

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 24 March 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO:	14
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
 - a. **Conservation Area Appraisals & Management Plans Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) – Adoption**
 - b. **School Admissions Criteria Update**
 - c. **Children and Families Plan**

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

24 March 2014

	Councillor	Cabinet Portfolio
	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.

CONTACT OFFICER: Solomon Agutu, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny, x62920.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

**COUNCILLOR MIKE FISHER
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 20 JANUARY 2014 CABINET

1. Maximising Croydon's growth potential within London and the South East

Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry

Croydon has been positioning itself as a central focus point of economic priority within London and the South East. Over the last 3-years it has worked closely with emerging plans from Local Enterprise Partnerships which were established to review the geographical boundaries of the functioning economy.

Croydon links the rest of London and the Coast to Capital region through its transport connections from Gatwick Airport to Brighton and Hove, a workforce that moves freely and through a strong and growing cluster of creative digital and IT businesses.

The powerful economic drive of Croydon must capitalise on potential opportunities through the business community, its vertical supply chains, a talented workforce and diverse communities. Croydon should compete on an international level and use its links with Coast to Capital and the London Enterprise Panel to support the role of international gateway to the region.

By addressing the impact of growth on regional infrastructure, investment in A23 is taking place. The Council has ambitions to achieve higher levels of economic growth and position Croydon as one of the capital's major centres for inward investment. Working with major companies and major developers through the Develop Croydon Forum it is clear that investment in the strategic road infrastructure that serves the Croydon Opportunity area (COA) will enhance our offer to investors and developers and improve the perception of Croydon to businesses and residents alike.

Cabinet RESOLVED:

1. to note

- 1) Priorities and themes emerging as a result of the collaboration with Croydon's involvement in two Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs);
- 2) Governance and working arrangements which drive the Croydon agenda for partnership working with two LEPs; and.

3) That officers will explore proposals to establish partnerships with which to take initiatives under the Single Growth Fund forward.

2. to agree Investment priorities for Croydon's through both LEPs with relation to the Strategic Economic Plans.

2. The Croydon Monitoring Report 2012/13

Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry

Cabinet considered a report that highlighted the findings of the Croydon Monitoring Report 2012/13 (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 planning targets set by the Local Plan and by the London Plan. 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.

The Monitoring Report highlights the following:

- Our District and Local Centres are generally resilient to the current economic climate with stable or falling levels of vacancy.
- In the first six months of 2013/14 over 800 new homes have been completed, which is more than had been completed in the first six months of the previous two financial years.
- Croydon has a five year supply of housing land.
- Our Employment Areas have seen an increase in the number of units occupied.

The Monitoring Report outlines how the Council is undertaking the Duty to Co-operate under its statutory plan making function in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

The Monitoring Report indicates the Council's current position regarding Section 106 planning obligations and the amount of the borough's Community Infrastructure Levy collected since its introduction in April 2013.

The Monitoring Report comprises the following individual papers:

- Croydon Metropolitan Centre
- Employment (District Centres)
- Employment (Local Centres)
- Employment (Industry)
- Homes
- Five Year Supply of Deliverable Sites for Housing
- Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy
- Working with other local authorities and government agencies
- Preparing the Croydon Local Plan

Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

1. to note that the borough has met its percentage targets for the provision of affordable homes in 2012/13;
2. To continue to work on the Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals to address the requirement to maintain a supply of housing land in Croydon;
3. to continue to work on the Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals Development Plan Document to ensure the Council has an up to date development plan in terms of detailed policies as the Croydon Local Plan: Detailed Policies and Proposals Development Plan Document will supersede the saved Unitary Development Plan (2006) saved policies;
4. to agree the Croydon Monitoring Report 2012/13 for publication.

3. Education Quality and Standards

Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard

Cabinet considered a report summarising the performance of children, young people and learners in Croydon for 2013. The report covers attainment in assessments, tests and examinations for 2013 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 the national average, London average and with similar areas (Statistical Neighbours). The report also provides up-to-date information on school attendance and exclusions.

