

# Croydon Council

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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b> <b>22 April 2013</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>BUSINESS REPORT OF THE LEADER INCORPORATING COUNCILLORS' WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal Services</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b> The Business Report of the Leader and Cabinet is prepared in keeping with the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

## 1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is asked to:

1. Note the business report of the Leader and Cabinet;
2. Approve the Cabinet recommendations set out in the Leaders Business Report (appendix 1)
  - Adoption of Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans and the Conservation Area General Guidance as supplementary planning documents (item 9)
  - School Admissions Criteria Update (item 12)
  - Adoption of the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies development plan document and Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies development plan document Policies Map (item 17)
  - Adoption of the Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework as a supplementary planning document to the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies (item 17)
  - Establishing a Croydon Health & Well Being Board (item 21)

## 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 The Business Report of the Leader and Cabinet comprises a summary of matters of business formally undertaken by the Leader and Cabinet since the last ordinary meeting of the Council. The report also includes any Bulletins issued by Cabinet Members during that period and would include any recommendations made to Council by Cabinet.

2.2 The Constitution also permits written questions to Cabinet Members during consideration of the Business Report.

### 3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Part 4A of the Constitution allows the Leader and the Cabinet to present to Council a report summarising the business it has undertaken since the last ordinary Council meeting. Cabinet is also required to include any recommendations that it has made to Council within that report.

3.2 In addition to oral questions on the content of the report, Members are also permitted to submit written questions on any relevant matter during consideration of the report.

3.3 No more than 20 minutes shall be allocated to questions to the Leader of the Council (including up to 4 minutes for announcements) and no more than 10 minutes shall be allocated to questions to any other individual Cabinet Member (including up to 2 minutes each for announcements). There is a strict guillotine of 10pm for the Council meeting as a whole. At that time the business report and written replies shall be taken as read and moved en bloc with any recommendations not deferred for debate put immediately to the vote.

3.4 Oral questions on matters included in the business report are limited to two per Councillor on any item contained within the report. Cabinet Members and the Councillor that seconds the report are not permitted to ask any questions.

3.5 Written questions on any other relevant matter are limited to three per Councillor. A Councillor may ask two supplementary questions arising from the reply given to a question they have submitted but shall do so only if called by the Chair.

3.6 The order in which the report shall be laid out, and that questions will be taken, is as follows:

- i) The Leader of the Council; and
- ii) Cabinet Members (order rotated for each meeting).

3.7 The order for this meeting is as follows:

#### April 2013

	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>
	Mike Fisher	Leader of the Council
7	Vidhi Mohan	Cabinet Member for Communities & Economic Development
9	Simon Hoar	Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection
8	Sara Bashford	Cabinet Member for Corporate and Voluntary Services
2	Tim Pollard	Deputy Leader (Communications) with Cabinet responsibility for Children, Families and Learning

1	Dudley Mead	Deputy Leader (Capital Budget and Asset Management) with Cabinet Responsibility for Housing
3	Jason Perry	Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Transport
6	Phil Thomas	Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services
5	Steve O'Connell	Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance Management
4	Margaret Mead	Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health

#### **4. BUSINESS REPORT**

4.1 The business report is attached at appendix 1. Cabinet Members Bulletins issued since the last Ordinary Council Meeting are attached at appendix 2.

#### **5. WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

5.1 Copies of all written questions and their draft replies, which may be subject to oral amendment, shall be circulated to all Councillors at the beginning of the meeting.

5.2 A Councillor may ask two supplementary questions arising from the reply given to a question they have submitted but shall do so only if called by the Chair.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

**COUNCILLOR MIKE FISHER  
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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**ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 21 JANUARY 2013 CABINET**

**1. EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard**

Cabinet considered a report which summarises the performance of children, young people and learners in Croydon for 2012. The report covers attainment in assessments, tests and examinations for 2012 in the Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stages 1, 2, and 4 and Post-16. The report is provided at this point of the year so that we can compare with both the national average and with similar areas (Statistical Neighbours). The report also provides up-to-date information on school attendance and exclusions.

The report shows:

- Croydon performance in the Early Years Foundation Stage is above statistical neighbours and national averages.
- Croydon performance at the end of Key Stage 1 (age 7) is better than statistical neighbour in reading, writing and maths.
- At Key Stage 2 (age 11) Croydon results are in line with statistical neighbour and national averages.
- At Key Stage 4, GCSE results are notably better than statistical neighbour and national averages.
- At age 19 Croydon learners continue to perform above the national average on Average Point Score.
- Attendance at primary schools has improved and is now only very marginally under the national average.
- Attendance at secondary schools has improved and is better than the national average.
- The exclusion rate has improved significantly, and in 2011-12 was the lowest since this data was first reported in 2000.

Cabinet **RESOLVED**: to note and welcome the assessment, test and examination results in the report.

**2. EDUCATION ESTATES STRATEGY 2013-15**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard**

The Cabinet considered a report which detailed how in 2012/13, the council has delivered 240 additional permanent primary school places including a new academy school, 540 bulge class places (including year 1 classes) and the first phase of new SEN resource bases at 9 schools.

The September 2012 Education Estates Update outlined the growing demand for school places and set out proposals for the September 2013 admissions intake. Cabinet at that time initiated statutory consultation on the permanent expansion of five primary schools and agreed support for a further two primary academy expansions. The expansions, along with two new SEN resource bases, were agreed by Cabinet in December 2012. In addition, Cabinet agreed funding for further 'bulge' 10 classes (that is, one year only admission of additional classes at 10 primary schools).

The report updated on progress with providing this additional capacity for 2013. Also, based on work that was initiated in September, it includes an updated set of pupil roll projections as a basis for future planning; and proposes an annual planning cycle.

In the report the Council also set out plans for primary provision for the September 2014 primary school admissions intake, as well as update on plans to increase the number of secondary school places.

**Cabinet RESOLVED:**

(1) to agree the place planning reporting cycle set out in paragraph 3.3 of the Cabinet report;

(2) to agree the revised primary school place supply plans for 2013/14 as set out in paragraph 4.2.3 of the Cabinet report, and to delegate to the Director of Children, Families and Learning in consultation with Lead Member, the location of further bulge classes not yet named, within the budget agreed;

(3) to agree the primary school place supply plans for 2014/15 as set out in 4.3 of the Cabinet report.

(4) to agree to initiate:

- A call for academy providers for new schools based at:
  - Westway (Primary)
  - Haling Road (Primary)
  - CALAT / Arena (Secondary)
- Statutory consultation on the permanent expansion of Cypress Primary School.

(5) to support the proposed expansion of St James the Great RC Academy Primary school.

(6) to delegate to the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Learning (CFL) and the Executive Director for CFL the decision, in the light of the first stage of statutory consultation, on whether to publish statutory notice for the permanent school expansion.

(7) to delegate to the Cabinet member for Children, Families and Learning (CFL) and the Executive Director for CFL the decision on the composition of the panel whose recommended preferred providers for Westway, Haling Rd and CALAT / Arena will be communicated to the Secretary of State.

(8) to agree additional budget provision of £19.85m as detailed in section 9 of the Cabinet report.

### **3. REVIEW OF CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND YOUTH SERVICES** **Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard**

The December 2012 budget options paper refers (in Annexe B) to a review and redesign of service provision in Early Intervention and Family Support and Youth services, with a proposed saving of £1.75M across two financial years. The report considered by Cabinet set out, in broad terms, what is being proposed, thus providing an opportunity for consultation and engagement.

The review is made up of two parts:

- To review the role of children's centres in contributing to the delivery of nationally funded child-care places for two-year olds. The core purpose of children's centres is the provision of integrated early education and child care: this paper proposes that the focus of delivery in some children's centres be changed to deliver the new statutory requirement for provision for two year-olds.
- Functionally bringing together the Early Intervention and Family Support Service and Integrated Youth Support Services.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:** (1) to agree to public consultation on the conversion of some children's centres to the delivery of provision and to return to Cabinet in April 2013 with the outcome of this consultation; and

(2) to note the development of an integrated service.

### **4. LONDON COUNCILS' GRANTS SCHEME - BUDGET 2013/14** **Cabinet Member: Councillor Sara Bashford**

Cabinet considered a report which sought approval for the London Councils Grants Scheme budget in 2013/14, together with the Croydon Council's contribution to that budget at the level recommended by the London Councils Leaders Committee at their meeting on 13 November 2012.

In order to meet the deadline of 1 February 2013 for agreement of the London Councils Grants Scheme budget by two-thirds of constituent Councils

Cabinet **RESOLVED**: to

(a) Approve the London Councils Grants Scheme budget for 2013/14 of £10m;  
and

(b) Agree this Council's 2013/14 contribution to the London Council's Grants Scheme budget amounting to £400,190.

**5. CROYDON OPPORTUNITY AREA PLANNING FRAMEWORK (OAPF):  
ENDORSEMENT AS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE TO  
THE LONDON PLAN AND ADOPTION AS A DRAFT  
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT TO CROYDON'S LOCAL  
PLAN – STRATEGIC POLICIES**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry**

Cabinet considered a report which detailed how Opportunity Area Planning Frameworks (OAPFs) outline planning and regeneration initiatives in terms of homes, jobs and place-making for areas designated as Opportunity Areas in the London Plan. There are 33 Opportunity Areas in London and Croydon Metropolitan Centre and its immediate environs is one of these.

Over the last two years officers from the Greater London Authority (GLA), Transport for London (TfL) and Croydon Council have been working jointly to prepare the draft and final OAPF for Croydon Opportunity Area. Preparation of the OAPF has also been informed by full public consultation (July to October 2012) and detailed discussions with local landowners, stakeholders, interested parties.

The purpose of the adopted OAPF is to:

- provide 'planning and development' clarity for investors, applicants, stakeholders and the local community;
- help maximise and coordinate investment, development and economic opportunities;
- help Croydon Council to prepare other Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents;
- be a material consideration to planning decisions within Croydon Opportunity Area (with regard to its status as adopted SPG to the London Plan an adopted draft Supplementary Planning Document at the Borough level until adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document); and
- inform development plans and investment priorities for other public sector bodies and agencies.

The OAPF is a document outlining key regeneration initiatives and development and delivery guidance for the town centre until 2032. It is supported by:

- A Transport Study prepared with TfL, which models the proposed level and type of growth and its impact on the transport network;
- An Integrated Impact Assessment, which assess the impact of the draft OAPF on sustainability and equality issues; and
- A detailed Technical Appendix, which provides detailed justification, evidence and a policy assessment in support of the final OAPF.

It is now considered the OAPF is appropriate for adoption by the Council as a material consideration to planning decisions Croydon Opportunity Area and as a vehicle to encourage investment, development and economic opportunities. The OAPF will be adopted by the Mayor as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the London Plan and by the Council as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to the Croydon's Local Plan – Strategic Policies (formerly the Core Strategy) , once the Local Plan – Strategic Policies is formally adopted in April 2013. In the interim, the OAPF will be adopted as a draft Supplementary Planning Document.

In this interim period, the Council acknowledges that as the OAPF is being adopted as a draft Supplementary Planning Document it will carry less weight as a material consideration than an adopted Supplementary Planning Document. However, this should also be considered in the context of the OAPF being adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance to the London Plan.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) Endorse the Mayor's adoption of the Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework (Appendix A to the report) as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the London Plan (2011);
- (2) Endorse the Draft Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework consultation log (Appendix C to the report), including the responses to representations;
- (3) Adopt the Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework (Appendix A to the report) as a draft Supplementary Planning Document to Croydon's Local Plan – Strategic Policies; and
- (4) Agree that, prior to its adoption, the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport & Sustainability, be given delegated authority to make necessary minor factual or evidence base related changes to the Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework.



**6. EQUALITY ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Vidhi Mohan**

Cabinet considered the Equality Annual Report (the report) provides an update on the progress made implementing the objectives found in the Council's Equality Strategy 2012 – 16 agreed by Cabinet in March 2012 (Minute.A33/12). The Report 2012 – 13 supports the Council demonstrate compliance with the general and specific duties of the Equality Act 2010.

The report is drawn from a vast range of information from across the organization including work it does through themed partnerships. This involved collating feedback on the annual action plan; the results from the internal self assessment for service improvement using the national framework for local government; as well as performance and satisfaction surveys. This report is a summary rather than comprehensive.

Croydon's equality objectives and related strategy 2012 – 16 (the Strategy), follows from the enactment of the Equality Act 2010 (Act), and the requirements of the public sector equality duty (PSED) set out in section 3 of this report.

The Strategy provides a framework for taking forward the Council's equality objectives and measures as well as equality analysis and service improvements. It covers all the Council's functions including everything it does in partnership or through contract.

**Cabinet RESOLVED:**

(1) to agree the Equality Annual Report 2012 to comply with the Council's statutory duties; and

(2) that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Economic Regeneration, be given delegated authority to agree an updated equality action plan by March 2013.

**7. HOMELESSNESS: FURTHER MEASURES TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF ACCOMMODATION**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Dudley Mead**

Cabinet considered a report which report examines recent increases in homelessness and demand for temporary accommodation. Croydon has felt the impact of increased homelessness over the past two years harder and faster than other boroughs in London. The number of homeless applications in Croydon has increased by 35% (1680-2176) from 2009/10 to 2011/12. The number of homeless acceptances (duty decisions) has more than doubled (425-847) between 2009/10 and 2011/12, with a projected increase in demand of 18% year on year for 2012/13. The numbers of families in all types of temporary accommodation has also increased by more than 30% in Croydon in the last year compared to a less than 5% increase in London and 7% in England.

