

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 2 December 2013
AGENDA ITEM NO:	13
SUBJECT:	BUSINESS REPORT OF THE LEADER INCORPORATING COUNCILLORS' WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal Services
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: 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
 - Housing Delivery Plan 2013/18

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 and the remaining meetings of this Municipal year are attached at Appendix 1.

4. BUSINESS REPORT

- 4.1 The business report is attached at appendix 2. Cabinet Members Bulletins issued since the last Ordinary Council Meeting are attached at appendix 3.

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:

December 2013

	Councillor	Cabinet Portfolio
	Mike Fisher	Leader of the Council
9	Simon Hoar	Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection
8	Sara Bashford	Cabinet Member for Corporate and Voluntary Services
7	Vidhi Mohan	Cabinet Member for Communities & Economic Development
3	Jason Perry	Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Transport
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
5	Steve O'Connell	Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance Management
4	Margaret Mead	Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health
6	Phil Thomas	Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services

January 2014

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

February (Council Tax) 2014

	Councillor	Cabinet Portfolio
	Mike Fisher	Leader of the Council
4	Margaret Mead	Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Health
5	Steve O'Connell	Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance Management
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March 2014

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	Mike Fisher	Leader of the Council
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**COUNCILLOR MIKE FISHER
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2013 CABINET

1. PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

Cabinet Members: Councillors Vidhi Mohan and Jason Perry

Cabinet considered a report that sought approval of 'Pathways to employment' – a partnership approach designed to remove barriers to employment through a range of activities and projects aimed at both employers and local residents, particularly those who find it hard to secure a job. This innovative approach enables the Council and its partners to work collaboratively to maximise the number of local people securing new jobs created as a result of the regeneration and economic development activities which are being delivered and are in the pipeline over the next five years.

Croydon is on the brink of a major investment in the town centre, which will reshape and define the state of Croydon's future in terms of economic growth, physical regeneration and community cohesion. This is an unprecedented and potentially life-changing opportunity for all Croydon's residents.

It is anticipated that over the next five years more than 16,000 jobs could be created in Croydon – see Table 1 in Section 3.4. The potential Whitgift redevelopment anticipates a spend of over £1billion creating and safeguarding more than 8,000 local jobs while growth in key sectors (Health and social care, financial, professional and business services, ICT and construction) will account for a further 8,000 jobs.

The 'Pathways to Employment' approach has been developed to ensure that local people continue to access local job opportunities, and that the proportion of jobs accessed by local people increases.

The report outlines:

- The current barriers to employment experienced by both employers and local residents;
- The 'Pathways to employment' approach to removing those barriers;
- An action plan for building upon the existing partnership work to further reduce the Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) claimants in Croydon and deliver pathways to employment.

This partnership approach is designed to remove barriers and connect local people to the anticipated employment opportunities over the next five years.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** to agree

1. to approve the strategic partnership approach to creating life opportunities for Croydon residents through 'Pathways to employment'.
2. to support the dedication of the Croydon Congress meeting on 7 November 2013 to the consideration of 'Pathways to employment' and its effective delivery across the borough.
3. to develop and launch of the brand 'Pathways to employment' to demonstrate the partnership programme connections to those seeking employment.

2. REGENERATION FOR A POSITIVE FUTURE **The Leader, Councillor Mike Fisher**

Cabinet considered a report that takes a forward look at Croydon's social and economic regeneration, in particular the year ahead. The report is structured to give an update on what is or will be delivered, what difference this will make to the place and people and where this will take place.

This activity has been guided by Croydon's key partnership strategies, including a new Community Strategy 2013 - 18, an Economic Development Plan, Stronger Communities Strategy, Health and Wellbeing Strategy and a refreshed Community Safety Strategy, which addresses the new policing model, as well as the Local Independent Review Panel's Recommendations.

The recently published Community Strategy for Croydon covers the period 2013-18 and reflects the priorities that local people have said are important to them and have been captured in the long-term vision for the borough.

The strategy outlines three key goals:

- A better borough - Croydon is a great place to learn, work and live
- Protect vulnerable people - Local agencies understand the needs of people and involve them in shaping and delivering better outcomes
- Take responsibility - People help themselves, family, neighbours and communities

The Strategy seeks to focus the efforts of local public sector, business, voluntary and community sector partners on Croydon's most pressing and important priorities for the next five years.

