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PUBLIC NOTICE OF KEY AND NON-KEY DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON MONDAY, 15 JULY 2024

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

In accordance with the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules the following key decisions may be implemented from **1300 hours on 24th July 2024** unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (ie after 13.00 hours on the 6th working day following the day on which the decision was taken). The call-in procedure is appended to this notice.

The following apply to each decision listed below

Reasons for these decisions:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=4103&Ver=4>

Other options considered and rejected:

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=4103&Ver=4>

Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report: none

Details of conflicts of Interest declared by any Cabinet Member: none

The Executive Mayor in Cabinet has delegated to the decision maker the power to make the decisions set out below:

Agenda Item: 5 SCRUTINY STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

Key Decision No.: N/A

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,

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

1. Receive the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Homes Sub-Committee on 29 January 2024 (Appendix 1), Children & Young People Sub-Committee on 19 March 2024 (Appendix 2), the Streets & Environment Sub-Committee on 2 April 2024 (Appendix 3), the Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 22 April 2024 (Appendix 4).
2. Provide a substantive response to the recommendations (a Scrutiny Stage 2 Report) at the Cabinet meeting on 25 September 2024

**Agenda Item: 6 SCRUTINY STAGE 2: RESPONSES TO
RECOMMENDATIONS: STREETS & ENVIRONMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE, 30TH JAN AND HOMES SUB-
COMMITTEE 16TH APRIL & 9TH JULY 2024**

Key Decision No.: N/A

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 Cabinet

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the responses and action plans attached to this report as Appendix 1, 2, 3, and the Maintained Nursery Schools Appendix 4 published as a supplement,
2. Delegate authority to the officers identified in Appendix 1, 2, 3 and 4 to report back to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, or relevant Sub-Committee, within the periods specified in the agreed responses and action plans, and on progress made in implementing any action plan.

**Agenda Item: 7 FUTURE OPTIONS FOR MAINTAINED NURSERY
SCHOOLS**

Key Decision No.: 1124EM

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,

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 2.1 note the findings from the MNS review at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 note that the current model of Croydon's MNS is not financially sustainable to guarantee their future viability as funding is insufficient to cover the costs in some of the MNS, alongside declining birth rate.
- 2.3 approve Croydon's new operating model for its MNS, which is for each MNS to establish, at least, a 'soft' federation - formally collaborate - with the governing body of a primary school, special school, or academy trust through a Service Level Agreement (SLA). This is in line with Model – Aii – referred to in the MNS review at Appendix 1.
- 2.4 note that three of Croydon's MNS – Thornton Heath, Tunstall, and Purley – are already linked successfully to a primary school via an SLA or a federation and have a balanced budget.
- 2.5 note that the other two MNS – Federation of Crosfield and Selhurst – are not linked to a primary school and have a deficit budget.
- 2.6 strongly recommend that the Governing Body of the Federation of Crosfield and Selhurst Nursery Schools accept and support Croydon's new operating model for MNS and start the process immediately to establish a 'soft' federation with a primary school, special school, or academy trust through a Service Level Agreement (SLA), by January 2025.
- 2.7 authorise officers to work with Crosfield and Selhurst (Federation) Nursery schools to broker and identify a suitable primary school, special school or academy trust to create a 'soft' federation through an agreed Service Level Agreement. If the Federation of Crosfield and Selhurst, does not respond positively, robustly, or rapidly to the recommendation by the Council and the requirement to achieve a balanced budget by the 2025/26 financial year then the Council could intervene by issuing a warning notice to the governing body and appoint an Interim Executive Board (IEB) on the grounds of poor financial management.
- 2.8 As a consequence of recommendations 2.6 and 2.7, confirm that, if the MNS follow these proposals the need to reduce the number of Maintained Nursery Schools in Croydon through closures or mergers, will not be pursued, at this stage.

**Agenda Item: 8 REPORT ON NINE EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT ORDERS TO SUPPORT HEALTHY
SCHOOL STREETS SCHEMES (GROUP 3)**

Key Decision No.: 0324SAE

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,

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

2.1 To make the following eight experimental traffic orders, which form the healthy school streets schemes detailed within this report, permanent:

