

## Crawley Borough Council

### Minutes of Full Council

Wednesday, 17 October 2018 at 7.30 pm

#### Councillors Present:

C Portal Castro (Mayor)

M L Ayling, A Belben, T G Belben, N J Boxall, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, R D Burrett, C A Cheshire, D Crow, C R Eade, R S Fiveash, F Guidera, I T Irvine, K L Jaggard, M G Jones, P K Lamb, R A Lanzer, T Lunnon, S Malik, K McCarthy, C J Mullins, D M Peck, A Pendlington, M W Pickett, B J Quinn, A C Skudder, B A Smith, P C Smith, M A Stone, K Sudan, J Tarrant, G Thomas, L Vitler and L Willcock

#### Also in Attendance:

Mr Peter Nicolson	Appointed Independent Person
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#### Officers Present:

Natalie Brahma-Pearl	Chief Executive
Ann-Maria Brown	Head of Legal, Democracy and HR
Chris Pedlow	Democratic Services Manager
Mr Peter Nicolson	Appointed Independent Person
Heather Girling	Democratic Services Officer
Ian Duke	Deputy Chief Executive

#### Apologies for Absence:

Councillor T Rana and R Sharma

#### 1. Disclosures of Interest

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

#### 2. Communications

The Mayor provided the Full Council with a brief update of the Mayoral events he had attended since the last meeting, including an invitation received to visit Madeira by its President, representing Crawley's large Madeiran community. The visit helped to provide a greater understanding of the links between Crawley and Madeira. Other events included the popular Dragon boat festival, meeting the Mayor of Dorsten and continuing to offer support to Ebonies journey.

### 3. Presentation of Long Service Badges

The Mayor presented Councillor Quinn with a 20 year commemorative badge to mark his long service as a Member of Crawley Borough Council. In doing so, thanked him for his long and dedicated service to the Authority. Councillor Quinn also said a few words over how proud he had been in serving the Community including having been a Cabinet Member and the Mayor twice.

### 4. Public Question Time

Questions asked in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 were as follows:

Questioner's Name	Name of Councillor Responding
<p><i>Mrs Redfearn - (Broadfield)</i></p> <p>I wanted to know what the council can do to help us with the parking in Halley Close, Broadfield. The parking is extremely poor, made worse by airport parking. There is a lack of parking spaces available. We brought forward a petition but we are wondering what else can be done, such as permits.</p>	<p><i>Councillor Thomas (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability)</i></p> <p>In particular reference to Halley Close, meetings have taken place with residents and officers to discuss the issues and concerns. There is some justification to say that Halley Close is a unique area. Whilst a substantial petition was brought forward to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, the vast majority of the areas causing concern are the responsibility of WSCC. The parking permits you mention have to be done in coordination with WSCC. The road space audit currently underway and officers are investigating options and there may be a slight possibility of small ameliorations. Options will be discussed with residents but we are aware of the difficulties but also where the responsibilities lie and the finances involved.</p> <p><i>Councillor Irvine (Councillor for Broadfield North)</i></p> <p>I was at the Overview and Scrutiny Commission when this was discussed and a recommendation was that consultation would be undertaken with residents. I am glad to hear that officers have started that dialogue.</p> <p>Sustainable transport is not for everyone and we should involve as many people as possible.</p> <p><i>Councillor Quinn (Councillor for Broadfield North)</i></p> <p>This issue has been going on for a long time but officers are now involved and discussing the issues.</p>

