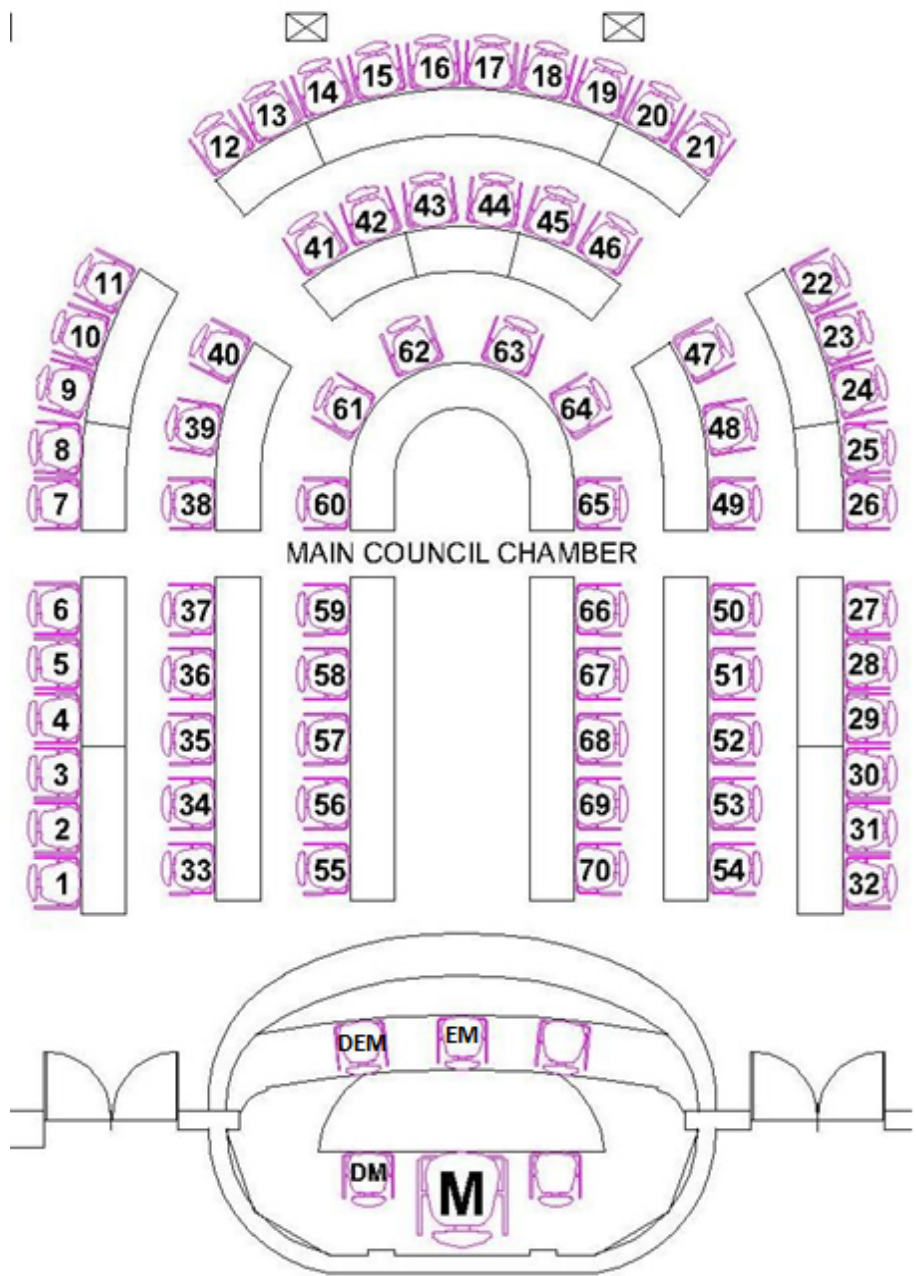




**COUNCIL
AGENDA**
for the meeting
on
17 April 2024 at
6.30 pm

1. Stuart Collins
2. Alisa Flemming
3. Clive Fraser
4. Mohammed Islam
5. Patsy Cummings
6. Sean Fitzsimons
7. Catherine Wilson
8. Matt Griffiths
9. Elily Ponnuthurai
10. Kola Agboola
11. Maddie Henson
12. Manju Shahul-Hameed
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14. Humayan Kabir
15. Patricia Hay-Justice
16. Karen Jewitt
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18. Esther Sutton
19. Ria Patel
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21. Claire Bonham
22. Adele Benson
23. Sue Bennett
24. Endri Llabuti
25. Mark Johnson
26. Nikhil Sherine-Thampi
27. Helen Redfern
28. Gayle Gander
29. Simon Fox
30. Holly Ramsey
31. Samir Dwesar
32. Mario Creatura
33. Nina Degrad
34. Chris Clark



35. Enid Mollyneaux	56. Chris Herman
36. Amy Foster	57. Janet Campbell
37. Brigitte Graham	58. Callton Young
38. Leila Ben-Hassel	59. Stuart King
39. Louis Carserides	60. Rowenna Davis (Scrutiny Chair)
40. Eunice O-Dame	61. Richard Chatterjee (Scrutiny Vice-Chair)
41. Sherwan Chowdhury	62. Michael Neal
42. Stella Nabukeera	63. Andy Stranack
43. Tamar Barrett	64. Scott Roche
44.	65. Jeet Bains
45. Fatima Zaman	66. Yvette Hopley
46.	67. Ola Kolade
47. Danielle Denton	68. Maria Gatland
48. Ian Parker	69. Jason Cummings
49. Simon Brew	70. Luke Shortland
50. Margaret Bird	Notes etc.
51. Joseph Lee	M – Civic Mayor Councillor Tony Pearson
52. Lara Fish	DM – Deputy Civic Mayor – Councillor Appu Srinivasan
53. Alasdair Stewart	EM – Executive Mayor Jason Perry
54. Robert Ward	DEM – Deputy Executive Mayor – Councillor Lynne Hale
55. Chrishni Reshekaron	Please note that the numbers relate to microphone numbers.

To: To All Members of the Council

Date: 9 April 2024

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 17 April 2024** at **6.30 pm** in **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 any Members.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (To Follow)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2024 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosure of Interests

