.2 of report [SHAP/78](#).

10. Metro Bank, 25-29 Queens Square, Northgate, Crawley - Planning Committee, 4 June 2019

Councillor Crow provided the rationale for bringing this item forward for debate, commenting that he was disappointed with the decision of the Planning Committee in not allowing retrospective planning permission from Metro Bank over the windows at the front of building. The building was very prominent in Queen's Square, and Metro Bank were new to the town and the Committee should have considered using a 'common sense' approach to this decision, especially in light of the criticism received on social media where the Council has appeared to be 'job's worth' in rejecting the planning permission forcing them to change their frontage.

Councillors Lamb, B Burgess, P Smith, McCarthy, McAleny and Pickett also spoke on the subject with strong views being expressed including reference to the Planning Committee's previous decision to allow the Crawley Museum a similar retrospective planning permission.

Councillor Malik as Chair of the Planning Committee spoke last on the item, commenting that the Committee made its decision fairly based on the information before them, the Officers recommendations and independently, as Planning Committee members weren't whipped.

Councillors Malik and Rana then left the chamber in advance of the debate on the next item.

11. Public Consultation Findings Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Livery - Licensing Committee, 10 June 2019

Councillor Crow provided the rationale for bringing this item forward for debate, commenting that he wanted to praise the logical decision made by the Licensing Committee over the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Livery and noted that it was clear the decision was taken in the public interest.

However Councillor Crow did comment that he hoped the Chair of the Licensing Committee would check the minutes more thoroughly, whilst he acknowledged that the minute for this item was very detailed, he was aware that there were a number of clerical mistakes, including under the list of attendees Councillor Millar-Smith's initial had been missed off.

Councillor Lanzer also spoke on the item.

Councillor Jones as Chair of the Licensing Committee spoke last on the item, commenting that he felt the Committee had made a good and considered decision. The decision might have taken some time to be taken, because of the use of external consultation, but that process was important to seeking the views of the trade, responsible authorities and the public, before Members came to a sound decision based on the views received in the best interest of our residents.

Councillors Malik and Rana returned to the chamber at the conclusion of debate.

12. Crawley Growth Programme - Next Phase Projects and Update to S106 Allocation, Funding and Governance - Cabinet, 26 June 2019 (Recommendation 2)

The Full Council considered report [PES/316](#) of the Head of Economy and Planning which had been previously considered by Cabinet on 26 June 2019 and Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 24 June 2019.

Councillor P Smith presented the report as the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development. Councillor Crow also spoke on the item and the recommendation.

Councillor Lamb moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor P Smith.

RESOLVED

That Full Council approves:

1. a further £600,842 of received S106 developer contributions is allocated to the CBC capital programme Crawley Growth Programme budget and commit these funds to the specific projects as detailed in 7.2.2 of report PES/316
2. from within the existing Crawley Growth Programme budget, the allocation of £327,637 of received S106 developer contributions to the project schemes set out in section 7.2.2 of report PES/316
3. an increase to the overall Crawley Growth Programme capital programme allocation of £6 million for the Town Centre Commercial Office Space project within the Crawley Growth Programme, to be funded by contributions from existing funding commitments to the Crawley Growth Programme, subject to formal agreement with West Sussex County Council of a revised funding protocol.

13. Notice of Motion 1 - Climate Emergency Declaration

The Council considered the Notice of Motion 1 'Climate Emergency Declaration' as set out in the Full Council's agenda. The Motion was moved and presented by Councillor Thomas and seconded and supported by Councillor P. Smith.

During the debate Councillors Lanzer, Jhans, Crow, Sudan, B Burgess, Mullins, Lunnon, Lamb and Sharma all spoke in support of the Notice of Motion. Councillor Thomas used his right to reply to speak at the end of the debate.

