

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON
STATEMENT OF CABINET MEETING DECISIONS – 16 JULY 2018

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Reasons for these decisions: are contained in the reports which can be downloaded on the Council's website
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Other options considered and rejected: are contained in the reports which can be downloaded on the Council's website
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Details of conflicts of Interest declared by any Cabinet Member: none

Note of dispensation granted by the head of paid service in relation to a declared conflict of interest by that Member: none

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

YOUNG MAYOR OF CROYDON

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

RESOLVED to:

1. Note the successful delivery of the pledge to raise the profile and voice of children and young people through the election of a Young Mayor.
2. Commend the high level of engagement of children and young people in the democratic process
3. Commend the work of the Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor to date and note future engagements
4. Support the manifesto pledges of the Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor through committing to direct engagement (including Cabinet meetings), consultation and championing their aims and objectives as representatives of Croydon's young people

JULY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below

RESOLVED to approve

1. The approach to ensuring the financial challenge of the period 2018/20 continues to be managed efficiently and effectively including delegation of decisions on the 2018/19 budget to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources in consultation with the relevant Cabinet member as set out in paragraph 4.12.
2. The revised capital programme as detailed in section 5 and appendix 2 of this report.
3. The continued use of capital receipts for funding transformation as detailed in section 6.

RESOLVED to note

1. Final outturn of the 2017/18 budget as detailed in section 3.
2. The update on the Revolving Investment Fund as detailed in section 3.21.

EDUCATION ESTATES STRATEGY

Key Decision no.: 1218CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below

School Place Planning

1. note the progress made on delivering the Education Estates supply strategy for mainstream and special schools for the 2018/19 to 2020/21 academic years. (Appendix 1 of the report - Capital Programme Budget summary).

Special Educational Needs and Disability

2. agree the revised SEND supply strategy and budget to provide additional places for children with special educational needs and disability - Appendix 2 of the report.
3. approve the start of statutory process - publication of statutory proposal and formal consultation – in the autumn term relating to the proposed extension of

the age range at Red Gates School.

4. note that the Department for Education(DfE) has approved/announced the provider for Croydon's new special free school.
5. note progress relating to the proposed partnership with Croydon Further Education (FE) college to establish new local post 16 places in an SEN Centre of Excellence.
6. delegate authority to the Executive Director, Children, Families and Education in consultation with the Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning to spend from the £6.833m of DfE Basic Need funding for 2019/20 to provide additional places at St Nicholas and Red Gates Special School, and relocate Springboard – Pupil Referral Unit.

Alternative Provision / Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)

7. agree to the relocation of Springboard Tuition Service – PRU - and delegate authority to the Interim Director, Children, Families and Education in consultation with the Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning to make decisions relating to capital funding required for the relocation. Cabinet are asked to agree to commission the necessary works, subject to agreement from the site owner, including feasibility and design development; and capital funding for this relocation. At the time of writing, the estimated cost is in the region of £500k.

Early Years Provision

8. note information relating to early years provision in the borough.

School Admissions

9. note the percentage of Croydon's pupils who have been offered a place at their first and top three preferred primary and secondary schools.

School Maintenance and Compliance

10. note the Schools' Maintenance Plan (Appendix 3) for the 2018/19 academic year which includes £2m for fire safety works in community schools (plus an additional £1m for 2019/20), all as agreed in the Education Estates Strategy report at Cabinet in January 2018. In light of the issues set out in paragraph 7.7 below, it is recommended that the Executive Director, Children, Families and Education, should be given delegated authority to vary the plan to reflect actual prices and new urgent issues that may arise, including authorising spend against the allowance for emergency and reactive works. The Executive Director, Children, Families and Education shall report back to members in respect of any exercise of such authority.

DON'T MESS WITH CROYDON, TAKE PRIDE

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below

RESOLVED to

1. Note the forthcoming changes associated with the collections service as part of the SLWP Lot 1 Contract which will be introduced in Croydon from September 2018.
2. Note the benefits associated with the new contract which include improved service standards for both street cleansing and waste collection.
3. Note the progress to date for the Don't Mess with Croydon Campaign

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CROYDON'S PARTNERSHIP EARLY HELP STRATEGY

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below

RESOLVED to note the progress made in development of Croydon's Partnership Early Help Strategy and proposed plan for implementation.

STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM STREETS, ENVIRONMENT & HOMES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

RESOLVED to receive the recommendations arising from the meetings of the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee (20 March and 26 June) and to provide a substantive response within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on 17 September 2018).

INVESTING IN OUR BOROUGH

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below

RESOLVED to

1. Note the contracts over £500,000 in value anticipated to be awarded by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources or, where the nominated Cabinet Member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Leader.
2. Note the list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, between 30/04/2018 – 01/06/2018.
3. Note the property acquisitions and disposals to be agreed by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources before the next meeting of Cabinet.
4. Recommend to the Leader of the Council that prior to the next meeting of Cabinet in September, in respect of any contracts and property acquisitions and disposals valued over £500k and that have not previously been notified or reported to Cabinet, the nominated Cabinet Member in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources or, where the nominated member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to agree the award of such contracts. Note that any awards made under this delegation will be notified in the standard contracts report to the next meeting of Cabinet.

Date: 24 July 2018