There are a number of factors that have contributed to the significance of the impact on the borough including:

- the demography of the borough population
- the housing market in Croydon, particularly the level of reliance on the private rented sector
- comparatively small social housing stock, and
- levels of household income, types of occupation and the number of evictions and repossessions.

The housing strategy 2011-15 set out the housing challenges the borough would face over the four years to 2015 including demographic change, the likely impact of increasing homelessness and the proposed reforms to housing and welfare benefits. The housing strategy also set out the council's response to these challenges which included plans for new housing and regeneration in the borough, continuing the council's new build programme, establishing robust plans for maintenance of the council's housing stock under housing revenue account self-financing, and of particular relevance to this report plans to mitigate the impact of welfare reform, increase the supply of private sector accommodation, tackle youth homelessness, and develop a new tenancy strategy and housing allocations scheme to take advantage of the flexibilities offered to local authorities in the Localism Act 2011.

The report set out the context of the demand and demographics together with some of the solutions that have already been developed and the resources allocated to respond to the increase in demand. This includes the establishment of an additional dedicated supply team, the refresh of the private landlord approved list, the assessment of commercial options and support interventions for families.

Cabinet **RESOLVED**: to note:

(1) the present position in respect of homelessness and the Council in meeting consequent housing needs in Croydon; and

(2) that consideration of a specific option to meet those needs is detailed in an associated report in Part B of the agenda (minute B13/13 refers).

<p><b>ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 11 FEBRUARY 2013 CABINET</b></p>
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**8. DRAFT COULSDON MASTERPLAN: FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry**

Since January 2011, Croydon Council has been working closely with stakeholders to produce a Masterplan for Coulsdon.

The Council in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) wrote a masterplan brief and selected a multi-disciplinary team led by PRP Project Services to develop:

- A shared vision for Coulsdon
- A robust masterplan
- A Development and Planning Brief for Cane Hill

A consultative and engagement approach has ensured that the Masterplan is focused on viability and deliverability; identifying appropriate development sites for housing, employment, retail, leisure, education and community, along with public realm and infrastructure.

In July 2011 Cabinet reviewed the draft Masterplan for the town centre and endorsed the Planning and Development Brief that had been produced to enable the HCA to market its Cane Hill site. As the Cane Hill part of the Draft Masterplan was incomplete, the Council decided not to consult on the draft Masterplan at that time but to wait until the whole Masterplan was complete and consultation could take place on a comprehensive Masterplan that was based on greater certainty.

The Council and representatives from the Stakeholder Engagement Forum assisted the HCA in the procurement process and in January 2012 Barratt Homes was named as the preferred developer for Cane Hill.

The Council has been working closely with key stakeholders, the GLA and Barratts to complete the draft Masterplan by developing the Cane Hill component and reviewing the rest of the Masterplan to ensure the document is holistic and provides a framework for all of Coulsdon.

It is proposed that the draft Masterplan should now be subject to formal public consultation in order that it can be further refined, before being adopted as Interim Planning Guidance.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

- 1) to approve the draft Coulsdon Masterplan (Appendix A to the Cabinet report) for the purpose of public consultation.
- 2) to agree that prior to the publication of the Draft Coulsdon Masterplan the Director of Planning & Building Control, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration & Transport be given delegated authority to make further refinements to the draft Masterplan.
- 3) to note that the responses to public consultation will be reported back to a future meeting of Cabinet for consideration and inform the final decision to adopt the Coulsdon Masterplan as Interim Planning Guidance.

**9. CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISALS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS  
AND CONSERVATION AREA GENERAL GUIDANCE**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry**

National Planning Policy, The London Plan and Local Planning Policy requires Local Authorities to preserve and enhance conservation areas through identifying the special character of each conservation area and outlining how

these characteristics can be managed through the retention, development and maintenance of the built environment within conservation areas. English Heritage recommends that every conservation area has its own Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (**CAAMP**).

Guidance from English Heritage states key elements in defining the special character of conservation areas are likely to be:

- The relationship of the conservation area to its setting and the effect of that setting on the area
- The still-visible effects/impact of the area's historic development on its plan form, character and architectural style and social/historic associations
- How the places within it are experienced by the people who live and work there and visitors to the area (including both diurnal and seasonal variations if possible)
- Architectural quality and built form
- Open spaces, green areas, parks and gardens, and trees
- Designated and other heritage assets, their intrinsic importance and the contribution they make to the area
- Local distinctiveness and the sense of place which make the area unique<sup>1</sup>

Croydon Council has been in the process of producing or updating CAAMPs for all of the 21 conservation areas currently designated in Croydon. In addition the Conservation Area General Guidance (**CAGG**) SPD has been produced.

Draft CAAMPs for the conservation areas of Chatsworth Road, Croham Manor Road, The Waldrons and Wellesley Road have been produced and been through a period of statutory consultation.

To minimise the length of the CAAMPs and avoid duplication, general planning guidance that applies to all conservation Areas in Croydon is provided in a separate document – the CAGG– which is referenced frequently in the CAAMPs. The draft CAGG has also been through a period of statutory consultation.

The key anticipated benefits of the use of the CAAMPs and CAGG by applicants, planning officers and the public will be as follows:

- As material planning considerations when determining planning applications CAAMPs and CAGG are likely to lead to an increase in the quality of the design of development within conservation areas that preserve and enhance their special character. The CAAMPs and CAGG will inform the applicants of the various aspects of the built environment of conservation areas that make up their special character and will provide clear guidance about what types of development will be considered acceptable within them;

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<sup>1</sup> English Heritage (2011) *Understanding Place: Conservation Area Designation, Appraisal and Management*, English Heritage, pp9-10

- An increase in the efficiency of the planning application process for sites within conservation areas through reference to clear and concise information;
- An increased sense of pride amongst residents of conservation areas that will be gained as a result of raising knowledge and awareness of the value of their local area through the consultation process;
- This increased sense of pride is more likely to incentivise property owners in conservation areas to engage in the protection and enhancement of the areas through commissioning works to their properties that are sympathetic to the special character of the conservation area and reporting development that does not have the necessary planning consents to the Council.

The appraisals of the Chatsworth Road and The Waldrons Conservation Areas have revealed several key threats to the gradual and cumulative erosion of the special character of the Conservation Areas due to permitted development. These threats could be mitigated through the serving of Article 4 Directions to remove some permitted development rights for some properties.