The Mayor then called for a vote on the Notice of Motion, which was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

Crawley Borough Council welcomes the various recent initiatives taken in Parliament and by West Sussex County Council and many other local authorities to increase awareness of the urgency of addressing the issue of reducing CO2 emissions and:

1. declares a climate emergency
2. pledges to aim to reduce carbon emissions generated by Crawley Borough Council activities by at least 45% by 2030 and to zero by 2050 as recommended by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
3. Calls upon central Government to provide the powers and resources to make these targets possible
4. agrees to work with other Councils and partners to determine and implement best practice methods to reduce carbon emissions and so limit global heating to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius

5. requests that the Overview and Scrutiny Commission (OSC) urgently sets up a Scrutiny Panel to look into and make recommendations focusing upon the workings and activities of Crawley Borough Council relating to carbon emissions and to report to Council as soon as is practicable. Council further requests that OSC co-opts a member or members of the Youth Council to the Scrutiny Panel
6. requests that the Head of Corporate Finance will undertake a review of the ethical investment policy in the Treasury Management Strategy with a view to incorporating the Council's climate change declaration
7. encourages all Crawley residents to commit to the West Sussex County Council Climate Pledge published in May 2019.

14. Notice of Motion 2 - Parking and Safety Outside of our Schools

The Council considered the Notice of Motion 2 – Parking and Safety Outside Of Our Schools as set out in the Full Council's agenda. The Motion was moved and presented by Councillor Jaggard and seconded and supported by Councillor Peck.

In presenting the Notice of Motion Councillor Jaggard commented in respect of the Labour Amendment, that she would be accepting the Amendment and as such it became the Substantive Motion.

Councillor Thomas thanked Councillor Jaggard for accepting the amendment and commented he was in support of the Motion.

The Mayor then called for a vote on the Notice of Motion as amended, which was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED

This Council expresses concern that schools across Crawley experience serious problems at drop-off and pick-up times due to dangerous, inconsiderate and often illegal parking by people wanting to place themselves as close as possible to the school gates.

This Council acknowledges that the statutory responsibility for on-street parking rests with West Sussex County Council, and welcomes the beneficial effect of the town-wide TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) brought in by West Sussex County Council for all yellow zig-zag lines outside Crawley's schools, and believes that our Civil Enforcement Officers (traffic wardens) do a good job with the resources that they have, but that safety could be improved through increased enforcement.

In the interest of children's safety, this Council resolves to write to West Sussex County Council to request that it provides more resources to districts and boroughs to enable further enforcement to take place. In particular, we would ask that serious consideration be given to the following measures - as well as any others that it could suggest:

- the employment of more Civil Enforcement Officers and back up staff
- changes to road markings and signage which would allow Penalty Charge Notices to be issued with no required observation period
- the use of fixed or mobile automatic number plate recognition equipment
- additional resources being allocated to sustainable transport initiatives, including the encouragement of walking and cycling and the use of public transport to and from schools.

The Council also requests that officers, where possible and within current budgets, adapt the Civil Enforcement Officers' current pattern of patrols to ensure that they are patrolling outside of our primary schools during the drop-off and pick-up times.

15. Councillors' Written Questions

Councillors' written questions, together with the answers, were published in advance of the start of the meeting with the Council's Supplementary Agenda.

The question was as follows:-

Questioner	Councillor Jaggard
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability
Subject(s)	The number of and the reasoning behind missed household waste and household recycling collections.

16. Announcements by Cabinet Members

Cabinet Member	Announcement
Councillor Lamb (Leader of the Council)	<p><i>Crawley Borough Council believes it is incredibly important for us to support our local homeless community. We believe it is important to enable those people to do what is necessary to allow them to get 'back on their feet'. That is why this is a Council that has campaigned heavily to ensure the retention of funding for organisations such as Open House and continues to work hard to try and avoid homelessness and to try and tackle homelessness where it's present in the town.</i></p> <p><i>Nonetheless in recent months we have seen an increase in the town's street community. Many are not in fact homeless but there are a number of intertwined issues that are creating a number of disturbances in the community. I believe it is vital that whatever we do has to be carried out humanly and we will not be carrying out a ban to ban homelessness in the town centre. That would be inhumane to a group of people that are struggling. Nonetheless, we will be addressing some of the anti-social behaviour that is coming forward that potentially is linked to a reduction in police officers and PCSOs.</i></p>

