

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 23 February 2015
AGENDA ITEM NO:	7
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;
 - Approve the Cabinet recommendations set out in the Leader's Business Report at Appendix 1

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Business Report of the Leader and Cabinet comprises a summary of matters of business relating to the Council tax and Budget Setting process, undertaken by the Leader and Cabinet at the Cabinet (Council Tax) meeting held on 17 February 2015. The report includes any recommendations made to Council by Cabinet.
- 2.2 The Constitution also permits written questions and supplementary oral 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 9.35m for the Council (Council Tax) 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 meeting to be held on 20 April 2015 are as follows:

February (Council Tax) 2015

	Councillor	Cabinet Portfolio
	Tony Newman	Leader of the Council
3	Simon Hall	Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury
1	Alison Butler	Deputy Leader (Statutory) and Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration
7	Toni Letts	Cabinet Member for Economic Development
9	Timothy Godfrey	Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport
2	Stuart Collins	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon
8	Mark Watson	Cabinet Member for Safety and Justice
4	Louisa Woodley	Cabinet Member for Communities and People
5	Kathy Bee	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment
6	Alisa Flemming	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Learning

20 April 2015

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	Tony Newman	Leader of the Council
6	Alisa Flemming	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Learning
9	Timothy Godfrey	Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport
5	Kathy Bee	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment
8	Mark Watson	Cabinet Member for Safety and Justice
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4	Louisa Woodley	Cabinet Member for Communities and People
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4. BUSINESS REPORT

4.1 The business report is attached at appendix 1.

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: