

**Petition - "We need truly affordable, publicly owned homes for Crawley people"**

LDS/187

Head of Governance Performance and People  
as the Council's Petition Officer

This item seeks consideration of a petition that was received which contains over 1000 valid signatures. As the petition contains in excess of 1,000 signatures required for the matter to be debated at Full Council in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme.

The Petition states as follows: – ***"We need truly affordable, publicly owned homes for Crawley people"***

***"We, the undersigned, are appalled at Crawley Borough Council's decision to charge council tenants so-called affordable rents at the maximum 80% of the market rate. This policy is causing unnecessary hardship and must be scrapped. Instead, we call upon the Council to borrow the money to build council houses at rents comparable to existing stock and use housing cooperatives to reduce the cost."***

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, Full Council has a maximum of 30 minutes at each meeting to consider petitions. Within this time each Principal Petitioner will be given five minutes to present the petition.

The Petition relates to a responsibility of the Cabinet, and as such Cabinet is required to take the final decision. At this meeting Full Council will consider the petition and decide whether or not to make recommendations to inform the Cabinet's decision.

The Principal Petitioner will receive written confirmation of this decision. The confirmation will also be published on the Council's website.

Full Council decisions, relating to petitions, which are not unanimous require a recorded vote/s.

Full Council is recommended to:

1. receive the contents of the petition and the views expressed by the Principal Petitioner.
2. decide which of the following options to take (noting that any of the options below **must** be formally moved and seconded):
  - a) Note the petition without making any recommendations
  - b) Note the petition and invite the Cabinet (at its meeting on 7 September 2022) to consider whether it wishes to bring forward viable options (including any financial implications) in relation to the proposal of the petition
  - c) Support the petition and request that the Cabinet (at its meeting on 7 September 2022) bring forward viable options (including any financial implications) in relation to the proposal of the petition
  - d) Make any other recommendations relating to the petition to Full Council for its consideration.