

Cabinet Supplementary Agenda



11. Stage 1: Recommendations from Scrutiny (Pages 3 - 10)

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Key decision: no

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REPORT TO:	CABINET 8 JUNE 2020
SUBJECT:	STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY
LEAD OFFICERS:	JACQUELINE HARRIS BAKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES STEPHEN ROWAN – HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & SCRUTINY
LEAD MEMBER:	COUNCILLOR SEAN FITZSIMONS CHAIR, SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
CABINET MEMBER:	ALL
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: Corporate Plan for Croydon 2018-2022 The constitutional requirement that cabinet receives recommendations from scrutiny committees and to respond to the recommendations within two months of the receipt of the recommendations	
FINANCIAL IMPACT The recommendations in the appendix to this report may have a financial implication and as each recommendation is developed the financial implication will be explored and approved.	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO: not a key decision	

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations contained within this report:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is asked to:

Receive the recommendations arising from a joint meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee on 26 May 2020, and to provide a substantive response within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on **14 September 2020**).

2. STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

- 2.1 Recommendations that have been received from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and its Sub-Committees since the last Cabinet meeting are provided in Appendix A. The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within 2 months of this Cabinet meeting.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The recommendations were developed from the deliberations of either the Scrutiny & Overview Committee or one of its Sub-Committees.

4. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY

- 4.1 The recommendations set out in the appendix to this report directly arise from Scrutiny.

5. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the content of this report.

6. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Head of Litigation and Corporate Law comments on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance that the recommendations are presented to Cabinet in accordance with the Constitution.
- 6.2 This requires that the Scrutiny report is received and registered at this Cabinet Meeting and that a substantive response is provided within 2 months (i.e. **Cabinet, 14 September 2020** is the next available meeting).

Approved by Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation & Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance & Deputy Monitoring Officer

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 7.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from the content of this report

8. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 8.1 There are no human resource implications arising directly from the contents of this report

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

9.1 There are no environmental implications arising directly from the contents of this report

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

10.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from the contents of this report

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

11.1 There is a statutory requirement for Cabinet to receive the recommendations made by Scrutiny.

12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 None

13. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

13.1 WILL THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT INVOLVE THE PROCESSING OF 'PERSONAL DATA'?

There are no Data Protection implications at this stage, but that the situation will be reviewed again at Stage 2 when Cabinet provide their response to the proposed recommendations.

13.2 HAS A DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT (DPIA) BEEN COMPLETED?

No.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Recommendations from Scrutiny

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Background document 1:

Joint meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee.

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Scrutiny Recommendations: Stage 1

Committee	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Conclusion	Recommendation	Cabinet Lead	Officer Lead
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee recognised that the potential shortfall in Government funding for Covid-19 expenses represented an area of extreme uncertainty for the Council and agreed that all avenues should be explored to lobby the Government to provide clarity over funding. The Committee agreed that it would write to the local MPs and the Government outlining concerns about the uncertainty over funding.	That all avenues to lobby the Government to meet its funding promises on Covid-19 are explored.	The Leader	Jo Negrini
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee commended the proactive response taken by the Council to address the financial uncertainty including undertaking a financial review. It was agreed that the review should be as transparent as possible, with any savings identified as part of the review accompanied by a thorough impact assessment and risk analysis proportionate to the size of the saving. Any significant change to service provision should also be subject to extensive consultation prior to implementation.	That the review of the Council's finances be undertaken transparently with:- a. All savings accompanied by thorough impact and risk assessments, proportionate to the size of the saving. b. That any significant changes to service provision are subject to extensive consultation.	Simon Hall	Lisa Taylor

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Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The partnership work between the Community & Voluntary Sector and the Council in supporting the most vulnerable sections of the community during the Covid-19 crisis was commended. It was recognised that there was an opportunity to learn from the partnership work during the crisis to inform the future relationship between the Council and the Community & Voluntary Sector, particularly in providing support for smaller grassroots organisations through encouraging partnership funding bids and the sharing of resources.	That the lesson learnt from working in partnership with the Community and Voluntary Sector during the Covid-19 crisis be used to inform the Council's future relationship with the sector.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee welcomed the reassurance given by Healthcare colleagues that they were aware of and making plans to manage a significant rise in mental health issues as the borough moved to the recovery stage of the crisis. The Committee agreed to recommend that mental health services should be one of the priorities for the Council as well moving forward.	That support for mental health provision be a priority as the borough moved into the recovery phase of the Covid-19 crisis	Jane Avis/Alisa Flemming	Guy Van Dichele/Robert Henderson

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Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee recognised that there had been a need to proactively prepare contingency plans for potential staff shortages during the crisis. However there was unease that this had included contacting vulnerable residents to discuss reducing care packages as any such request may have been agreed by a resident from a sense of community obligation and to their own detriment.	That a response be provided to the Health & Social Care Sub-Committee to confirm how many people accepted reduced care packages, how many reductions were actually implemented, the end date of an reduced packages and what measures were put in place to safeguard the individuals who accept a reduced care package.	Jane Avis	Guy Van Dichele
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	As the existing data indicated that Covid-19 had disproportionately affected certain socio-economic and ethnic groups in the borough, the Committee agreed that a greater level of granularity in the data was needed to gain an exact understanding of the impact of the virus.	That work be undertaken to obtain data on a granular level of the impact from Covid-19 on communities across the borough.	Jane Avis	Rachel Flowers
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	As the existing data indicated that Covid-19 had disproportionately affected certain socio-economic and ethnic groups in the borough, the Committee agreed that a greater level of granularity in the data was needed to gain an exact understanding of the impact of the virus.	That a review be undertaken of the Shielding Programme to ensure that any lessons learnt are captured in the event of any future need for the programme.	Jane Avis	Guy Van Dichele

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Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	Although the Committee was reassured that a thorough system of testing was now in place for care home residents being released from hospital back to their homes, it was agreed that a review should be undertaken of hospital discharge throughout the crisis to capture any lessons learnt.	That a review be undertaken of the hospital discharge of care home residents throughout the Covid-19 crisis to capture lessons learnt.	Jane Avis	Guy Van Dichele
Joint Meeting of Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Health & Social Care Sub-Committee	26 May 2020	Update on Covid-19 response	The Committee remained concerned about the tracking of vulnerable young people whose carers (and in some cases the young people themselves) had not responded or not responded satisfactorily to contact from education and Social Care professionals. The Committee agreed that this item would be referred to the Children & Young People Sub-Committee to scrutinise in greater detail at their meeting on 23 June 2020, and in the interim asked that the Executive Director provide more particulars about the process.	That detailed information be provided to the members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on the steps taken by education and social care professionals to track vulnerable young people throughout the Covid-19 lockdown.	Alisa Flemming	Robert Henderson