The Director of Planning and Building Control intends to use his delegated powers to serve non-immediate Article 4 Directions for selected properties within The Chatsworth Road Conservation Area and The Waldrons Conservation Areas. Please see Appendices 7-9 for further information.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that it:

1. approve the adoption of the Conservation Area General Guidance (CAGG) for Croydon as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report); .
2. approve the adoption and publication of Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans (CAAMPs) as Supplementary Planning Documents for the following conservation areas:
  - Chatsworth Road (Appendix 2 of the Cabinet report);
  - Croham Manor Road (Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report);
  - The Waldrons (Appendix 4 of the Cabinet report);
  - Wellesley Road (Appendix 5 of the Cabinet report).
3. agree that the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Sustainability be given delegated authority to make minor factual or evidence based related changes to the documents referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above after adoption
4. agree to the publication of the Consultation Log of Comments and Responses received through the August-September public consultation on the draft Conservation Area General Guidance and the draft Chatsworth Road, Croham Manor Road, The Waldrons and Wellesley Road Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans.
5. note the intention of the Director of Planning and Building Control to serve non-immediate Article 4 Directions under his delegated authority for selected properties located in the Chatsworth Road and the Waldrons conservation areas (Appendices 7-9 of the Cabinet report).

**10. WEST CROYDON INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Vidhi Mohan**

A report was considered which sought approval from Cabinet for investing £1,412,304 (£1,382,304 revenue and £30,000 capital) grant funding from GLA awarded to the London Borough of Croydon to deliver a new West Croydon Investment Programme (WCIP) in the areas most affected by the public disorder events of the summer of 2011.

The overall aim of the programme is to develop greater confidence and economic activity in the West Croydon area, specifically London Road, by supporting local businesses, improving the skills base and employability of local jobseekers and developing a confident and cohesive local community. There are three key areas of intervention:

- Business support and enterprise development – increase the confidence, performance and productivity of the local business community leading to longer term sustainability.
- Community development and cohesion – mobilise the assets of the whole community to promote participation in social networks and strengthen social connections and community resilience and engagement with young disengaged people.
- Skills and employment development – create employment particularly for 18 – 25 year olds and provide appropriate support for skills enhancement and taking training opportunities.

The interventions will be supported by a communications strategy in association with the communications team at LBC, funding and delivery partners.

The funding draws down part of the £5m revenue grant for Croydon announced by the London Mayor in November 2011 for an integrated Business Support Package (BSP) to support enterprise and growth across the borough. Following GLA approval for the programme at the end of 2012, the programme can move towards delivery, accepting that each project still requires conditions to be agreed and a funding agreement signed. Subject to this, delivery is expected to begin in Q1 of 2013/14.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 1.1 Approve the investment of £1,412,304 (£1,382,304 revenue and £30,000 capital) grant funding from the GLA awarded to the London Borough of Croydon to deliver a new West Croydon Investment Programme (WCIP) in the areas most affected by the public disorder events of the summer of 2011.
- 1.2 Approve the allocation of £179,400 funding from Croydon Council to be invested as in-kind match funding in the programme.

- 1.3 Approve the proposed governance structure and reporting arrangements.
- 1.4 Approve the Council's commitment to the nature of the grant agreements, specifically the cash flow arrangements, which include an element of forward funding.
- 1.5 Recognise the GLA conditions attached to the Mayor's Recovery Fund which, in some cases are dependent on outcomes attributed to the individual projects, with some including claw-back clauses.

**11. FIXED PENALTY NOTICE PROJECT**  
**Cabinet Members: Councillor Simon Hoar**

Cabinet considered a paper which sought agreement for implementing a six month pilot of the draft Environmental Enforcement Policy (the Policy) and the use of a private sector organisation to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN's) for littering and Dog Control Order offences (principally dog fouling). The model for the use of an external organisation that is being considered is designed to be cost neutral to the Council and works on the basis that the organisation charges the Local Authority against the income that is generated from the FPN's.

In order to implement this scheme successfully a number of changes to existing Council policy are required including the adoption of a revised draft Council Environmental Enforcement Policy that will be assessed during the pilot, including as regards the Council's public sector equalities duty. Changes of policy include ceasing the Council's discounted payment scheme (the discounted scheme) for FPN's issued in respect of littering and dog control order offences and ceasing the option for discharging FPN liability for these through community service.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

1. Agree the draft Environmental Enforcement Policy at Appendix 1 to the report as part of which the Council will cease to offer:-
  - 1) The discounted payment scheme for littering and dog control order fixed penalty notices and replace with a flat fee of £75 per notice.
  - 2) The option for discharging Fixed Penalty Notices for the above through community service.
2. Agree that the draft Environmental Enforcement Policy be operated as a pilot for six months and the public consultation to be undertaken in relation to it and particularly the changes as regards littering and dog control order offences;
3. Note that:
  - 1) During the six month pilot the information necessary to undertake a full equalities impact assessment of the revised policy will be gathered,

through the public consultation, and that a report detailing the findings of the Assessment, the operation of the pilot, and any amendments necessary to the Policy in the light of these, will be brought to a subsequent meeting of Cabinet;

2) Agreement to the use of Xfor to issue fixed penalty notices on behalf of the Council during the six month pilot will be sought through the Council's Contracts and Commissioning Board.

**12. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CRITERIA UPDATE**  
**Cabinet Members: Councillor Tim Pollard**

In February 2012, Cabinet approved a set of admissions arrangements for allocating school places for September 2013, including the retention of the co-ordination of in-year applications along with other London Authorities. The allocation of school places is an extremely high priority for every parent with a school aged child and therefore fairness and transparency by which school places are allocated remains critical to the Council's ability to deliver high quality services. This is particularly important when considering the continued increase in demand for places, including the increase in in-year admissions. On this basis, this paper proposes that the Cabinet agrees the continued use of the current criteria for 2014 admissions into community schools.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 1) recommend the Council to agree the admissions arrangements for Croydon Community schools with effect from the 2014 admissions round, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report; and
- 2) recommend that the Council continues to endorse the arrangements for Pan London co-ordination for entry in 2014, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report.

<p><b>ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 11 MARCH 2013 CABINET</b></p>
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**13. CROYDON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2013-18 & CROYDON SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT PLAN 2013-18**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Vidhi Mohan**

The Cabinet considered a report which presented the responses to the public consultation and the findings of the Equalities Impact Assessments and seek approval of the final versions of the Economic Development Plan 2013-2018 (the ED plan) and the Skills and Employment Plan 2013 – 2018 (the SE Plan) along with delivery plans for each to secure their implementation. These two strategic plans outline the priorities for action in terms of economic development, including and skills and employment, for the borough. The public



consultation finished on 31 December 2012 and the findings have been incorporated into the final plans.

The two plans represent the strategic direction of travel in terms of economic development, including skills and employment for the next five years. Delivery of the plans against their priorities for action and strategic objectives will be monitored through an annual delivery plan. The first delivery plan covering 2013-14 is attached for approval as well.