School	Affected road(s)	Section	ETMO Cited As	Ref
Howard Primary School	a. Dering Place; b. Barham Road	a. Entire length b. Entire length	The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.1) Experimental Order 2023	HOWARDSS/2023
South Norwood Primary School	a. Birchanger Road; b. Crowther Road; c. Gresham Road	a. Between Carmichael Road and Merton Road b. Between Balfour Road and Stanger Road c. Entire length	The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.2) Experimental Order 2023	SOUTHNORWOODSS/2023
Gonville Academy	Gonville Road	Between Limpsfield Avenue and Gonville Academy	The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.3) Experimental Order 2023	GONVILLESS/2023
The Crescent Primary School and The BRIT School	a. The Crescent b. Saracen Close	a. Entire length b. Entire length	The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.4) Experimental Order 2023	CRESCENTSS/2023
St Cyprians Greek Orthodox Primary School	a. Ingram Road b. Springfield Road	a. Between Carolina Road and Springfield Road b. Between Carolina Road and Springfield Road	The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.5) Experimental Order 2023	CYPRIANSS/2023
Good Shepherd Catholic School	a. Dunley Drive b. Walker Close	a. Between Leigh Crescent and Chesney Crescent b. Entire length	The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.6) Experimental Order 2023	GOODSHSS/2023
Kenley Primary School	a. New Barn Lane b. Mosslea Road	a. Between Beverley Road and the railway line b. Between New Barn Lane and Hillcrest Road	The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.8) Experimental Order 2023	KENLEYSS/2023
Oasis Shirley Park	a. Stroud Green Way b. Swinburne Crescent	a. Between north-eastern boundary of Oasis Academy, Shirley Park and Coleridge Road b. Entire length	The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.9) Experimental Order 2023	SHIRLEYPARKSS/2023

- 2.2 To withdraw The Croydon (Traffic Movement) (No.7) Experimental Order 2023 effective as of 23 July 2024 in respect of the Park Hill Junior & Infant School Street in Stanhope Road, The Avenue, Cotelands, Crusader Gardens and Pageant Walk, and not to proceed to make it permanent; and to authorise the Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities, Regeneration and Economic Recovery to take steps necessary to publicise this withdrawal and remove any associated signage and other measures in place as a result of the experimental order.
- 2.3 Subject to approval of recommendation 2.1 above, to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities, Regeneration and Economic Recovery to undertake all measures necessary to make the eight experimental orders permanent Traffic Management Orders, including pursuant to the statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Management Act 1984 and Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and make arrangements for the enforcement thereof.

Agenda Item: 9 REGINA ROAD PROJECT - PROJECT UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Key Decision No.: N/A

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,

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 2.1.** To agree an updated approach to phasing to ensure the delivery of 225 grant funded new Council homes in respect of planning, demolition, and construction. The redevelopment will only include 2 phases being:
- 2.1.1 Phase 1, comprising 225 new Council homes (minimum 200 social rented and up to 25 leaseholder/freeholder products) and kindergarten/ community facility (previously phases 1 & 2).
- 2.1.2 Phase 2, comprising a minimum 155 private homes.
- 2.2** To note that the procurement of a demolition contractor is being progressed in line with delegations set out in the Annual Procurement Plan

Agenda Item: 10 COUNCIL HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/29

Key Decision No.: N/A

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,

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 2.1 Consider the feedback received on the principles behind the Asset Management Strategy 2024-2029 from residents, partners and Members via engagement and consultation briefings; and Equalities Impact Assessment detailed in Appendix 2.
- 2.2 Consider the feedback from the Homes Scrutiny Committee held on 9th July 2024 and executive response (Appendix 3).
- 2.3 Agree the Council Housing Asset Management Strategy 2024 - 2029 (Appendix 1) with any amendment/s to the agreed scrutiny recommendations, and recommend to Full Council for adoption.
- 2.4 Agree to delegated authority to Corporate Director to make minor amendments (i.e., slight wording changes to make more accessible, formatting etc.) in conjunction with Executive Mayor and Cabinet Member but prior to its recommendation and adoption by Full Council.
- 2.5 Note the report will be updated for Council on Wednesday 17th July 2024 with the related Executive responses to the Scrutiny recommendations.

Agenda Item: 11 HOUSING RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR CROYDON 2024-29

Key Decision No.: N/A

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,

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 2.1 Consider the feedback received via the engagement and consultation process as detailed in Appendix 2.
- 2.2 Consider the feedback received from the Homes Scrutiny Committee held on 23rd October 2023 and feedback from the Homes Scrutiny Committee held on 9th July 2024 and executive response (Appendix 5).
- 2.3 Consider the Equalities Impact Assessment detailed in Appendix 3 and
- 2.4 Agree the Residents Engagement Strategy 2024- 2029 as detailed in Appendix 1

- 2.5 Agree to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Housing to make minor amendments to the Strategy in consultation with the Executive Mayor and Cabinet Member for Homes following agreement by the Executive Mayor but prior to its recommendation and adoption by Full Council.
- 2.6 Agree to recommend to Full Council, the adoption of the Resident Engagement Strategy 2024 to 2029, Appendix 1 to this report, incorporating any amendment/s to the agreed scrutiny recommendations.