Questioner's Name	Name of Councillor Responding
<p><i>Mr Hall (Langley Green)</i></p> <p>There are currently many signs on Crawley's roundabouts asking people to 'please take your litter home'. Who paid for these signs? Did the taxpayer or did someone else?</p> <p><i>Supplementary Question</i></p> <p>I've seen it many times but unfortunately the scheme isn't working. How much did we have to pay?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Thomas</i> <i>(Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability)</i></p> <p>My understanding is that the scheme is funded jointly by the County and individual District and Borough Councils.</p> <p>I would have to find out how much we paid. However I think it is better to do something than nothing at all. Following the effect of Blue Planet, recycling figures are increasing so change is possible. I would add that the placing of the notices is a positive step, along with the other strategies in place and worth trying. I support it.</p>
<p><i>Resident from Northgate</i></p> <p>I am aware of a private hire pick up/drop off violation. Why is the licensing authority failing in its reporting of this violation and enforcement?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Pickett</i> <i>(Chair of the Licensing Committee)</i></p> <p>Enforcement action does occur and the Licensing Officers have been out. I have been informed of instances that have taken place as you describe. I can assure you that enforcement action does take place and the team work hard to enforce the laws.</p>
<p><i>Mr Khan (Bewbush)</i></p> <p>Please can you help me get my taxi licence back?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Pickett</i> <i>(Chair of the Licensing Committee)</i></p> <p>I am very much aware of the history of your case. I understand that you will shortly be able to submit an application to renew your licence. Whether this will be granted is a separate matter.</p>
<p><i>Mr Asad (Langley Green)</i></p> <p>You were going to tell us when we can remove our door signs?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Pickett</i> <i>(Chair of the Licensing Committee)</i></p> <p>Are you referring to the consultation programme which is about to commence concerning the signage on taxis in Crawley? If you are a licensed taxi driver in Crawley or private hire, you will be receiving a consultation document where you will be able to put your views and return it to the council.</p>

## 5. Minutes

- 1) The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 18 July 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

- 2) The minutes of the meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council held on 1 August 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

## 6. 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.30	Audit Committee 25 July 2018 Minute 4  <i>Conservative Group</i>	Progress Report: Internal Audit and Risk Management.	
p.50	Cabinet – 5 September 2018, Minute 6  <i>Conservative Group</i>		<b><u>Recommendation 1</u></b> Corporate Priorities 2018 – 2022.
p.64	Planning Committee 25 September 2018 Minutes 4 and 5  <i>Conservative Group</i>	Planning Application CR/2018/0128/OUT - Land Adjacent to 3 Coronet Close, Pound Hill, Crawley and Planning Application CR/2018/0242/OUT - Land Adjacent to 3 Coronet Close, Pound Hill, Crawley	
p.67	Planning Committee 25 September 2018 Minute 7  <i>Conservative Group</i>	Planning Application CR/2015/0718/ARM - Phase 2b, Forge Wood, (Northeast Sector), Crawley	
p.72	Audit Committee 2 October 2018 Minute 4  <i>Conservative Group</i>	Progress Report: Internal Audit and Risk Management.	

## **7. Minutes of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Committees**

- 1) Moved by Councillor Portal-Castro (as the Mayor):-

### **RESOLVED**

That the following reports be received:

- Audit Committee – Wednesday 25 July 2018
- Planning Committee – Monday, 30 July 2018
- Overview and Scrutiny Commission – Monday 3 September 2018
- Cabinet – Wednesday 5 September 2018
- Governance – Tuesday 18 September 2018
- Planning Committee – Tuesday 25 September 2018
- Audit Committee – Tuesday 2 October 2018

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

Review of Outside Bodies and Organisations: Scrutiny Panel Final – Governance Committee 18 September 2018 (Recommendation 2)

The Full Council considered report [OSC/272](#) of the Chair of the Review of Outside Bodies and Organisations Scrutiny Panel

### **RESOLVED**

That Full Council approves that:

1. Nominations for Conservation Area Committees be defaulted to 'Ward Councillor(s)'.
2. 'Friends Groups' be removed from the official list of Outside Bodies as there should be no formal Councillor representation.
3. Where a response was not received to the evaluation, an appointment would not usually be made by the Council (this is in line with other authorities undertaking a similar review).
4. There should be a mutual understanding between Councillors and organisations to maintain communication and effective liaison.
5. Where an outside organisation with more than one Council representative expresses a desire for political diversity, we should honour this request.
6. Councillor M G Jones and Councillor J Tarrant be appointed to represent the Council on Crawley Community and Voluntary Service. (Paragraph 8.1 of the report [OSC/272](#) refers).

7. The Head of Legal, Democracy and HR be instructed to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect any relevant changes in relation to any outcomes of this review.

**8. Progress Report: Internal Audit and Risk Management - Audit Committee - 25 July 2018**

Councillor Burrett, on behalf of the Conservative Group, explained the rationale for bringing forward this item. Following the Audit Committee meeting on 25 July 2018, there was concern that the Data Centre Migration Project had only been given limited assurance as a result of issues relating to delays in delivery of the project, apparent weaknesses in budget control and lack of governance for such an important project. The Audit Committee had requested a review and report be undertaken but there was a question of the amount of Cabinet oversight that had taken place together with the insufficient communications surrounding the project.