The ED Plan proposes five priorities for action:

- Create an improved town centre business mix;
- Deliver a pro-active inward investment service;
- Retain existing businesses and grow the business base;
- Positively promote Croydon; and
- Improved employability of Croydon residents, particularly for those who are not in education, employment or training.

The SE Plan pursues four strategic objectives:

- Supporting Croydon's residents to **develop the right skills** at the appropriate level to be competitive in the labour market and secure employment;
- **Working with Croydon employers** and those in the wider sub region to increase the number of jobs and ensure that local residents are considered as a priority for filling these vacancies;
- Supporting **young people** to be employment ready;
- Develop a **co-ordinated borough-wide approach** to delivering the skills and employment agenda.

Though these two strategic plans are not directly supported by an allocated internal budget it is expected that they will influence external investment in the priority for action areas. A main part of their delivery will be carried out by external partner organisations, while the Council will retain the facilitator and co-ordination role.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:** having considered the responses to the public consultation and the findings of the equalities impact assessments to:

1. approve the Economic Development Plan 2013 – 2018 and the Skills and Employment Plan 2013 – 2018 at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.
2. approve the first annual delivery plan in respect of the above at Appendix 3 to the report.

**14. RAISING THE PARTICIPATION AGE**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard**

Cabinet considered a report which provided an update of our local response to the national requirement of Raising of the Participation Age to age 17 by 2013 and to age 18 by 2015.

The Government has not raised the school leaving age as it did in 1972.

Participation is defined as:

- carrying on in full time learning at a school or college or a work based learning provider;
- An Apprenticeship;
- Part-time education or training, if they are employed, self-employed or doing at least 20 hours or more a week volunteering.

The immediate aim of this policy is that 100% of young people will 'participate' until the end of Year 12, starting in September 2013 with the current Year 11(15/16 year olds). The longer term policy aim is that all young people will continue in education or training until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; this begins with the current Year 10 (14/15 year olds).

Data published by the DfE suggests that Croydon continues to perform well in terms of participation. Participation rates for 16 year olds are high and historically above London and National averages. The participation rate for 17 year olds is lower but remains above the national average. However the borough has never reached 100% participation and a significant amount of work is being done and needs to be done in the future if the target is to be met.

The duty to 'participate' has been placed on the young people; however the Local Authority has statutory obligations set out below to contribute to the policy's success. Council officers are working closely with schools, colleges and training providers to meet these duties and improve the participation rate amongst young people.

There are clear links between this report and the 'Skills and Employment Report'; these links are maintained day to day through a council officer who attends and contributes to the Croydon skills and Employment Strategy Group and the Economic Wellbeing sub-group of the Children and Families Trust.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

1. note the content of the report and to endorse the proposals to meet the Council's responsibilities in respect of raising the participation age;
2. note the detail of the new legislation and raise awareness of it when working in their communities and in the schools in which they are Governors.
3. endorse the preparations being made towards the implementation of the Raising of Participation Age.

**15. SEN REFORM**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard**

The Local Authority has a general statutory duty to promote high standards of education for all children, including those with special educational needs (SEN). In particular, the SEN Code of Practice sets out essential functions of the Local Authority as follows:

- To identify and assess the needs of children and young people with SEN quickly, and ensure appropriate provision is available;
- To provide high quality support including educational psychology and other support services for schools and early education settings;
- To share good practice in provision for children and young people with SEN;
- To develop close partnerships with parents, schools, health and social care and the voluntary sector;
- To plan strategically for SEN in consultation with schools and others, to develop systems for monitoring and accountability for SEN;
- To keep Local Authority arrangements for SEN provision under review as required under section 315 of the Education Act 1996;
- To work with schools to evaluate the effectiveness of their school funding arrangements in supporting and raising the achievement of children with SEN.

This report informed Members of a significant national policy reform which will change the approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability. The reform requires legislative changes, currently before parliament in the draft Children and Families Bill 2013, and new regulations, which have yet to be drafted. These will result in changes to the Council's statutory duties, from September 2014 or soon thereafter. The report sets out the reasons for reform and the key changes proposed. It details local progress in preparing for implementation and some of the challenges the changes pose.

The report also provided an update on the implementation of the local SEN capital strategy, agreed in July 2011.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to endorse the progress being made to implement the national policy changes with regard to Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Disability, and to note the progress being made in the implementation of local SEN Strategy.

**16. CROYDON'S APPROACH TO FULFILLING THE NEW STATUTORY DUTY TO PROVIDE 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE FOR TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILIES MEET THE FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard**

Cabinet considered a report which detailed the new funding and statutory duty for providing 15 hours free early learning and childcare for disadvantaged two-year-olds is an opportunity to reshape the entire childcare offer, from two to

five, and develop a preventative plan that builds the resilience and learning of children.

All local authorities now have a statutory duty not just to ensure sufficiency of childcare for all three and four year olds, but to ensure all two-year-olds whose families meet the free school meals eligibility criteria (and/or are looked after) can access 15 hours free childcare from September 2013. The criteria from September 2014 will also take into account the more specific definition that includes children in families below proposed £16,190 cut off point, with SEN statements or disability living allowance, or adopted from care.

The challenge will be to build for long-term sustainability over the next decade not just meeting the Department for Education (DfE) target in September 2014. The quality of the provision we develop in Croydon remains the cornerstone of future development and in ensuring improved learning and development of our youngest children.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

1. To agree the strategy to deliver the new statutory duty of free childcare to two year olds. To be funded from the one off capital grant funding and revenue funding that has been allocated via the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15;

2. to approve the release of £1.011m capital funding that has been allocated to Croydon by the Department for Education (DfE) for early education for 2 year olds.

**17. ADOPTION OF THE CROYDON LOCAL PLAN – STRATEGIC POLICIES**

**ADOPTION OF THE CROYDON OPPORTUNITY AREA PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry**

**Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies**

Cabinet considered a report which detailed that the Council submitted its Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies (formerly the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy (the Plan)) to the Secretary of State in April 2012 following Council resolution in January 2012. The Secretary of State appointed Planning Inspector conducted the Examination into the soundness (appropriateness for adoption) of the Plan in September 2012. The Council received the Inspector's report in December 2012 and the report concludes that the Plan is sound and therefore appropriate for adoption, subject to eight main modifications being included in the Plan on adoption. The Inspector's overall conclusion is set out below.

*This report concludes that the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the Borough over the next 15 years providing a number of modifications are made to the Plan.*

This report seeks approval from Council to adopt the Plan as part of the Council's development plan. Once part of the Council's development plan, development management decisions need to be made in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

On adoption the Plan provides the strategic vision, objectives and policies for the borough accommodating growth and development over the next twenty years in a planned and sustainable manner that respects the borough's valuable character, heritage and environment.

The adoption of the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies will set the strategic context and all future development plan documents, supplementary planning documents and planning guidance will need to in conformity with the Plan.

