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SUBJECT:	Delivering Across the Borough
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CABINET MEMBER:	Cllr Alison Butler Cabinet Member for Homes Regeneration and Planning Cllr Mark Watson Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs
WARDS:	All

CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT/AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON

Croydon’s Community Strategy 2016-21 aims to ensure that local people benefit from Croydon’s growth and regeneration by “making Croydon an exciting place to visit, live and spent time in” and to ensure that no community is left behind. Delivering these benefits in our district centres supports the “We are Croydon” vision outcomes: a great place to learn, work and live; a place of opportunity for everyone; a place with a vibrant and connected community and voluntary sector.

Specifically, the council’s delivery of a wide range of services in our district centres contributes to the vision within the **Croydon Promise - Growth for All (2014)** which states *“By 2020... Our district and local centres will be ‘neighbourhoods of choice’: With their own distinctive characters, they will provide a mix of new homes, jobs and community facilities”*.

In the **Corporate Plan (2015-2018)** the borough wide ‘Ambitious for Croydon’ outcomes include growth, independence and liveability. To achieve these the council is delivering a wide range of initiatives to create places where people and businesses want to be, and that communities are proud of and want to look after, and that also enable all people to live healthy, resilient lives and to maximise their life chances.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO:

This is not a key executive decision.

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 note the report for information only.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 By 2020 Croydon aims to be south London's prime commercial centre, the most exciting shopping and leisure destination in London and the southeast, and a place where companies, entrepreneurs, tech start ups, art and culture thrive. This ambition is underpinned by the council's commitment as articulated in the Community Strategy, through the Croydon Promise and of course through the Opportunity and Fairness Commission's findings, to deliver the benefits of growth and regeneration to local people and ensure that no community is left behind.
- 2.2 Croydon is on the edge of a major transformation and signs of growth and investment are clear across central Croydon. This regeneration brings with it the opportunity to support growth in our district centres through new affordable housing, new schools, better health and community facilities and improved, sustainable transport infrastructure and public realm. This report provides an update about service delivery across the borough's district centres and demonstrates the wider role that the Growth Zone can play in creating jobs and economic growth not only in the metropolitan centre but across the borough.
- 2.3 The report shows how the council is delivering initiatives that benefit its local communities and address the specific needs of its diverse and distinct district centres. It showcases the range of interventions that are being delivered to create a holistic but tailored approach to district centre regeneration.
- 2.4 An area based overview across some of the council's priority areas is provided to give a flavour of the activities that the council undertakes to deliver improvements in our neighbourhoods and how interventions can be combined to enhance and protect the unique characteristics of a distinctive neighbourhood.

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 By 2020 Croydon aims to be south London's prime commercial centre, the most exciting shopping and leisure destination in London and the southeast. It should be a place where all our residents will be happy to live and where business, art and culture thrive.
- 3.2 As set out in "The Croydon Promise – Growth for All", the enhancement of the borough's neighbourhoods is vital to support growth, independence and liveability. The Growth Zone benefits district centres by providing a catalyst for development activity and inward investment in the borough, creation of local jobs and contribution to the local economy and technological innovations. Links will be made to our neighbourhoods at every opportunity.
- 3.3 The "Homes – Our 10 Priorities" Cabinet Report (March 2015) set out the importance of regeneration in our local town centres, which, while retaining their distinctive character, will further contribute to the vibrant mix of new homes, jobs and community facilities.
- 3.4 The Cabinet Report – "Croydon's Economy – Our Priorities" (June 2015) paper demonstrated how regeneration and growth in the centre of Croydon will feed and sustain further development and growth in our district centres. The focus will be to work with residents and businesses to create high streets that serve their local community, that include community facilities, that are safe, with a high quality public realm and are easy to navigate.
- 3.5 Each part of our borough has its own unique character, defined by its geography, history, local community and culture. Therefore, the interventions currently being delivered are diverse and targeted at specific local needs. They cannot all be covered in this document, so this report aims to provide a flavour of the approach taken, by providing some examples being delivered in some of our priority areas for regeneration.

