

REPORT TO:	Cabinet 18 September 2017
AGENDA ITEM NO:	10
SUBJECT:	STAGE 2: RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM: SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 7 MARCH 2017 AND 24 MAY 2017 AND THE STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE 28 FEBRUARY 2017
LEAD OFFICERS:	Jo Negrini, Chief Executive Richard Simpson, Executive Director Resources & S151 Officer
CABINET MEMBERS:	All
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.

CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT/AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON: The Constitution requires that in accepting a recommendation, with or without amendment, from a Scrutiny and 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 Scrutiny and Overview Committee or Sub-Committee, within a specified period, on progress in implementing the action plan.

Corporate Plan sections:

Croydon a Place to Live and Work;

Fairness – Equalities, Open & Accountable;

Croydon Safe & Secure; Sustainable Transport.

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.

FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: not a key 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 approve the response reports and action plans attached to this report (at Appendix A) and that these be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committees.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/DETAIL

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 17 July 2017 including:

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

and that these be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committees.

3. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Scrutiny recommendations are contained in the schedule in the appendix 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 the appendices.

4. CONSULTATION

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

5. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

The recommendations are in accordance with the constitution.

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

11.1 These are contained in the appendix to this report.

12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 These are contained in the appendix to this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Background document 1: Reports to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 7 March 2017.

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kab12.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=20&cmte=SOC&grpid=public&arc=1>

Background document 2: Reports to the Streets, Environment and Homes Sub-Committee on 28 February 2017.

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kab12.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=5&cmte=SEH&grpid=public&arc=1>

Background document 3: Reports to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 24 May 2017.

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kab12.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=38&cmte=SOC&grpid=public&arc=1>

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STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SUB-COMMITTEE - At its meeting on 28 February 2017, the Committee RESOLVED to recommend the following:						
1. To the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, that consideration be given to how best to improve communication with the public on future bridge repairs;	Place Cllr King	Accepted	Steve Iles director of streets	None	Monthly ward members briefing in place, notice boards are onsite and updated regularly along with a Communication Plans being developed for when bridge replacement works are undertaken.	7 November 2017
2. Request that the next Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment bulletin for the Council meeting in April 2017 include updates on car clubs and playstreets.	Place Cllr King	Accepted	Steve Iles director of streets	None	Immediate, the April 2017 Bulletin did include a number of articles including both Car clubs and Playstreets.	7 November 2017
3. To the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that a specific budget for tree replacement be established;	Place Cllr King	Accepted. The council's arboricultural budget does include for a small allocation for tree planting.	Steve Iles director of streets	To be confirmed, a detailed business case is being developed seeking a capital allocation for tree planting.	October 2017 for submission of business case	7 November 2017
4. To the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that a regular report on which trees are being removed be circulated to Members;	Place Cllr King	Accepted.	Steve Iles director of streets	None	April Annually	7 November 2017

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5. To the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that limited access to the new software be provided to Councillors to enable them to review which trees had been felled;	Place Cllr King	Rejected. Members can obtain such information direct from officers	Steve Iles director of streets	None	N/A	7 November 2017
6. That more S106 money be used for tree replacement and encourage the use of the Community Ward Funds for tree replacement;	Place Cllr King	Accepted Planning officers will be reminded that additional tree planting is a priority when agreeing S106 agreements to meet with the council air quality plan objective. Ward Councillors are also encouraged prioritise the use Community Ward Funding.	Steve Iles director of streets	None	September	7 November 2017
7. To the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that a list of empty tree pits be provided to Councillors to enable engagement with residents regarding possible replanting;	Place Cllr King	Accepted	Steve Iles director of streets	At this stage the cost implication of this recommendation is unknown	April 18	7 November 2017

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8. To the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that a tree replacement programme which plans for trees being replaced when removed be considered;	Place Cllr King	Partially accepted - this is dependent on the time of year as the normal planting season for trees is November – March	Steve Iles director of streets	None	This is contingent on securing capital funding as set out in recommendation 3. The programme could begin in November 2017.	7 November 2017
9. The Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment makes further amendments to the Vehicle Crossover policy, with the aim to preserve the street scene of those parts of borough in a manner that would not cause further parking stress;	Place Cllr King	Partially accepted, the current vehicle cross over policy aims to strike a balance to minimise the impact to preserve the street scene	Steve Iles director of streets	None	N/A	7 November 2017
10. The rules in regards parallel parking are revisited as part of the review;	Place Cllr King	As above, parallel parking criteria has been amended	Steve Iles director of streets	None	N/A	7 November 2017
11. The Council consider whether to designate some areas of Croydon as high parking stress areas and to consider the appropriate level of restrictions on cross-overs in those areas;	Place Cllr King	Partially accepted, the council's current crossover policy recognises high parking stress areas and the policy adequately addresses this. There is a review intending to be undertaken annually to	Steve Iles director of streets	None	N/A	7 November 2017

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		consider changing circumstances				
12. The Council review the policy to ensure it has adequate safeguards in regards water run-off.	Place Cllr King	Accepted, adequate measures are in place	Steve Iles director of streets	None	N/A	7 November 2017

