

## Cabinet

Meeting of held on Monday, 19 March 2018 at 6.30 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall,  
Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

### MINUTES

- Present:** Councillor Tony Newman (Chair);  
Councillor Alison Butler, Deputy Leader (Statutory) (Vice-Chair);  
Councillor Stuart Collins, Alisa Flemming, Hamida Ali, Simon Hall,  
Stuart King, Manju Shahul-Hameed and Louisa Woodley
- Also Present:** Councillors Jan Buttinger, Robert Canning, Sherwan Chowdhury, Mario Creatura, Patsy Cummings, Sean Fitzsimons, Maria Gatland, Yvette Hopley, Humayun Kabir, Bernadette Khan, Shafi Khan, Steve O'Connell, Jason Perry, Tim Pollard, Pat Ryan, Paul Scott, Mark Watson and David Wood
- Apologies:** Councillors Timothy Godfrey, Lynne Hale, Helen Pollard and Wayne Trakas-Lawlor

### PART A

24/18 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 26 February 2018 were agreed as an accurate record. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as an accurate record.

25/18 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were none.

26/18 **Urgent Business (If any)**

The Leader provided the Cabinet with an update on the gas leak in Waddon which had occurred after a car collided with an energy plant on the evening of Sunday 18 March. Members were informed that 300 residents had been evacuated overnight and placed in emergency rest centres at the Salvation Army Citadel centre and Waddon Leisure Centre. The Leader thanked all involved for the fantastic response to the emergency and all the work that had been undertaken to secure the area, assist residents and fix the gas leak; including emergency services, council officers, community groups and local businesses.

The Chief Executive updated Members that electricity had been restored to the area shortly before the meeting had begun and work was

continuing to return gas supplies to the area. All those involved in the incident were thanked for their tireless work.

The Leader of the Opposition also thanked all those involved in the incident and was pleased to hear that progress was being made to reinstate energy supplies to the area. The Leader confirmed that updates following the incident would continue to be provided.

On Thursday 15 March Croydon elected its first Young Mayor and over 12,000 ballots were cast. William Awomoyi, from the The Cedars School, was elected as Young Mayor and Shea Williams, from Harris Academy South Norwood, was elected as Deputy Young Mayor. The Leader congratulated the Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor on their successful campaigns and election.

The Young Mayor informed Members that his campaign had focussed on violent crime and he had a two point plan to tackle the issue which included increasing Police patrols in Croydon to tackle the disconnect between the Police and young people, and increasing opportunities for young people.

The Deputy Young Mayor stated her campaign had focussed on increasing employment opportunities for young people, and her plan included introducing workshops to raise awareness of the different opportunities available.

27/18

### **Coast to Capital Presentation**

A presentation was provided by Jonathan Sharrock, Chief Executive of Coast to Capital, for this agenda item, which is available on the meeting webcast.

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

**RESOLVED** to note the presentation.

28/18

### **Community Fund programme - One year on**

Ima Miah from the Asian Resource Centre congratulated the Council for improving the process of distributing the funds and the management of the funding. It was felt that the Community Fund had dealt with the issues faced by the organisations in previous years and it had allowed smaller groups to access funding enabling greater community cohesion.

Yuliana Topazly from My OutSpace stated the funding had enabled the organisation to grow within the community and had enabled smaller groups to create partnership groups. Members were informed that it was felt that applying for the Community Fund had been a transparent process

and enabled capacity building with My OutSpace being able to access further funding.

Chris Hennis from Play Place informed Members that two projects were being funded through the Community Fund which had enabled the local community to be involved in the projects through training volunteers and working with existing community groups. Since receiving £70,000 of funding through the Community Fund, Play Place had been able to secure a further £80,000 of funding from other sources.

Representatives from Reaching Higher spoke on the projects delivered, including Summer Blitz, which was an early intervention programme to engage young people in the community, and the Full Circle programme to assist those in the process of transitioning out of the care system through mentoring and workshops to assist young people to become independent.