4. NEW ADDINGTON / FIELDWAY

- 4.1 The Croydon Promise describes a vision for New Addington that includes well used new facilities and meeting places, a healthy, vibrant and affordable retail offer, improved public realm and open space, a new leisure and community centre, health and well-being centre, new homes, easy to access quality services and a lively programme of community events, festivals and pop ups. Significant progress has been achieved over the past few years in delivering this vision.
- 4.2 The 'Vision for Central Parade' was developed in partnership with the community, resulting in public realm improvement projects which completed in 2016. The improvements include new lighting, renewed paving surfaces and kerbs, better drainage system, a resurfaced service road and planters.
- 4.3 For many years residents in New Addington have called for up to date and fit for purpose, community and leisure facilities. Construction works to the new

leisure and community centre will begin in spring 2017, with the facility due to open in summer 2018. The new facilities will include a 25-metre, six-lane main swimming pool and a learning pool, a fitness suite, sport hall, crèche and studios. The community space will consist of two large halls, kitchen, reception, public toilets, offices and storage rooms. This will be available for community use for a range of activities and events.

- 4.4 Four proposals for much needed homes in New Addington have been developed for delivery by Brick by Brick. Planning applications submitted in December 2016 could provide 30 dwellings; a decision is anticipated in March 2017. The Council is also undertaking early stage options studies relating to the potential redevelopment of the Fishers Farm Household Recycling Centre to accommodate new homes and the relocation of this facility. No work would start on the site of Fishers Farm without the relocation of Household Waste and Recycling Centre to an alternative site in New Addington.
- 4.5 Working with the business community and stakeholders the council sought seed funding from the Outer London Fund to establish the New Addington Business Improvement District (BID), the second BID to be established in the borough. Its first term will run until 2018 with a renewal ballot process expected to take place in the autumn 2017 to determine the BID's continuation for a further 5 year term.
- 4.6 The council continues to invest in its own housing stock, spending £11m on responsive repairs and £20 million on planned maintenance in the area. £1m of this per annum provides over 100 permanent adaptations for tenants with disabilities, supporting residents to live healthily and happily in their homes thereby promoting independence as well as increasing the number of adapted homes available for reallocation as tenants move on. Of the 84 council stock adaptations completed so far in 2016/17, 32 were in New Addington and Fieldway, representing an investment of over £250,000 (based on average costs per property).
- 4.7 Croydon is also one of London's two Food Flagship boroughs, tasked with transforming Croydon's food culture through schoolchildren and their families. Although the programme delivers across the borough there has been a particular focus on Fieldway & New Addington, with the Community Food Learning Centre providing courses and a range of activities in growing and cooking food. Fairchilds Primary and Meridian High are the two local flagship schools, and there has been a significant increase in the uptake of school meals amongst participating schools. New work to tackle food poverty in the borough will begin in 2017 supported by the GLA.
- 4.8 Community Connect, a first response hub run by the community and for the community, is being delivered by The Family Centre in Fieldway, New Addington, supported by the Gateway and Welfare service. Community Connect provides early intervention, tailored to individual need, to ensure the knock-on effect of welfare reform does not adversely affect local families, through support from a dedicated adviser for households most at risk of homelessness. Since it officially launched on 20 January 2017, Community Connect has already engaged 35 residents with action plans, prevented 5

cases of homelessness and negotiated 14 hardship grants to support residents in working towards a long-term solution. 4 residents have found employment and 15 have joined the new job club. Scoping is underway to identify opportunities to roll out “Community Connect” to other district centres.

- 4.9 The council has provided funding for police officers and support to community groups through Ward budgets and is about to fund an outdoor gym. Other initiatives introduced in the area include fixing and improving CCTV, dedicated street sweeping machines, one hour free parking and new street lighting. In addition following requests from residents boulders have been removed and planters put in.

5. ADDISCOMBE / ASHBURTON

- 5.1 The council is working alongside Friends of Ashburton Park and local residents to unlock an number of initiatives in and around Ashburton Park including community clean-ups of the area. The redevelopment of the locally listed former Ashburton Convent/ in Ashburton Park is currently underway. The council is transforming the old building into a multi-functional centre for cultural activity to help unlock opportunities for new community uses and economic growth. A detailed planning application has been approved for the design proposals. An operator for the building has been appointed and the facility is due to open in summer 2017. Meanwhile an art competition has been used to decorate the hoardings of the construction site.
- 5.2 Ashburton Park has been selected as the first of the Croydon’s six priority parks to undergo the council’s Ambitious for Parks masterplanning process starting in March 2017. The council will work alongside local residents to create a vision for the park and its future use.
- 5.3 The council is redeveloping the gates at Ashburton Park to enable improved pedestrian access and access for large fairground vehicles to avoid disturbing residential properties on Tenterden Road. A detailed planning application has been submitted with determination expected in March 2017; if approved the works will be completed this summer.
- 5.4 Work is also underway to support local businesses in developing their own business forum, which could in time lead to the creation of a BID or similar formal association for Addiscombe. A business surgery is due to take place in this location in March 2017 to scope the idea with businesses and stakeholders.
- 5.5 Protecting what is unique about specific districts/area is vital when delivering in district centres – to do this we need strong planning policy. The proposed local plan which should be adopted next year provides a plan to guide development that respects and enhances the area by protecting valued historic assets and green spaces and enabling the local infrastructure to support communities.
- 5.6 Expansion of the Ark Oval Academy Primary School on Cherry Orchard Road has been completed along with a new school on Stroud Green and the new Crystal Child Development Centre. The crossing patrol has also been brought