The Independent Review Panel completed its local review of the causes of the riots and published a report with a set of recommendations based on all the evidence presented. A detailed six monthly update on recovery following the riots of August 2011 was presented to Cabinet on 23 January 2012. This set

out the approach and progress around recovery, review and regeneration in the first six months after the riots. On 19 March 2012, Cabinet agreed the recommendations arising from the report and to work closely with its partners and the wider community to address these. A further six monthly update on recovery following the riots of August 2011 was presented to Cabinet on 9 July 2012. This report gave an update in relation to the riot recovery programme and the areas affected. The Cabinet reports can be found here:

<http://www.croydon.gov.uk/contents/documents/meetings/546596/2012/2012-01-23/cab20120123riotrecovery.pdf>

<http://www.croydon.gov.uk/contents/documents/meetings/546596/2012/2012-07-09/cab20120709riots.pdf>

A report titled Riot Recovery and Regeneration was presented to Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee on 23rd April 2013 and the recommendations made are set out at Appendix Three of the Cabinet report.

This report sets out at Appendix Two a list confirming that progress has been made implementing the Local Independent Review Panel's Recommendations. The report also sets out what funding has been allocated following the riots including details of the Mayors Regeneration Fund (MRF) breakdown by ward and match value at Appendix One. It is envisaged that this will be the last annual report of the recommendations made by the local review panel following the events of 2011.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

1. agree the forward social and economic regeneration programme outlined in the report; and
2. agree the response to the 23 April 2013 Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee recommendations outlined at appendix three to the report.

3. HOUSING DELIVERY PLAN 2013/18
Cabinet Member; Councillor Dudley Mead

Croydon is being positioned as a place which can genuinely deliver on London's supply side challenge and maximise new market opportunities, unprecedented since the 1960s. The purpose of this report is to set out a 5 Year Housing Delivery Plan from 2013/14 to 2017/18 to enable delivery of the housing elements of Croydon's Local Plan and the London Plan, and the achievement of the Council's Housing Strategy objective of 'optimizing the supply of new housing'.

Alongside this Delivery Plan, which includes the Council's new build programme, there are other significant interventions to increase the supply of housing including bringing empty properties back into use.

The Plan proposes delivery through a combination of:

- a comprehensive partnership approach with the Greater London Authority, the Homes and Community Agency, Registered Providers and a wide range of private sector developers and landowners; and,
- the Council enabling, influencing and intervening in the development process in a flexible way.

Croydon's has a strong and successful record on housing delivery due to our innovative and pro-active enabling response which the Plan maintains and develops. The use of a wide range of delivery tools and funding opportunities to develop and maximise the pipeline land capacity are proposed to support the delivery of up to 9,500 starts between 2013/14 and 2017/18.

The Plan aims to deliver quality homes and sustainable places, contributing positively to the overall quality of life and across the borough; especially the liveability of the metropolitan centre. The Plan acts as both a prospectus for the borough and a clear plan for the delivery of the new homes required to support both economic growth and meet our developing housing needs, as evidenced in the Local Plan.

The Cabinet report opens by setting out the background context for the delivery of the Plan, including the unprecedented opportunity for development now available, Croydon's positive track record and the increasing need for new homes, followed by summarizing the key elements of the proposed Plan:

- its targets and delivery assessment
- the flexible approach
- a 12 point action plan for delivery
- proposed partner contributions from the GLA and Government

In addition, two appendices were provided: (see the Cabinet report on the Council website)

- appendix 1 (**printed separately**): a map of residential sites with planning permission or applying for permission;
- appendix 2: an Equalities Assessment (**e-copy only**)
<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kabmenu.pl?cmte=CAB>

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** to recommend the Council to approve:

1. the 5-year Housing Delivery Plan and Action Plan; and
2. the development of a Croydon Council Housing Investment Fund to support the delivery of stalled sites and deliver an enhanced programme of new housing.

4. CROYDON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD, ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13
Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard

Cabinet considered a report that detailed the activity and effectiveness of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB) between April 2012 and March 2013, so that the Council is able to assure itself of the effectiveness of local arrangements for safeguarding children. The report also includes the CSCB Business Plan for 2013 /14. The report identifies how relevant organisations involved in safeguarding children have discharged their responsibilities both individually and as a group, how the CSCB functions as a conduit for learning and how it discharges its quality assurance responsibilities. The report is provided as an e-copy please use this link to access the report from the Council's website. [Link to CSCB annual report and business plan](#)

The Scrutiny Sub-Committee for Children and Young People has identified that it will further consider the safeguarding of children in Croydon at its meeting of 14 February 2014, and a more detailed report on how the Council, specifically, is discharging its responsibilities (as distinct from the multi-agency approach of the CSCB Annual Report) is planned for that meeting.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** to note the effectiveness of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board in ensuring the safeguarding of children and young people in Croydon.

5. PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES MUTUAL COMPANY
Cabinet Member; Councillor Tim Pollard

Cabinet considered a report setting out the rationale for change in the way the Council delivers services to schools. It outlines the national and local context for educational services and the changing relationship the Local Authority has with schools and illustrates the options and analysis for alternative service delivery for services in this area.

The report proposed that a new trading entity is established which becomes an alternative delivery mechanism for delegable school improvement services, governor support services, education welfare services, educational psychology, Capital South Education Business Partnership (the EBP), the Literacy Centre, HR services to schools and finance services to schools (school support services). It is recommended that the new trading entity is established as a mutual company, with schools, employees and the Council as shareholders.

Cabinet were asked to agree in principle the establishment of a new trading entity to become operational from April 2015. Cabinet will be presented with the business plan, legal structure and constitution of the new company for approval in March 2014.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

1. to agree in principle the establishment of a new trading entity, in the form of a mutual company for the delivery of school improvement services, governor support services, education welfare services, educational psychology, Capital South Education Business Partnership (the EBP), the Literacy Centre, HR services to schools and finance services to schools, to become operational from April 2015.

to note:-

2. The business plan, legal structure and constitution of the new company will be presented for the approval of Cabinet in March 2014.

3. the intended transfer of the above services, including staff, into the new trading entity with the establishment of a small internal Council client/commissioning team with effect from April 2015.

6. COULSDON MASTERPLAN – APPROVAL TO ADOPT AS INTERIM PLANNING GUIDANCE

Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry

Since January 2011 Croydon Council has been working closely with key stakeholders and engaging the public to develop a Masterplan for Coulsdon that is founded on shared objectives and focused on delivery. A collaborative approach has ensured that the Coulsdon Masterplan enables the sustainable regeneration and renewal of the area.

The Draft Coulsdon Masterplan was given Cabinet approval for public consultation in February 2013 (Minute A18/13). Consultation was carried out from 25 February – 14 April, including a series of events attended by over 250 people and approximately 1535 individual comments submitted by 354 respondents.

The Draft Coulsdon Masterplan has been revised, as necessary, in response to feedback from public consultation. The feedback received was predominantly supportive of regenerating and renewing Coulsdon although respondents were concerned about the impact that development would have on transport and public services. In relation to this a number of comments received are more relevant to forthcoming major planning applications, when the proposed nature and scale of development is known on particular sites as opposed to the Masterplan which is a strategic document designed to guide development and set parameters.

The most significant revisions and updates in response to public feedback are set out in further detail below, and have been recommended in principle by the Coulsdon Project Board comprising key stakeholders within the Masterplan area. A full and detailed schedule of representations received and the Council's response can be found in [Appendix 2: The Coulsdon Masterplan Consultation Log](#).

The final Coulsdon 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 to the determination of planning applications within the Masterplan area and assist with securing future funding, negotiating future development and guiding the next phases of development in the Coulsdon area.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

1. that having considered and noted the Council's public sector equalities duty as informed by the Equalities Analysis at Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report and the responses to the public consultations at Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report, to agree:-

2. that, with the amendments summarised at paragraph 4.11 and 4.12 of the report, the Coulsdon Masterplan at Appendix 3 to the Cabinet report be adopted as Interim Planning Guidance.

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

7. CROYDON LOCAL PLAN: DETAILED POLICIES (PREFERRED AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS) – APPROVAL TO CONSULT
Cabinet Member; Councillor Jason Perry

The draft Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies (Preferred and Alternative Options) is a draft planning policy framework to form the basis of public and stakeholder consultation on the development of the Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals in accord with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement 2012.

Once fully adopted the Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals will form part of the development plan for the borough along with the Croydon Local Plan: Strategic Policies and the London Plan. On adoption, it will replace the remaining saved policies of the existing Unitary Development Plan to ensure the borough has an up to date development plan that is focussed on meeting the need for homes, jobs and associated infrastructure whilst respecting and enhancing the character of Croydon.

The draft Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies (Preferred and Alternative Options) is considered to be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. It presents both the preferred option for each policy area and proposal site and reasonable alternatives.

The costs associated with undertaking consultation on the draft Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies (Preferred and Alternative Options) can be met from Spatial Planning's supplies and services budget for 2012/13.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED**

1. to approve the draft Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies (Preferred and Alternative Options) be published as the basis of public and stakeholder consultation on the development of the Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals Development Plan Document; and .

