

# Croydon Council

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| <b>DRAFT REPORT TO:</b>                           | <b>Full Council<br/>1 July 2013</b>  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>                            | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                                   | <b>BUSINESS REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND<br/>OVERVIEW COMMITTEE</b>                                |
| <b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>                              | <b>Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of<br/>Democratic &amp; Legal Services</b> |
| <b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>                               | <b>Councillor Steve Hollands<br/>Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee</b>                 |
| <b>WARDS:</b>                                     | <b>All</b>   |
| <b>CORPORATE<br/>PRIORITY/POLICY<br/>CONTEXT:</b> | <b>The constitutional requirement that Council receive<br/>a Scrutiny Business Report.</b>       |

## 1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 Council is asked to note the Scrutiny work programme for 2013-14(attached) and scrutiny activity since the Last council meeting on 20 May 2013.
- 1.2 All Members are asked to consider what contribution they or their constituents can make to the topics selected fro Scrutiny.

## 2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This is the report of the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee, covering the period 21 May 2013 to 1 July 2013 as required by the Constitution. The Constitution allows 10 minutes for this item, which includes up to 2 minutes for announcements

## 3. DETAILS

- 3.1 On 20 May 2013 Annual Council re established the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee. At the rise of Annual Council the Committee met and re established two sub committees namely, Health Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee and Children and Young Persons Scrutiny Sub Committee and agreed their terms of reference.
- 3.2 On 22 May 2013 at 6pm Scrutiny Members who were available held a successful Workshop to consider a long list of suggested scrutiny topics and to shape them into a work programme for 2013-14.

- 3.3 Subsequently the Chairman of SSOC, Chairman of HSCH sub committee and Chair of CYP sub committee ("Scrutiny Chairs") met to consider the output of the Workshop and finalized a work programme for recommendation to the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee meeting on 11 June 2013.
- 3.4 On 11 June 2103 Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee met and agreed the work programme. That work programme is now brought to Council for information. Council will note that the programme does not include any Task and finish groups. On the same agenda was the call in of the Procurement of Library Services and the proposal for Shared Regulatory Services with neighbouring Boroughs. On the library services Scrutiny committee identified that the council's notice issuing procedures may require more transparency. On the Shared Regulatory Services, Scrutiny was able to obtain the agreement of the executive that the Inter Authority Agreement, which had yet to be drafted was to be submitted to Scrutiny before it was signed off.
- 3.5 On 18 June the Health Social Care and Housing Scrutiny sub committee considered (1) a paper on Welfare Reforms (2) Housing Response to major Changes (3) SWL Better Services Better Value progress report

#### Better Services Better Value

- 3.6 At the 18 June meeting of HSCH sub committee, there was a presentation by the BSBV programme representatives. There is currently a joint committee with the London Boroughs of Merton, Kingston (Royal Borough), Richmond, Wandsworth and Sutton in order to respond to the expected statutory consultation to be launched by a Joint committee of CCGs in South West London, known as Better Services, Better Value (BSBV). This is a programme by the NHS to review health services in South West London. The review is looking at five clinical areas
- Planned Care and end of life Care
  - Urgent unscheduled and emergency Care
  - Maternity and Newborn Care
  - Children Services
  - Long term conditions
- 3.7 The meeting on 18 June was given feedback on the current position relating to the preparations for the formal consultation which is expected to commence in September 2013. Council will remember that at this time last year we were reporting that the consultation was expected to commence in October 2012. Having hear the reasons for the postponement (NHS England [National Commissioning Board] is not satisfied with the financial data which needs further work; the BSBV team have responded to consultation and will start consultation in the summer), Committee resolved to express their extreme concern that the start of the consultation has been delayed yet again. This concern is to be communicated to the Croydon CCG, the BSBV Programme Board and to NHS England.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

Suggestions for topics were invited from a wide range of persons including

- All Scrutiny Members and co-optees
- All other Council Members
- The three Departmental Management Teams (DMTs) – Department of Adult Social Care, Housing and Health + Corporate Resources and Customer Services + Planning and Environment
- Corporate Management Team (CMT)
- The Safer Croydon Partnership
- NHS Croydon and Croydon's Clinical Commissioning Group
- Croydon Health Services NHS Trust
- South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
- Croydon Youth Council
- Tenants' Scrutiny Panel
- Croydon Voluntary Action
- Croydon LINK / Shadow Health Watch

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

#### **6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER**

The Council's Constitution (Part 4a Council Procedure Rules 3.05) states that the purpose of the Scrutiny Business Report is "To update the Council on Scrutiny activity since the previous Council meeting. Also to advise on any major issues that needs to be considered by Scrutiny. Incorporating (1) written questions and (2) oral questions on the items contained in the Business Report".

