

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Cabinet 20 June 2016</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM: SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING ON 12 APRIL 2016</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	<b>Richard Simpson, Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Resources) and S151 Officer Solomon Agutu -Statutory Scrutiny Officer</b>
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Sean Fitzsimons Chair, Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b>	<b>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.</b>

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 meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (12 April 2016) and to provide a substantive response within two months (ie. at the next available Cabinet meeting on **19 September 2016**)

## **2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 On 12 April 2016, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee considered items on Financial Inclusion and Cabinet Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations. At that meeting the Scrutiny and Overview Committee made recommendations to Cabinet and these are contained in Section 3 of this report.

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**

The Scrutiny and Overview Committee at its meeting on 12 April 2016 resolved to ask Cabinet to:

- 1 Seek support from the DWP to allow and enable direct payments for rent arrears when service users are making the transition to Universal Credit
- 2 Revisit the response to scrutiny recommendations report and provide more information to scrutiny including on timescales, impact on young people specifically and what can realistically be delivered to young people in Croydon.

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

### **4. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

### **5. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL 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, 19 September 2016** is the next available meeting).

### **6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

### **7. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

### **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

## 9. 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 on 12 April 2016 on Financial and Digital Inclusion.

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

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
<b>FINANCIAL INCLUSION (A31/16)</b> - At its meeting on 12 April 2016, the Sub-Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to:						
1. Ask the Cabinet to seek support from the DWP to allow and enable direct payments for rent arrears when service users are making the transition to Universal Credit						SOC 1 November 2016
<b>RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS (A32/16)</b> - At its meeting on 12 April 2016, the Sub-Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to:						
1. Ask Cabinet to revisit this report and provide more information to scrutiny including on timescales, impact on young people specifically and what can realistically be delivered to young people in Croydon.						SOC 1 November 2016