2. that prior to the publication of the draft Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies (Preferred and Alternative Options) the Director of Planning & Building Control, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration & Transport be given delegated authority to make further factual and non-material refinements to it.

**8. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS PROJECTS LOCAL
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DELIVERY PROGRAMME 2014/17
Cabinet Members: Councillors Jason Perry and Phil Thomas**

Cabinet considered a report recommending a new Local Implementation Plan delivery programme for the period 2014/15 – 2016/17 (the delivery programme). The delivery programme is required to indicate how LIP funding provided by TfL will be employed and what other finance will be provided to support delivery of the London Mayor's transport goals and objectives. In so doing, the report highlights the very large investment Croydon Council and the London Mayor are also making to improve the quality of the street environment within the Croydon Opportunity Area (£13.2m London Mayor Regeneration Funding and £6.1m Croydon capital funding in 2014/15-15/16) and other parts of the Borough such as New Addington (£662,000 London Mayor Regeneration Funding in 2014/15). Much of the £30 million investment being made by the Council and London Mayor to improve public realm and pedestrian connectivity in the Opportunity Area and elsewhere in Croydon is focussed in the current year, and therefore not fully reflected in the 2014/17 delivery programme.

In recommending the delivery programme, the report reviews performance against indicators and targets in the LIP over recent years, and considers wider recent policy changes. The recommended delivery programme is to be submitted to TfL in October. The first year of the delivery programme also forms the 2014/15 'Annual Spending Submission' to be sent to TfL in October to release funds allocated to support implementation of the delivery programme.

The report also recommends bids to TfL for 'Principal Road Maintenance' LIP Funding and 'Bridge Assessment and Strengthening' LIP Funding for 2014/15, plus bids to cycle funding streams for 2014/15 – 2016/17 newly established by TfL outside of the LIP funding process.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** to agree:

1. The Local Implementation Plan indicative 2014/15 – 2016/17 delivery programme at appendix 1 to the report covering:

- 1.1.1 Road safety
- 1.1.2 Pedestrian accessibility and experience
- 1.1.3 Active travel amongst employees and schools
- 1.1.4 Supporting the Croydon Opportunity Area
- 1.1.5 Enhanced cycling and walking routes
- 1.1.6 Parking management
- 1.1.7 Local area and neighbourhood accessibility

1.2 That the first year of that delivery programme be the basis of the 2014/15 Annual Spending Submission to be made to TfL and funding be sought for:

- 1.2.1 Road safety (£1.046m)
- 1.2.2 Pedestrian accessibility and experience (£200,000)
- 1.2.3 Active travel amongst employees and schools (£290,000)
- 1.2.4 Supporting the Croydon Opportunity Area (£827,000)
- 1.2.5 Enhanced cycling and walking routes (£150,000)
- 1.2.6 Parking management (£50,000)
- 1.2.7 Local area and neighbourhood accessibility (£150,000)

1.3 That bids be submitted to TfL for 2014/15 for:

- 1.3.1 LIP Principal Road Maintenance funding totalling £1.25m;
- 1.3.2 LIP Bridge Assessment and Strengthening funding totalling £869,000.

1.4 That bids be submitted to TfL for Non-LIP funded cycling proposals for 2014/15 – 2016/17 for:

- 1.4.1 Safer streets for the bike (£59,000 2014/15, £59,000 2015/16 and £59,000 2016/17.)
- 1.4.2 More people travelling by bike (£190,000 2014/15, £225,000 2015/16 and £225,000 2016/17.)
- 1.4.2 Support for cycling (£66,000 2014/15, £66,000 2015/16 and £66,000 2016/17.)

1.5 that the Director of Regeneration and Economy be delegated authority to make any further amendments to the delivery programme, annual spending submission and bids in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration & Transport, necessary prior to submission to TfL.

9. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2013/14 – QUARTER 1

Cabinet Members: Councillors Steve O’Connell and Dudley Mead

Cabinet considered a report that summarised the Council’s financial performance and related operational performance indicators as at the month ending June 2013. It details the projected outturn position and highlights the action taken to manage under performance.

The detailed information is set out in the Appendices to the Cabinet report:

- Appendix 1 – Revenue outturn summary.
- Appendix 2 – Departmental revenue spending forecasts and

- recovery plans
- Appendix 3 - Capital (greater than £0.1m) variances

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** to agree to note:

1. the projected outturn for 2013/14 of an overspend of £2.271m;
2. the projected Capital programme spend of £230.767m and associated underspend and slippage; and
3. the HRA (Housing Revenue Account) forecast of a surplus of £0.236m for the current financial year.

