

REPORT TO:	Cabinet 18 September 2017
AGENDA ITEM NO:	9
SUBJECT:	STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY
LEAD OFFICERS:	Richard Simpson, Executive Director Resources & S151 Officer Stephen Rowan – Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Sean Fitzsimons Chair, Scrutiny and 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 Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee (18 July 2017), the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee (20 June 2017) and the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee (13 June 2017) and to provide a substantive response within two months (ie. at the next available Cabinet meeting on **20 November 2017**)

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Recommendations that have been received from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and its Sub-Committees since the last Cabinet meeting are provided in the body of this report. The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within 2 months of this Cabinet meeting.

3. 13 June 2017 – STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Committee considered an item on the Cycling Strategy; present were the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Director of Planning and Strategic Transport. Subsequent to questions to those present, the Committee came to the following conclusions:

- 1) Endorsed the Strategy and the areas of focus to overcome the barriers and to normalise cycling within the borough;
- 2) Acknowledged the need to shift concentration from traffic incidents involving cyclists to the lives saved from cycling;
- 3) There was an opportunity to increase the number people of cycling through the use of E-Bikes;
- 4) Welcomed the commitment of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Director of Planning and Strategic Transport to promote E-Bikes, such as through a councillor led event;
- 5) Endorsed the focus on improving cycle facilities and infrastructure in town centres to reduce the number of short car journeys made;
- 6) Welcomed the work of organisations such as Wheels for Wellbeing, the Lake Foundation and the Bikeability scheme to engage all communities to start or return to cycling;
- 7) Noted the opportunity to encourage young people to cycle to school through School Travel Plans and encouraging schools to participate in the Bikeability scheme;
- 8) Welcomed the review of parks byelaws and the importance of ensuring that a right balance was found between cyclists and other park users;
- 9) Welcomed the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment raising concerns regarding bike storage at East Croydon station and requests a review of the whole station area; and
- 10) Welcomed the work of officers to review bike hire schemes such as a Bike Library and suggested the introduction of cycling clubs and competitions within schools.

The Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) The Cycling Strategy be adopted;
- 2) Greater emphasis be given to the health benefits of cycling and the lives that could be saved from cycling;
- 3) A promotional campaign be undertaken to inform residents of the benefits of E-Bikes and an event be arranged to encourage councillors to trial them;
- 4) Greater emphasis be given to schemes to promote cycling among young people and encourage all schools to participate in the Bikeability scheme;
- 5) Consider encouraging schools to introduce cycling clubs and competitions; and
- 6) The review into byelaws of all parks continue and to ensure the right balance be found to ensure cycling in parks was found to ensure safe cycling and enjoyment of parks for all.

4. 20 June 2017 – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Committee considered an item on the Youth Engagement Strategy; present were the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning and the Director of Education and Youth Engagement. Subsequent to questions to those present, the Committee came to the following conclusions:

- 1) The Sub-Committee supports the council's ambition to base its youth engagement strategy on the principles of the UNICEF Rights of the Child Charter and the UNICEF "Child Friendly City" initiative, which has been adopted successfully in other areas of the UK.
- 2) The Sub-Committee concurs that the effectiveness of the Children in Care Council needs to be strengthened and that its membership needs to reflect the diverse Looked After Children population in the borough, and look forward to receiving reports from the Corporate Parenting Panel regarding progress in this regard.
- 3) The Sub-Committee supports the proposal to allocate a budget to young people's engagement, including the work of the future young mayor.

The Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) That the Council should develop effective communication methods for encouraging all children and young people in the borough to engage, using current popular social media such as Twitter, Facebook, etc., and that officers should report back to the sub-committee within a year on methods used and their effectiveness in engaging all young communities in the borough.
- 2) That Cabinet reports relating to children and young people e.g. school estates, housing, etc., should include a paragraph setting out officers' considerations on impacts on this age group and indicates how they have been consulted and their views.

5. 18 July 2017 – HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Committee considered items on the suicide prevention and self-harm reduction plan and Outcomes Based Commissioning for over 65s. Subsequent to questions to those present, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) The multi-agency group working on the suicide prevention and self-harm reduction plan and led by the council should include local community and voluntary groups who provide support around suicide prevention and harm reduction.
- 2) The suicide prevention and self-harm reduction plan being developed should use national guidance and good practice elsewhere to identify key factors that may lead to a higher risk of suicide in the borough. Members recognise the importance of non-identifiable data in any mapping across the borough to inform the council's strategy and develop good practice.
- 3) The development of the suicide prevention and self-harm reduction plan

should include an examination of how key stakeholder policies could be modified to reduce the risk of suicide and self-harm for vulnerable people.

- 4) A more in depth review is required of the Outcome Based Commissioning for the Over 65s . How this will be progressed is currently be considered and will be included in the scrutiny work programme although the time for this could be in next year's programme to allow sufficient review

6. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

7. 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, 20 November 2017** is the next available meeting).

8. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

11. 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 Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 13 June 2017.

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kab14.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=7&cmte=SEH&grpId=public&arc=1>

Background document 2: Reports to the Children and Young People Sub-Committee on 20 June 2017.

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Background document 3: Reports to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 18 July 2017.

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