

Housing Portfolio

Service Area Responsibilities:

They will carry out responsibilities with regards to the following service areas:

- a) Crawley Homes.
- b) Strategic Housing (including statutory functions such as homelessness and houses in multiple occupation but excluding private sector housing regulation).
- c) Disabled Facility Grants.
- d) Council tax reduction and housing benefit.
- e) Council Owned Garages (Crawley Homes).
- f) Housing Revenue Account.
- g) Stock decarbonisation and energy efficiencies.

Policy and Strategy Responsibilities:

They will oversee, and where applicable, approve the development of plans, statutory notices and policies within the above service areas, ensuring appropriate consultation occurs on all such proposals, including:

- a) Housing Strategy.
- b) Allocations Policy.
- c) To work jointly with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development to meet the housing needs of the Borough.
- d) Liaising and joint working with Social Services and health (housing).
- e) To work collectively with the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development and the Cabinet Member for Resources (via joint Briefing meetings) in relation to the Town Hall site redevelopment.

Specific Delegations:

They hold, but are not limited to, the following specific delegations:

- a) Power to vary the rent of dwellings and garages held on the Housing Revenue Account.
- b) The approval of variations to the affordable housing requirements specified in Core Strategy Policy H5 for any housing scheme where it has been evidenced that scheme viability cannot support meeting these requirements in full, or where changes in housing needs or housing policy may justify any variation to the percentage and/or tenure mix being sought.
- c) To discharge the functions of the Council in relation to the appropriation of surplus land (excluding residential dwellings) from the Housing Revenue Account for a different use/purpose.
- d) Approval of amendments to the Crawley Homes Under-Occupation Incentive Policy.
- e) Responding to the Government's Welfare Reform agenda (with the Leader).

Outside Bodies:

They are not specifically appointed to any outside bodies.

NB. All Cabinet Members may be substitute for another Cabinet Member on any of the Cabinet appointed outside bodies.