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| REPORT TO: | Cabinet 14 December 2015 |
| AGENDA ITEM NO: | 10 |
| SUBJECT: | STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM: SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING ON 3 NOVEMBER 2015 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON 17 NOVEMBER 2015 |
| LEAD OFFICER: | Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Legal & Democratic Services |
| LEAD MEMBER: | Councillor Sean Fitzsimons Chair, Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee |
| WARDS: | All |
| CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: | The constitutional requirement that Cabinet receives recommendations from scrutiny committees and to respond to the recommendations within two months of the receipt of the recommendations. |

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations contained within this report:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is asked to:

- 1.1 Receive the recommendations arising from the meetings of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 3 November 2015 and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 17 November 2015 and to provide a substantive response within two months (ie. Cabinet meeting on 21 March 2016)

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 On 3 November 2015, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee considered an item on Capital Budgets. At that meeting the Scrutiny and Overview Committee made recommendations to Cabinet and these are contained in Section 3 of this report.

- 2.2 On 17 November 2015, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee considered an item on Housing for young people in Croydon. At that meeting the Sub-Committee made recommendations to Cabinet and these are contained in Section 4 of this report.
- 2.3 The constitution provides for the recommendations of a scrutiny committee or sub-committee to be presented to the next convenient ordinary Cabinet meeting (i.e. not Council tax cabinet meeting) and for Cabinet to receive the recommendations.

In this report Cabinet is being asked to receive the recommendations.

The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within 2 months of this Cabinet meeting.

3. SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Capital Budgets (Minute number A27/15)

The Scrutiny and Overview Committee at its meeting on 3 November 2015 resolved to monitor the capital budget and the policies that underpin capital decision making as part of the Scrutiny work programme each year, and to ask Cabinet to:

- 1) Ensure that Ward Members are informed when s106 agreements have been negotiated in their ward and for what purpose the funds are secured
- 2) Consult the Scrutiny and Overview Committee before a decision about the allocation of the CIL '*Local Meaningful Proportion*' is made, specifically with regard to the suggestion that the original allocation through the 16 places of Croydon be refined to reflect allocation through a smaller number of place regeneration plans
- 3) Provide Members of the Committee with an update of the s106 summary balance sheet and allocation (as in appendix 2 of the report) in 12 months (Autumn 2016)

These recommendations and a timetable for response are attached at **Appendix A**.

4. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Housing for young people (Minute number A57/15)

The Children and Young People Sub-Committee at its meeting on 17 November 2015 resolved recommend to Cabinet that the council should:

- 1) Address the needs of its large young adult population in the Croydon Local Plan and its Housing Allocation Policy
- 2) Work with local developers to provide suitable housing for young graduates to retain talent in the borough

- 3) The council's development company should consider providing accommodation specifically for young people, such as basic "starter homes"
- 4) Consider introducing starter tenancies to encourage good tenancy management from the very beginning of a tenancy
- 5) Consider offering more enticing incentives to landlords to encourage them to lease more accommodation so that it can be let to young people on low incomes
- 6) Publicise the "My Croydon" app and housing services through a wider range of media including billboards around town
- 7) Work with local businesses to encourage them to offer their young staff support with rent deposits or part of them, and provide references to prospective landlords to make it easier for young people to obtain a tenancy

In addition the Sub-Committee made the following recommendation to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee:

- 1) That scrutiny should run more "young people's take-over" meetings to give young Croydonians the opportunity to question politicians on issues of concern to them and thus encourage young people to get involved in local democracy

The Sub-Committee also recommended to Croydon College that it should create Housing Ambassadors among students in order to:

- 1) Disseminate information and advice on housing issues
- 2) Encourage young people to get involved in the council's consultation on the borough's Local Plan and Housing Allocation Policy
- 3) Raise awareness of young people's housing issues with local councillors and members of parliament

5. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

The recommendations are in accordance with the constitution. This requires that the Scrutiny report is received and registered at this Cabinet Meeting and that a substantive response is provided within 2 months (ie. Cabinet, 21 March 2016).

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Background document 1: Reports to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting, 3 November 2015

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kabmenu.pl?cmte=SOC>

Background document 2: Reports to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting, 17 November 2015

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