back at Woodside School and the Sir Phillip Game Youth Centre provided with new furniture.

- 5.7 The council's Empty Property Service works with owners to bring their properties back into use and remove the blight and public health problems that are frequently caused to neighbourhoods by long term vacant homes. So far in 2016/17, 20 homes have been created or returned to use in Addiscombe, including one large conversion /development to 14 units. Flourishing Residents Forums have been established on Tollgate and Longheath estates and new security gates and major works planned for Longheath gardens.
- 5.8 The council is actively tackling irresponsible private landlords whose properties causing problems to their neighbours and tenants and works to prevent further traveller camps have been delivered on Long Lane Wood and Ashburton Playing Fields.
- 5.9 20mph zones are being introduced to make roads safer; making streets both safer and more attractive is being delivered through improvements to street lighting and increasing the number of street trees. A new road off Grant Road has been named to honour locally born silver medal Olympian Paul Nihil. Funding for new plants and trees and sign for Addiscombe Railway Park and new road signs for East India Conservation Area have also been provided.

6. SOUTH NORWOOD

- 6.1 South Norwood has many active communities keen to improve their area, however, it has higher levels of deprivation than the Croydon average, and high street vacancies are a visible blight on the area, it is therefore a priority area for council intervention.
- 6.2 The High Street was resurfaced in 2016 and further highways improvement works are planned for 2017; in addition to this the council is delivering a major £1.6m public realm scheme for Station Road and Market Parade in South Norwood (starting on site in February 2017). The whole scheme will benefit from a significant strand of arts led improvements and enhancements at a range of scales to complement improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists through possible introduction of 20 mph zones. Further improvements to street safety and attractiveness have been provided with new street lighting which has used special heritage lights in the conservation area.
- 6.3 Christmas lights have also been provided funded by local community groups including People for Portland Road (PPR), local businesses and the local Councillors and the vandalised mosaic outside South Norwood library has been replaced.
- 6.4 Following the success of the Sensible Garden, the PPR are working to develop the Portland Road Community Garden around the leisure centre and across Enmore Road outside the Woodside Health Centre. A second community garden has been established with local residents at Love Lane.

- 6.5 Further support for Portland Road will be delivered with Croydon's new Local Plan that will guide development over the next twenty years. It includes re-designating the shopping parades between Dundee Road and Sandown Road, to give them the same level of protection as for example Market Parade. This area, including the leisure and health centres, will also be designated as a Neighbourhood Centre, recognising its importance to the locality and giving it further protection. Stretches of Portland Road are to be designated as Local Heritage Areas, whilst the town centre will remain a conservation area.
- 6.6 The council has been supporting the emerging Clocktower Market to operate on Station Road on a regular basis. This artisan market will continue to operate throughout the public realm improvement period. Additionally, once finished, the new public realm area will give the market the capacity to increase from six to eighteen stalls.
- 6.7 The impact of empty shops is more visible in South Norwood than in any other district centre in the borough. Working with a local property owner the council has enabled three arts based local businesses to breathe new life into an area blighted by vacant units. The Portland Road Pop-up-shop competition, by offering units on a 1 year rent free, rate free period has activated three shop fronts, brought in 3 new businesses and has so far created 2 new jobs. Ongoing business support will be provided to the traders to ensure they go from strength to strength. The council has also introduced a discretionary business rates policy designed to support and enable economic growth, and encourage other empty properties back into use throughout the borough.
- 6.8 The council supported People for Portland Road in successfully applying for funding to complete a community economic development plan this plan will be used as the basis to bid for funding to assist with the regeneration of the District Centre.
- 6.9 The Streets programme successfully hosted music events to activate South Norwood high street in July and November 2016 at local venues. The council is working with People for Portland Road to bring forward public art proposals for the Portland Road railway bridge; S106 funding has been secured to support the project that will form part of the emerging designs for the upper end of Portland Road.
- 6.10 Brick by Brick will bring forward circa 100 homes in South Norwood of mixed tenures over the next three years including much needed affordable homes. Sites include Regina Road, Belgrave and Grosvenor Roads, Auckland Rise and Sylvan Hill and Station Road. The council is also investing in council housing stock improvements.
- 6.11 Substantial investment has been made in education - Beckmead College opened in January 2017 and the Harris Academy sixth form college and pupil referral unit is due to open on the site of the former Police Station in Oliver Grove in 2018. Further investment was made in the new Arena School on Ablert Road which was officially opened in 2017 and created 180 new school places.