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#### **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.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2013-14

**Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee  
Work Programme 2013/14**

As of 21/06/2013

***Meeting 1: 11th June 2013, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon***

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Item details<br/>and report authors</b>  | <b>Responsible<br/>director</b> | <b>Brief for the Committee</b>   |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| 1             | <b>Call-in: Provision of Shared Regulatory Services with the London Boroughs of Merton and Richmond</b> - <i>Craig Bowdery, Member Services Manager</i> | Julie Belvir                    | To consider and respond to the call-in in accordance with the Council's Constitution |
| 2             | <b>Call-In: Procurement of Library Services</b><br><i>Craig Bowdery, Member Services Manager</i>  | Julie Belvir                    | To consider and respond to the call-in in accordance with the Council's Constitution |
| 3             | <b>Scrutiny Work Programmes 2013/14</b> - <i>Craig Bowdery, Member Services Manager</i>   | Julie Belvir                    | To agree an initial scrutiny work programme for 2013/14                              |

**Meeting 2: 17th September 2013, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon**

| Number | Item details and report authors  | Responsible director      | Brief for the Committee   |
|--------|--|---------------------------|---|
| 1      | <b>The mentoring scheme and other anti-gangs work</b> - <i>report author tbc</i>         | Tony Brooks / Supt Musker | To review the mentoring scheme for young people at risk of gang culture and other anti-gangs initiatives, including <i>Lives not Knives</i>   |
| 2      | <b>Community Safety and crime levels in the Borough</b> - <i>Andy Opie / Supt Musker</i> | Tony Brooks / Supt Musker | To review the latest crime statistics from the Police and to consider the impacts of the new structures implemented by MOPAC and the Metropolitan Police, including the estates strategy. |
| 3      | <b>Scrutiny Sub-Committees</b> - <i>Cllrs Cummings and Fitzsimons</i>                    | Julie Belvir              | To receive an oral update on the work of the two Sub-Committees   |
| 4      | <b>Work Programme</b> - <i>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services &amp; Scrutiny</i> | Julie Belvir              | To review and make any adjustments to the remaining work programme.   |

**Meeting 3: 5th November 2013, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Item details and report authors</b>   | <b>Responsible director</b> | <b>Brief for the Committee</b>  |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| 1             | <b>Town centre regeneration</b> - <i>report author tbc</i>                               | Paul Spooner                | To review the project plans for the Westfield Hammerson development of the town centre and to consider the potential for disruption to town centre services, such as transport and access, and how this can be mitigated; and to review the proposed allocation of funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy |
| 2             | <b>The wider impacts of economic development</b> - <i>Lisa McCance</i>                   | Paul Spooner                | To review how other areas of the Borough will be impacted by the town centre regeneration, including the restaurant quarter, existing businesses and the work of the BIDs (Business Improvement Districts); and to explore the social impacts of regeneration   |
| 3             | <b>Scrutiny Sub-Committees</b> - <i>Cllrs Cummings and Fitzsimons</i>                    | Julie Belvir                | To receive an oral update on the work of the two Sub-Committees   |
| 4             | <b>Work Programme</b> - <i>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services &amp; Scrutiny</i> | Julie Belvir                | To review and make any adjustments to the remaining work programme.   |

**Meeting 4: 10th December 2013, 6.30pm, Venue TBA**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Item details<br/>and report authors</b>   | <b>Responsible<br/>director</b> | <b>Brief for the Committee</b>  |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 1             | <b>Flood risk prevention</b> - <i>report author tbc</i>                                  | Paul Spooner                    | To review the work undertaken for flood risk prevention and to consider how high risk areas are being addressed                       |
| 2             | <b>District centres</b> - <i>report author tbc</i>                                       | Paul Spooner                    | To examine the business vitality of the district centres, the factors underpinning this and to identify areas for further improvement |
| 3             | <b>Scrutiny Sub-Committees</b> -<br><i>Cllrs Cummings and Fitzsimons</i>                 | Julie Belvir                    | To receive an oral update on the work of the two Sub-Committees   |
| 4             | <b>Work Programme</b> - <i>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services &amp; Scrutiny</i> | Julie Belvir                    | To review and make any adjustments to the remaining work programme.   |



