

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET ON 12 OCTOBER 2022

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The following apply to the decisions listed below:

Reasons for these decisions:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2986>

Other options considered and rejected:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2986>

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 Executive Mayor has made the executive decisions noted out below:

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: SCRUTINY STAGES 1 AND 2

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 Executive Mayor

RESOLVED: To

Scrutiny Stage 1:

1. Receive the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee held on 6 September (Appendix A).
2. To provide a substantive response to the recommendations (a Scrutiny Stage 2 Report) within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on 7 December 2022).

Scrutiny Stage 2:

RESOLVED: To

- I. Consider and comment on the report and recommendation on Inclusion and Exclusions from Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group; and
- II. To approve the draft response to the scrutiny recommendations which is set out at Paragraph 2 of this report

Key Decision no.: 3322EM

Decision Title: TACKLING GRAFFITI 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 Executive Mayor

RESOLVED: To

- 1.1. To approve the plans for tackling graffiti across the borough.
- 1.2. To approve the additional expenditure of £0.5m as set out in section 4 of the report.
- 1.3. To approve the additional services being commissioned through the existing highways contract.
- 1.4. To approve a holistic task-force approach to clean up specific areas which would include graffiti.
- 1.5. To approve the council may charge property owners to recover its costs for the removal of graffiti.
- 1.6. To approve the draft Graffiti and Street Art Policy as set out in appendix 1.
- 1.7. To approve Officers to explore the options from external providers which support Croydon's financial and social value priorities.

Key Decision no.: 4522EM

Decision Title: REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF INFORMAL PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON 11 HEALTHY SCHOOL STREETS (PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE ZONE ONLY)

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 Executive Mayor

RESOLVED: To

- i. Officers from the council's Highways & Parking Service recommend to the Executive Mayor of Croydon that the following 9 Healthy School Street schemes are taken forward for implementation under ETMOs, with proposed amendments to HSS 10 scheme as detailed in this report:

Ref:	School Name(s)	Affected Road (s)	Ward (s)
HSS 1	The Crescent Primary School & Brit School	The Crescent & Saracen Close	Selhurst
HSS 3	South Norwood Primary School	Birchanger Road, Crowther Road & Gresham Road	South Norwood
HSS 4	St Cyprians Greek Orthodox Primary School	Ingram Road & Springfield Road	Norbury Park
HSS 5	Howard Primary School	Dering Place & Barham Road	Waddon
HSS 6	Oasis Shirley Park	Stroud Green Way	Shirley North
HSS 7	Good Shepherd Catholic School	Dunley Drive & Walker Close	New Addington North
HSS 8	Kenley Primary School	Mosslea Road & New Barn Lane	Kenley
HSS 9	Gonville Academy	Gonville Road	West Thornton
HSS 10	Park Hill Junior & Infants School	Stanhope Road & The Avenue (<i>as amended</i>)	Park Hill & Whitgift

If the above recommended school streets are agreed to proceed, the following will need to form part of the decision to ensure that the experimental schemes progress smoothly during the 18-month trial period.

- i. Provide the relevant delegated authority to the Road Space Manager, Sustainable Communities Division to make the required ETMOs which will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The first 6 months will serve as the statutory objection period.

- ii. Authorise officers to implement relevant parking, waiting and/or loading restrictions required to support the successful operation of the experimental school street schemes.
- iii. Authorise officers to install the relevant equipment that allows the collection of traffic and air quality data for the 9 School Street sites.

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: PERIOD 5 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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 Executive Mayor

RESOLVED: To

- 1.1 Note the General Fund is projecting a net overspend of £10.547m as at Month 5, or £3.6m assuming the budgeted contribution to reserves is moved from opportunities into the projected outturn. Service directorates are indicating a £25.316m overspend with a £14.769m underspend corporately.
- 1.2 Note that a further number of risks and compensating opportunities may materialise which would see the forecast year-end variance change. These indicate a net opportunity of £1.838m (risks £10.769m and opportunities of £12.607m) and are reported within Section 3 of this report. Should all these risks materialise, and none of the mitigations be effective, the Council is forecast to overspend by £21.316m. However, if none of the risks materialise and all the opportunities are delivered, the Council will underspend by £2.060m.
- 1.3 Note the further actions being taken, through development of the Deficit Recovery plan, to mitigate the projected overspend with a view to eliminating it by the end of the financial year. Further details are in paragraph 2.15.
- 1.4 To approve the non-delivery of the MTFs savings as indicated within Table 2b.
- 1.5 Note the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is projecting an end of year position of a £3.210m overspend, mainly due to inflation in energy costs.
- 1.6 Note the Capital Programme spend to date for the General Fund of £7.644m (against a budget of £112.069m) with a projected forecast underspend of £7.715m for the end of the year.
- 1.7 Note the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme spend to date of £4.978m (against a budget of £22.083m), with a projected forecast underspend of £3.050m for the end of the year.

1.8 Note, the above figures are predicated on forecasts from Month 5 to the year end and therefore could be subject to change as forecasts are made based on the best available information at this time.

1.9 Note, the Council continues to operate a Spend Control Panel to ensure that tight financial control and assurance oversight are maintained. A new financial management culture is being implemented across the organisation through increased scrutiny, such as the Assurance meetings, improved communication and budget manager training from CIPFA.

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: REVIEW OF COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2023-2024

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 Executive Mayor

RESOLVED: To

1.1 Approve statutory consultation on changes to the income banded Council Tax Reduction (Support) Scheme for working age claimants from 1st April 2023 specifically consultation with the GLA, publication of a draft revised Scheme, and consultation with other persons likely to have an interest in the operation of the Scheme, as set out in this report.

1.2 Agree that the recommended changes to be consulted on are:

- a) Removing the application of the minimum income floor to disabled working households
- b) Introducing non-dependent deductions to disabled not working households
- c) Changing the level at which the current income bands are increased annually from CPI to the same percentage increase as Council Tax.

Key Decision no.: 5322EM

Decision Title: SOUTH LONDON WORK AND HEALTH JOB ENTRY TARGET (JET) PROGRAMME EXTENSION

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report, the associated confidential part B report, and the requirements of the Council's public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Executive Mayor

RESOLVED: To

Approve a variation of the contract between the London Borough of Croydon (as Lead Accountable Body on behalf of the South London Partnership) and Reed in Partnership ("Contract") in order to:

a) extend the term of the Contract for the continued delivery of the South London Work and Health Programme (WHP) which also incorporates the Job Entry Targeted Support (JETS) Programme, until 30th November 2026. This means the referrals for WHP will continue until September 2024 with a tail off period until 30th November 2026 and referrals for JETS until September 2022 with a tail off period until April 2023.

b) increase the Contract value from £20,015,610 to incorporate DWP funding of £3,202,023.36 in respect of WHP and £300,000 for JETS, for a new aggregate contract value of £23,517,633.36.

Signed: Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 27 October 2022