7. THORNTON HEATH

- 7.1 Thornton Heath is a diverse and vibrant area. Support is needed to ensure future sustainability and success in the area which includes heritage buildings in need of care.. Unemployment is slightly higher in Thornton Heath than the Croydon average highlighting a need for relevant employment and training initiatives in this area.
- 7.2 The £2.67m Thornton Heath regeneration programme has been progressing over the past year. The current phase of improvements are focused predominantly along the High Street and Brigstock Road and involve an uplift to over 9250sqm of existing public realm; improvements to 37 shopfront and upper storey improvements for the high street; four large scale and locally distinctive public art commissions for flank walls and the roll-out of a *Legible London* wayfinding programme to navigate people to key amenities and green spaces in close proximity to the high street.
- 7.3 Croydon Voluntary Action (CVA) was appointed in August 2016 to deliver a comprehensive business support package. They completed an initial audit of business needs and have engaged over 60 local businesses since the scheme launched in September 2016. Over 25 businesses are currently receiving support.
- 7.4 A strategy and action plan has been produced for Ambassador House, as well as a feasibility study on the potential for a local market on the forecourt.
- 7.5 The Thornton Heath recruitment fair was organized in December 2016 in partnership with Croydon Works and local employers such as Mulalley & Co. to support residents into work.
- 7.6 Through the Don't Mess with Croydon campaign 127 people have been successfully prosecuted for littering and fly-tipping offences across the borough. In Thornton Heath, an estate agent was fined £1,000 for depositing business waste in the high street. In January 2017, a notorious fly-tipper became the second person to be sent to prison for a total of 4 offences committed across South Croydon and in Thornton Heath. Two vans were confiscated as part of the case.
- 7.7 Quick win projects to create a cleaner greener area have been implemented including the Clock Tower clean-up and deep clean of pavements along the high street, this was accompanied by improvements to green spaces at Trumble Gardens, Grange Park, the Meadow and Thornton Heath Rec.

8. PURLEY

- 8.1 Purley Business Improvement District (BID) is now in its second year of operation, and officers continue to support its development. Themed audits undertaken in 2016 identified action areas which are currently being progressed in partnership with the council, including a fly tipping crackdown involving weekly

council inspections of known hotspots, and the installation of hanging baskets, flower boxes and promotional banners.

- 8.2 The BID and local businesses have identified parking as a particular issue and the council will be working with the BID to assess the situation and propose potential solutions.
- 8.3 The council is investing £200,000 in Purley multi-storey carpark to replace two outdated lifts, and provide new lighting, an interior repaint and security shutters. These works are due to complete early in 2017.
- 8.4 One of the first Go ON Croydon Digital Zones was created in the JobCentre Plus office in Purley, supporting local residents with the digital skills necessary for Universal Credit.
- 8.5 As part of the Council's devolution agenda Purley has been identified as one of 3 engagement pilot areas; engagement activity is due to commence in early 2017. This will further build relationships with businesses, residents and established local groups as well as helping to shape regeneration initiatives going forwards.
- 8.6 Community ward budgets have so far been used to support the Croydon Borough Neighbourhood Watch Association (CBNWA) and Purley Festival. CBNWA has been funded to promote its work in the area to reduce crime and create safer neighbourhoods. Purley Festival will deliver Cinema in the Park on Friday 30th June and supply food and drink for Purley litter pick event on Monday 26th June.

