LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2020

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The following apply to the decisions listed below:

Reasons for these decisions:

Other options considered and rejected:

Details of Conflicts of Interest declared by the Decision Maker: None

Note of dispensation granted by the head of paid service in relation to a declared conflict of interest by that Decision Maker: None

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

Decision Title: SUSTAINABLE CROYDON - A YEAR ON UPDATE

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To note the work being done to make Croydon more sustainable to date involving:

- Croydon Climate Crisis Commission
- Sustainable Economic Renewal Board
- Air Quality Action Plan
- Waste & Recycling
- Trees & Woodland
- Energy Efficiency
- Transport
- Construction logistics & freight management
Decision Title: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To

1. Note the current general fund revenue outturn forecast at the end of the first quarter of 2020/21 of £49m overspend, after the inclusion of funding received from the MHCLG for Covid19.

2. Note the details of the monthly Covid19 impact submissions being made to the MHCLG and the details of the financial support that is available to the council in light of Covid19.

3. Note the work being undertaken by the Finance Review Panel to reduce the overspend this financial year and put in place savings for next financial year.

4. Note the HRA revenue position of a £1.5m forecast overspend against budget.

5. Note the revised capital outturn projection of £309m for the general fund and HRA, forecast to be an underspend of £8m against the revised budget and that most of the underspend in 2019/20 has not been slipped into 2020/21.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council

1. The approval of the revised capital programme as detailed in section 9 and table 8 of this report including the slippage from 2019/20, which reflects a substantial reduction in the original capital budget for 2020/21.

Decision Title: CROYDON RENEWAL PLAN AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020/21 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To

1. Note the latest forecast revenue budget overspend of £50.3m detailed in section 3 of the report.

2. Approve the savings options of £27.9m listed in section 5 of the report to
reduce the forecast overspend this year, and amend the 2020/21 budget to include the additional in year savings.

3. Agree that a formal approach is made to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to seek a capitalisation direction to enable the 2020/21 budget to be balanced.

4. Agree to the development of Croydon’s Renewal Plan, to deliver a sustainable balanced budget over the medium term, and to provide an update to Cabinet in November 2020.

5. Note the in year review of the Capital Programme and agree that a review of the future Capital programme is undertaken and to provide an update to Cabinet in November 2020.

6. Agree that a strategic review of the Council’s group of companies and entities is undertaken and to delegate to the Executive Director of Place the scope and terms of that review, and to provide an update to Cabinet in November 2020.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council to

1. Note the latest forecast revenue budget overspend of £50.3m detailed in section 3 of the report.

2. Approve the savings options of £27.9m listed in section 5 of this report to reduce the forecast overspend this year, and amend the 2020/21 budget to include the additional in year savings.

3. Agree that a formal approach is made to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to seek a capitalisation direction to enable the 2020/21 budget to be balanced.

4. Agree to the development of Croydon’s Renewal Plan, to deliver a sustainable balanced budget over the medium term, and to provide an update to Full Council in November 2020.

5. Note the in year review of the Capital Programme and agree that a review of the future Capital programme is undertaken and to provide an update to Full Council in November 2020.

6. Agree that a strategic review of the Council’s group of companies and entities is undertaken and to delegate to the Executive Director of Place the scope and terms of that review, and to provide an update to Council in November 2020.
Decision Title: FINANCE REVIEW AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To note

1. The work undertaken to date under the auspices of the Finance Review Panel and their plans for further development; and

2. The progress and plans for setting a budget for 2021/22 and the development of a three-year Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Decision Title: CROYDON TOGETHER: UPDATE ON OUR ONGOING RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To note the report and the activities of the Council working with partners to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 across Croydon.

Decision Title: COVID 19 - LOCAL AUTHORITY DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUND

Key Decision no.: 2720CAB

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To

1. Note progress in implementing Croydon’s Discretionary Grants Fund Scheme

2. Note and endorse the phased extension of the Discretionary Grants Fund Scheme that included additional categories of businesses through Phases Two and Three as more fully detailed in the report.
Decision Title: STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To receive the recommendations arising from meetings of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee held on 22 July and 25 August 2020, and to provide a substantive response within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on 16 November 2020.

Decision Title: SCRUTINY STAGE 2: RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM JOINT MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE ON 26 MAY 2020

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To approve the response and action plans attached to the report at Appendix A and that these be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committees.

Decision Title: INVESTING IN OUR BOROUGH

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To approve the award of contract variation for South London Partnership Work & Health Programme Contract in accordance with the recommendations set out in the agenda at item 13a, as set out in section 4.1.1 of the report.

RESOLVED: To note

1. The list of decisions pursuant to Part 5 A Article 1.7 (Urgency Decisions) of the Council’s Constitution, made as relevant body by 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, as set out in section 4.2 of the
report.

2. The contracts between £500,000 and £5,000,000 anticipated to be awarded by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the nominated 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, as set out in section 4.2.1 of the report.

3. The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, between 18/06/2020 – 17/08/2020, as set out in section 4.2.2 of the report.

4. The list of summer recess delegated award decisions for contracts over £5,000,000 in value made 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 since the last meeting of Cabinet, as set out in section 4.3.1 of the report.

5. The contracts between £500,000 and £5,000,000 anticipated to be awarded by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the nominated 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, as set out in section 4.3.2 of the report.

6. The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, between 18/06/2020 – 17/08/2020, as set out in section 4.3.3 of the report.

Decision Title: DWP WORK & HEALTH PROGRAMME JOB ENTRY: TARGETED SUPPORT

Key Decision no.: 2620CAB

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council’s public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To agree, in accordance with Regulation 30.3 of the Council’s Tenders and Contracts Regulations, to vary the contract between London Borough of Croydon (as Co-Financing Organisation on behalf of the South London Partnership) and Reed In Partnership to include additional services required in light of Covid-19 at a value of £3.47 million for a period of 12 months at a maximum value of £16.85m.

Signed: Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 29 September 2020