The report sets out standards achieved in the 2012-2013 education year, which can be summarised as follows:

- At Key Stage 4, GCSE results were notably better than statistical neighbour and national averages and, based on unvalidated data, similar to London averages.
- At age 19 Croydon learners performed above the national average on Average Point Score.
- Croydon performance at the end of Key Stage 1 (age 7) was better than statistical neighbours and national in reading, writing and maths, better than the London average in mathematics and equal to the London average in reading and writing.
- At Key Stage 2 (age 11) Croydon results were above statistical neighbour and national averages in reading at Level 4 (expected attainment) and mathematics at Level 5 (more than expected attainment), in line in reading at Level 5 and below in writing and mathematics at Level 4. When compared with the London average, Croydon was better in reading at Level 4 but below in reading at Level 5, writing and mathematics.
- A new methodology was introduced to measure performance in the Early Years Foundation Stage, which resulted in a change to previous trends, with Croydon's performance being below statistical neighbours, London and national averages.
- Attendance at primary schools was better than the national average.

- Attendance at secondary schools has improved, in contrast to the national trend and continues to be better than the national average. Croydon outperforms statistical neighbours in terms of attendance and levels of persistent absence.
- There were no permanent exclusions from primary schools; a very slight increase in permanent exclusions in secondary schools is now being successfully addressed through the fair access process, and in the current education year the trend has markedly improved.

In section 6 the Cabinet report gives a summary of the quality of the quality of provision in schools, as judged by OFSTED. At the time of writing the percentage of schools judged good or better has risen to 78%.

Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

to note the report, and note that this paper will form the subject of Children and Young People's Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 11 February 2014.

4. Unlawful subletting (Tenancy Fraud)

Cabinet member Councillor Dudley Mead

Cabinet considered a report setting out the benefits of running a publicity campaign and key amnesty to help tackle unlawful subletting within the Council's housing stock.

Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

1. to implement an amnesty in the month of February 2014 for Council tenants who unlawfully sublet or part with possession of the whole of their accommodation; and.
2. to agree to depart from the Council's enforcement policy by not intending to start criminal proceedings for unlawful subletting against those who surrender their tenancy during the amnesty.

5. Pilot 20mph Speed Limits by Schools

Cabinet members: Councillor Tim Pollard and Councillor Phil Thomas

Cabinet considered a report recommending that 20mph speed limits applying at certain times of day associated with school entry and exit times be introduced on roads in the vicinity of certain schools. It is proposed that these limits be indicated by variable signing and that additional / supporting features be investigated and delivered as part of the implementation of the speed limit schemes and employing the same funding.

Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

1. to agree that the 2014/15 'Speed Management in the Vicinity of Schools' LIP funding provided by TfL be employed to introduce a

pilot 20mph speed limit to the following roads, where the schools detailed in paragraph 3.6 of the report are located:

- Cherry Orchard Road
- Chipstead Valley Road
- Pampisford Road
- The Glade
- Birchanger Road
- King Henry's Drive

2. to agree that, following preliminary design, cost estimation and consultation with the schools at the above locations regarding the proposal, the Director of Environment be authorised to add or remove roads from the above list where he considers it appropriate.

3. to note a variety of supporting measures such as variable message signing and further features to aid compliance and effectiveness will also be trialled.

4. to agree that the Director of Environment be authorised to issue the necessary public notices and, subject to receiving no material objections, proceed to make the necessary traffic management orders to implement the speed limit.

5. to note that if material objections are received then they will be referred to the next available meeting of the Traffic Management Cabinet Committee for consideration.

6. Equality Annual Report 2013

Cabinet Member Councillor Vidhi Mohan

The Equality Annual Report (the report) provides an update on the progress made in implementing the objectives found in the Council's Equality Strategy 2012-16 agreed by Cabinet in March 2012 (Minute.A33/12). The Equality Annual Report 2013-14 supports the Council to demonstrate compliance with the general and specific duties of the Equality Act 2010.