Councillors McCarthy, Irvine, Lamb, Sudan and Skudder also spoke on the item.

**9. Corporate Priorities 2018 - 2022 - Cabinet - 5 September 2018 (Recommendation 1)**

The Full Council considered report [CEX/48](#) of the Chief Executive, which had been previously considered at the meeting of the Cabinet on 5 September 2018.

Councillor Lamb moved and presented the report which related to the Council's Corporate Priorities and set the strategic direction of the Council until 2022. He commented that he would accept the proposed Conservative Amendment, namely that the third bullet point of Section 2. *Delivering affordable homes for Crawley and reducing homelessness*, would now read:

*We will:*

- *Continue working with neighbouring councils in the spirit of partnership to collectively deliver housing to meet Crawley's needs through the 'duty to co-operate arrangements'.*

Councillor P. Smith seconded the recommendation, as amended.

Councillor Lanzer then spoke on the Conservative amendment, in doing so acknowledged his appreciation for the acceptance of comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and raised the importance of working in partnership with neighbouring Councils. He thanked the Leader for accepting the amendment.

Councillor Crow who also spoke on the item

The Mayor called for a vote on the substantive Recommendation as amendment, which was carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That Full Council approves the Corporate Priorities 2018 – 2022 (*As set out below*)

## **Corporate Priorities 2018 – 2022**

### **1. Delivering value for money and modernising the way we work**

We will:

- Continue to balance the budget (over a three year period), by improving our efficiency, increasing income and investing ethically and wisely.
- Work to keep council tax low without compromising local services and put money back into local reserves where possible, to finance future investments.
- Deliver the Transformation Plan.
- Develop digital service delivery enabling customers to engage with council services at their convenience, via an updated website and a new online self-service application.
- Develop a New Town Hall with lower running costs and high grade office space for residents, staff and commercial tenants.

### **2. Delivering affordable homes for Crawley and reducing homelessness**

We will:

- Continue to deliver as much affordable housing as possible, particularly Council housing, through our own-build and enabling programmes for people with a local connection to Crawley.
- Drive down homelessness across the borough and support partner agencies to help those most in need.
- Continue working with neighbouring councils in the spirit of partnership to collectively deliver housing to meet Crawley's needs through the 'duty to co-operate arrangements'.

### **3. Improving job opportunities and developing the local Economy**

We will:

- Develop an Economic Development vision and plan.
- Deliver the Crawley Growth Programme to provide major improvements to the town's infrastructure, including more sustainable transport and better community facilities.
- Deliver pathways to better job opportunities for local residents, through the ongoing development and delivery of Crawley's Employment and Skills Plan.
- Continue to work closely with our Local Economic Partnerships to deliver economic growth and jobs in the town.
- Utilise our place making responsibilities and powers to drive business growth and create new employment opportunities.

### **4. Creating stronger communities**

We will:

- Support local groups in delivering a range of events and activities that celebrate Crawley's diversity.
- Promote neighbourhood forums as a means of giving residents a voice over how services are delivered.
- Continue to help local voluntary organisations, through the grants process to provide important services.
- Continue to work with our partners to make Crawley a safe place.

**5. Providing high quality leisure and culture facilities and supporting health and wellbeing services**

We will:

- Continue to invest and enhance the town's leisure and culture facilities, such as local parks, the Museum, K2 Crawley, the Hawth, adventure playgrounds and the Nature Centre.
- Work with partners and other key stakeholders to enhance our resident's health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities across our town.

**6. Protecting the environment**

We will:

- Protect and enhance our environment by reducing the Council's and the town's Carbon footprint.
- Deliver a number of energy efficient schemes including, a District Heat Network for the Town Centre, Combined Heat and Power at K2 Crawley and a Water Source Heat Pump at Tilgate Park.
- Continue to reduce, reuse and recycle our waste, providing the mechanisms to encourage residents to do more to recycle their waste.
- Continue to seek measures to improve the air quality across the Borough.
- Implement Crawley 2030, Local Plan and ensure that it remains up to date and reflects the key issues and growth challenges facing the town.
- Continue to provide a safe, clean and well maintained town, through the use of area focussed multi skilled teams.

