



Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Bulletin Councillor Tony Newman March 2019

DELIVERING FOR CROYDON - INVESTING IN PEOPLE

Despite over 65% cuts to our Councils funding from national government over the last eight years and chronic ongoing underfunding by Government of some of our key services such as our UASC young people, to the tune of seven million pounds a year, I am proud to lead a council that is bringing a balanced budget to our Council meeting, a budget that is protecting all of our key frontline services and also allows us to continue to invest in what the public have told us are their key priorities.

Legacy Youth Zone



I am pleased with our commitment to invest in our young people. Plans to open the Legacy Onside Youth Zone in June 2019 are well underway. The £6.5m partnership project, of which £3.25m has been funded by the council, will deliver a significant universal offer with a range of activities for Croydon's young people to engage with. The Legacy Youth Zone will have a positive impact on our young people's health, wellbeing and confidence and enable them to contribute positively to our local community.

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Fairfield Halls

We should all be proud that we are delivering on our commitment to put “ Culture at the Heart of regeneration” the new Fairfield Halls is one of the best and biggest examples of this in practice and later this year will provide an amazing new artistic and cultural offer alongside enhanced community facilities. Last month the good news of Talawa Theatre Company’s move to Croydon to become resident in the Fairfield Halls was in the press, this is a real coup for Croydon. [Talawa is the UK’s leading black theatre company and their impact will be felt at the venue and across our borough. I am personally delighted to welcome them to Croydon and look forward to a good working relationship.]



The new direction for the Croydon Recreation – the venue in Fairfield Halls known formerly as the Arnhem Gallery is also attracting music industry attention as it builds on Croydon’s rich music history. And there will be more to come over the next few months in the lead up to the opening of the venue in September.

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South Norwood Library

I am delighted we have brought the library service back in house. Because we continue to deliver a budget with value for money at the heart of it, not only are we building a brand new library in South Norwood, but we will be investing in all our libraries across the borough. Work is set to start in Norbury and has already begun in Thornton Heath, and all libraries will have their IT and Wi-Fi upgraded in the next financial year.



Local Homes for Local People

We are committed to delivering five hundred homes per year. Forty schemes have been granted consent of which 48% are affordable homes. A further five schemes are in planning. We have twenty two schemes on site and seventeen that are out to tender. This equates to 1,300 homes in planning or with consent and 4,000 potential units in the pipeline.

Flora Court (Cheriton House)

100% affordable scheme
Delivering 27 homes
24 shared ownership + 3 affordable rent



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New Sports and community centre in new Addington



I am pleased to say that the work on the centre are going well; the windows and roofs soon to be in place and the pools being excavated. We are also working with the GLL to ensure the groups currently using the community centre will have a smooth transition to the new centre.

Leader's Diary for February

- Inspire inductions
- Croydon Cultural Partnership Launch lunches
- Local Strategic Partnership Board Meeting
- Coast to Capital Extraordinary Board Meeting
- Governance Review - Councillor Workshop
- London Councils Leader's Committee
- Norbury Walkabout
- Council Leader's Summit
- LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board meeting
- Develop Croydon Meeting
- LGBT History Launch Event
- Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony
- Local Government Conference – Warwick
- Mayor of London Visit

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