

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR IN CABINET ON 22 NOVEMBER 2023

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:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=3576>

Other options considered and rejected:

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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: 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 Executive Mayor in Cabinet

RESOLVED to:

- 2.1 Receive and consider the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee held on 26 September 2023 (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 To provide a substantive response to the recommendation (a Scrutiny Stage 2 Report) at the Cabinet meeting on 31 January 2024

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: SCRUTINY STAGE 2 RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS

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 in Cabinet

RESOLVED to:

- 2.1.1 Approve the responses and action plans attached to this report as Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6; and
- 2.1.2 Delegate authority to the officers identified in Appendices 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 to report back to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, or relevant SubCommittee, within the periods specified in the agreed responses and action plans, and on progress made in implementing any action plan.

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: CROYDON SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

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 in Cabinet

RESOLVED to:

1. Note the Croydon Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2022-2023.
2. Consider whether there are any considerations or concerns of the Annual Report.
3. Give consideration as to whether the Annual Report provides sufficient reassurance on the performance and effectiveness of the Croydon Safeguarding Adult Board.
4. Note that the CSAB and the Local Authority will be reviewing the funding from the partners.

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: CROYDON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

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 in Cabinet

RESOLVED to:

- 2.1 To note the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP) Annual Report for 2022-23
- 2.2 to note that the report provides robust evidence of the impact of the CSCP's activity to improve outcomes for children & families
- 2.3 to agree that the funding for the CSCP requires action to ensure the partnership is more equitable.

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2023/24

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 in Cabinet

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 To recommend the Youth Justice Plan to Full Council for approval.

Key Decision no.: 8023EM

Decision Title: 2023-24 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 in Cabinet

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 To note the General Fund revenue budget outturn is forecast to breakeven at Period 5, after the forecast utilisation of £63m capitalisation directions requested from DLUHC and £4.1m of the corporate risk contingency budget. It is not planned to utilise the risk contingency budget and directorates will work to bring the service directorate positions within budget.
- 1.2 To approve the budget movements between directorates to match the movement of service area responsibilities between directorates as set out in paragraph 4.13.
- 1.3 To note the progress in MTFs savings achievement as set out in paragraph 4.101.
- 1.4 To note the work that has commenced on the Council's Transformation Programme as set out from paragraph 4.96.
- 1.5 To note the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue budget outturn is forecast to overspend by £12.0m.
- 1.6 To note the General Fund capital programme 2023-24 forecast underspend of £14.3m against the revised capital budget of £144.7m.
- 1.7 To note the HRA capital programme 2023-24 forecast overspend of £5.7m against the revised capital budget of £33.2m.
- 1.8 To note the Council's historic borrowing and debt burden continues to be critical to the sustainability of the Council's revenue budget. Dialogue with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) continues, and the Council is seeking further financial support from Government in regards to its level of indebtedness and balancing the budget to ensure it can deliver sustainable local government services.
- 1.9 To note that the Council continues to operate Spend Control Panels to ensure that tight financial control and assurance oversight are maintained.
- 1.10 To note that current forecasts are based on the best available information at the time and will be subject to review and change during the financial year.

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: COUNCIL TAX EMPTY & SECOND HOME PREMIUMS

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 in Cabinet

RESOLVED

- 2.1 To recommend to Full Council, that Full Council make the necessary determinations as billing authority under Section 11B for financial year 2024-2025 to the effect that where permitted, for dwellings that have been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for a period of at least one year the amount of Council Tax will be increased by 100% where the period is less than 5 years, by 200% where the period is at least 5 years but less than 10 years, and by 300% where the period is at least 10 years, and that the discount under Section 11(2)(a) shall not apply. .

- 2.2 To recommend to Full Council, that Full Council make the necessary determinations under Section 11C as billing authority for financial year 2025-2026 to the effect that where permitted, for dwellings where there is no resident of the dwelling and the dwelling is substantially furnished, the amount of Council Tax will be increased by 100%, and the discount under Section 11(2)(a) shall not apply.

Signed: Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 07 December 2023