Due to the strategic nature of the Plan, attention has now turned to the development and production of the Croydon Local Plan – Detailed Policies and Proposals (CLP – DPP) development plan document. This is essential as this development plan document will include detailed policies for the purposes of development management and allocate and designate land to meet the development requirements set out in the Plan in an appropriate and sustainable manner.

### **Croydon opportunity Area Planning framework**

The Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework was adopted by the Mayor as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the London Plan on 16 January 2013. Cabinet agreed to adopt the Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework as a draft Supplementary Planning Document (Cabinet's Key Decision 1175 of 21 January 2013) in advance of adoption of the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies. Subject to Council approval to adopt the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies, the Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework is recommended to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document to the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies. The Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework January Cabinet report can be viewed via the following web link -

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/images/att1549.DOC>

Cabinet **RESOLVED** that having considered the content and conclusions of the Inspector's report into the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies (Appendix C to the report), to

1. endorse the adoption of the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies development plan document (Appendix A to the report) and Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies development plan document Policies Map (Appendix B to the report) in accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
2. should it be necessary prior to adoption, agree that the Director of Planning and Building Control in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Transport be delegated authority to consider and approve minor editorial and factual changes to the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies (including Policies Map).

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that it:

1. Adopts the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies development plan document (Appendix A) and Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies development plan document Policies Map (Appendix B to the Cabinet report) in accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Act 2004.
2. Adopts the Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework (Appendix E to the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies Cabinet report (11 March 2013)) as a Supplementary Planning Document to the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies in accordance with Cabinet’s Key Decision 1175 of 21 January 2013

**18. THE FAIR FIELD MASTERPLAN: APPROVAL TO ADOPT AS INTERIM PLANNING GUIDANCE**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry**

Since October 2011 Croydon Council has been working closely with key stakeholders and engaging the public to develop a Masterplan for the Fair Field area (the Fair Field Masterplan) that is founded on shared objectives and focused on technical delivery. A careful collaborative approach has ensured that the Fair Field Masterplan enables the sustainable regeneration of the area at the same time as prioritising Early Win projects to progress directly to delivery through the Connected Croydon public realm programme, subject to the allocation of funding.

The Fair Field Masterplan covers the area bounded by George Street, Park Lane, Barclay Road, and the railway lines. It includes two of central Croydon’s most important institutions, Fairfield Halls and Croydon College, as well as College Green, and a number of significant development sites. The coordinated transformation of the Fair Field area into Croydon’s cultural and learning centre; an innovative and inspiring area with a lively and sustainable mix of residential, cultural, educational, commercial uses and a well-connected and high quality public realm is fundamental to the success of Croydon Metropolitan Centre and the borough as a whole.

The development of the Masterplan has been steered by an external Stakeholder Board, comprising key landowners, institutions and statutory organisations with an interest in the area. The Fair Field Stakeholder Board has agreed to work together to achieve the following Shared Objectives:

- A regional destination anchored by significant institutions that contribute to and benefit from their surroundings;
- An animated, a well-used public realm that complements surrounding spaces;
- A vital mix of activities giving opportunities for local enterprise;
- Better connections to and through the Masterplan area;

- Optimised development potential to enable a new mix of uses;
- A pragmatic plan to deliver change in the short and long-term.

The Draft Fair Field Masterplan was given Cabinet approval for public consultation in July 2012 (Minute A78/12). Consultation was carried out from 3 September – 15 October 2012, including a series of events attended by over 120 people and 170 individual comments submitted by 38 consultees.

The Draft Fair Field Masterplan has been revised in response to feedback from public consultation. The feedback received was predominantly positive with general support for the Masterplan being the most common comment.

The most common comments on the Draft Masterplan related to development options for the Barclay Road Development site and the proposed quantum of public car parking. These issues have been addressed in the revised final Masterplan. The most significant revisions and updates in response to public feedback are set out in further detail below, and have been approved in principle by the Fair Field Stakeholder Board comprising key stakeholders within the Masterplan area. A full and detailed schedule of feedback from the public consultations and the proposed response in relation to the Masterplan can be found in [Appendix 2: The Fair Field Masterplan Consultation Log](#).

The final Fair Field Masterplan is recommended to Cabinet for adoption as Interim Planning Guidance. Adoption as Interim Planning Guidance will give the Masterplan weight as a material planning consideration and assist with securing future funding, negotiating future development, and guiding the next phases of development in the Fair Field area.

The Fair Field Masterplan is one of five Masterplans being produced for Croydon Opportunity Area that coordinate technical delivery in key areas of change. The others are East Croydon Masterplan (adopted March 2011), West Croydon Masterplan (adopted July 2011), Mid Croydon Masterplan (adopted June 2012), and Old Town Masterplan (due for adoption in 2014). The outcomes of the adopted and emerging Masterplans have been fed directly into the Croydon Local Plan and Croydon Opportunity Area Planning Framework. Public realm enhancement projects resulting from the Masterplans are coordinated and delivered through the Connected Croydon programme.

Adoption of the Fair Field Masterplan as Interim Planning Guidance will bring the project to a close therefore there are no future financial, legal, or human resources issues anticipated as a direct result of this report.

Cabinet **RESOLVED**: that having considered the Council's public sector equalities duty as informed by the Equalities Impact Assessment at Appendix 1 of the report and the responses to the public consultations at Appendix 2 of the report, agree:-

1. that, with the amendments summarised at paragraph 4.14, the Fair Field Masterplan at Appendix 4 of the report be adopted as Interim Planning Guidance.

2. that the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Sustainability be delegated authority to make minor factual or presentation related changes prior to final adoption.

**19. THE CROYDON MONITORING REPORT**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry**

Cabinet considered a report which report highlighted the findings of the Croydon Local Development Framework (LDF) Monitoring Report 2011/12 (the Monitoring Report) which monitors progress in preparing the Croydon Local Plan and associated documents. It monitors the Croydon Local Plan's policies including whether Croydon is meeting London Plan related targets. The Monitoring Report also makes recommendations on how to develop Detailed Policies and Proposals to increase the effectiveness of the Croydon Local Plan – Strategic Policies.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

1. to agree the Local Development Framework Croydon Monitoring Report 2011/12 for publication; and
2. to note the need to continue to work on the Croydon Local Plan – Detailed Policies and Proposals to address the requirement to identify more housing land in Croydon.

**20. TRANSFER OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS FROM CROYDON PRIMARY CARE TRUST TO CROYDON COUNCIL**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Margaret Mead**

Most public health functions and responsibilities, previously exercised by Croydon Primary Care Trust, will become the statutory responsibility of Croydon Council as of 1 April 2013. Cabinet members were informed at their meeting on 23 April 2012 (A44/12) of the background and rationale for the statutory transfer of responsibility for public health functions from the NHS to local authorities. They were also asked to approval shadow working arrangements for public health in 2012/13 (A44/12).