The information included in this report is drawn from a range of sources from across the Council, including work we deliver through the themed partnerships and our contractors. This includes collating six monthly monitoring reports on the annual equality action plan, review of updates on the corporate plan and departmental service plans 2013-15.

It has also involved identifying activities that demonstrate good practice on equality and working with activity leads to gather more detailed information on how these activities have delivered positive outcomes for customers, particularly those that are most vulnerable and experience exclusion. This information has been used to produce some good practice stories that describe the positive impact of some of the equality and inclusion initiatives that we have implemented during the year.

The Equality Annual Report 2013 -14 is structured around the four strategic themes of the Council's Equality Strategy:

- Stronger Communities
- Children, Families and Learners
- Social Care, Health and Housing
- Workforce

Each section of the Cabinet report sets out the equality objectives that have been agreed for the strategic theme and highlights the key activities and projects that the Council has focused on over the last year to deliver them.

It also contains good practice stories that aim to provide an overview of how the Council has worked in partnership with our statutory and community partners and engaged with our customers to deliver equality initiatives that support work on improving service outcomes for diverse communities in the borough.

Croydon's equality objectives and related Equality Strategy 2012 -16 (the Strategy), follows from the enactment of the Equality Act 2010 (Act), which includes the public sector equality duty (PSED), further details are set out in section 3 of the Cabinet 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 2013 to comply with the Council's statutory duties;
2. to agree that the Chief Executive be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities to make any amendments to the Annual Equality Report considered necessary and to agree the report for publication by the 31 January 2014.

7. Draft Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Central Croydon, Church Street and Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans Supplementary Planning Documents for public consultation

Cabinet Member: Councillor Jason Perry

Croydon's programme for delivering masterplans has produced significant benefits. Within the Croydon Opportunity Area (COA) the Council has adopted the East Croydon (March 2011), West Croydon (July 2011), Mid Croydon (July

2012) and Fair Field (March 2013) Masterplans. The Masterplans are a valuable tool in providing guidance regarding the vision, objectives and principles for development in each area covered by a Masterplan. These Masterplans have already, and will continue to operate as important guidance to the successful renewal and growth of the COA.

The East Croydon masterplan clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of the masterplans. The realisation of the East Croydon Station Bridge project clearly reflects the benefits of Croydon's approach to deliver key infrastructure to support the growth and development needs of the borough and to stimulate the economy and to create new jobs. It is also clear evidence that Croydon's approach to working in partnership is establishing strong foundations on which to build confidence with the development community and demonstrating that the borough is a very attractive environment in which to invest.

Croydon Council has produced a draft Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and three draft Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans (CAAMPs) SPDs for the Central Croydon, Church Street and Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) conservation areas that lie within Old Town. It is proposed that these documents are subject to a period of public consultation assuming receipt of an endorsement by Cabinet.

"Old Town" is the historic but informal name given to the area in Croydon town centre where the first settlements in Croydon were located in Saxon times, close to the source of the River Wandle. It contains several iconic heritage assets - including three conservation areas, Croydon Minster, The Surrey Street Pumping Station, Surrey Street Market, and Old Palace School - the former summer residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury for over 500 years from around the 10th century.

The draft Old Town Masterplan SPD analyses the condition of the built environment in Old Town today and then goes on to outline how the buildings and public realm of Old Town should be improved for residents, workers, shoppers and visitors as public and private funding becomes available.

The availability of evidence based and clear guidance for development in the Old Town Areas will help ensure that development is of a high quality and sensitive to the area's heritage assets. The existence of the Old Town Masterplan will also increase the likelihood of securing public investment in the area, because the business case for it will have been made in the Masterplan.

The benefits of already adopted Croydon Opportunity Area Masterplans include the design and funding of the new bridge and station entrance at East Croydon Station which was a component of the East Croydon Masterplan and the granting of £18m MRF funding towards public realm improvement in Croydon Town Centre.

