

Croydon Council

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DRAFT REPORT TO:	Full Council 27 January 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO:	10
SUBJECT:	BUSINESS REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND STRATEGIC OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
LEAD OFFICER:	Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Democratic & Legal Services
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Steve Hollands Chairman of Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	The constitutional requirement that Council receive a Scrutiny Business Report.

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 2 December 2013.
- 1.2 All Members are asked to consider what contribution they or their constituents can make to the topics selected for Scrutiny.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This is the report of the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee, covering the period 2 December 2013 to 26 January 2014 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 This report provides an account of Scrutiny activity carried out by the following committees between 2 December 2013 and 26 January 2014:
 - The Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee
 - The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee
 - The Health, Social and Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee

4. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

5. 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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6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report from the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee
- 2013/14 Scrutiny Work Programme

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCRUTINY AND STRATEGIC OVERVIEW COMMITTEE



Cllr Steve Hollands

2nd December 2013 to 26th January 2014

1. Recent Scrutiny Committee Meetings

- 1.1 This report provides an account of Scrutiny activity carried out by the following committees between 2nd December 2013 and 26th January 2014:
- The Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee
 - The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee
 - The Health, Social and Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee

2 Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee

- 2.1 At a concurrent meeting of the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee and Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 17th December 2013 members considered a pre-decision report on the 2014-15 Council Budget. No recommendations to Cabinet or Council were made.
- 2.2 At a meeting of the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee on 7th January 2014 members considered a call-in item on the proposed change of use of Tonbridge House retirement housing scheme to general needs housing for homeless families with children. The Committee resolved not to make recommendations to Cabinet in relation to the decision made by the executive on 16th December 2013. Members did however note that the Deputy Leader (Capital Budget and Asset Management) and Cabinet Member for Housing gave an undertaking to extend the period during which residents could claim disturbance payments to 31st March 2016. They also asked officers to ensure that a sensitive approach to managing the relocation of tenants be adopted to ensure that their health and wellbeing is safeguarded and that wherever possible interdependent relationships between tenants be taken into account. The Committee also asked officers to use great sensitivity when selecting and placing families at Tonbridge House to ensure that any problems to existing tenants are minimised.

3 Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee

- 3.1 Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee attended the meeting held on 17th December 2013 which considered the Budget 2014-15 (see point 2.1 above).
- 3.2 The chair and officers have also been working on preparations for the next meeting which is scheduled to take place on 11th February 2014 and which will include items on the effectiveness of safeguarding, school exam results and the academisation of schools in the Borough.

4. Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee

- 4.1 At its meeting on 28th January 2014, the Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee is expected to consider items relating to:
- Healthwatch Croydon Co-option to the Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub Committee
 - Healthwatch Croydon Enter and Views
 - Review of the Care Quality Commissions' Review of Acute Services at Croydon Health Services NHS Trust
 - South West London Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee – Better Services Better Value

5. Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14

A copy of the scrutiny work programme for the current municipal year is attached.

**Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee
Work Programme 2013/2014**

Meeting 5: 4th February 2014, 6.30pm, Council Chamber			
Number	Item details and report authors	Responsible director	Brief for the Committee
1	Shared regulatory services <i>Tony Brooks/ Jan Rowley</i>	Jo Negrini, Executive Director, Planning & Environment	On 29 April 2013 Cabinet agreed the establishment of a shared Regulatory Service for the Boroughs of Croydon with Merton and Richmond. The decision was called in by scrutiny and following the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 11 th June 2013 it was agreed to bring back a report on progress toward the Joint Regulatory Service.
2	Safer Croydon Partnership (strategic assessment) <i>Andy Opie</i>	Jo Negrini, Executive Director, Planning & Environment	To receive an update on the Strategic Assessment and to consult on the priorities for the new 3 year strategy.
4	Scrutiny Sub-Committees - <i>Cllrs Cummings and Fitzsimons</i>	Not applicable	To receive an oral update on the work of the two Sub-Committees
5	Work Programme - Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny	Julie Belvir	To review and make any adjustments to the remaining work programme.

**Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee
Work Programme 2013/2014**

Meeting 6: 4 March 2014, 6.30pm, Council Chamber			
Number	Item details and report authors	Responsible director	Brief for the Committee
1	CALAT - <i>report author tbc</i>		To test the self-assessment of the service prior to a pending OfSted inspection. NB: Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee scrutiny members are to be invited to attend the meeting and/or comment on the paper.
2	Scrutiny Annual Report <i>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny</i>	Julie Belvir	To approve the Scrutiny Annual Report to be received by Full Council
3	Scrutiny Sub-Committees - <i>Cllrs Cummings and Fitzsimons</i>	Not applicable	To receive an oral update on the work of the two Sub-Committees
4	Review of the Work Programme for 2013/14 and suggestions for 2014/15 - Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny	Julie Belvir	To review the work programme for 2013/14 and to consider topics for inclusion on the 2014/15 work programme

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

Meeting 5: 28 January 2014, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX			
Number	Item details and report authors	Responsible Director	Brief for the Committee
1	Co-option to the Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub Committee	Julie Belvir	To receive nominations for co-option to the Health, Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Sub Committee from Healthwatch Croydon.
2	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
3	Croydon Health Services NHS Trust Care Quality Commission review of Trust Services <i>Edward Adams, Director of Strategy and Commercial Development</i>	Mike Bell, Chairman, Croydon Health Services NHS Trust John Goulston, CEO, Croydon Health Services NHS Trust	To consider and comment on the outcome of the CQC inspection of the Trust's services and subsequent Quality Summit.
4	South West London Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee - Better Services , Better Value (JHOSC - BSBV) <i>oral update</i>	Councillors Cummings and Fitzsimons	To provide the Committee with an oral update
5	Work Programme 2013/2014 <i>Solomon Agutu</i>	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
Work Programme 2013/2014**

Meeting 6: 11 March 2014, 6.30pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX			
Number	Item details and report authors	Responsible Director	Brief for the Committee
1	Health and Wellbeing Board	Mike Robinson	To review the first year of operation and examine whether the work plan complies with the mission integration and what recommendations on integration have been made.
2	Community Health Services NHS Trust <i>Edward Adams, Director of Strategy and Commercial Development</i>	John Goulston, CEO, Croydon Health Services NHS Trust	Progress on Community Services integration with the Acute Services including integration with voluntary sector providers (with particular reference to discharge planning)
3	CAMHS CCG SLaM CHS Council	Paul Greenhalgh	At its meeting of 21 October 2013, the Committee agreed to review the CAMHS action plan following an OFSTED review of the service in May 2013.
4	Childhood Immunisation Programme in Croydon <i>Johan Van Wijgerden</i> <i>Dr Catherine Heffernan</i>	NHS England Public Health England	At its meeting of 19 November 2013, the Committee agreed to consider an update on the 6month immunisation plan. To consider an account from all major stakeholders
5	South West London Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee Better Services, Better Value (JHOSC-BSBV) <i>oral update</i>	Councillors Cummings and Fitzsimons	To provide the Committee with an oral update
6	HealthWatch		To receive a report from HealthWatch on a topic chosen by HealthWatch
7	Work Programme 2013/2014 <i>Solomon Agutu</i>	Julie Belvir	To review progress with the work programme to date and make changes to the rest of the programme as required.

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

Meeting 4: 11 February 2013, 6.30 pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Croydon CR0 1NX			
Number	Item details and report authors	Responsible Director	Brief for the Committee
1	Effectiveness of Safeguarding	Paul Greenhalgh	To examine and evaluate the work carried out by the Council to protect young people at risk
2	School standards and work taking place on academisation and free schools	Paul Greenhalgh	To examine headline statistics, key performance issues in the borough To receive and examine an update on academisation and free schools in Croydon
3	Scrutiny recommendations on the Impact of Academy Schools and Free Schools on schooling in Croydon: follow-up report	Paul Greenhalgh	To receive an oral update on the implementation of the recommendations
4	Review of the Work Programme for 2013/2014 and suggestions for 2014-2015 <i>Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services</i>	Julie Belvir	To review the work programme for 2013/2014 and to consider topics for inclusion in the 2014/2015 work programme