9. COULSDON

- 9.1 Highways resurfacing work was carried out in Coulsdon Town Centre in August/September 2016 which reinstated failed public realm works implemented in 2011, particularly at the junction of Chipstead Valley Road and Brighton Road.
- 9.2 The council is working with key stakeholders to formalise a Coulsdon Business Partnership. The organisation was established in January 2017 with a constitution, terms of reference and bank account, and they are developing a town centre website and marketing plan prior to launching proposals to the wider business community. In time this may lead to a proposal to create a BID for Coulsdon.
- 9.3 A Coulsdon Business Survey was commissioned in Spring 2016 and the summary findings have shared with local residents' groups and businesses. Some of the recommendations identified could well be useful areas for the Coulsdon Business Partnership to take forward, particularly around marketing of the town centre and promotion of the business offer.
- 9.4 Coulsdon has great potential for new housing. Barratts commenced works commenced in summer 2015 on a 675 home development on Cane Hill, due to

complete by 2021. Other recent and proposed private developments in the town centre are adding to this with up to 75 new homes and commercial space planned near Coulsdon Town station.

- 9.5 Brick By Brick is assessing the potential of four interconnected sites which could provide well over 100 new homes – Lion Green Road car park, Coulsdon Library, the former CALAT centre and Coulsdon Community Centre. Importantly, the schemes could create a new community hub bringing together improved modern public and community services on the CALAT site, subject to stakeholder agreement and public consultation. Public consultation on the proposals is due in March 2016.
- 9.6 The council is working with Friends of Grange Park to develop the new and inclusive playground in Grange Park, Old Coulsdon. Happy Valley is one of the destination parks which will be reviewed under the Ambitious for Parks masterplanning process, probably in summer 2017.

10. NORBURY

- 10.1 Conversations with the Love Norbury group, business representatives and ward councillors held at the end of 2015 have identified a number of actions that could be progressed in the future. Proposals for street trees, planters and hanging baskets, as well as public art under the railway bridge are to be brought forward should funding be identified. In light of this the Council is actively pursuing funding and opportunities to introduce smaller scale meaningful improvement to the centre.
- 10.2 Light touch interventions have already been facilitated including new welcome signage to Norbury at the borough boundary and better signage to Granville Gardens Car Park which are soon to be installed.
- 10.3 The council has been exploring the activation of vacant shop units including liaison with the Co-operative store to try and facilitate a smartening up of the high street and retail units owned by them.
- 10.4 Norbury Park has been identified as one of the six priority parks selected for the council's forthcoming 'Ambitious for Parks' masterplanning programme, which will guide future strategic decisions for investment, management and maintenance of the borough's significant parks and open spaces as community assets for its residents, businesses, workforce and visitors.
- 10.5 The Norbury Park masterplan will complement the other recent improvements including the refurbishment of the former sports pavilion and lease to Croydon Amateur Boxing Club, who hire out the space to local community groups. The pavilion will also be the base for the BMX club. The club is to be formed when the recently approved new BMX track is completed. Work Construction work is to commence during summer 2017. The BMX track and initial refurbishment of the pavilion has been funded by S106 developer contributions.
- 10.6 The most recent addition to the park in December 2016 is an outdoor table

tennis table which has been funded by the Community Ward Budget for Norbury. The table is situated near the pavilion and can be used by anyone. Players are encouraged to bring their own bats and balls to play but some equipment will be available to borrow from the boxing and BMX clubs next year.

- 10.7 There are also 8 proposed housing schemes in Norbury District Centre all have planning permission but have not yet commenced on site – these will deliver a total of 27 new homes. Brick by Brick are also exploring opportunities for the development of new homes in Norbury.

11. SURREY STREET

- 11.1 What is key to all of the district developments, is the importance of local distinctiveness and the council is keen to retain and build on this. The centre of Croydon also has its own distinct quarters and areas and the regeneration activity within Surrey Street is an example of how the council preserves and works to build on local identity, personality, heritage and history.
- 11.2 The 700 year old market is undergoing a £1.1m renovation to create a vivacious public space and aims to increase footfall to the market. The regeneration programme includes public realm improvements that will make the carriageway level and enhance the market's design making the street more pedestrian-friendly and creating a vibrant, flexible market space. Public art will be installed to uplift the market and also to attract residents and visitors from High Street and North End. Signposting will be improved from train stations, bus and tram stops. Improved signage, street lighting and architectural lighting on building facades will also be installed subject to the property owners' permission.
- 11.3 More than 50 traders, businesses and residents have attended consultation events to provide feedback on the proposals, discussing the need for regular updates about future works disruption, the need for barriers to reduce unlawful vehicle access onto the market, seating provision and the importance of protecting the market's cultural heritage. They are also helping to shape plans for the 'softer' improvements like public art, improved wayfinding from the town centre and the future of the market itself.
- 11.4 The council has also boosted Surrey Street by introducing the Sunday market from September 2016, which focuses on street food, homemade and artisan produce, arts and crafts, vintage and retro goods, and street entertainment. Shoppers can now surf the web as they shop, thanks to a new free public Wi-Fi network activated by the council. There are also plans to launch a website to promote the stalls and businesses in the market. Officers are also working closely with landlords to encourage the reoccupation of current vacant units.
- 11.5 The new CRISIS Croydon Skylight building was formally opened on 17th February. This bright, modern and vibrant building in Surrey Street will provide a base for the services that they have been delivering alongside partner voluntary sector and faith services within the borough. Street homeless and vulnerably housed people will be able to access housing and progression