Adina Bennett from Palace for Life Foundation informed Members that the Community Fund had increased the reach of the Foundation and had enabled them to deliver on the local agenda. Issue based workshops were being delivered through the Community Fund which were youth led. It was further noted that the process for funding had been simple and the feedback was qualitative which enabled the Foundation to get to know their young people better.

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**RESOLVED** to note the progress on the annual milestones outlined in the annual impact report, at appendix 1, due to be formally published in March.

29/18

### **Delivering Culture in Croydon**

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

**RESOLVED** to:

1. Endorse the direction of travel for the major elements of Croydon's cultural programme as outlined in the report.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place to establish a Collections Trust for the purposes of Museum Accreditation as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

30/18

### **Education Quality and Standards**

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

**RESOLVED to**

1. Note the report, commend the continued improvement in the percentage of schools judged good or better by OFSTED, and the actions being taken to secure further improvement.
2. Agree the framework for the revised School Improvement Plan as set out in Appendix 7 of the report.

31/18

**Croydon Carers' Strategy 2018-2022**

Nicky Selwyn, a parent carer and Chair of CASSUP, spoke and stated that the Strategy was the best example of co-production with carers feeling that they were being listened to and so there was real buy-in for the new Strategy.

Pat Knight, a carer member of the Carers' Partnership, welcomed the report, recommendations, and action plan. Mrs Knight thanked the carers who took part in building the Strategy.

Members were given an outline of the work of Help for Carers' Croydon from Lisa Taylor, including the assessment undertaken for carers. In the production of the Strategy the centre signposted carers to the workshops and also attended sessions. It was stated that during the process carers' felt that their voices had been heard and were reflected within the Strategy.

The young adult carers' project, Time to be Me, was raised by Helen Carter. Young carers from the age of 7 were supported by Off the Record by working holistically with the whole family to reduce the caring responsibility on the young carer and reduce isolation.

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**RESOLVED** to approve the draft Joint (Croydon Council & NHS Croydon CCG) Carers Strategy 2018 – 2022, attached at Appendix A of the report, which has been co-produced by carers and key stakeholders in Croydon.

32/18

**Safety Enforcement Policy**

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

**RESOLVED to**

1. Note the extent of the enforcement work carried out within the Safety Division and formally adopt the new Safety Enforcement Policy;

2. Agree the new charge for Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for litter offences with effect from 2 April 2018, which is to increase from £80 to £150 with a reduction to £100 if the FPN is paid within two weeks of receipt;
3. Agree to increase the charge for Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for fly posting from £75 to £100, breach of a Community Protection Notice from £80 to £100 and Trade Waste receptacle offences (S47) from £100 to £110 with effect from 2 April 2018;
4. Delegate to the Executive Director of Place the ability to update the Safety Enforcement Policy in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Member where such changes are necessitated by changes to legislation or government guidance.

33/18

### **Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

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

#### **RESOLVED to**

1. Note the impact arising from the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation.
2. Note the proposed actions by the Council to meet the new statutory duties.

34/18

### **Equality and Inclusion Annual Report 2017**

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

#### **RESOLVED to**

1. Approve the draft Equality and Inclusion Annual Report 2017 attached at Appendix 1 of the report.
2. To note progress on meeting the equality objectives and the information required to be published in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

35/18

### **Croydon Healthy Homes**

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

**RESOLVED** to note the scheme, its purpose and outcomes.

36/18

**Stage 2 Response to Recommendations arising from: Streets, Environment and Homes Sub-Committee 7 November 2017 and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee 28 November 2017**

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

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

37/18

**Investing in our Borough**

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

**RESOLVED**

1. To 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 Treasury or, where the nominated Cabinet Member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury, in consultation with the Leader.
2. To note the list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Improvement, between 18/01/2018 – 14/02/2018.
3. To note the property acquisitions and disposals to be agreed by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury before the next meeting of Cabinet.
4. That the Cabinet agrees that prior to the next meeting of Cabinet in June, in respect of any contracts 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 Treasury or, where the nominated member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to agree the award of such contracts.
5. To note that any awards made under this delegation will be notified in the standard contracts report to the next meeting of Cabinet.

38/18

**Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The item was not required.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm