

CABINET

Meeting held on Monday 23 January 2017 at 6.30 pm in THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, The Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX.

MINUTES - PART A

Present: Councillor Tony Newman, Leader of the Council;
Councillor Alison Butler, Deputy Leader (Statutory);
Councillor Stuart Collins, Deputy Leader;
Councillors Hamida Ali, Alisa Flemming, Timothy Godfrey,
Simon Hall, Stuart King, Mark Watson and Louisa Woodley.

Other Majority Group Members in attendance:
Councillors Canning, Fitzsimons, Hay-Justice, Henson, B. Khan,
S. Khan, Mansell, Prince, Ryan, Wood and Young.

Shadow Cabinet Members in attendance: Councillors Cummings,
Gatland, Hale, Hopley, T. Pollard and Thomas.

Other Minority Group Member in attendance: Councillor Bird.

Also Present: Jeff Boothe, Croydon Borough Commander,
Metropolitan Police (attended for agenda item 6).

Scott Edgell, General Manager, Veolia (attended for agenda item 8)

Absent: Cabinet: none

Apologies: None.

Note:
The meeting webcast can be accessed on www.croydon.gov.uk

A1/17 Part A Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 December 2016

The Part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 December 2016 were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as a correct record.

A2/17 Disclosure of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

A3/17 Urgent Business (if any)

There was no urgent business.

A4/17 Exempt Items

RESOLVED that the allocation of business in the agenda be confirmed, as published.

A5/17 Welcome to the new Borough Commander, Jeff Boothe

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Tony Newman, welcomed and introduced the new Borough Commander, Jeff Boothe.

A6/17 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18

Amended sections 4.4 and 4.5 to the agenda item were tabled at the meeting

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to

1. Note the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement and its impact on Croydon
2. Note the response to the provisional settlement – at appendix 1 to the report.

A7/17 Don't mess with Croydon campaign update

A new street hoover was on display at the meeting

At the start of the agenda item Councillor Stuart Collins gave a presentation updating on the campaign. Then

Scott Edgell, General Manager, Veolia, then provided an update on the key recent and planned improvements to the service. Both presentations are available on the meeting webcast.

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to

1. Note the progress to date for the Don't Mess With Croydon Take Pride campaign.
2. Agree the approach to the next phase of the Don't Mess With

Croydon Take Pride campaign.

3. Note the planned transitional improvements to the environmental service in advance of the new South London Waste Partnership contract
March 2018

4. Delegate to the executive director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon the decision to implement the proposed service change improvements contained within the report and any further improvements following the behaviour Insight project.

A8/17 Corporate Plan performance – April to September 2016

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to

1. Note the latest performance for the period April to September 2016 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report
2. Note the achievements, progress and work to date, as detailed in this report, of delivery against the promises set out in the 2015-18 Corporate Plan.
3. Note the areas of challenge (where the Council is responsible for performance) and the work underway / proposed to address these areas as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

A9/17 Education Quality and Standards

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to

1. Note the report, commend the continued improvement in the percentage of schools judged good or better by OFSTED, and also notes that this paper will form a subject of Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee on 7 February 2017.
2. Agree the framework for the revised School Improvement Plan as set out in Appendix 7 of the report.

A10/17 Education Estates Report

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED

School Place Planning

1.1 to agree Croydon's School Place Supply Strategy (tables 1, 2 & 3) for the next 3 academic years – 2017/18 to 2019/20 and the funding (where applicable) to deliver these additional places.

1.2 to agree to the publication of the statutory notice and that statutory consultation can take place on the proposed permanent expansion of Beckmead and St Nicholas special schools. It is proposed that, if agreed, consultation will take place in March/April 2017. Following the outcome of the proposed consultation, a decision whether or not to expand should be made by Cabinet in May 2017.

1.3 to note the proposed additional places planned at Red Gates Primary School – 8 additional places in September 2017 and 8 additional places in 2018 and that to deliver these places statutory consultation is not required.

1.4 to note the amalgamation of four Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) - Coningsby, Phil Edwards, Moving On and Cotelands into one PRU - Saffron Valley Collegiate.- from 9 November 2016.

School Maintenance

1.5 to approve the proposed two year Schools' Maintenance Plan for 2017/18 and 2018/19, attached in Appendix 2 (printed separately).

1.6 to agree that this Plan will be reviewed annually.

School Admissions

1.7 to recommend that full Council agrees the proposed Admission Arrangements for Community Schools for the 2018/19 academic year as set out in Appendix 4 to this report (printed separately).

1.8 to agree the co-ordinated scheme for the 2018/19 academic year as set out in Appendix 5 to this report (printed separately) and note the Published Admission Numbers for Community Schools for the 2018/19 academic year.

1.9 to agree the secondary and primary Fair Access protocols and agree the protocols can come into effect from 20 February 2017 – Appendix 6 (printed separately).

Accessibility Strategy

1.10 to agree that consultation should take place on the draft accessibility strategy for disabled pupils (Appendix 7 printed separately) with stakeholders including parents/carers, pupils, school staff and governors and specialist organisations.

1.11 to agree that following consultation referred to in 1.10 above, to delegate to the Executive Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning, consideration of the consultation responses and to agree the final accessibility strategy.

A11/17 Developing options to regionalise adoption

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to

1. Agree, in principle, to join a London Regional Adoption Agency, subject to detailed financial analysis and business case; and
2. Authorise the Executive Director People, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning, to progress arrangements relating to the development and implementation of the London Regional Adoption Agency model.

A12/17 London Councils Grants Scheme 2017/18

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED

In order to meet the deadline of 1 February 2017 for setting the London Councils Grants Scheme budget by two-thirds of constituent Council's, to agree the recommendation of the London Councils Leaders Committee to:

- (a) Approve the London Councils Grants Scheme budget for 2017/18 of £8.899m; and

- (b) Agree Croydon Council's 2017/18 contribution to the London Councils Grants Scheme budget amounting to £335,088.

A13/17 Scrutiny stage 1: recommendations from the Children and Young people sub-committee meeting on 6 December 2016, Streets, Environment and Homes Sub-Committee meeting on 22 November 2016

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to

receive the recommendations arising from the meetings of the Children and Young People Sub-Committee (6 December 2016), the Streets, Environment and Homes Sub-Committee (22 November 2016) and to provide a substantive response within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on 20 March 2017)

A14/17 Investing in our Borough

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to note

1. The contracts over £500,000 in value anticipated to be awarded by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury or, where the nominated Cabinet Member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury, in consultation with the Leader.

2. The list of delegated award decisions detailed in section 4.2 of this report made by the Director of Strategy Communities and Commissioning, between 10th November 2016 – 22nd January 2017.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Part B minutes - none