The paper informs the cabinet of progress with the public health transition project which was established to ensure that the council is ready to take on its new statutory responsibilities for public health as set out in the Health and Social Care Act (2012) and subsequent statutory regulations. It details the activity that has taken place to ensure that the council can meet its new duties within the financial resources allocated. It outlines remaining steps in the transfer of staff, assets and liabilities from the NHS to the council. There will be two Transfer Schemes – one for staff that are to transfer and one for property, assets and liabilities, including all clinical and non clinical contracts and agreements. Both will be enacted by the Secretary of State for Health using powers granted to him under sections 300 and 301 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.



Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

1. to note the steps being taken to ensure continuity of delivery of public health functions including the due diligence activity undertaken in regard to the transfer of staff, property, rights and liabilities; and
2. to delegate authority to the deputy chief executive & executive director of adult services, health and housing to sign the Transfer Schedule which records the transfer of staff, property, rights and liabilities for the public health functions currently held by Croydon PCT (the Sender) to Croydon Council (the Receiver) under sections 300 and 301 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012; and
3. to note the public health grant allocation for 2013/14 and 2014/15 in paragraph 3.3 and the conditions and reporting requirements attached to the grant, taking into account the scope of the public health functions and responsibilities transferring to the Council.

**21. ESTABLISHING A CROYDON HEALTH & WELL-BEING BOARD**  
**Cabinet Member: Councillor Margaret Mead**

Cabinet considered a report which recommended the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) as a section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972, Committee. The report also recommends a set of stand alone rules of procedure, based on Council procedure rules and including the terms of reference and membership (draft procedure rules) which will make it easier for those not familiar with Council procedures to have all the rules in one place.

The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations) have confirmed in relation to HWB's:

- the disapplication of political proportionality requirements;
- modifications or disapplication of voting restrictions;
- the application of the new ethical framework in relation to declaration and disclosure of interests;
- the continued application of the transparency provisions in relation to public admission to meetings and access to papers.

A number of the new arrangements are provided for by the Regulations which make amendments to primary legislation that apply specifically in relation to HWB's.

Cabinet **RESOLVED**: having regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty,

(a) that the Council be recommended to:-

1. establish a Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) as a Committee with the terms of reference and membership as set out in paragraph 5 of the rules of procedure at Appendix 1 of the report and authorise the Director of Democratic and Legal Services to notify, as relevant, the specified organisations of the

intention to invite them to appoint representatives; each representative to be appointed for a period of up to one year;

2. agree the draft HWB Rules of procedure, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;

3. direct (having consulted with the HWB) that the Board shall initially consist of no more than 28 members in total at any one time - 18 voting members and 10 Non voting;

(b) The Leader nominates five Councillors (3 Majority Group and 2 Minority Group) for the Council to appoint to the HWB for a period of up to one year.

**COUNCILLOR PHIL THOMAS  
CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND  
HIGHWAYS**

**CABINET MEMBER'S ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 12 FEBRUARY 2013  
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE**

**1. WOODSIDE COURT ROAD ONE-WAY WORKING**

The Cabinet Committee considered the objections and comments received to the Public Notice for the one-way working on Woodside Court Road for southbound traffic in Woodside Court Road, with the exception of cyclists, at the junction of Lower Addiscombe Road

The Cabinet Committee having considered the objections and comments received to an element of the overall proposal namely the short section of permanent one way working for southbound traffic in Woodside Court Road, with the exception of cyclists, at the junction of Lower Addiscombe Road. **RESOLVED** to

- 1.1 Approve the proposal for the introduction of permanent one-way working for southbound traffic over the entire length of Woodside Court Road.
- 1.2 That the Head of Parking Services be given delegated authority to make the necessary Traffic Management Order in respect of the above.
- 1.3 To inform the objectors/respondents of the Cabinet Committee's decision

**2. PETITION – ALFORD ROAD, REQUEST FOR PARKING BAYS**

The Cabinet Committee considered the petition signed by residents of Alford Green requesting that the Council provide additional parking bays in the grassed area. The petition also requests that the garages be demolished and converted to parking bays.

The Cabinet Committee noted the report name should be Alford Green not road and noted the petition received from residents and **RESOLVED** to

1. Introduce additional parking bays in Alford Green subject to future funding becoming available for this type of work.
2. Inform the petitioners of this decision.

### 3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS: VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Cabinet Committee considered a report which proposed to introduce mainly 'At any time' waiting restrictions at various locations across the Borough, mostly at junctions where parking is presently creating obstruction and safety concerns.

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED**

1.1 That the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to introduce mainly 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the locations detailed below and in Drawing Nos. PD 199a to PD 199o, subject to receiving no material objections on the giving of public notice:

- Gardeners Road between Parson's Mead and Denmead Road – Broad Green
- Mead Place / Parson's Mead – Broad Green
- Brigstock Road between Colliers Water Lane and Frant Road – Bensham Manor
- Woodcote Grove Road by Chipstead Valley Road – Coulsdon West
- Higher Drive opposite Bencombe Road – Kenley
- Densham Drive by Higher Drive – Kenley (removal of double yellow line)
- Markfield by Nos. 131 / 132 – Heathfield
- Plough Lane, between Foxley Lane and The Bridle Road, and Foxley Lane by Plough Lane – Purley ('At any time' and 1 to 2pm, Monday to Friday waiting restrictions)
- Pampisford Road by Chancellor Gardens – Purley
- Purley Oaks Road by Beech Avenue – Sanderstead (11am to noon, Monday to Friday waiting restrictions)
- Wettern Close / Purley Oaks Road – Sanderstead
- Barn Crescent by Lower Barn Road – Sanderstead
- West Way / South Way – Shirley
- Sloane Walk / Orchard Way – Shirley
- Waddon Close – Waddon

1.2 to note that any material objections received on the giving of public notice will be reported to a future Traffic Management Cabinet Committee for Members' consideration.

#### **4. PROPOSED PARKING BAYS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

The Cabinet Committee considered a report which proposed the relocation of shared-use bays, the removal of a taxi rank, introduction of 2 motorcycle bays, introduction of new disabled bays, conversion of Pay & Displays from 2 hour to 1 hour maximum stay with the first 30 minutes being free and introduction of new Pay & Display bays with the first 30 minutes being free

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to agree

1. The relocation of shared-use Permit and Pay & Display bays in Colson Road, Addiscombe.
2. Removal of the Taxi Rank in Park Lane by Katharine Street, Fairfield.
3. The introduction of a disabled bay in Holmbury Grove, Heathfield.
4. The introduction of two motorcycle bays in Central Parade, New Addington.
5. The introduction of an additional disabled parking bay in Queenhill Road, Selsdon & Ballards.
6. The conversion of the 2 hour Pay & Display only bays to 1 hour maximum stay Pay & Display bays (first 30 minutes free) in London Road by Campbell Road, West Thornton.
7. The introduction of five 1 hour maximum stay Pay & Display bays (first 30 minutes free) in Portland Road between Ferndale Road and Dundee Road, Woodside; and
8. That the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) in order to introduce the above measures, subject to receiving no material objections on the giving of public notice. Any material objections received on the giving of public notice will be reported to a future Traffic Management Cabinet Committee for Members' consideration.