The analysis of the conservation areas in Old Town within the draft CAAMPs SPD has informed the draft Old Town Masterplan

The Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document is produced

supplementary to the Croydon Local Plan: Strategic Policies (April 2013).

The current Old Town Masterplan study area and the Conservation Areas that lie within it:

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

1. approve the draft Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document for the purpose of public consultation (Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report);
2. approve the draft Old Town Masterplan Sustainability Appraisal for consultation (Appendix 2 of the Cabinet report);
3. agree that prior to the publication of the draft Old Town Masterplan and the Old Town Masterplan Sustainability Appraisal, the Director of Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration & Transport be given delegated authority to make further factual refinements to the draft Old Town Masterplan and the Old Town Masterplan Sustainability Appraisal.
4. 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 as to whether or not to adopt the Old Town Masterplan as a Supplementary Planning Document.
5. agree to commence formal public consultation on the draft Central Croydon Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Document. (Appendix 3 of the Cabinet report)
6. agree to commence formal public consultation on the draft Church Street Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 4 of the Cabinet report).
7. agree to commence formal public consultation on the draft Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 5 of the Cabinet report).
8. note that the Council has undertaken a screening exercise with the statutory bodies to confirm the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Documents are not required to be supported by a Strategic Environmental Assessment.
9. agree that prior to the publication of the Central Croydon CAAMP, the Church Street CAAMP and the Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) CAAMP the Old Town Masterplan Sustainability Appraisal, 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 Central Croydon CAAMP, the Church Street CAAMP and the Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) CAAMP.

10. note that the responses to public consultation will be reported back to a future meeting of Cabinet for consideration and inform the final decision as to whether or not adopt each of Central Croydon, Church Street and Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans Supplementary Planning Documents.

ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 10 FEBRUARY 2014 CABINET

(Excluding Council Tax and Budget Setting which were considered at Council 24 February 2014)

8. Conservation Area Appraisals & Management Plans Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) – Adoption East India Estate

- **Norbury Estate**
- **Norwood Grove**
- **St Bernards**
- **Upper Norwood Triangle**

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

unique¹

Croydon Council has been in the process of producing or updating CAAMPs for all of the 21 conservation areas currently designated in Croydon.

Draft CAAMPs for the conservation areas of East India Estate, Norbury Estate, Norwood Grove, St Bernards and Upper Norwood Triangle have been produced and been through a period of statutory public consultation from 2 September 2013 to 14 October 2013.

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 which is referenced frequently in the CAAMPs – the Conservation Area General Guidance SPD, adopted at full Council in April 2013.

The key anticipated benefits of the use of the CAAMPs 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;
- 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.

While statutory consultation was not required, the consultation information included notification of the intention to extend the boundary of the Norbury Estate Conservation area to include numbers 254-278 Northborough Road. No comments were received on this proposed extension to the conservation area. These houses were not included in the original conservation area boundary as designated in 2008. It has since been determined that these houses were part of the original estate as shown in a 1925 L.C.C plan of the Norbury Estate. The Council will undertake the necessary statutory processes involved in extending

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

the conservation area boundary under Section 70 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Upon adoption of the CAAMPs the Council will consider the serving of Article 4 Directions for some properties whose special character is at risk from the exercising of permitted development. An Article 4 Direction is a direction which withdraws automatic planning permission granted by the General Permitted Development Order.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to recommend the Council:

1. to consider the comments and responses at Appendix 6 of the Cabinet report received through:
 - The statutory public consultation on the draft East India Estate, Norbury Estate, Norwood Grove, St Bernards and Upper Norwood Triangle Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans SPDs (Appendices 1-5 of the report); and
 - the notification of the intention to extend Norbury Estate Conservation Area to include 254-278 Northborough Road as recommended in the draft Norbury Estate CAAMP.

