

**Cabinet**  
**Wednesday 21 March 2018**

**Comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission**  
**at its meeting on Monday 19 March 2018**  
**OSC/266**

**1. Cabinet Agenda Item 7 – Banning Orders & the Database of Rogue Landlords & Property Agents – The Housing & Planning Act 2016**

**Comments and Recommendations**

The Commission considered report SHAP/73 of the Head of Strategic Housing and Planning Services.

During the discussion, the following points were expressed:

- Acknowledgement that the legislation enabled local authorities to pursue banning orders for a number of specific housing related offences.
- Confirmation provided on the provision to empower local authorities to apply to the First-tier Tribunal to impose banning orders and to make entries onto a database of rogue landlords and property agents. Clarity with regards to the Tribunal configuration and its use was also provided.
- Recognition that the database could be used for cross-referencing of additional records and licences.
- Support for the scheme as it provided an opportunity to increase standards in the private landlord sector which also contributed to housing within the town.
- It was felt that consideration for a register of “non-rogue” landlords may prove beneficial as these would be compliant with legislation.
- The proposed legislation was deemed positive for private sector tenants although concern was raised that some may feel anxious about reporting any rogue landlords. When taking into account when deciding whether to apply for a banning order it would be important to address the likely effect of the banning order on the person and anyone who may be affected by the order.

**RESOLVED**

That the Commission supported the recommendations to the Cabinet.

**2. Cabinet Agenda Item 8 – Three Bridges Station Improvement Scheme**

**Comments and Recommendations**

The Commission considered report PES/280 of the Head of Economic and Environmental Services.

Members made the following comments:

- Support for the partnership working within the project was welcomed.
- Emphasis was placed on analysing the benefits of both the elimination and the preservation of the ‘right turn’ when completing the traffic assessment.
- Acknowledgement that the detailed design was still to be completed and traffic modelling would be critical. It was highlighted that the MOVA traffic light replacement was not part of the station improvement scheme but complemented the work.
- Concerns raised regarding the potentially ‘rat-running’ through nearby roads as a result of the closure of the right-turn facility from the station onto Haslett Avenue East. It would be beneficial to analyse the traffic flow data for these streets. The complexities of the project were recognised and a joined up approach to support the scheme and traffic calming were welcomed.
- Recognition of the risks associated with the project as highlighted within the report.
- Support for the addition of the Eastern Access point along Station Hill, although concern was also raised with regards to potential traffic issues and the need to maintain traffic flow along this busy road.
- Recognition that the project had attempted to address and balance access for all users.

**RESOLVED**

That the Commission agreed to support the recommendations to the Cabinet.

### **3. Cabinet Agenda Item 13 – Crawley Leisure Management Contract**

**(Exempt Paragraph 3 & 5)**

#### **Comments and Recommendations**

The Commission considered report HPS/12 of the Head of Partnership Services.

During the discussion, the following points were expressed:

- The contract comes to an end in November 2018 and it was important to address the Council's priority requirements which included to improve community and sporting facilities within the town, whilst addressing health and wellbeing.
- Confirmation of the procurement process was provided, along with the various recommendations for the final tender stage.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Commission supported the recommendations to the Cabinet.

**Councillor Brenda Smith**  
**Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Commission**  
**19 March 2018**