**Meeting 5: 4th February 2014, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Item details and report authors</b>  | <b>Responsible director</b> | <b>Brief for the Committee</b>  |
|---------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 1             | <b>Council Budget 2014/15 and performance review with the Leader of the Council -</b><br><i>Richard Simpson, Director of Finance</i>              | Nathan Elvery               | To scrutinise the proposed 2014/15 Council Budget and review the Council's performance                      |
| 2             | <b>Scrutiny Sub-Committees -</b><br><i>Cllrs Cummings and Fitzsimons</i>  | Julie Belvir                | To receive an oral update on the work of the two Sub-Committees   |
| 3             | <b>Review of the Work Programme for 2013/14 and suggestions for 2014/15 -</b><br><i>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services &amp; Scrutiny</i> | Julie Belvir                | To review the work programme for 2013/14 and to consider topics for inclusion on the 2014/15 work programme |

## Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014

| Meeting 1: 9 July 2013, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon CR0 1NX |   |                      |  |
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| Number   | Item details and report authors   | Responsible Director | Brief for the Committee  |
| 1  | The availability of school places and the robustness of planning for future capacity                      | Paul Greenhalgh      | To examine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approaches to obtaining estimates of future demographic change</li> <li>- The procedures for planning the number of school places in response to changing demographics</li> <li>- work carried out alongside planning applications for new housing developments to secure sufficient school places / build new schools to meet demand</li> <li>- Current and forthcoming challenges and work carried out to meet changing demand</li> </ul> |
| 2  | Scrutiny review of Notices to schools: follow-up report on the implementation of approved recommendations | Paul Greenhalgh      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To obtain an update on the implementation of recommendations</li> <li>- To examine their use during “stranger danger” incidents in May 2013</li> </ul>  |
| 3  | Scrutiny Work Programme<br><b>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services</b>                              | Julie Belvir         | To agree the sub-committee’s work programme for 2013-2014  |

Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee  
Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014 (continued)

| Meeting 2: 15 October 2013, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon CR0 1NX |  |                      |   |
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| Number   | Item details and report authors  | Responsible Director | Brief for the Committee   |
| 1  | Youth employability  | Paul Greenhalgh      | To examine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The educational qualifications young people choose and the advice given to them</li> <li>- Careers advisory services in schools</li> <li>- Apprenticeships and work experience opportunities</li> <li>- Employment opportunities for school leavers</li> <li>- Partnership working between schools, colleges and businesses in the borough to give school leavers a good start in the labour market</li> </ul> |
| 3  | Scrutiny Work Programme<br><b>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services</b> | Julie Belvir         | To agree the sub-committee's work programme for 2013-2014   |

Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee  
Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014 (continued)

| <b>Meeting 3: 4th February 2014, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon</b> |   |                                 |   |
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| <b>Number</b>  | <b>Item details<br/>and report authors</b>  | <b>Responsible<br/>director</b> | <b>Brief for the Committee</b>  |
| 1  | <b>Council Budget 2014/15 and performance<br/>review with the Leader of the Council -<br/><i>Richard Simpson, Director of Finance</i></b> | Nathan Elvery                   | To scrutinise the proposed 2014/15 Council Budget and<br>review the Council's performance |

Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee  
Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014 (continued)

| <b>Meeting 4: 11 February 2013, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon CR0 1NX</b> |   |                             |   |
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| <b>Number</b>  | <b>Item details and report authors</b>  | <b>Responsible Director</b> | <b>Brief for the Committee</b>  |
| 1  | Effectiveness of Safeguarding   | Paul Greenhalgh             | To examine and evaluate the work carried out by the Council and its partners to protect young people at risk  |
| 2  | Feedback from members on "School Improvement in a climate of change"  | Paul Greenhalgh             | To receive and comment on Scrutiny Member feedback regarding their work on Croydon's response to the changing environment of more schools becoming academies, significantly fewer resources in the LEA and the introduction of an OSTED inspection regime for school improvement services |
| 3  | Scrutiny recommendations on the Impact of Academy Schools and Free Schools on schooling in Croydon: follow-up report          | Paul Greenhalgh             | To receive an update on the implementation of the recommendations   |
| 4  | Review of the Work Programme for 2013/2014 and suggestions for 2014-2015<br><b>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services</b> | Julie Belvir                | To review the work programme for 2013/2014 and to consider topics for inclusion in the 2014/2015 work programme   |