And:

2. to agree the Consultation Log of comments and responses at Appendix 6 (e-copy);
3. to agree extension of Norbury Estate Conservation Area to include 254-278 Northborough Road;
4. to note the current schedule for the completion and adoption of CAAMPs for all of the 21 conservation areas in Croydon; and
5. to note that the Council has undertaken a screening exercise with the statutory bodies to confirm the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Documents are not required to be supported by a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

9. School Admissions Criteria Update

Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard

Local authorities are required to publish annually the admissions criteria for community schools, for which local authorities are the admissions authority. In February 2013, Cabinet approved a set of admissions arrangements for allocating school places for September 2014, 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 2015 admissions into community schools.

Croydon has participated in a Pan London arrangement for the Co-ordinated Admissions rounds for both the primary and secondary applications for several years. This arrangement allows all boroughs to exchange data and facilitate choice for parents by offering places across borough boundaries within the same parameters and timetable. Participation in this co-ordinated exchange requires each borough to agree identical arrangements and these are provided in Appendix 2 of the cabinet report.

The report recommends that there are two areas - false addresses and medical needs - where the wording which describes the arrangements should be made clearer, and one area where a change to the format for application forms is considered appropriate.

The report also recommends strengthening our processes to secure a greater use of on-line admissions; and makes a recommendation relating to the 'relevant geographical area' for formal consultations by admissions authorities in Croydon.

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

1. agree the admissions criteria 2015/16 in appendix 1 to the Cabinet report;
2. agree to continue to endorse the arrangements for Pan London co-ordination for entry in 2015, as detailed in appendix 2 to the report which are the same as those for 2013/14 and 2014/15 education years;
3. agree to further strengthen our processes to make on-line application the norm for the vast majority of applicants; and
4. agree to strengthen the wording on two specific issues that relate to the use of false addresses and application under medical criteria.

10. Children and Families Plan

Cabinet Member: Councillor Tim Pollard

The Children and Families' Plan is the umbrella plan for work with children, young people and families in Croydon over the next year. Whilst the plan is no longer a statutory requirement, Croydon Children and Families Partnership has chosen to continue to have a Children and Families Plan (previously known as the Children and Young People Plan) as a way of ensuring that all agencies are jointly focused on achieving our high aspirations for the children and young people of Croydon. The needs and assets analyses supporting the plan and key areas for action contribute to the Council meeting its statutory equality responsibilities in relation to children and families. This refreshed plan is a draft subject to agreement by the Children and Families Partnership Board on 21

January 2014.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to recommend that the Council agrees the Croydon Children and Families Plan for 2014-15.

**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 JANUARY AND 28TH FEBRUARY 2014**

Date of Corporate Services Committee Meeting	Minute No.	Tender/Property Transaction
29 January 2014	B03/14	Building more homes: Award of main contractor for CNB Phase 4 – Batch A&B
29 January 2014	B04/14	Connected Croydon – High Streets south End Public Realm improvements
29 January 2014	B10/14	1 form entry expansion of Norbury Manor Primary School
29 January 2014	B11/14	Acquisition of former offices, warehouse and land at 7 Aberdeen Road, Croydon CR0 1EQ
29 January 2014	B12/14	Acquisition of Southbank, 347 Grange Road, Upper Norwood
29 January 2014	B14/14	Disposal of Lion Green Car Park
26 February 2014	B18/14	Installation of automatic sprinkler systems to six special sheltered residential blocks situated at Brookhurst Court, Freeman Court, Frylands Court, Toldene Court, Southsea Court and Truscott House
26 February 2014	B21/14	Procurement of Corporate Insurance Services – Tenants and Leaseholders contents
26 February 2014	B23/14	Schools expansion programme 2015 – pre-construction services for Batch 1 and Batch 2 schools
26 February 2014	B25/14	Long leasehold sale of former Ashburton Library

26 February 2014	B26/14	Sale of land at Wadden for Housing Development
26 February 2014	B27/14	Acquisition of offices and a warehouse at Canterbury Mills, 103 Canterbury Road, Croydon
26 February 2014	B28/14	Hazelglen contract - variation

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

**1. TENDERS AND PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS, ETC., APPROVED
BY CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BETWEEN
1ST JANUARY AND 28TH FEBRUARY 2014**

Date of Corporate Services Committee Meeting	Minute No.	Tender/Property Transaction
29 January 2014	A12/14	Homelessness and young people services – direct award South London YMCA
29 January 2014	B05/14	Croydon Health Services public health contract 2014-15
29 January 2014	B06/14	Child weight management services
29 January 2014	B07/14	Cardiovascular disease and diabetes prevention tier 2 adult weight management services
29 January 2014	B08/14	Procurement of property and liability insurance services for the Insurance London Consortium
29 January 2014	B09/14	Supporting people contract for older people floating support service
26 February 2014	B13/14	Provision of web design development and hosting services
29 January 2014	B15/14	Adult social care contracts for preventative services
26 February 2014	B19/14	Supporting people direct contract award for the provision of supporting lodging service
26 February 2014	B20/14	Croydon smoking cessation outreach services
26 February 2014	B22/14	Procurement of Gas and Electricity supplies

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

**CABINET MEMBER'S ITEMS CONSIDERED AT 11TH FEBRUARY 2014
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE**

**1. OBJECTION TO PROPOSED DISABLED PARKING BAYS IN
ST MICHAEL'S ROAD & BEULAH ROAD**

The Cabinet Committee considered the objections received from Transport for London and a member of the public following the formal consultation process on the proposals to provide disabled parking bays in St. Michael's Road, Croydon and Beulah Road, Thornton Heath. Formal public notices to introduce the proposals have been published and the public had up to 21 days to respond.

Officers have fully considered the two objections received (one for each proposal) and the report detailed the objection and the officer's recommendations.

The Cabinet Committee having considered the objections received to the proposal to provide Disabled Persons' parking bays in St. Michael's Road, Croydon and Beulah Road, Thornton Heath. **RESOLVED**

1. Not to proceed with the disabled bays in St. Michael's Road for the reasons in paragraph 3.3 – 3.4 of the report.
2. Agreed to the creation of a disabled bay in Beulah Road for the reasons in paragraph 3.6 of the report
3. To authorise the Enforcement and Infrastructure Manager, Highways & Parking Services to make the necessary Traffic Management Order for the disabled bay in Beulah Road under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). and;
4. to Inform the objectors of the decisions.

2. PARKING CHARGES 2014 / 2015

The Cabinet Committee considered a report on the Permit, Miscellaneous and On and Off-street Pay & Display Parking Charges to be applied from Thursday 17 April 2014. The proposals include freezing the charges for parking permits.

To make more efficient use of road space, encourage customers for local businesses to park for short periods and lessen the effect on commuter

parking it is recommended that Pay & Display parking charges in some areas are reduced.

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 freeze other on and off-street parking charges.

An increase in charges for the creation of Temporary Traffic Management Orders is recommended.

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Executive Director of Development and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services the decision to.

- 1.1 Freeze charges for Parking Permits identified in Appendix A at 2013/14 levels.
- 1.2 Reduce Pay & Display charges in side roads along London Road, Purley Rise, Russell Hill Road and Russell Hill identified in Appendix C.
- 1.3 Freeze charges for the other on and off-street parking areas as detailed in Appendix C and D at 2012/13 levels.
- 1.4 Freeze charges for parking bay suspensions, parking dispensations and skip and mobility charges identified in Appendix B at 2013/14 levels.
- 1.5 Increase charges (mainly by inflation at 2%) for Temporary Traffic Management Orders and Special Event Traffic Management Orders identified in Appendix B, and.
- 1.6 That any changes to parking charges are intended to be made from Thursday 17th April 2014.

2. Subject to the decision of the Executive Director as above

2.1 Delegate authority to the Enforcement and Infrastructure Manager, Highways and Parking Services 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 Appendix B & C to this report; and

2.2 Delegate authority to the Enforcement and Infrastructure Manager, Highways and Parking Services to amend the Croydon (Purley) (Parking Places) (No.1) TMO 1995 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to change the maximum stay for Pay & Display parking as proposed in Russell Hill, 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.

3. PROPOSED PARKING BAYS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Cabinet Committee considered a report proposing an additional two 2 hour maximum stay bays in St Helen's Crescent, the conversion of two shared-use Permit / Pay & Display bays to disabled bays in Campbell Road,

two new disabled bays in Dunheved Road South and the extension of the operational hours of the Neighbourhood Permit bay in Cobden Road.

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to

1.1 Agree to the introduction of two additional 2 hour maximum stay bays (no return within 2 hours) operating 8am to 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday in St Helen's Crescent.

1.2 Defer to a future meeting of the Cabinet Committee the conversion of two shared use Permit / Pay & Display bays to two disabled bays in Campbell Road.

1.3 Defer to a future meeting of the Cabinet Committee the introduction of an additional 2 disabled parking bays in Dunheved Road South by the Croydon Mosque.

1.4 Agree to the extension of operation of the Neighbourhood Care bay in Cobden Road to include Sundays.

1.5 To delegate to the Enforcement and Infrastructure Manager, Highways and Parking Services the authority 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.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Cabinet Committee considered a report proposing the introduction of mainly double yellow line 'At any time' waiting restrictions at various locations across the Borough, where parking is presently creating obstruction and safety concerns.

The Cabinet Committee **RESOLVED** to

1. Delegate to the Enforcement and Infrastructure Manager, Highways and Parking Services, the authority to give notice and, subject to receiving no material objections, 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 in the Cabinet Committee report (Drawing Nos. PD 228a to PD 228q),

- Davidson Road / Brampton Road – Addiscombe
- The Glade junctions with Stokes Road and Watlings Close – Ashburton
- Coulsdon Road / Stoats Nest Road / Petersfield Crescent – Coulsdon

East

- Sandown Road – Coulsdon West
- Heathurst Road / Brambledown Road – Croham
- Shirley Avenue by No.73 – Heathfield
- Pixton Way / Featherbed Lane - opposite School – Heathfield
(introduce waiting restrictions and amend current restrictions (see paragraph 3.7 for details)
- The Green by Charlwood – Heathfield
- Farnborough Avenue junctions with Heathfield Vale and Lomond Gardens – Heathfield
- Pollards Hill East / Pollards Hill North – Norbury
- Purley Oaks Road by Wettern Close – Sanderstead
- Lodge Road opposite Elmwood Primary School – Selhurst
- St. Saviour's Road junctions with Hartley Road, Elmwood Road and Greenwood Road – Selhurst
- Braybrooke Gardens – South Norwood
- Auckland Road / High View Close – South Norwood
- Upper Beulah Hill / Beulah Hill & opposite crossing points – South Norwood
- Beauchamp Road / Moffat Road – Upper Norwood and Thornton Heath

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.

5. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS

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

- Beulah Crescent / Beulah Road
- Kilmartin Avenue/Ardfern Avenue
- Denning Avenue/ Crowley Crescent/Hillside Road
- Portland Road/Manor Road

and **RESOLVED**

1. Not to introduce double yellow line parking restrictions at the Denning Avenue / Crowley Crescent / Hillside Road junction for the reasons in paragraphs 3.3.3 - 3.3.5 of the report;
2. Agreed to introduce double yellow line parking restrictions in Beulah Road and Beulah Crescent and Portland Road / Manor Road for the reasons in paragraphs 3.1.3 - 3.1.6, and 3.4.3 - 3.4.6.
3. Not to introduce double yellow lines in Kilmartin Avenue / Ardfarn Avenue;
4. To delegate to the Enforcement and Infrastructure Manager, Highways and

Parking Services to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders as recommended above under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to effect Recommendation 3 above; and

5. To inform the objectors of the above decisions.

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