Cabinet Member	Announcement
	<i>To that effect, I am arranging a summit of all the relevant statutory agencies, of local homeless organisations and relevant businesses within the town centre to try and arrange an alternative approach to a public space protection order which is the approach most local authorities have chosen.</i>
Councillor Mullins (Cabinet Member for Wellbeing)	<i>There will be a further announcement from communications but we now have a drone policy which lays out the new boundaries where you cannot fly drones and the legal controls.</i>

17. Questions to Cabinet Members

Name of Councillor asking the question	Name of Cabinet member responding
Councillor Crow to the Leader of the Council <i>Please could I ask you to provide members of your Group that are committee chairs with a reminder to proof read minutes, given the recent errors contained within the minutes in this council agenda?</i>	Councillor Lamb (Leader of the Council) <i>When I approve the Cabinet minutes, I look for the substance of the debate and that is what I will continue to do, rather than the typos. I would appreciate it if my chairs did likewise.</i>
Councillor Hart to the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability <i>Regarding the wildflower meadow on the junction of Hyde Drive and Rusper Road which looks stunning. Is it the intention to roll the scheme out across the town?</i>	Councillor Thomas (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability) <i>The meadow was an experiment. However if anyone feels there is an area in your ward that would benefit from similar development please let me know. Albeit there are constraints and resource implications and a balance to be struck between not having the grass cut as much and the meadow looking more natural.</i>
Councillor Purdy to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement <i>Given the continuing rise of antisocial cycling in Queens Square and elsewhere across the town centre that is being experienced by residents and visitors, what actions will the Council be taking to tackle this matter and in</i>	Councillor B Smith (Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement) <i>This is not a matter I've had raised with me directly so your question is not one I've had a chance to research an answer to. However it would be the Community Warden and not the</i>

<p><i>particular what actions will you be taking to support our Civil Enforcement Officers so you can better discharge their duties?</i></p>	<p><i>Civil Enforcement Officers that would deal with it on our behalf. If you will indulge me, I will take the time to talk to Officers in the next couple of days and find out the situation, establish if there is an issue and come back to you in a written reply which I'll send to all members.</i></p>
<p>Councillor B Burgess to the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing</p> <p><i>I believe that the Arts Council England has commissioned us to come up with a Strategy for Arts in Crawley. I believe consultants have been appointed to carry out a survey of arts groups in Crawley. What is the outcome of the consultation?</i></p>	<p>Councillor Mullins (Cabinet Member for Wellbeing)</p> <p><i>We are pleased with the interest the Arts Council has shown in Crawley. It is still early days and the consultation is still ongoing. The results will be published once they are known.</i></p>
<p>Councillor Jaggard to the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability</p> <p><i>I've been in the town centre several times this week and I've been listening to people busking. Some of the busking is really fabulous, some of it is less good. I just wondered why the council does not have any licences for buskers as sometimes you get two happening at the same time. In some other times buskers need a licence and I just wondered why we didn't have such a system?</i></p>	<p>Councillor Thomas (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability)</p> <p><i>I am afraid this isn't something I have full knowledge of. I will speak to the Officers to gain an understanding.</i></p>
<p>Councillor R Burgess to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development</p> <p><i>When the refurbished Queens Square was opened less than two years ago it was a welcome addition to the town centre. Many residents expressed concern about the cleanliness. I have it on good authority that the square is being cleaned on a regular basis using the special machinery but it seems to have produced an additional issue. I'm informed that the cleaning team are doing such a good job that the sealant between the paving slabs is coming away. What is being done to address this issue? Also what measures are being taken to limit the amount of chewing gum?</i></p>	<p>Councillor P Smith (Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development)</p> <p><i>I think in terms of the cleaning being over rigorous I think you're referring to the Queensway where there was an issue. The Queensway wasn't finished and the cleaners went down there and they swept out some of the grouting and the area hadn't been sealed, so the fencing had to be put back up as the site hasn't formally been handed over. In terms of cleaning, we have proposals to clean the chewing gum.</i></p>