**10. Planning Applications CR/2018/0128/OUT and CR/2018/0242/OUT: Land Adjacent to 3 Coronet Close, Pound Hill, Crawley - Planning Committee - 25 September 2018**

Councillor Pendlington, on behalf of the Conservative Group, explained the rationale for bringing forward this item for debate. Councillor Pendlington took the opportunity to thank the officers involved with the two Coronet Close applications from their infancy, the work on the TPO, through to the full planning applications. A vast amount of residents had objected to these applications and it was good to see so many in attendance at the Planning Committee meeting along with fellow Ward Members. Burleys Wood is a much-loved area, with significant value in ecological and biodiversity terms and the previous tree damage was unacceptable. However nature is resilient and some areas are starting to recover. The Council has retained this community asset, hopefully for years to come.

Councillor Irvine also spoke on the subject, thanking Councillor Pendlington for her comments and would pass on her thanks onto the Planning Officers.

**11. Planning Application CR/2015/0718/ARM - Phase 2b, Forge Wood, (Northeast Sector), Crawley - Planning Committee - 25 September 2018**

Councillor Jaggard, on behalf of the Conservative Party, explained the rationale for bringing forward this item for debate. The reason was over the increasing number of concerns over Forge Wood development. Repeatedly there were significant concerns raised by Councillors over the density and number of dwellings per hectare had significantly increased. Added to this was the issues over the garden sizes of a substantial amount of properties on the Forge Wood development. She commented



now further issues were coming to light that some of the bedroom windows of the new developments cannot be opened due to noise restrictions. During Planning committee discussions it was noted that advice on the garden sizes contained within the Planning reports were only for guidance purposes and not the Council's policy. Reference was also made on the reduction of the useable land as a result of the unexpected extensive flooding problems, meaning that further dwellings were having to be built in a greatly reduced area.

Councillors Burrett, Irvine and P Smith also spoke on the subject.

**12. Progress Report: Internal Audit and Risk Management - Audit Committee - 2 October 2018**

Councillor Crow, on behalf of the Conservative Party, explained the rationale for bringing forward this item for debate. Concerns were raised over the non-compliance with the Procurement Code that the Audit had identified over recruitment of two ICT Consultants. The report had noted that the Audit only related to the ICT Department, and that the Audit and Risk Manager felt confident that the issue of non-compliance with the Procurement Code when recruiting consultants was not a Council-wide issue. With regards to the Data Centre Migration Project, the Audit Committee had strongly agreed that a review and further report to the Committee were necessary to understand how the overspend occurred, so that systems and practices could be put in place to avoid such a significant overspend in the future.

Councillors Lamb, Burrett, Skudder and Irvine also spoke on the subject.

Councillor Sudan responded on the item adding that whilst there was confidence that the Head of Service was aware of the issues and had taken steps to address these, it was the job of the Audit Committee to uncover the truth and receive the review report to apportion accountability.

Councillors Boxall and Burrett left the Council Chamber, before the commencement of the next Item's discussion.

**13. Notice of Motion 1 - Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk**

The Council considered the Notice of Motion 1 'Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk' as set out in the Full Council's agenda. The Motion was moved and presented by Councillor Lamb and seconded and supported by Councillor Jones.

Councillor Crow moved and presented the Conservative amendment, (*as shown in Appendix B to these minutes*) in doing so highlighted that the alternative proposal would maximise support to all those affected by the proposals to cut the housing support grant. The amendment was seconded and supported by Councillor Guidera.

During the debate both on the original Notice of Motion and on the proposed amendment Councillors, Mullins, Lanzer, Ayling, McCarthy, Sudan, T Belben, Lunnon, Jones, Pendlington, Cheshire, B J Burgess and Thomas all spoke during the debate on the merit on the two options before the Full Council. Councillor Lamb used his right to reply to speak at the end of the debate.

Recorded votes were requested for both the votes on the proposed Conservative's Amendment and the substantive Notice of Motion. The Mayor then called for the vote on the amendment:

Voting in Favour: *A Belben, T G Belben, B J Burgess, R G Burgess, D Crow, C R Eade, F Guidera, K L Jaggard, R A Lanzer, K McCarthy, D M Peck, A Pendlington, M A Stone, J Tarrant and L Vitler.* (15)

Voting Against: *M L Ayling, C A Cheshire, R S Fiveash, I T Irvine, M G Jones, P K Lamb, T Lunnon, S Malik, C J Mullins, M W Pickett, C Portal Castro, B J Quinn, A C Skudder, B A Smith, P C Smith, K Sudan, G Thomas, and L Willcock.* (18)

Abstentions: *None.* (0)

The Mayor declared the proposed amendment to the Notice of Motion had as fallen – votes in favour 15, and 18 votes against with no abstentions.