coaching, art therapy, tenancy readiness training, cookery classes and laundry facilities under one roof. CRISIS have joined an alliance of statutory, voluntary and faith sector services supporting this vulnerable group with an ultimate aim of ending rough sleeping in Croydon.

12. DELIVERING IN THE FUTURE

- 12.1 The above examples give a flavour of the detailed plans being put in place to deliver outcomes over the coming months. However over the next 5 years, Croydon's growth zone is expected to deliver a £5.25bn regeneration programme and will be transformational in delivering economic benefits for residents and businesses across the borough which will have additional benefits to the district areas. This level of investment is projected to create 23,000 new jobs and 10,000 homes. The £1bn Croydon Partnership redevelopment of the Whitgift retail centre will create one of Europe's largest retail and leisure destinations, creating some 5000 jobs for example.
- 12.2 To ensure that residents from across the borough secure the new jobs created by investment the Council and partners have created Croydon Works a free to use professional recruitment service. Croydon Works delivered in partnership between Croydon Council, Croydon College, Jobcentre Plus and the voluntary sector provides training and support to residents from across the borough to help them secure job – since its launch in July 2016 Croydon Works has supported over 128 residents into work.
- 12.3 The £500m Growth Zone programme includes a range of infrastructure and place making projects that will enable and support the growth of central Croydon. These include transport, schools and community infrastructure, regeneration and public realm improvements, and support for small businesses.
- 12.4 Given the interconnected spatial and economic relationship between central Croydon and the district centres, the developments will impact positively on the district centres, for example, through transport improvements which will include bus priority improvements; corridor improvements including A232 and A23; and tram upgrades including frequency and potential line extension. These interventions will help to support the growth and prosperity of district centres; helping to tackle congestion and increase accessibility.
- 12.5 Through its significant enabling projects the Growth Zone programme can support the council's ongoing proactive planning and place making activities within the district centres. This is currently being coordinated through the preparation of regeneration briefs for each district centre. It is hoped that these holistic, ambitious and locally responsive documents will assist in identifying and progressing further projects and initiatives, that drive economic development and regeneration across the borough.

13. CONSULTATION

Consultation and engagement has been or will be undertaken on a project by project basis in accordance with statutory and corporate policy.

14. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, there are a number of significant investments taking place within Croydon's district centres, as identified in this report.

Approved By – Lisa Taylor – Director of Finance, Investment and Risk (Deputy S151 Officer)

15. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Approved By – Jacqueline Harris Baker - Acting Director of Law and Monitoring Officer

16. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

There is no human resources impact arising from this report.

Approved by: Jason Singh, Head of HR Employee Relations on behalf of the Director of HR.

17. EQUALITIES IMPACT

Equalities impacts are assessed and addressed on a project by project basis. Broadly there will be a positive equalities impact resulting from work to improve district centers and engage residents, stakeholders and businesses.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Environmental or sustainability impacts are assessed and addressed on a project by project basis. In many cases there is a positive environmental impact resulting from engagement and investment in district centers, for example public realm improvements will promote walking and cycling.

19. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

While there are no direct implications arising from the report that relate to the reduction/prevention of crime and disorder many interventions in our district centers will have a positive impact on crime and disorder and street safety e.g. investment in improved street lighting reduces fear of crime, support to Neighbourhood Watch organisations and investment in additional policing.

20. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

The report is presented for information only, the outcomes should be noted by Cabinet.

21. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Alternative options have been considered on a project by project basis as separately reported to Cabinet and other committees.

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Background documents: none