## Health Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014

**Meeting 1: 18 June 2013, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon CR0 1NX**

| Number | Item details and report authors   | Responsible Director          | Brief for the Committee   |
|--------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 1      | Housing - Responses to major changes  | Hannah Miller                 | To review the work of the housing division and the impact of recent major changes |
| 2      | South-West London Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee - Better Services, Better Value (BSBC JHOSC) - Oral update | Cllrs Cummings and Fitzsimons | To provide the committee an oral update on the work of the JHOSC                  |
| 3      | Healthwatch Croydon   | Healthwatch Co-Optee          | To provide the committee an oral update   |
| 4      | Work Programme 2013-2014<br><b>Solomon Agutu</b>  | Julie Belvir                  | To agree the sub-committee's work programme for the municipal year                |

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**Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014**  
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| <b>Meeting 2: 3 September 2013, 6.30 pm, Purley hospital</b><br><b>Preceded by a tour of hospital</b> |  |   |   |
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| <b>Number</b>   | <b>Item details and report authors</b>   | <b>Responsible Director</b>               | <b>Brief for the Committee</b>  |
| 1   | Croydon Health Services NHS Trust<br><b>Dominic Conlin, Director of Strategy and Commercial Development</b>                      | John Goulston<br>Chief Executive<br>CHS   | Governance Arrangements and future plans.<br>Patient Experience - "listening in Action"<br>presentation<br>CQC in-patient Survey<br>Progress on Foundation Trust Status |
| 2   | South West London Joint Health and Overview<br>Scrutiny Committee - Better Services , Better<br>Value (JHOSC - BSBV) oral update | Councillors<br>Cummings and<br>Fitzsimons | To provide the Committee with an oral update  |
| 3   | Nomination of Healthwatch Co-optee   |   | To appoint the Healthwatch co-optee for this sub-<br>committee  |
| 4   | Healthwatch Croydon  | Healthwatch<br>Co-optee                   | To provide the Committee with an oral update  |
| 5   | Work Programme 2013/2014<br><b>Solomon Agutu</b>   | Julie Belvir                              | To review progress with the work programme to<br>date and make changes to the rest of the<br>programme as required  |

## Health Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014

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| Meeting 3: 19 November 2013, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon CR0 1NX |  |                      |   |
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| Number  | Item details and report authors                  | Responsible Director | Brief for the Committee   |
| 1   | Immunisation programme Plan catch-up             | Mike Robinson        | To receive a report on the immunisation programme in Croydon the potential risks to Public health and GP funding sources for Public Health work   |
| 2   | Adult Safeguarding                               |                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To receive a report from the independent Chair of the Safeguarding Board.</li> <li>- To consider the recruitment and retention issues affecting adult social care</li> </ul> |
| 3   | Healthwatch report                               |                      | To receive a report from HealthWatch on a topic chosen by HealthWatch   |
| 4   | Work Programme 2013/2014<br><b>Solomon Agutu</b> | Julie Belvir         | To review progress with the work programme to date and make changes to the rest of the programme as required.   |



**Health Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee**  
**Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014**  
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| Meeting 4: 28 January 2014, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon CR0 1NX |  |                      |   |
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| Number   | Item details and report authors                  | Responsible Director | Brief for the Committee   |
| 1  | Healthwatch                                      |                      | Report on the visits and experience of Healthwatch on Enter and View generally and specifically to consider the Enter and View report on pharmacy services  |
| 2  | Sexual Health                                    |                      | Focus on the current position in particular the effectiveness of policy in the BME Community; topic to include a report on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). 3 dimensional report from Commissioners, providers and BME community groups |
| 3  | Work Programme 2013/2014<br><b>Solomon Agutu</b> | Julie Belvir         | To review progress with the work programme to date and make changes to the rest of the programme as required.   |

**Health Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee**  
**Proposed Work Programme 2013/2014**  
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**Meeting 5: 11 March 2014, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon CR0 1NX**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Item details and report authors</b>           | <b>Responsible Director</b> | <b>Brief for the Committee</b>  |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| 1             | Health and Wellbeing Board                       | Hannah Miller               | To review the first year of operation and examine whether the Workplan complies with the mission integration and what recommendations on integration have been made.      |
| 2             | Community Health Services                        |                             | Progress on Community Services integration with the Acute Services including integration with voluntary sector providers(with particular reference to discharge planning) |
| 3             | HealthWatch                                      |                             | To receive a report from HealthWatch on a topic chosen by HealthWatch   |
| 4             | Work Programme 2013/2014<br><b>Solomon Agutu</b> | Julie Belvir                | To review progress with the work programme to date and make changes to the rest of the programme as required.   |