

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

To: All Member of Council
Croydon Council website
Access Croydon & Town Hall Reception

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET ON 07 JUNE 2021

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Further to the associated public notice of Key Decisions no scrutiny call-in has been received, and therefore the following decisions can be implemented.

The following apply to the decisions listed below:

Reasons for these decisions: As set out in the reports
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2507>

Other options considered and rejected: As set out in the reports
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2507>

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: DETERMINATION OF SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

Details of decision:

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

RESOLVED: To

1. Recommend to full Council that it determine the changes to Croydon's community schools' admission arrangements for the 2021/22 (at Appendix 1 of the report) and 2022/23 (at Appendix 2 of the report) academic years.
2. Note that variations will be conditional on the Code passing through its Parliamentary process (i.e. a date on or around 1 July 2021). If any variations

are agreed before then, they must be expressed to be conditional on the Code passing through Parliament. All such variations should come into effect on 1 September 2021.

Decision Title: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - MONTH 1 APRIL 2021

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 General Fund is projecting a net nil variance as at Month 1. Service departments are indicating a £3.451m overspend with this being netted off against £3.451m underspend from a one off Covid Grant confirmed to Croydon Council for 21/22 by MHCLG as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement.
2. That a further number of risks and compensating opportunities may materialise which would see the year-end variance change and these are reported within Section 3 of this report. Should these risks materialise or the mitigations not be effective the Council could overspend by £3.659m.
3. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is projecting a £2.117m overspend for 21/22. If no further mitigations are found to reduce this overspend the HRA will need to drawdown funding from the HRA Reserve account.
4. The above figures are predicated on forecasts from Month 1 to the year end and therefore could be subject to change as forecasts are refined and new and updated information is provided on a monthly basis. Forecasts are made based on the best available information at this time.
5. That whilst the Section 114 notice has been lifted a, the internal controls established as part of the S114, such as the Spend Control Panel remain. However, restrictions have been lifted for ring-fenced accounts such as the Pensions Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Coroner's Costs as these do not impact on the financial position of the General Fund. The Spending Control Panel which was set up at the beginning of November 2020 continues to meet on a daily basis.

Decision Title: CROYDON RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN - PERFORMANCE REPORTING FRAMEWORK & MEASURES

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 progress that has taken place with regard to the development of a suite of reports in order to improve the corporate offer.
2. Review the corporate performance and finance report (appendix A) as at 30 April 2021 with regard to KPI's, project milestones and projected savings against target, noting that this report is still in development stage.
3. Note that this report will be reviewed at General Purposes Audit Committee on the 10 June and Scrutiny and Overview Committee on the 15 June.

Decision Title: REPORT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST - QUARTER 1 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

1. Note and agree the progress the Council has made in regard to achieving the recommendations set out by external auditor in the Report in the Public Interest (appendix 1) with 55 out of 99 actions complete;
2. Note the beginning of work to properly evidence what has been achieved so far and the intention to carry out an internal audit of actions delivered to provide full assurance to members and residents on the change achieved;
3. Agree the refreshed action plan for the recommendations including actions marked complete, new actions and amended deadlines; and
4. Agree that this updated report and action plan go to Full Council in place of the previously agreed April 12th Cabinet Report as it is more up to date.

Decision Title: ADDRESSING THE COSTS OF CARE AND SUPPORT FOR UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CROYDON

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 actions to secure support from central government and from London boroughs to relieve the disproportionate costs of care and support for unaccompanied children and young people incurred by the residents of Croydon.
2. Note the significant budget gap of £13.278 million forecast over 2021-24 despite the above actions.
3. Note the additional impact this will have on the council's borrowing from the government, including additional interest.
4. Recommend this report for review and challenge at the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
5. Note that the council reserves the right to take further action to address the issues set out in the report.

Decision Title: AUTISM STRATEGY

Key Decision no.: 2721CAB

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. Endorse and approve for publication the Autism Strategy.
2. Note the approvals either received, or pending, from other partner organisations in the strategy.
3. Agree that minor future amendments to the strategy can be made by the Director of Commissioning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Families, Health and Social Care.