The Mayor then called for the recorded vote on the substantive Notice of Motion:

Voting in Favour: *M L Ayling, B J Burgess, C A Cheshire, R S Fiveash, I T Irvine, M G Jones, P K Lamb, T Lunnon, S Malik, C J Mullins, M W Pickett, C Portal Castro, B J Quinn, A C Skudder, B A Smith, P C Smith, K Sudan, G Thomas, and L Willcock.* (19)

Voting Against: *None.* (0)

Abstentions: *A Belben, T G Belben, R G Burgess, D Crow, C R Eade, F Guidera, K L Jaggard, R A Lanzer, K McCarthy, D M Peck, A Pendlington, M A Stone, J Tarrant and L Vitler.* (14)

The Mayor declared the Notice of Motion as carried – votes in favour 19, and no votes against with 14 votes of abstentions.

## **RESOLVED**

This Council is extremely concerned about, and wishes to express the strongest opposition possible to, the proposals coming from West Sussex County Council ("WSCC") to cut the housing support grant, which will have a harmful impact on our communities, as well as placing additional financial pressures on this Council as the local housing authority, that it would struggle to meet given the financial pressures and funding cuts already imposed on it by national government.

This Council notes that 2018 has seen the number of people sleeping rough in West Sussex reach its highest level since modern records began. Furthermore, it recognises and values the work of charities and voluntary sector organisations across the Borough and beyond, such as Crawley Open House, YMCA Downslink, Southdown Independent Living Scheme and Safe In Sussex, who support some of our most vulnerable residents who are either homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

Without this support, the Council expects to see a rise in homelessness across the Borough, including families, with associated social and health costs. Crucially, it will also deny local councils like ours the opportunity to secure government funding in tackling these major social problems.

The Council believes the end of such services is likely to result in a sharp increase in rough sleeping in the town centre, public places and open spaces, with an associated increase in anti-social behaviour that can accompany it, including street begging and street drinking. In addition, the “floating support” services at threat are a key tool for promoting social inclusion and stable communities through tenancy sustainment, community engagement and a reduction in anti-social behaviour. This council believes the negative impact on community safety will inevitably place severe pressures on our already stretched local Police resources, and the council’s own community wardens.

The termination of housing support for young people over 18, through such initiatives as the YMCA Downlink Foyer in West Green, will move vulnerable young people from a relatively stable and secure environment which they can use as a stepping stone into living independently, to being immediately forced into temporary accommodation or sharing in the private rented sector.

If funding is withdrawn and refuge accommodation for women and their children subjected to domestic abuse is no longer available in the county, this will put Crawley women’s lives and their children’s lives directly at risk, as well as taking away specialist support for their recovery and helping to rebuild their confidence and self-esteem.

If WSCC funding is removed from our Older Persons Services the opportunity for preventative work in ensuring adequate support is available will simply mean that budgets elsewhere will rise. This will include WSCC’s own duty of care as well as NHS budgets. Other extra care preventative service models in Crawley for vulnerable older people whose disabilities, frailty or mental health make ordinary housing unsuitable, will be at risk of losing that opportunity to live independently for longer, and may be forced to move into elderly residential care, causing stress and upset for those people affected and their families.

This council further notes the proposals coming from the council’s opposition group to maintain Open House’s finances from the annual £260,000 WSCC funding with a replacement contribution from this Council. It also notes that the annual funding that it provides Crawley Open House currently comes from the annual grant programme.

The Council expresses its deep concern that given the £1.3 million budget gap being projected for its finances over the next three years, together with the annual additional costs to the Borough in temporary accommodation costs currently estimated at £103,000, means such a replacement contribution would almost certainly be unaffordable, and that the only realistic way to find the money would be to force this Council to cut funding from the grants budget to at least some of the other worthy charities and voluntary societies that rely on this Council for support. This Council rejects outright any proposals which puts it in a position where it is forced to cut grant funding it provides other vital public services such as Citizens Advice, or going to other good causes.

Neither does the proposal take into account the impact of significant additional pressure on Open House’s services from those in need outside the Borough who would be coming to use it, if and when other District councils in West Sussex decide not to support their own local facilities, nor would that replacement contribution mitigate the impact on the other local organisations already referred to in this motion, whose services will also end without replacement funding.