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) they may have in relation to any item(s) of business on today's agenda.

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. Announcements

To receive Announcements, if any, from the Mayor, the Leader, Head of Paid Service and Returning Officer.

6. The Croydon Debate

For Council to receive a Public Petition worded as follows:

"Norbury Library serves wards that are amongst the most economically challenged in Croydon, and experience housing, educational and employment statistics well below the English average. Opening hours are now restricted to 3 days a week – CLOSED SATURDAYS.

This seriously affects those who may have long working hours. We have seen young people desperately looking for a place to study and do homework sitting on the benches outside. Working parents are unable to take children at the weekend. Many young people in our area have no private place at home to study for exams or have to share one family computer with siblings. The Library is vital to them meeting their potential.

The lovely building was refurbished at great expense – it has disabled access to a community hall – which is not available for community use. What a waste in a community which is underserved and yet so keen to get things going!

We call upon Croydon Council and Croydon Mayor Jason Perry to:

- Immediately extend opening hours to include Saturdays.
- Make the hall available for community, charitable and educational use
- Engage in meaningful consultation with Love Norbury, Residents Associations and other community groups to find ways to Keep Our Library Live"

7. Croydon Question Time

Public Questions (30 minutes)

To receive questions from the public gallery and questions submitted by residents in advance of the meeting. The following Public Questions will be heard at this meeting, which will be responded to. The questioners will have the opportunity to ask a supplementary question based on the answer received. The questions are as follows:

1. What is economic impact on business, local community, and local economy of council parking charges? High taxes discourage innovation and enterprise. What is value per time parked for longer and shorter periods – to the person parking and to businesses visited – and then to the wider local economy? Analysis shows more parking for shorter periods means more dead time – weblink Q1. Experiment showed public clearly prefer using machines to phone - Q20. No evidence of meter-feeding Lots of places for more bays – best way to make parking easier – Q29.Purley Pool parking inadequate – false analysis.
2. Croydon Council declared a climate emergency in 2019, quickly followed by a Citizens Assembly and appointment of the independent CCCC led by NEF. Covid delayed the commission's work, but a resulting carbon neutral action plan was developed by council, which was finally approved in February 2022. That was 2 years ago, yet we have heard no mention since of the plan and seen little if any progress against it. Are you still committed to the plan, as well as to being carbon neutral by 2030, or not, and how would you rate Croydon's progress against being carbon neutral by 2030?
3. Why are there Homeless people under the Whitgift centre underpass also what is the council doing about getting homeless people into homes.

4. What safety measures will be put in place along residential roads like Oaks Road CR8 to prevent fatalities. Already 6 cars have been written off due to speeding. This road is used as a cut through and speeds of up to 60mph are reached at all times of the day. Can bumps be introduced or verges which a bus can still pass through with passing places? This is a school route and is becoming increasingly dangerous to walk to school.
5. It has been revealed that almost 500 children with Special educational/additional needs in Croydon are without a suitable school place. Some of these children have not accessed education for many years despite being issued with legal educational health care plans. What solutions can this Council offer to the families being failed? How can the council ensure it is meeting its legal obligations to some of our most vulnerable resident's? What interim support can be put in place until support can be added to the council budget?
6. Will the Cabinet commit to increasing the levels of sanitation across Croydon North, with particular emphasis on the area of Thornton Heath (which includes, but is not limited to, the wards of West Thornton, Bensham Manor and Thornton Heath), by installing more open waste bins on the streets and appointing more sanitation staff to regularly ensure the cleanliness of the high street and, moreover, surrounding residential areas and parks?
7. Can the Council provide an up to date figure on both the expenditure of, and the impact on fuel poverty and carbon savings achieved by, Croydon Healthy Homes, and also provide this as an estimate of the £/tonne CO2 saved?

8. Reports to Council

a) Proposed Changes to the Constitution (Pages 9 - 158)

To approve the proposed changes to the Constitution relating to:

- a) Corporate Parenting Panel
- b) Health and Wellbeing Board
- c) Tenders and Contract Regulations

b) The Local Plan Review (Pages 159 - 1076)

To approve the submission of the draft Croydon Local Plan Review and its associated Sustainability Appraisal.

9. Questions to the Mayor and Executive

To receive questions from Councillors.

10. Maiden Speeches

For Council to receive the Maiden Speeches of the remaining newly-elected members of the May 2022 Local Election.

11. Appointments

To agree any in-year changes to appointments to committees.

12. Council Debate Motions

To debate any motions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

The following motions will be debated:

Conservative Group Motion

This Council RESOLVES that:

Croydon Council recognises the great progress that has been made over the last two years to restore residents' trust in planning matters.

Council notes the decision made in 2022 to scrap the Supplementary Planning Document "Suburban Design Guide" adopted by Croydon Council in April 2019.

Council further notes and supports the wish of Mayor Jason Perry to reform the Local Plan in order to return to a design-led approach to planning, with the removal of the designated "intensification zones."

Council agrees that meeting our housing targets is important, and also agrees that this must be done in a sustainable way. Council agrees that it is important to prioritise design over density, recognising the character of Croydon's diverse and unique places as well as recognising the needs and aspirations of our residents.

Council further agrees the importance of protecting our precious green spaces from inappropriate development.

Labour Group Motion

This Council RESOLVES that:

“This council agrees that building more homes - including genuinely affordable homes for rent - is the principal way to address the national housing crisis as it affects Croydon.”