Decision Title: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CROYDON CLIMATE CRISIS COMMISSION

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. Welcome the report and recommendations of Croydon Climate Crisis Commission and record the Council's thanks to the Commission and the New Economics Foundation for their thorough and committed work in challenging circumstances.
2. Note the actions the Council has already taken to combat climate change.
3. Note that a detailed, costed delivery plan will be developed in autumn 2021 to implement the Commission's recommendations, provided that this can be done within the Council's existing budget or utilising external funding resources.
4. Note that a copy of the Climate Crisis Commission report will be shared with the Chairs of relevant Council Committees to consider how their committee work can support the Climate Crisis work undertaken by the Council.

Decision Title: YOURCARE (CROYDON) OPTIONS APPRAISAL

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:

The Cabinet (acting, where relevant, on behalf of the Council exercising its functions as sole shareholder of YourCare (Croydon) Ltd) **RESOLVED: To**

1. Note the Shareholder review reports of YourCare (Croydon) Limited included in the background documents to the report.
2. Agree to closing down the activities of YourCare (Croydon) Limited. The company will cease trading and all assets to be settled in accordance with the liquidation process.

3. Agree to the appointment of an authorised insolvency practitioner as liquidator to take charge of liquidating the company.
4. To note as a result of the closing down of YourCare (Croydon) Ltd, the Council, as the company's only creditor, will write off the accumulated trade debts of £189k and the loan of £81k including interest (total £11k) to the extent that these debts are not recovered as part of the liquidation process (as further explained in paragraph 6 of the report).
5. Delegate authority to the Interim Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Interim Director of Finance, Investment and Risk, and Interim Director of Law & Governance, to do all things necessary for the purpose of giving effect to the above recommendations, including acting as shareholder to complete relevant shareholder resolutions and give direction to the company.

Decision Title: CALL-IN REFERRAL TO CABINET: CRYSTAL PALACE & SOUTH NORWOOD LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

Key Decision no.: 6520SC

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. Receive the referral made by the Scrutiny & Overview Committee following its consideration of a call-in request made on the key decision on the Crystal Palace and South Norwood Low Traffic Neighbourhood;
2. Reconsider the Original Decision taken by the Cabinet Member Sustainable Croydon (see paragraph 2.2 of the report for details), in light of the concerns raised by the Scrutiny & Overview Committee and other relevant information listed at paragraph 3.2 of the report; and
3. Confirm that the final decision remain unchanged from the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Croydon on 23 February 2021 (decision can be viewed at Appendix 3 of item 11a of the agenda).

Decision Title: RESPONSE TO CALL-IN REPORT: CRYSTAL PALACE & SOUTH NORWOOD LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD RESPONSE TO CONCERNS OF THE SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

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 consider the report in light of the decision at minute number 90/21 and the concerns of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee set out within the report at agenda item 11a.

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 note

1. The request for approval of the Best Start Suite of Contracts extension period of 4 months as set out at agenda item 12a and section 5.1.1 of the report.
2. The contracts between £500,000 and £5,000,000 anticipated to be awarded under delegated authority from the Leader by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance and with the Leader in certain circumstances, before the next meeting of Cabinet, as set out in section 5.2.1 of the report.
3. The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, between 07/04/2021 – 27/05/2021, as set out in section 5.2.2 of the report.

Decision Title: VARIATION TO EXTEND BEST START CONTRACTS

Key Decision no.: 6520SC

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 variation of the Best Start contracts by up to a further 4 months (1st September to 31st December 2021) in accordance with Regulation 30 of the Council's Contracts and Tenders Regulations for an overall maximum contracts value of £589,000, made up of:

- Eight, Best Start Children's Centres with contracts/SLAs to four academies and five maintained schools. Four month extension value £445,000
- Five, Community, Parenting Aspirations and Parenting Skills contracts (covering 6 Lots). Four month extension value £123,000
- One, Parent Infant Partnership contract. Four month extension value £21,000

Signed: Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 15 June 2021