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SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - At its meeting on 7 March 2017, the Committee RESOLVED to recommend the following::						
1. That Croydon Council should campaign to protect the rights of all its citizens, including the right of EU citizens to vote and participate in local elections.	Resources/ Cllr Hall	Partially accept. While the issue of voting rights is ultimately a national one, this Council considers the ability to have your say in choosing and supporting elected representatives an important part of building community cohesion across all parts of the Borough. For this reason, the Council has, and will continue to invest in and deliver innovative and forward thinking programmes that encourage both voting and voter registration across all the communities that it serves.	Stephen Rowan	None	Ongoing	31 October 2017
2. That more contextual information be provided in the Community Safety Strategy that posits Croydon within the broader picture of crime rates in	Place Cllr Ali	Accept	Andy Opie	n/a	Refer to Community Safety Strategy signed off by Cabinet in June 2017	31 October 2017

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neighbouring boroughs and across London.						
<p>3. That road safety should be more thoroughly addressed within the Community Safety Strategy as a community safety issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The section should cover crimes associated with illegal use of mobile phones, distracted and inattentive driving, drink and drugged driving, and excessive speeding. b. The strategy should take up the suggestion of the Borough Commander that support on this should come from the relevant Met Police specialist traffic team. 	Place Cllr Ali / Cllr King	Accept	Andy Opie	n/a	Refer to Community Safety Strategy signed off by Cabinet in June 2017	31 October 2017

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STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SUB-COMMITTEE - At its meeting on 28 March 2017, the Committee RESOLVED to recommend the following:						
1. That Cabinet give strong consideration to making Vision Zero an integral part of Croydon's Road Safety strategy, which should strongly inform the creation and implementation of a Mobility Strategy.	Place Cllr King	<p>Accept - The second policy within the Mayor of London's draft Transport Strategy sets the Vision Zero target for London with all road deaths and serious injuries eliminated by 2041. The Croydon Local Implementation Plan to implement the Strategy will need to be included and work to Vision Zero.</p> <p>The Mayor's Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan objectives will need to be reflected in other Croydon plans and strategies.</p>	Heather Cheesbrough / Steve Iles	Additional funding from TFL to fund the schemes required to support Vision Zero	At this stage this is unknown	31 October 2017
2. The dataset on road safety incidents used by officers must include hospital statistics alongside police data, and in the short-term acknowledge that vulnerable road users' accidents have likely been under-reported in the past.	Place Cllr King	Accept - In the short term we acknowledge that vulnerable road user collisions are likely to be under-represented.	Steve Iles director of streets	None	N/A	31 October 2017

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3. Working with Croydon Public Health, transportation officers should undertake a review to see how unreported accidents of vulnerable road users can be collected from local hospitals and health centres, and used to inform decision making.	Place/Public Health Cllr King	Accept - Longer term inclusion of hospital statistics with TfL data were available is desirable to enable cross referencing with existing data. Conversations are underway between Croydon and the NHS trust.	Steve Iles/Rachel Flowers	Potentially significant	At this stage any associated costs are unknown	31 October 2017
4. Council should consider a behavioural change policy, especially with the introduction of 20mph zones across Croydon, to encourage adherence to speed limits. In particular to work with local police teams, community organisations and schools to achieve this.	Place Cllr King	Accept - Much work is already undertaken through road safety education, training, publicity and through physical measures including the Councils ANPR system.	Steve Iles director of streets	Financial implications go far beyond the Council and include other bodies such as the Metropolitan Police.	Immediate	31 October 2017
5. Croydon Council should ensure that if Vision Zero is adopted that this feeds through to other strategies and plans such as planning, new school place planning, public health, school travel plans, etc.	Place Cllr King	Accept - The second policy within the Mayor of London's draft Transport Strategy sets the Vision Zero target for London with all road deaths and serious injuries eliminated by 2041. The Croydon Local Implementation Plan to implement the Strategy will need to	Heather Cheesbrough / Steve Iles	May have cost implications for other areas of work	At this stage any associated costs are unknown	31 October 2017

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		<p>included and work to Vision Zero.</p> <p>The Mayor's Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan objectives will need to be reflected in and supported by other Croydon plans and strategies.</p>				
<p>6. That Cabinet consider supporting UN Global Road Safety Week of 8-14th May 2017 as a sign of its commitment to road safety.</p>	<p>Place Cllr King</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Steve Iles director of streets</p>	<p>Costs associated with any support will need to be found</p>	<p>May 2018</p>	<p>31 October 2017</p>

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SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - At its meeting on 24 May 2017, the Committee RESOLVED to recommend the following:						
1. That a three year impact assessment be undertaken on the implementation of 20mph limit zones in the borough.	Place Cllr King	Accept	Steve Iles director of streets	Not known at this stage	The completion of the borough wide 20MPH project is expected to be April 2018 and therefore the anticipated impact assessment is expected in Spring 2021	31 October 2017
2. That future consultations should, as far as possible, use one consistent method throughout the borough.	Place Cllr King	Accept – although the council will need to continue to adapt and improve consultations in the light of resident feedback.	Steve Iles director of streets	Nil	Immediate	31 October 2017

