

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON MONDAY, 20 JULY 2020

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

In accordance with the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules the following decisions may be implemented from **1300 hours on 28 July 2020** unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (ie after 13.00 hours on the 6th working day following the day on which the decision was taken). The call-in procedure is appended to this notice.

The following apply to each decision listed below

Reasons for these decisions: As set out in the report
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2166>

Other options considered and rejected: As set out in the report
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2166>

Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report: None

Details of conflicts of Interest declared by any Cabinet Member: None

Agenda Item: 6 RESPONDING TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING CHALLENGE

Key Decision No.: 2320CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Note the extraordinary financial context, as set out in the report;

2. Endorse the further actions and governance arrangements which have been put in place, outlined in the report, to ensure the Council delivers within the 2020/21 approved budget;
3. Note the statements from the Head of Paid Service, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer; and
4. Agree the principles informing actions to deliver within the 2020/21 approved budget.

Agenda Item: 7 JULY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Key Decision No.: 2220CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To approve

1. The approach to ensuring the financial challenge of the financial year 2020/21 is managed efficiently and effectively including delegation of decisions on measures to deliver the 2020/21 budget to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources in consultation with the relevant Cabinet member.
2. The amendment to the capital programme as detailed in section 8 of the report.
3. The continued use of capital receipts for funding transformation as detailed in section 9 of the report.
4. The approach to dealing with the financial impact of Covid19, including the financial returns to MHCLG and the discussions with them.
5. The principle of the agreement to enter into a loan with M&G for investment in affordable housing as set out in section 11 of the report.

RESOLVED: To note

6. The final outturn of the 2019/20 revenue budget as detailed in section 3 of the report.
7. The final outturn of the capital programme for 2019/20 as detailed in section 3 of the report.
8. The slippage within the capital programme from 2019/20 into 2020/21 is under review. Approvals being sought will be presented to Cabinet as part of the Q1

financial monitoring report. The current agreed capital programme is detailed in Section 8 of the report.

9. The update on the Revolving Investment fund as detailed in section 3.15 of the report.
10. The changes being proposed for the budget setting process and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), and that more details will be presented to the cabinet in September 2020.

Agenda Item: 8 INCREASING HOUSING SUPPLY

Key Decision No.: 1920CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the borrowing facility of up to £30.6m to enable the investment in the acquisition of 165 new homes from Brick by Brick Croydon (Limited) ('Brick by Brick') to be let at council rents
2. Approve the use of up to £8.04m Right to Buy Receipts to reduce the level of borrowing required
3. Agree to the propose that the rental levels for the properties held within the HRA to be charged on a formula rent basis
4. Delegate to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources the authority to approve of the purchase of affordable rented units constructed by Brick by Brick as council homes
5. Note the proposed purchase of additional Brick by Brick homes for use as Emergency Temporary Accommodation in line with the Cabinet decision taken in March 2020 under the Increasing Housing Supply paper.

Agenda Item: 9 CROYDON OFFER FOR CARE LEAVERS, COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN IN CARE AND NATIONAL PLEDGE

Key Decision No.: 2020CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To agree that Croydon Council and its partners

- Adopt the National Pledge for children in care and care leavers;
- Make a Croydon Commitment to children in care; and
- Provide a refreshed local offer for Croydon's care leavers.

Signed: Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 27 July 2020

Contact Officers: Victoria.lower@croydon.gov.uk and Cliona.may@croydon.gov.uk

Scrutiny Referral/Call-in Procedure

1. The decisions may be implemented **1300 hours on 28 July 2020** (the 6th working day following the day on which the decision was taken) unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
2. The Council Solicitor shall refer the matter to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee if so requested by:-
 - i) the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and 4 members of that Committee; or
 - ii) 20% of Council Members (14)
3. The referral shall be made on the approved pro-forma (*attached*) which should be submitted electronically or on paper to Victoria Lower by the deadline stated in this notice. Verification of signatures may be by individual e-mail, fax or by post. A decision may only be subject to the referral process once.
4. The Call-In referral shall be completed giving:
 - i) The grounds for the referral
 - ii) The outcome desired
 - iii) Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider the referral
 - iv) The date and the signatures of the Councillors requesting the Call-In
5. The decision taker and the relevant Chief Officer(s) shall be notified of the referral who shall suspend implementation of the decision.
6. The referral shall be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee unless, in view of the Council Solicitor, this would cause undue delay. In such cases the Council Solicitor will consult with the decision taker and the Chair of Scrutiny and Overview to agree a date for an additional meeting. The Scrutiny & Overview Committee may only decide to consider a maximum of 3 referrals at any one meeting.
7. At the Scrutiny & Overview Committee meeting the referral will be considered by the Committee which shall determine how much time the Committee will give to the call in and how the item will be dealt with including whether or not it wishes to review the decision. If having considered the decision there are still concerns about the decision then the Committee may refer it back to the decision taker for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of the concerns.
8. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee may refer the decision to Full Council if it considers that the decision is outside of the budget and policy framework of the Council.
9. If the Scrutiny and Overview Committee decides that no further action is necessary then the decision may be implemented.

10. The Full Council may decide to take no further action in which case the decision may be implemented.
11. If the Council objects to the decision it can nullify the decision if it is outside of the policy framework and/or inconsistent with the budget.
12. If the decision is within the policy framework and consistent with the budget, the Council will refer any decision to which it objects together with its views on the decision. The decision taker shall choose whether to either amend / withdraw or implement the original decision within 10 working days or at the next meeting of the Cabinet of the referral from the Council.
13. The response shall be notified to all Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee
14. If either the Council or the Scrutiny and Overview Committee fails to meet in accordance with the Council calendar or in accordance with paragraph 6 above, then the decision may be implemented on the next working day after the meeting was scheduled or arranged to take place.
15. **URGENCY:** The referral procedure shall not apply in respect of urgent decisions. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the referral process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The record of the decision and the notice by which it is made public shall state if the decision is urgent and therefore not subject to the referral process.

Signed: Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Notice Date: 27 July 2020

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PROFORMA

**REFERRAL OF A KEY DECISION TO THE
SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

For the attention of: Victoria Lower, Democratic Services & Scrutiny
e-mail to
Victoria.lower@croydon.gov.uk and cliona.may@croydon.gov.uk

Meeting:
Meeting Date:
Agenda Item No:

Reasons for referral:

- i) The decision is outside of the Policy Framework
- ii) The decision is inconsistent with the budget
- iii) The decision is inconsistent with another Council Policy
- iv) Other: Please specify:

The outcome desired:

**Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider
the referral:**

Signed:

Date:

Member of _____ Committee