10. YOUR CROYDON COUNTS 2013/14
Cabinet Member; Councillor Steve O'Connell

Cabinet considered a report setting out the quarter 1 'Your Croydon Counts' report of 2013/14, giving latest available data.

Your Croydon Counts measures the Council's progress in delivering the priorities and objectives set out within our Corporate Plan for 2013-15, as signed off by Cabinet in July 2013.

This performance report aims to be accessible, clear and concise; and to report only new and fresh data that helps us to understand our achievements and challenges within these priority areas.

The Cabinet **RESOLVED** to note the Quarter 1 performance for 2013/14 as detailed in appendix 1 to the Cabinet report.

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

**1. TENDERS AND PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS, ETC., APPROVED
BY CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BETWEEN
1ST OCTOBER AND 1ST DECEMBER 2013**

Date of Corporate Services Committee Meeting	Minute No.	Tender/Property Transaction
21 October	B60/13	Four form entry new build Primary School in Stroud Green Road
21 October	B61/13	Two form entry new build Primary School on Haling Road
21 October	B62/13	Applegarth Primary Academy SEN Resource base contract
21 October	B63/13	Taberner House redevelopment preparation works
21 October	B65/13	Award for a term partnering contract for housing responsive repairs, void reinstatements, gas servicing and general building services
21 October	B66/13	Compulsory Purchase Order for a property in Bensham Manor Road
21 October	B67/13	Award of a term contract for the installation of new and the refurbishment of existing central heating systems within council housing stock
21 October	B68/13	Acquisition of offices, warehouse and workshop at 76 Canterbury Road, Croydon

**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
1ST OCTOBER AND 1ST DECEMBER 2013**

Date of Corporate Services Committee Meeting	Minute No.	Tender/Property Transaction
21 October	B64/13	Provision of ICT Data centre and disaster recovery services
21 October	B69/13	Award of contract for grounds maintenance services for parks and green spaces

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

**CABINET MEMBER'S ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 8TH OCTOBER 2013
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE**

1. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED PARKING SCHEMES

The Cabinet Committee having considered the objections and comments received to the proposals to; extend the Coulsdon Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Woodmansterne Road, the proposed changes to the parking bays in Fell Road and Mint Walk, the changes to parking bays in Selborne Road, the maximum stay free parking bays in Crossways Parade, Selsdon Park Road, the CPZ for Mill View Gardens, the changes to the maximum stay for Pay & Display users in the Thirsk Road area of Thornton Heath and to provide additional parking bays and relocate existing parking bays in conjunction with a proposed one-way working and contra-flow cycle lane in Union Road, Croydon **RESOLVED** to agree:

- a. Minor amendments bay layout to the proposed extension of the Coulsdon Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Woodmansterne Road.
- b. Not to amend the existing Disabled Parking Bay arrangements in Fell Road at this time but to monitor their use for future review.
- c. To the relocated parking bays in Selborne Road.
- d. To amend the proposed CPZ operational hours in Mill View Gardens to 9.30 – 10.30am and 1.30 – 2.30pm, Monday to Friday and a reduction in the number of parking bays.
- e. To the 30 minute maximum stay bays in Selsdon Park Road by Crossways Parade but change the position of the bays with three bays either side of the pedestrian crossing.
- f. To retain two-way working in the northern arm of Union Road from Whitehorse Road to the north-south section of Union Road.
- g. Not to proceed with the proposed increase in the Pay & Display maximum stay to 8 hours in the Thirsk Road area of the Thornton Heath CPZ.
- h. That the General Manager of Infrastructure be authorized to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) in order to introduce the schemes as detailed in section 3 and paragraphs 1.2 to 1.6 above and amendments shown in Plan Nos. PD 206a/1, 206b/1, 209a/1 and TH 4003/; and to
- i. Inform the objectors of the decision.

2. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Cabinet Committee having considered the objections and comments received to the proposed introduction of yellow line parking restrictions at the following locations and **RESOLVED** that:

- Sundridge Place – agreed
- Ockley Road / Westcombe Avenue – agreed but to not introduce double yellow lines outside Nos 19 to 25.
- Tollers Lane (Coulsdon Road to Lacey Green) – agreed
- Christian Fields (cul-de-sac end) –not to proceed
- Langley Oaks Avenue / Ridge Langley – agreed
- Michael Road on right angled bend – agreed.

b) The General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders as recommended above under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended); and

c) That officers Inform the applicants and objectors of the above decisions.

3. COURT WOOD LANE - PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING

The cabinet Committee considered a report to implement a new zebra crossing facility on an existing raised speed table on Court Wood Lane, outside the southern end of Courtwood Primary School, adjacent to the entrance to the electricity sub-station to provide a formal crossing facility for the school. This will help all pedestrians in the area, including pupils, parents and other visitors to the local schools to cross Court Wood Lane more safely.

The need for a formal crossing point near the school has been identified following observations on site and a request from the school. Visual evidence has indicated that it would improve road safety and benefit pupils and visitors to Courtwood School. The plan contained in the Cabinet Committee report numbered TH/CW/CWLZEB shows the proposal.

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to agree

- a. That Public Notice be given in respect of the proposal to introduce a zebra crossing facility on Court Wood Lane, located outside Courtwood Primary School, adjacent to the entrance to the electricity substation. The proposal is shown on the plan numbered TH/CW/CWLZEB; and
- b. The General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to make the necessary Traffic Management Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) in order to introduce the crossing 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.

4. PROPOSED ONE WAY WORKINGS AT BRAEMAR AVENUE, RAYMEAD AVENUE, BUNGALOW ROAD AND COLVIN ROAD

The Cabinet Committee considered the objection received in respect of Braemar Avenue in response to the Statutory Consultation and **RESOLVED** to agree

a) The introduction of permanent works, signs and road markings to facilitate one-way traffic movement as shown on the attached plans at:-

- Braemar Avenue;
- Raymead Avenue;
- Bungalow Road;
- Colvin Road;

b) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Parking Services to make a Traffic Management Order under Section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the one-way working in Braemar Avenue, Raymead Avenue, Bungalow Road, Colvin Road; and that

c) Officers inform the objectors/respondents of the Cabinet Committee's decision.

5. FAIRHOLME ROAD AREA, PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE CROYDON CPZ, (EAST OUTER PERMIT ZONE) - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

The Cabinet Committee considered the results of the consultation and objections received in response to the public notice on the proposal to extend the Croydon CPZ (North Permit Area) into the Fairholme Road area and **RESOLVED** to.

- a. Agree to extend the Croydon CPZ (North Permit Zone) into part of the Fairholme Road area,
- b. Not proceed with the propose controls in Dennett Road as shown on Drawing No. PD – 222.
- c. That the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorized to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended); and
- d) Officers inform the respondents and consultees of the decision.

6. PETITIONS: JUNCTION ROAD – REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING / RE- ARRANGEMENT OF PARKING, TUGELA ROAD – REQUEST FOR CONTROLLED PARKING, LANGLEY OAKS AVENUE BY UPPER SELSDON ROAD – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

The Cabinet Committee noted the petitions received and **RESOLVED** to agree to:

- a. Assess the possibility for echelon bays and kerb build-outs in Junction Road once traffic arrangements associated with the proposed school in Haling Road have been finalised;
- b. Extend the Croydon Controlled Parking Zone (East Outer Zone) into Tugela Road, Northcote Road, Burdett Road, Owen Close and Sydenham Road subject to consultation with residents and businesses to include the Crescent, Saracen Close, Beaconsfield road and Guildford Road;
- c. Extend the double yellow line 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Langley Oaks Avenue by Upper Selsdon Road
- d. Authorise the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to introduce the above measures, subject to receiving no material objections on the giving of public notice; and
- e) That officers inform the petitioners of this decision.

7. PROPOSED PARKING BAYS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to agree to:

- a. The introduction of a 30 minute maximum stay, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday loading bay in Morland Road by Beckford Road.
- b. The introduction of a 30 minute maximum stay, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday, loading bay in Bywood Avenue between Brookside Way and Chaffinch Avenue, Ashburton.
- c. The conversion of 2 Pay & Display bays in Derby Road, Broad Green (3 hour maximum stay) and 4 new disabled bays (also 3 hour maximum stay) in St Michael's Road, Fairfield.
- d. The introduction of 4 new shared-use Permit / Pay & display bays in St Peter's Street, Croham.
- e. The introduction of 4 one hour maximum stay bays (no return in 2 hours) operating 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday in Purley Oaks Road by Purley Oaks Station.
- f. The amendment of the method of payment within the articles of the on and off-street Traffic Management Orders for the free parking arrangements within the Pay & Display tariff to include the requirement to input Vehicle Registration Marks (VRMs).
- g. Authorise the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services 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.