For eight years West Sussex County Council happily took tens of millions of pounds of Government money to fund these services via a dedicated grant, awarded to the county due to the services for vulnerable people fell within the county’s adult social

care remit. While the ring-fencing ended in 2011, with the county council now free to spend the money on whatever they choose, they retain the same duty to provide for these residents as when there was dedicated funding. The current proposal amounts to a choice to no longer meet this duty to residents across West Sussex, including here in Crawley. That is the wrong choice.

Therefore this Council stands with thousands of residents across West Sussex and demands that West Sussex County Council rejects the proposed cuts to Housing Related support, which will cause misery for the most vulnerable members of our society, and instead maintains this vital support for our local homeless.

Councillors Boxall and Burrett returned to the Council Chamber.

#### 14. Councillors' Written Questions

Councillors' written questions, together with the answers, were [published](#) in advance of the start of the Meeting. The questions were as follows:-

Questioner	Councillor Crow
Addressed to	Cabinet Member for Housing
Subject(s)	The recently published Rough Sleeping Strategy and how Council would be addressing rough sleeping and preventing homelessness within the Borough

#### 15. Announcements by Cabinet Members

Cabinet Member	Subject
Councillor Thomas – ( <i>Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability</i> ).	<p>A street is to be named after Crawley soldier Private John Brackpool, who died in action in Afghanistan in 2009. John Brackpool Close will be the name of the development of 37 affordable homes on the former Kilnmead car park in Northgate. The 32 flats on site will be named John Brackpool Court.</p> <p>The idea has the full support of Private Brackpool's family.</p>
Councillor Jones – ( <i>Cabinet Member for Housing</i> )	Following on from the previous announcement from Councillor Thomas, I would like to add how appropriate it was for the naming of the development on the former Kilnmead car park, particularly given its location adjacent to the Army Reserve Facility.
Councillor Mullins – ( <i>Cabinet Member for Wellbeing</i> ).	The World War 1 Beacons of Light Commemorative event marking the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 would be taking place on 11 November 2018 from 4.30pm. There also a number of Commemorative services during the day, across the town.

## 16. Questions to Cabinet Members

<b>Name of Councillor asking Question</b>	<b>Name of Cabinet Member(s) Responding</b>
<p><i>Councillor Crow to the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability</i></p> <p>During the response during Public Question Time to the Principal Petitioner (Mrs Redfearn) it was mentioned that there would be some remunerations. Please can you provide more information and tell us what they are?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Thomas – (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability)</i></p> <p>As mentioned earlier this may be a possibility. However I stress, it would be a small amount and when I talk about ameliorations, not remunerations I mean an example of which may be repainting lines. Work is currently underway and further discussions need to take place with officers prior to any work being committed.</p>
<p><i>Councillor Irvine to the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement</i></p> <p>Residents have raised concerns regarding the allegations of drug use on Broadfield Barton. Is this a matter you could raise with the police through your role?</p>	<p><i>Councillor B Smith – (Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Community Engagement)</i></p> <p>These matters are in hand and a meeting has already taken place with the police to discuss these matters and those within the borough.</p>
<p>Councillor Eade to the Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>I understand there is a reported overspend on the building of the new Town Hall. Are you willing to set a new budget?</p>	<p>Councillor Skudder – (Cabinet Member for Resources)</p> <p>The budget has been agreed by Full Council. I'm sorry I'm not understanding the first part of the question as building has not commenced. Perhaps we can liaise separately.</p>
<p><i>Councillor Lunnion to the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing</i></p> <p>What are you planning to do regarding K2 Crawley following the comments recently made in the media in relation to the Snooker Championships, particularly the smell of urine at K2 Crawley?</p>	<p><i>Councillor Mullins – (Cabinet Member for Wellbeing)</i></p> <p>I have read the negative comments that have been made in the media and they appear to be more towards at World Snooker than directly at K2 Crawley. We have received some positive comments although the Bowls Hall has had to be closed during the event which is disappointing. But overall feedback has been positive.</p>
<p><i>Councillor Guidera to the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing</i></p>	<p><i>Councillor P Smith – (Cabinet Member for Planning and</i></p>

<b>Name of Councillor asking Question</b>	<b>Name of Cabinet Member(s) Responding</b>
I welcome the outdoor cinema events which are a good attraction for the town. However I wonder if attendance would be higher if the events were on during school holidays. Is there a possibility they could take place at the end of August?	<i>Economic Development</i> ).  The events are popular but regarding the scheduling I will email the officers involved.
<i>Councillor Willcock to the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability</i>  There are several road side verges that have long grass and the drains are blocked along the road in Ifield especially. What can you do to rectify the situation?	<i>Councillor Thomas – (Cabinet Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability)</i>  I have written a letter to the WSCC Cabinet Member for Highways, Roger Elkins stating the issues with the long grass increasingly encroaching into the road and drains and requesting a response as to the situation.
<i>Councillor R G Burgess to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development</i>  When Queens Square was being developed we were informed that the paving slabs would have a protective coating on them to assist with cleaning. We were also told that specialist equipment would be used. Is this actually the case? And also will the same occur for Queensway?	<i>Councillor P Smith – (Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development)</i> .  We have new machines and these have been trialled with increased use. There is a protective coating on the paving and this should be applied to Queensway.

## 17. Questions to Committee Chairs

<b>Name of Councillor asking Question</b>	<b>Name of Committee Chair Responding</b>
<i>Councillor T Belben to the Chair of the Planning Committee.</i>  Were you aware that some Pound Hill residents off the Balcombe Road were not informed of a planning application with regards to changes to a house?	<i>Councillor Irvine – (Chair of the Planning Committee)</i>  I admit I was not aware and am surprised. Notifications for major planning applications are usually issued to neighbouring properties.
<i>Councillor Crow to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission</i>  I wondered when the Data Centre Migration Project would be likely to	<i>Councillor Cheshire – (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission)</i>  There is no notification as yet as to

come to OSC. Would it have been beneficial if it had been on the agenda for the meeting in September that was cancelled?	when the Data Centre may be on the OSC agenda. When there is notification all Members are welcome to attend. With regards to the cancelled meeting, the whole point of scrutiny is there needs to be something to scrutinise. There were no reports due for that meeting and we would have been criticised had we met with a lack of agenda items.
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### **Closure of Meeting**

With the business of the Full Council concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.21 pm

C Portal Castro (Mayor)  
**Mayor**

## APPENDIX A

### Disclosures of Interest received from Councillors

Councillor	Item	Meeting and Minute	Type and Nature of Disclosure
Councillor A Belben	CR/2018/0128/OUT Land adjacent to 3 Coronet Close, Pound Hill, Crawley	Planning Committee 25 September 2018 – Minute 4, Page 64	Personal Interest – A member of the Pound Hill Residents Facebook Group, but had not been active in discussions relating to the application.
Councillor A Belben	CR/2018/0242/OUT Land adjacent to 3 Coronet Close, Pound Hill, Crawley	Planning Committee 25 September 2018 – Minute 5, Page 65	Personal Interest – A member of the Pound Hill Residents Facebook Group, but had not been active in discussions relating to the application.
Councillor G Thomas	Appeal against non- determination of planning application CR/2017/0879/FUL – R/O George Hotel, 56-58 High Street, West Green, Crawley	Planning Committee 25 September 2018 – Minute 8, Page 69	Personal Interest – Was a Council nominated member on the Central Crawley Conservation Area Advisory Committee, who had submitted a representation in relation to the application. He did not recall attending a meeting where the application had been discussed.
Councillor N Boxall	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal and Prejudicial Interest as a trustee of Crawley Open House
Councillor R D Burrett	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal and Non- Prejudicial Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.



Councillor R D Burrett	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal and Prejudicial Interest as a trustee of Crawley Open House
Councillor D Crow	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal and Non- Prejudicial Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor M G Jones	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal and Non- Prejudicial Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor R A Lanzer	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal and Non- Prejudicial Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council
Councillor B Quinn	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal and Non- Prejudicial Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor B Smith	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal and Non- Prejudicial Interest as a Member of West Sussex County Council.
Councillor G Thomas	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal Interest as a Crawley Borough Council appointed representative on Crawley Open House's Board.
Councillor L Willcock	Notice of Motion 1 – Motion on Tackling Homelessness and Supporting those at Risk	Full Council 17 October 2018 Agenda item 10	Personal Interest as a Crawley Borough Council appointed representative on Crawley Open House's Board.

