



**CABINET
AGENDA**
for the meeting
on
25 January 2023 at
6.30 pm

To: Croydon Cabinet Members:

Executive Mayor Jason Perry
Councillor Jeet Bains
Councillor Jason Cummings
Councillor Maria Gatland
Deputy (Statutory) Executive Mayor, Councillor Lynne Hale
Councillor Yvette Hopley
Councillor Ola Kolade
Councillor Scott Roche
Councillor Andy Stranack

Invited participants: All other Members of the Council

A meeting of the **CABINET**, which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 25 January 2023 at 6.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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AGENDA – PART A

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence from Members.

2. **Disclosure of Interests**

Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, they are required to consider **in advance of each meeting** whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI), another registrable interest (ORI) or a non-registrable interest (NRI) in relation to any matter on the agenda. If advice is needed, Members should contact the Monitoring Officer **in good time before the meeting**.

If any Member or co-opted Member of the Council identifies a DPI or ORI which they have not already registered on the Council's register of interests or which requires updating, they should complete the disclosure form which can be obtained from Democratic Services at any time, copies of which will be available at the meeting for return to the Monitoring Officer.

Members and co-opted Members are required to disclose any DPis and ORIs at the meeting.

- Where the matter relates to a DPI they may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not stay in the meeting unless granted a dispensation.
- Where the matter relates to an ORI they may not vote on the matter unless granted a dispensation.
- Where a Member or co-opted Member has an NRI which directly relates to their financial interest or wellbeing, or that of a relative or close associate, they must disclose the interest at the meeting, may not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not stay in the meeting unless granted a dispensation. Where a matter affects the NRI of a Member or co-opted Member, section 9 of Appendix B of the Code of Conduct sets out the test which must be applied by the Member to decide whether disclosure is required.

The Chair will invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 2, to be recorded in the minutes.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meetings (Pages 11 - 34)**

To approve as a correct record, the Part A minutes of the previous meetings as follows:

- a) 16 November 2022 (attached)

- b) 30 November 2022 (attached) and
- c) 7 December 2022 (**to follow**).

4. Urgent Business (If any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Appointments

To note any executive functions appointments by the Executive Mayor.

6. Scrutiny Stages 1 and 2 (Pages 35 - 68)

Stage 1

The attached report lists recommendations that have been developed from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and its Sub-Committees since the last Cabinet meeting, and are provided in Appendix A.

The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within two months of this Cabinet meeting.

Stage 2

This report invites the Cabinet to approve the full response reports arising from the Stage 1 reports presented to the Cabinet meeting held on 16 November 2022, including:

- Action plans for the implementation of agreed recommendations, or
- Reasons for partially accepting or rejecting the recommendations

and that these be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committees.

7. Period 7 Financial Performance Report (Pages 69 - 112)

Cabinet to consider the attached report, which provides the Council's forecast outturn as at Month 7 (October 2022) for the General Fund (GF), Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme (CP). The report forms part of the Council's financial management process for publicly reporting financial performance monthly.

8. Review of Council Tax Support Scheme 2023-2024 (Pages 113 - 358)

The attached report seeks approval to make changes to Croydon's Council Tax Reduction (Support) Scheme (CTS), which will take effect from 1 April 2023.

9. HRA Rent-Setting 2023-2024 (Pages 359 - 396)

The attached report sets out for approval the Council's HRA rent setting arrangements for Council tenants from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

10. Investment In Resonance Property Fund - Real Lettings Property Fund 1 (Pages 397 - 428)

The attached report considers three key options, which have been modelled with the help of Local Partnerships including re-investment into a new fund, exiting the fund and paying down the Council debt and exiting the fund and directly purchasing properties to house homeless clients. This report examines the financial and non-financial risks and benefits, with equal weight, of each option to come to a considered decision.

11. People and Cultural Transformation Strategy 2022-26 (Pages 429 - 446)

The paper appended to the attached report sets out the Council's People Strategy for the next four years, seeking to improve culture, diversity and inclusion, and people management across the workforce, enabling better services to residents.

12. Local Implementation Plan Healthy Streets Funding 2022-23 to 2024-25 (Pages 447 - 472)

The attached report explains that:

- the Covid19 Pandemic resulted in erratic stop-start funding from Transport for London (TfL); and
- TfL has been looking to return London local authorities to a longer term 'Healthy Streets' investment funding programme, similar to the former LIP (Local Implementation Plan) Funding programme.

13. Whitgift Indemnity and Land Transfer Agreement (ILTA) Remedy (Pages 473 - 486)

The attached report sets out the basis of the remedy and works that are required under the ILTA by Croydon Limited Partnership (CLP) following the non-delivery of the redevelopment of the Whitgift Centre within the specified timeframe.

14. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Report - Finding of Fault with Maladministration and Injustice (Pages 487 - 496)

To consider the attached report by the Monitoring Officer under Section 5A of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

15. Executive Mayor's Business Plan 2022-2026 - Transitional Performance Report (Pages 497 - 512)

The attached report presents performance against the five outcomes (listed below), within the Executive Mayor's Business Plan 2022-26, which was approved at Cabinet in November 2022.

1. The Council balances its books, listens to residents and delivers good sustainable services.
2. Croydon is a place of opportunity for business, earning and learning.
3. Children and young people in Croydon have the chance to thrive, learn and fulfil their potential.
4. Croydon is a cleaner, safer and healthier place, a borough we're proud to call home.
5. People can lead healthier and independent lives for longer

16. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Schools Funding 2023-2024 Formula Factors (Pages 513 - 532)

The attached report provides the basis for the final funding allocation across Croydon individual school budgets approved by Schools Forum on 7 November 2022.

It informs Cabinet about how the budget was set and seeks approval prior to updating the DfE Authority Proforma Tool (APT) which is a model used in setting the schools budget before submission to ESFA by the set January 2023 deadline.

17. Education Estates Strategy (Pages 533 - 632)

This report sets out the draft education estates strategy for the three-year period 2022-2025. The strategy aims to minimise Council borrowing to an absolute minimum whilst fulfilling the council's statutory duty for sufficiency of school places.

18. Education Standards 2022 (Pages 633 - 662)

The attached report summarises the education performance and outcomes of children and young people in Croydon schools for the academic year 2021/22, across all phases from Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to Key Stage 5 (KS5).

19. Secure Children's Home for London and Pan-London Commissioning Vehicle (Pages 663 - 692)

The attached report seeks permission, in principle, for Croydon Council to join Pan-London Vehicle (PLV) (a non-profit company set up and

contributed to by London Local Authorities,, the remit of which will be pan-London commissioning arrangements that will improve the lives of London's children and young people) at the developmental stage, acknowledging limited liability to the Council for any debts incurred by the PLV to a maximum of £1 and to delegate a decision about the financial aspect to the interim Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education.

There is also a Part B (exempt-not for publication) report, which contains the confidential legal advice and options appraisal referred to in Part A – provided by Anthony Collins solicitors on behalf of London Councils.

20. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

“That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”

PART B AGENDA

21. Part B Minutes of Meeting of 30 November 2022 (Pages 693 - 696)

To approve as a correct record, the Part B (exempt) minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2022.

22. Investment in Resonance Property Fund - Real Lettings Property Fund 1 (Pages 697 - 712)

23. Whitgift Indemnity and Land Transfer Agreement Remedy (Pages 713 - 720)

24. Secure Children's Home for London and Pan-London Commissioning Vehicle (Pages 721 - 770)