#### **5. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED PARKING CONTROLS: VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

Having considered the objections and comments received to the proposed introduction of yellow line parking restrictions at various locations as detailed in the report and officer's responses to these objections detailed at paragraph 3 of the report the Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** that:

1. Manning Gardens Ashburton – Proposed “at any time” waiting restrictions – Agreed
2. Regents Close, Croham – Proposed “at any time” waiting restrictions - Agreed
3. Selsdon Park Road, service road by Crossways – Proposed “at any time” waiting restriction – Agreed

4. Green Lane, Norbury – Proposed “at any time” waiting restrictions – deferred to a future meeting of the Cabinet Committee;
5. That the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders with amendments as recommended in para.3.1 - 3.4 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended); and
6. To inform the applicants and objectors of the decisions.

**6. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED NEW & AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING PARKING BAYS**

The Cabinet Committee considered a report detailing comments and objections from the public and statutory consultees following the formal consultation process on proposals to provide new parking bays and amend operational details of existing parking bays at various locations across the borough. Formal Public Notices in respect of two separate batches of proposals were published on 24 October 2012 and 7 November 2012 respectively.

The Council has received objections and comments in respect of proposals for locations in Marlpit Avenue, South Drive and The Avenue, Coulsdon and Lower Barn Road, Sanderstead.

In consideration of these objections, officers reviewed the relevant proposals and the outcomes are set out in the recommendations of this report.

Having considered the objections and comments received to the proposals to provide free parking bays at locations in Marlpit Avenue, South Drive and The Avenue, in Coulsdon as well as the proposal to amend the hours of operation and maximum stay of free parking bays in Lower Barn Road, Sanderstead; and officers' responses to those comments and objections detailed in paragraph 3 the Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 that the General Manager of Infrastructure be authorised to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) in order to provide free parking bays in South Drive, Coulsdon and amend the hours of operation and maximum stay of the free parking bays in Lower Barn Road, Sanderstead as originally proposed in Plans PD-177a & PD-184h.
- 1.2 to abandon the proposals to provide free parking bays in The Avenue and Marlpit Avenue, Coulsdon.; and
- 1.3 to inform the objectors of the decision.

**7. PARKING CHARGES 2013 / 2014**

The Cabinet Committee considered the report detailing the proposed Permit, Miscellaneous and on and off-street Pay & Display Parking Charges to be applied from Monday 1 April 2013.

The report outlined how in order to make more efficient use of road space and lessen the effect on commuter parking it is proposed to reduce Pay & Display parking charges in some areas. It also outlined how in order to maximum opportunities for businesses in the current difficult economic climate it is proposed to retain the current 30 minute free parking arrangements in the district centres and retain other on and off-street parking charges.

The report also details how apart from a small increase in the cost of the first residents permit issued at a household, it is proposed to retain the current charges for the second and third residents' permits and business permit charges.

The report also asked for agreement from the Cabinet Committee to enable the Council to act in a prompt manner it is proposed that the Head of Highways and Parking Services have delegated authorisation to reduce parking charges in certain circumstances such as to respond to a competitor without the need to wait until the new financial year or where parking demand changes over a short space of time such as if a large commercial premises opens or closes changing the demand in parking over a short period of time.

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED:**

1. to agree the following measures in respect to parking charges and permits:-
  - 1.1 To reductions in Pay & Display charges in 16 roads within the Croydon and Purley Controlled Parking Zones and the Reedham Station Car Park.
  - 1.2 To a reduction in the alternative fuel vehicle permit charge.
  - 1.3 To no increases in other on and off-street charges as detailed in Appendices C and D of the report.
  - 1.4 To a small increase in the first residents' permit issued at a household and no increases in subsequent permits as detailed in Appendix A of the report.
  - 1.5 To a small increase in Business Permits as detailed in Appendix A of the report.
  - 1.6 Other permit charges to be largely unchanged.
  - 1.7 That parking charges will be amended from Monday 1 April 2013.
2. that the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to give the necessary public notice of amendments to the Traffic Management Orders made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) in order to vary the parking charges, as detailed in the Appendices to the report; and
3. that the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to have delegated authorisation in order to reduce parking or permit charges without delay in certain circumstances.

**COUNCILLOR DUDLEY MEAD,  
DEPUTY LEADER (STATUTORY) (BUDGET AND  
ASSET MANAGEMENT) & CABINET MEMBER  
FOR HOUSING**

**1. TENDERS AND PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS, ETC., APPROVED  
BY CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BETWEEN  
18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013 AND 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

<b>Date of Corporate Services Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Tender/Property Transaction</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	B14/13	Housing repairs and responsive maintenance reprocurement – extension of existing contracts
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	A38/13 and B15/13	Procurement of Furniture, Fittings and Equipment (FF&E) in respect of Bernard Weatherill House
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2013	A35/13 and B17/13	Council New Build framework: Batch 2 – main design and build



**COUNCILLOR STEVE O'CONNELL, CABINET  
MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE  
MANAGEMENT**

**1. TENDERS AND PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS, ETC., APPROVED  
BY CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BETWEEN  
18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013 AND 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013**

<b>Date of Corporate Services Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Tender/Property Transaction</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	B06/13	Procurement of corporate insurance services
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	B07/13	Supporting People direct award contract for the provision of supported lodgings scheme
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	B08/13	Supporting People contract for 24 hour mental health contract
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	B09/13	Supporting People contract for ex offenders accommodation based service
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013	B10/13	Procurement of leaseholder property insurance

## **Council Meeting 22 April 2013 Cabinet Members Bulletins issued since the last Ordinary Council Meeting**

<b>Bulletins</b>
<b>February 2013</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Councillor Tim Pollard - Deputy Leader (Communications) and Cabinet Member for Children, Families &amp; Learning</b></li></ul>
<b>March 2013</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Councillor Vidhi Mohan – Cabinet Member for Communities and Economic Development</b></li><li>➤ <b>Councillor Sara Bashford – Cabinet Member for Corporate and Voluntary Services</b></li><li>➤ <b>Councillor Steve O’Connell – Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance Management.</b></li></ul>
<b>April 2013</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Councillor Simon Hoar – Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection</b></li><li>➤ <b>Councillor Margaret Mead – Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health</b></li></ul>

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