Agenda Item: 12 UPDATE ON HOUSING NEEDS AND HOMELESSNESS TRANSFORMATION

Key Decision No.: N/A

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,

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to:

- 2.2 To note the progress to date of the delivery of the transformation projects within the Housing Needs and Homelessness division of the Housing directorate.

Signed: Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 24 July 2024

Contact Officers: Petra.Stephenson@croydon.gov.uk

Scrutiny Referral/Call-in Procedure

1. The decisions may be implemented **1300 hours on 24 July 2024** (the 6th working day following the day on which the decision was taken) unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
2. The Council Solicitor shall refer the matter to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee if so requested by:-
 - i) the Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and 1 member of that Committee; or for education matters the Chair, Vice Chair and 1 member of that Committee; or
 - ii) 20% of Council Members (14)
3. The referral shall be made on the approved pro-forma (*attached*) which should be submitted electronically or on paper to Democratic Services by the deadline stated in this notice. Verification of signatures may be by individual e-mail, fax or by post. A decision may only be subject to the referral process once.
4. The Call-In referral shall be completed giving:
 - i) The grounds for the referral
 - ii) The outcome desired
 - iii) Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider the referral
 - iv) The date and the signatures of the Councillors requesting the Call-In
5. The decision taker and the relevant Chief Officer(s) shall be notified of the referral who shall suspend implementation of the decision. The Chair of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee shall also be notified.
6. The referral shall be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee unless, in view of the Council Solicitor, this would cause undue delay. In such cases the Council Solicitor will consult with the decision taker and the Chair of Scrutiny and Overview to agree a date for an additional meeting. The Scrutiny & Overview Committee may only decide to consider a maximum of 3 referrals at any one meeting.
7. At the Scrutiny & Overview Committee meeting the referral will be considered by the Committee which shall determine how much time the Committee will give to the call in and how the item will be dealt with including whether or not it wishes to review the decision. If having considered the decision there are still concerns about the decision then the Committee may refer it back to Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of the concerns. The Cabinet shall then reconsider the decision, amending the decision or not, before making a final decision.
8. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee may refer the decision to the Council if it considers that the decision is outside of the budget and policy framework of the Council. In such circumstances, the provisions of Rule 7 of the Budget & Policy Framework Procedure Rules (Part 4C of the Constitution) apply. The Council may

decide to take no further action in which case the decision may be implemented. If the Council objects to Cabinet's decision it can nullify the decision if it is outside the Policy Framework and/or inconsistent with the Budget.

9. If the Scrutiny and Overview Committee decides that no further action is necessary then the decision may be implemented.
10. If the Council determines that the decision was within the policy framework and consistent with the budget, the Council will refer any decision to which it objects together with its views on the decision, to the Cabinet. The Cabinet shall choose whether to either amend, withdraw or implement the original decision within 10 working days or at the next meeting of the Cabinet of the referral from the Council.
11. The responses of the decision-taker and the Council shall be notified to all Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee once the Cabinet or Council has considered the matter and made a determination.
12. If either the Council or the Scrutiny and Overview Committee fails to meet in accordance with the Council calendar or in accordance with paragraph 6 above, then the decision may be implemented on the next working day after the meeting was scheduled or arranged to take place.
13. **URGENCY:** The referral procedure shall not apply in respect of urgent decisions. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the referral process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The record of the decision and the notice by which it is made public shall state if the decision is urgent and therefore not subject to the referral process. The Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee must agree that the decision proposed cannot be reasonably deferred and that it is urgent. In the absence of the Chair, the Deputy Chair's consent shall be required. In the absence of both the Chair and Deputy Chair, the Mayor's consent shall be required. Any such urgent decisions must be reported at least annually in a report to Council from the Leader including the reasons for urgency.

Signed: Monitoring Officer

Notice Date: 24 July 2024

Contact Officers: Petra.Stephenson@croydon.gov.uk

PROFORMA

**REFERRAL OF A KEY DECISION TO THE
SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

For the attention of: Petra Stephenson, Democratic Services & Scrutiny e-mail to Petra.Stephenson@croydon.gov.uk

Meeting:
Meeting Date:
Agenda Item No:

Reasons for referral:

- i) The decision is outside of the Policy Framework
- ii) The decision is inconsistent with the budget
- iii) The decision is inconsistent with another Council Policy
- iv) Other: Please specify:

The outcome desired:

Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider the referral:

Signed:

Date:

Member of _____ Committee