

**FULL COUNCIL  
13 DECEMBER 2017**

**NOTICE OF MOTION 2 –  
CAPITAL RECEIPTS FROM RIGHT TO BUY**

*Mover Councillor Crow and Seconder Councillor Boxall*

In 2012 the Government relaxed the rules on the use of capital receipts from Right To Buy housing sales by allowing local authorities to keep a greater share of those receipts on the condition that they would be used to fund the provision of new affordable housing on a 1 for 1 match-funding basis, but with the proviso that any such capital receipts which were not spent within three years of their receipt would have to be paid back to the Government with interest.

This Council is extremely concerned to learn that, for the first time since this policy was introduced, Crawley Borough Council has been required to pay over £1 million of such receipts back to the Government along with an appropriate interest payment due to those receipts not being spent within the time limit allowed. Therefore the Council resolves to:

- (i). publicly express regret at this occurrence, taking into consideration the needs of those people waiting for social housing in the Borough who will now not benefit from the use of over £1 million of these receipts for the purpose for which they were intended, namely the provision of new social housing;*
- (ii). instruct the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing to provide a full explanation as to how this was allowed to happen, and to commit to taking all possible steps to ensure that no further receipts have to be paid back to the Government with interest in the future;*
- (iii). request that in future, the Leader of the Opposition and the Shadow Cabinet Member for Housing are regularly kept informed as to the situation with regard to the spending of these capital receipts, and therefore made aware in good time as and when there is a danger of further receipts having to be paid back to the Government with interest.*