18. Questions to Committee Chairs

Name of Councillor asking the question	Name of Committee Chair responding
<p>Councillor Burrett to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission</p> <p><i>There is a reference on minutes of the meeting of 3 June 2019 to the new statutory overview and scrutiny guidance for local authorities which has been published by the MHCLG. This is statutory guidance, we don't have to follow the recommendations but we have to give regard to it. Given the importance of this, on her first assessment of this document, what does she feel are the key areas of focus for Crawley and the key messages for Crawley in the statutory guidance? And how will she be bringing it forward for discussion as to which aspects of the guidance we will be implementing in Crawley going forward?</i></p>	<p>Councillor Rana (Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Commission).</p> <p><i>Thank you for your question Councillor Burrett. As you know I am still in the learning process but I would like to follow every guidance that I receive and every strategy that is set out to the best of my knowledge, get both parties to agree and seek Cabinet approval.</i></p>
<p>Councillor A. Belben to the Chair of Planning Committee</p> <p><i>Regarding a planning application back in February at a Planning Committee meeting where we were both present relating to a resident very close to where I live. In view of the approval on the 12 July by the planning inspectorate of application CR/2018/0381/FUL being for the residents 22 Dene Tye, Pound Hill which I spoke heavily in favour of but was rejected by the Committee, despite little discussion will you as the new Chair of the Planning Committee encourage more open thought amongst Committee members? Whilst the appeal was rigorously opposed by the Council, ultimately how much did it cost the Council?</i></p>	<p>Councillor Malik (Chair of Planning Committee)</p> <p><i>At this present time, I cannot remember the particular application you are referring to. I would encourage all Committee members from both parties to participate at committee and to reach a decision. As you are well aware it is a non-political committee and maximum participation is encouraged.</i></p>

19. Exempt Information – Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

20. Occupational Sick Pay for Crawley Homes' Contractor Staff - Cabinet 26 June 2019 - (Recommendation 4)

Exempt Paragraphs 3 & 4

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority.

The Full Council considered report CH/184 by the Leader of the Council which had been previously considered by Cabinet on 26 June 2019 and Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 24 June 2019.

The Leader presented the rationale behind the recommendation before the Council.

21. Duration of the Meeting (Guillotine)

As the business had not been completed within the scheduled 2 hours 30 minutes a vote on continuation, and in line with Council Procedure Rule 2.2, was held. The Mayor required the Full Council to consider if it wished to continue with the meeting.

Having put it to the vote, the Council agreed that the meeting be continued for an additional period not exceeding 30 minutes.

22. Occupational Sick Pay for Crawley Homes' Contractor Staff - Cabinet 26 June 2019 - (Recommendation 4) (Continued)

Following the resumption of the debate Councillors Lanzer, McCarthy, Mullins, Crow, Lunnon, Purdy, Irvine, Jones, Ayling, Burrett and McAleney also spoke on the recommendations, where there were strongly conflicting views on the proposal and the recommendation.

At the conclusion of the debate Councillor Lamb used his right to reply and in doing so moved the recommendation, which was seconded by Councillor P Smith.

The Mayor then called for the recorded vote substantive on the recommendation, following a request during the debate.

Voting in Favour: *M L Ayling, R S Fiveash, M Flack, J Hart, I T Irvine, G S Jhans, M G Jones, P K Lamb, T Lunnon, S Malik, T McAleney, C J Mullins, T Rana, R Sharma, B A Smith, P C Smith, K Sudan, and G Thomas.* (18)

Voting Against: *A Belben, T G Belben, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, R D Burrett, D Crow, C R Eade, K L Jaggard, R A Lanzer, K McCarthy, D M Peck, A Pendlington and J Purdy* (13).

Abstentions: *None.* (0)

The Mayor declared the recommendation as carried – votes in favour 18, and 13 votes against with no votes of abstentions.

RESOLVED

That Full Council approves: increase the annual budget by £100,000 to cover the additional contract requirement.

Closure of Meeting

With the business of the Full Council concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.28 pm

R Sharma
Mayor