

Scrutiny & Overview Committee Supplementary Agenda



4. Leader of the Council (Pages 3 - 12)

The Scrutiny & Overview Committee will be provided with an update from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Hamida Ali.

Jacqueline Harris Baker
Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
London Borough of Croydon
Bernard Weatherill House
8 Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA

Simon Trevaskis
0208 7266000
simon.trevaskis@croydon.gov.uk
www.croydon.gov.uk/meetings

This page is intentionally left blank

Leader Q&A

Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Cllr Hamida Ali

Stabilising the council

- Croydon Renewal Plan in place
- Improvement and assurance Panel working with members and officers
- Balanced budgets – following capitalisation direction
- Cultural change underway – with members and officers
- Clear housing improvement agenda set with residents
- Recommendation to Full Council for a permanent Chief Executive

The year ahead: revisiting our priorities

- Providing excellent core services
- Tackling inequality and ingrained poverty
- **Warm, safe and dry homes for everyone**
- **Tackling the climate emergency**
- **Supporting Croydon's health and economic recovery from Covid-19**

The year ahead: how we deliver our priorities

- Living within our means
- **A strong relationship with residents**
- **Speaking up for Croydon and the issues that affect our communities**
- An open and transparent council

Living within our means

- Delivering this year's budget
- Implementing strategic review of council companies
- Monthly budget monitoring, savings tracking and performance measurement
- Making progress with the cultural change needed on finance, governance and risk
- Work to identify £63m savings for 2022-23 budget already underway

A strong relationship with residents

- Clear focus ahead on building trust and strengthening our relationship with residents
- Driving principle of our housing improvement agenda
- Croydon Climate Crisis Citizens Assembly and Commission
- Commitment to connecting with more residents

Speaking up for Croydon

- Raising our voice to represent the interests of the borough and our communities
- Leading on the issues that matter to residents
- Striving to lead by our example on the issues that make a difference to our communities

Greater openness and transparency

- Government Rapid Review published in February – with an Improvement and Assurance Panel appointed
- Engagement with residents and staff on Croydon Renewal Plan
- Monthly reporting to Cabinet on budget and performance
- Seeking a shift in relationship with residents

Looking further ahead

- Strengthening the capacity and resilience of the council
- Focused on the borough and our communities
- Looking to opportunities to support the borough's recovery
- Continuing to collaborate and innovate with partners in all sectors

Questions...