## APPENDIX B

### **Conservative Amendment To Notice Of Motion 1 - Motion On Tackling Homelessness And Supporting Those At Risk**

*Mover Councillor Crow and Seconder Councillor Guidera  
(Those words struck through it is proposed be deleted)*

This Council is extremely concerned about, and wishes to express the strongest opposition possible to, the proposals coming from West Sussex County Council ("WSCC") to cut the housing support grant, which will have a harmful impact on our communities, as well as placing additional financial pressures on this Council as the local housing authority, that it would struggle to meet given the financial pressures and funding cuts already imposed on it by national government.

This Council notes that 2018 has seen the number of people sleeping rough in West Sussex reach its highest level since modern records began. Furthermore, it recognises and values the work of charities and voluntary sector organisations across the Borough and beyond, such as Crawley Open House, YMCA Downslink, Southdown Independent Living Scheme and Safe In Sussex, who support some of our most vulnerable residents who are either homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

Without this support, the Council expects to see a rise in homelessness across the Borough, including families, with associated social and health costs. Crucially, it will also deny local councils like ours the opportunity to secure government funding in tackling these major social problems.

The Council believes the end of such services is likely to result in a sharp increase in rough sleeping in the town centre, public places and open spaces, with an associated increase in anti-social behaviour that can accompany it, including street begging and street drinking. In addition, the "floating support" services at threat are a key tool for promoting social inclusion and stable communities through tenancy sustainment, community engagement and a reduction in anti-social behaviour. This council believes the negative impact on community safety will inevitably place severe pressures on our already stretched local Police resources, and the council's own community wardens.

The termination of housing support for young people over 18, through such initiatives as the YMCA Downslink Foyer in West Green, will move vulnerable young people from a relatively stable and secure environment which they can use as a stepping stone into living independently, to being immediately forced into temporary accommodation or sharing in the private rented sector.

If funding is withdrawn and refuge accommodation for women and their children subjected to domestic abuse is no longer available in the county, this will put Crawley women's lives and their children's lives directly at risk, as well as taking away specialist support for their recovery and helping to rebuild their confidence and self-esteem.

If WSCC funding is removed from our Older Persons Services the opportunity for preventative work in ensuring adequate support is available will simply mean that budgets elsewhere will rise. This will include WSCC's own duty of care as well as NHS budgets. Other extra care preventative service models in Crawley for vulnerable older people whose disabilities, frailty or mental health make ordinary housing

unsuitable, will be at risk of losing that opportunity to live independently for longer, and may be forced to move into elderly residential care, causing stress and upset for those people affected and their families.

This council further notes the proposals coming from the council's opposition group to maintain Open House's finances from the annual £260,000 WSCC funding with a replacement contribution from this Council. It also notes that the annual funding that it provides Crawley Open House currently comes from the annual grant programme.

The Council expresses its deep concern that given the £1.3 million budget gap being projected for its finances over the next three years, together with the annual additional costs to the Borough in temporary accommodation costs currently estimated at £103,000, means such a replacement contribution would almost certainly be unaffordable, and that the only realistic way to find the money would be to force this Council to cut funding from the grants budget to at least some of the other worthy charities and voluntary societies that rely on this Council for support. This Council rejects outright any proposals which puts it in a position where it is forced to cut grant funding it provides other vital public services such as Citizens Advice, or going to other good causes.

Neither does the proposal take into account the impact of significant additional pressure on Open House's services from those in need outside the Borough who would be coming to use it, if and when other District councils in West Sussex decide not to support their own local facilities, nor would that replacement contribution mitigate the impact on the other local organisations already referred to in this motion, whose services will also end without replacement funding.

For eight years West Sussex County Council happily took tens of millions of pounds of Government money to fund these services via a dedicated grant, awarded to the county due to the services for vulnerable people fell within the county's adult social care remit. While the ring-fencing ended in 2011, with the county council now free to spend the money on whatever they choose, they retain the same duty to provide for these residents as when there was dedicated funding. The current proposal amounts to a choice to no longer meet this duty to residents across West Sussex, including here in Crawley. That is the wrong choice.

Therefore this Council stands with thousands of residents across West Sussex and demands that West Sussex County Council rejects the proposed cuts to Housing Related support, which will cause misery for the most vulnerable members of our society, and instead maintains this vital support for our local homeless.

### **Proposed Amendment Motion would now read:**

This Council is extremely concerned about, and wishes to express the strongest opposition possible to, the proposals coming from West Sussex County Council ("WSCC") to cut the housing support grant.

Therefore this Council stands with thousands of residents across West Sussex and demands that West Sussex County Council rejects the proposed cuts to Housing Related support.