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to:

a) Authorise the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services, 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 221a to PD 221r, subject to receiving no material objections on the giving of public notice:

- Lebanon Road by Addiscombe Road – Addiscombe
- Cherry Orchard Road between Leslie Grove and Leslie Park Road – Addiscombe, Removal of peak hour loading restrictions and new bus stop clearway.
- Lower Addiscombe Road by Shirley Road – Ashburton
- Pitlake including junction with Derby Rd – Broad Green
- Coulsdon Road / Kerrill Avenue – Coulsdon East
- Caterham Drive / The Glade – Coulsdon East
- Pixton Way / Bardolph Avenue – Heathfield
- Markfield by No.100 – Heathfield
- Fairchildes Avenue including junction with King Henry's Drive – New Addington
- Kilmartin Avenue / Ardfarn Avenue – Norbury
- Pollards Hill South / Forrest Gardens – Norbury
- Langley Oaks Avenue / Upper Selsdon Road – Selsdon & Ballards
- Portland Road including junction with Manor Road – South Norwood
- Parchmore Road by Fountain Road – Thornton Heath
- Beulah Crescent including junctions – Thornton Heath
- Violet Lane by Lawdon Gardens – Waddon
- Denning Avenue including Goodwin Road / Hillside Road junction – Waddon
- Dunheved Close – West Thornton

b) 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.

9. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING BAYS IN TEDDER ROAD

The Cabinet Committee considered the objection received to the proposal to provide a Disabled Persons' parking bay in Tedder Road, South Croydon and officers' responses to the objection as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report and **RESOLVED** that

- a. the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to make the necessary Traffic Management Order as recommended in paragraph 3 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended); and
- b. Officers inform the applicant and objector of the decision.

10. LONDON ROAD SERVICE ROAD BY BENSHAM LANE, BEDFORD HOUSE DEVELOPEMENT – REMOVAL OF VEHICULAR RIGHTS

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- a) Agree the removal of vehicular rights in the section of the London Road Service Road by Bensham Lane as part of the Bedford House (380 London Road) Development; and
- b) 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.

11. WADDON LEISURE CENTRE CAR PARK – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO MINI-BUS PARKING BAYS AND OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED STAFF CAR PARK

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED**:

- a. To agree the proposal to amend the mini-bus parking bays within the Waddon Leisure Centre Car Park so that they can be used for general Pay & Display parking during the evening and at weekends.
- b. That having considered the objection received in response to the public notice, agree the proposal to introduce a 'permit holders only' off-street car park in the staff parking area at the Waddon Leisure Centre accessed from Denning Avenue and officers responses outlined in paragraph 3 of the report; .
- c. 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 proposal; and
- d. That officers Inform the objector of the decision.

12. HIGH STREETS – SOUTH END IMPROVEMENTS

The Cabinet Committee considered a report that sought agreement of delivery of the improvements on South End by March 2015 and **RESOLVED**

- a. That officers commence consultation on the traffic management changes detailed in para. 3 of the report as part of implementing the South End – High Street Improvements Scheme.
- b. That the General Manager of Infrastructure be authorised to give any public notices necessary to effect the traffic management changes on South End, including issuing any necessary notices under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as detailed in Section 3.1, and, subject to no material objections being received in response to the public notice proceed to make the necessary orders;

- c. That to enable the delivery of the traffic management changes on South End by March 2015 of the improvements on South End, the General Manager of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Chair of the Cabinet Committee, be authorised to consider any material objections received on the giving of public notice and determine whether to proceed with making the necessary orders or whether any amendment is required and if so take any steps necessary to implement that; and
- d. That in respect of the proposal to introduce free 30 minutes free parking with ticket for South End and Selsdon Road the General Manager of Infrastructure, Parking Services be authorised to give the necessary public notice of the amendment to the Traffic Management Order made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) in order to vary the parking charges for South End and Selsdon Road.

13. WEST CROYDON INTERCHANGE PUBLIC REALM PROJECT. DELIVERY OF SHARED CYCLE ROUTE, CHANGES TO BUS STOPS, BUS LANES, PAY AND DISPLAY BAYS, LOADING BAYS, LOADING RESTRICTIONS, MOTORCYCLE PARKING BAYS AND NO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The proposed West Croydon Interchange Public Realm Project forms part of the Connected Croydon Programme of public realm improvement works in Croydon town centre. Connected Croydon's objectives include:

- To create a network of high quality public spaces;
- To improve Croydon's environmental performance by promoting public transport, walking, and cycling;
- To provide of high quality, accessible and safe routes for all modes of transport;
- To improve the efficiency the transport interchanges at East and West Croydon;
- To remove the severance of pedestrian routes caused by the Wellesley Road;
- To enliven spaces with new uses and activities;
- To improve the public perception of Croydon as an attractive place to work, live and invest in.

As one of Croydon's front doors the project to transform the public realm and interchange at West Croydon is a highly prominent and significantly important project for Croydon. The main objectives of the proposed West Croydon Interchange Public Realm Project include:

- Increase capacity on footways, particularly on weekdays before and after school when the area is used by a large volume of school children
- Remove severance caused by the tram corridor and vehicular movement
- Remove barriers to pedestrian movement including guardrailing
- Remove street clutter due to outdated and obsolete street furniture as well as poorly sited signage and advertising
- Improve the interchange between all modes of transport
- Realign indirect crossings which do not reflect desire lines and therefore encourage unsafe informal crossing
- Enhance lighting in terms of coverage and quality
- Increase greenery, and improve condition of existing greenery
- Develop suitable cycle facilities
- Improve wayfinding and general urban legibility
- Assist in crime prevention by providing improved lighting, footways and interchange area

The traffic management changes needed to implement this scheme are provided in the detail of the Cabinet Committee report in Section 3. This includes items for consideration by Traffic Management Cabinet Committee and changes that require approval by other decision makers.

To enable the delivery for completion by no later than by March 2015 of the West Croydon Interchange Improvements, the Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- 1.1 Endorse the proposed highway alterations illustrated on drawings:
 - 1082-221-120
 - 1082-221-121
 - 1082-221-122
 - 1082-221-123
 - 1082-221-124
- 1.2 Agree that officers commence further stakeholder engagement and the Traffic Management Order and Public Notice process to implement the measures detailed in para.3 of the report as part of the West Croydon Interchange Project.
- 1.3 Agree that the General Manager of Infrastructure be authorised to take the steps necessary to implement the West Croydon Interchange project, including issuing any necessary notices under Section 23 of

the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) as detailed in Section 3.1, and, subject to no material objections being received in response to the public notice proceed to make the necessary orders.

- 1.4 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.

14. CYCLING IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES – OBJECTIONS TO CONVERSION OF FOOTPATHS 702 AND 703 TO 'SHARED USE'

The Cabinet Committee considered the objections made in response to the consultation to convert Public Footpath 703 between Arnull's Road, Upper Norwood and Streatham Common (LB Lambeth) where the route terminates and Public Footpath 702 between Gibson's Hill, Norbury, and Streatham Common to Shared use Cycle tracks. The Cabinet Committee also considered the steps taken by officers to seek to resolve the issues to the satisfaction of the objectors and officers proposed responses to those objections and **RESOLVED** to

- 1) Agree that the objections together with other relevant information be submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport for consideration and final decision on whether the Council may proceed to confirm the making of the necessary Traffic Orders.

15. PROPOSED ONE WAY WORKING HAYES LANE

The Cabinet Committee considered the results of the informal consultation with local residents on the proposed introduction of one-way working at Hayes Lane, Kenley, as shown on the plan in the report and **RESOLVED**

- a. Not to proceed with proposal;
- b. That officers meet with Ward Councillors and residents to put forward further proposals at a future meeting of the Cabinet Committee.

16. PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING WHITEHORSE ROAD AND SELSDON ROAD,

The cabinet Committee considered a report seeking agreement to carry out formal consultation to implement two new zebra crossing facilities - one in Whitehorse Road and the other Selsdon Road to provide a formal crossing facility for all pedestrians in the area, especially the more vulnerable pedestrian, or those with impaired mobility.

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to agree to:

- (a) Authorise the giving of public notice in respect of the proposal to introduce Zebra crossing facilities at the following locations:

- Whitehorse Road approximately 80m north from its junction with Northcote Road as shown on the attached plan No. HWY/1184/02;
 - Selsdon Road at its junction with Upper Selsdon Road, as shown on the attached plan No. HWY/1205/01
- (b) Authorise the Head of Parking Services to carry out the Statutory consultation, serve notices and make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), in order to introduce the changes, subject to receiving no material objections on the giving of public notice.
- (c) Note that any material objections received on the giving of public notice, where required, will be reported to a future Cabinet Committee for Members' consideration.

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