

REPORT TO:	CABINET 18 January 2016
AGENDA ITEM NO:	14
SUBJECT:	STAGE 2: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM: STREETS AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2015
LEAD OFFICERS:	Nathan Elvery, Chief Executive and Executive Director Resources Jo Negrini, Executive Director Place
CABINET MEMBERS:	Councillor Kathy Bee, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment Councillor Simon Hall, Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury
WARDS:	ALL
<p>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: The Constitution requires that in accepting a recommendation, with or without amendment, from a Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee or Sub-Committee, the Cabinet shall agree an action plan for the implementation of the agreed recommendations and shall delegate responsibility to an identified officer to report back to the Strategic Overview Committee or Sub-Committee, within a specified period, on progress in implementing the action plan.</p>	
<p>AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON & WHY ARE WE DOING THIS: Croydon a Place to Live and Work; Fairness – Equalities, Open & Accountable; Croydon Safe & Secure; Sustainable Transport.</p>	
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT: The recommendations in this report may have a financial implication and as each recommendation is developed the financial implication will be explored and approved.</p>	
<p>FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: not a key decision</p>	

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations below

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the full response reports and action plans for the implementation of agreed recommendations and reasons for rejected recommendations attached to this report (at **Appendix A**) and that these be reported to the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its meeting on 2 February 2016.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 This report asks the Cabinet to approve the full response reports arising from the stage 1 reports to the Cabinet meeting held on 16 November 2015 including:

- Action plans for the implementation of agreed recommendations, **or**
- Reasons for rejecting the recommendations

and that these be reported to the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its meeting on 2 February 2016.

3. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Scrutiny recommendations are contained in the schedule **in Appendix A** to this report.

3.2 The detailed responses (including reasons for rejected recommendations) and action plans (for the implementation of agreed recommendations) are contained in **Appendix A**.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 No consultation is required for these responses.

5. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 The recommendations in this report may have a financial implication and as each recommendation is developed the financial implication will be explored and approved. These are contained within Appendix A of the report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 The Council Solicitor comments that there are no direct legal implications arising from this report but that advice will be provided as needed in respect of implementation of the individual recommendations.

(Approved by: Gabriel MacGregor, Head of Corporate Law on behalf of the Council Solicitor & Monitoring Officer)

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

There are no Human Resources considerations arising from this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

The Council is required to take account of the needs of disabled people and other protected characteristics as defined by the Equalities Act.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

- 11.1 These are provided in Appendix A attached.

12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12.1 Information about options considered and rejected are given in Appendix A where relevant.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: none

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENT AND CABINET MEMBER RESPONDING	ACCEPT/ REJECT RECOMMENDATIONS (inc. reasons for rejection)	IDENTIFIED OFFICER	ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IF ACCEPTED (ie Action Plan)	DATE OF SCRUTINY MEETING TO REPORT BACK
The Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 29 September 2015 resolved (Minute number A35/ 15) to:						
NETWORK RAIL – BRIGHTON MAINLINE UPGRADE						
1) Recommend to Cabinet that it continues to support the Brighton Mainline upgrade including by lobbying government at the highest levels to ensure that funding is allocated to the project	Place Cllr Bee	ACCEPT	Ian Plowright, Head of Transport	None	The Department for Transport will decide during 2016 whether or not to fund the upgrade works for the Brighton Mainline.	Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee 2 February 2016
2) Recommend to Cabinet that it continues to work with Network Rail, London Overground and Transport for London to ensure that opportunities for improvements to suburban services in the south London area and which would benefit Croydon residents are delivered as a result of the BML Upgrade	Place Cllr Bee	ACCEPT	Ian Plowright, Head of Transport	See response to Recommendation 4	This will be an ongoing activity undertaken as the Brighton Mainline upgrade proposals are themselves progressed through 2016 (and beyond).	Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee 2 February 2016
3) Recommend to Cabinet that the opportunity offered by current proposed revisions to the Croydon Local Plan is taken to ensure that BML upgrade proposals are protected as part of the planning process	Place Cllr Butler	ACCEPT	Steve Dennington, Interim Head of Spatial Planning	None – will be undertaken within existing resources allocated to revising the Croydon Local Plan.	Network Rail will be making representation to the council as part of the current consultation to the Local Plan process.	Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee 2 February 2016

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4) That accessibility at Norwood Junction was a top priority and that the Committee recommends to Cabinet that it lobbies London Overground (which manages the station) and the Department of Transport (to allocate funding from its 'access for all' programme) in order to break the 'log jam' which has prevented action being taken on this in the past	Place Cllr Bee	ACCEPT	Ian Plowright, Head of Transport	None	Representation will be made to London Overground and DfT in the next month.	Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee 2 February 2016
5) Recommend to Cabinet that it supports the building of a new world class station at East Croydon including two new platforms and new accessible pedestrian entrances to the station together with the associated additional tracks between East Croydon and Selhurst. ¹	Place Cllr Bee	ACCEPT	Colm Lacey, Director of Development	None	This will be an ongoing activity undertaken as the Brighton Mainline upgrade proposals are themselves progressed through 2016 (and beyond).	Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee 2 February 2016

¹ Recommendation amended at Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 24 November 2015

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The Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 29 September 2015 resolved to make recommendations to Cabinet (Minute number A38/15) to:						
RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET						
1) Asks the Cross Party Constitutional Working to review the process for Cabinet responses to scrutiny recommendations with a view to speeding up the process and;	Resources Cllr Hall	ACCEPT	Solomon Agutu Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny	NONE		Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee 2 February 2016
2) Provides scrutiny with more detailed information and implementation plans when responding to scrutiny recommendations	Resources Cllr Hall	ACCEPT – Statutory Scrutiny officer will remind report authors of this requirement when requesting reports	Solomon Agutu Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny	NONE		Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee 2 February 2016