

Scrutiny Recommendations: Stage 1

Committee	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Conclusion	Recommendation	Cabinet Lead	Officer Lead
Scrutiny & Overview	15/01/2019	Budget	That it would be beneficial to scrutinise the budget setting process in the new municipal year, to provide reassurance on the preparation of the budget at an early stage.	That the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee early in the new municipal year to discuss with Members on the process for setting the next budget.	Simon Hall	Lisa Taylor
Streets, Environment & Homes	22/01/2019	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Homes & Gateway Services	The Councils decision to utilise Article 4 conditions for conversions of property to HMO was applauded	That the Council ensured that the use of Article 4 be implemented on a borough wide basis and not ward by ward	Alison Butler	Yvonne Murray
Streets, Environment & Homes	22/01/2019	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Homes & Gateway Services	Partnerships with social housing providers had to be strengthened	That the Council and Social Housing providers work on reinforcement of their relationships	Alison Butler	Yvonne Murray
Streets, Environment & Homes	22/01/2019	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Homes & Gateway Services	The lack of support for young people to help them onto the housing market was concerning	That different ideas and initiatives to provide support for young people into housing be explored.	Alison Butler	Yvonne Murray

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Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Voluntary & Community Sector Strategy for Croydon	The Committee agreed that there were locality issues with some areas being underrepresented by voluntary organisations than others.	That the final Strategy should set out how it will identify the unmet need within the Borough and how it will work with the voluntary and community sector to meet this need.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Voluntary & Community Sector Strategy for Croydon	The Committee agreed that there were locality issues with some areas being underrepresented by voluntary organisations than others.	That more funding should be made available for grass root organisations than at present.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Voluntary & Community Sector Strategy for Croydon	There was a concern that feedback from service users was not being taken into account, as it could be used to help measure the success of a service.	That feedback from service users should be taken into account when monitoring the outcomes from grant funding.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Voluntary & Community Sector Strategy for Croydon	There was a concern that feedback from service users was not being taken into account, as it could be used to help measure the success of a service.	That feedback from service users should be used to inform future needs and priorities.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford

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Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Voluntary & Community Sector Strategy for Croydon	It was agreed that the Council should not be too prescriptive on the type of grants it offered.	Within the Community Grants fund the majority of funding should be retained for three year contracts, but an increased amount should be retained for flexible funding as required.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Voluntary & Community Sector Strategy for Croydon	The Committee had significant concerns about the benefit provided by the infrastructure support organisations supported by the Council and felt that the current relationship should be reviewed.	There should be a fundamental review of infrastructure support organisations to ensure they were achieving their expected outcomes.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Culture Plan for Croydon	The Committee concluded that the biggest risks to the success of the Cultural Plan lay outside of the control of the Cabinet Member.	The Cultural Plan needed to take into account the Council's aspirations for the borough on a wider level and ensure that its own aims were aligned with these.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Culture Plan for Croydon	The Committee concluded that the biggest risks to the success of the Cultural Plan lay outside of the control of the Cabinet Member.	It was essential that the Cultural Plan clearly set out how it will interact with the other key strategies and plans of the Council and external partners to achieve its aims	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray

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Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Culture Plan for Croydon	The Committee agreed that the redevelopment of the town centre represented a major risk to the Plan and as such there was a need to focus upon culture in district centres.	The Cultural Plan should be a three to five year plan to cover the period of major redevelopment in the Town Centre.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Culture Plan for Croydon	The Committee agreed that the redevelopment of the town centre represented a major risk to the Plan and as such there was a need to focus upon culture in district centres.	Actions in the Cultural Plan should cover the whole of the borough and be a reflection of the diverse population in Croydon.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Culture Plan for Croydon	It was acknowledged that many of the actions set out in the Cultural Plan would not be new, but would need to be clear on aspirations and constraints.	That all actions should include SMART objectives to define how they will be achieved.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray
Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Culture Plan for Croydon	The Committee concluded that the biggest risks to the success of the Cultural Plan lay outside of the control of the Cabinet Member.	The Cultural Plan should be signed off by the Cabinet as a whole, with actions allocated to those Cabinet Members who will have a role in delivering it.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray

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Scrutiny & Overview	11/02/2019	Library Plan for Croydon	That the seven national outcomes were a useful basis for understanding future provision.	<p>That the national outcomes for library usage should be used as a basis for the strategy, with the service offered being evaluated against these outcomes.</p> <p>The strategy should also be informed by usage data and other available sources of information.</p> <p>The Strategy should interlink with other Council strategies and plans where appropriate.</p>	Oliver Lewis	Kirsteen Roe
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	19/02/2019	Grounds Maintenance Service	During the discussion, there were various ideas raised for future service delivery, but the Sub-Committee agreed that for the immediate future the business plan for the service should have a primary focus on providing the core services at an acceptable level.	That the immediate focus for the Grounds Maintenance Service should be on providing its core services at an acceptable level for the residents of Croydon.	Stuart Collins	Tom Lawrence
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	19/02/2019	Grounds Maintenance Service	The Sub-Committee recognised that there was a wide variety of parks and open spaces in the borough and as such felt that a bespoke approach, tailored to the specific circumstances in each area was needed rather than an overarching, one size fits all approach.	That the business plan should be developed on a park specific level.	Stuart Collins	Tom Lawrence

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Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	19/02/2019	Grounds Maintenance Service	The move toward increased engagement with the various Friends Groups of the parks in the Borough was welcomed, but it was questioned how the Council would engage with users of parks without Friends Groups.	That consideration should be given to how to consult with the public in those areas without friends groups.	Stuart Collins	Tom Lawrence
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	19/02/2019	Grounds Maintenance Service	The Sub-Committee welcomed the development of a Service Improvement Plan for the Grounds Maintenance Service.	That the Cabinet Member for Clean, Green Croydon be invited to attend the meeting of the Sub-Committee on 1 October 2019 to provide an update on the Service Review and future plans.	Stuart Collins	Tom Lawrence
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	19/02/2019	Grounds Maintenance Service	It would have been preferable for the Cabinet Member for Clean, Green Croydon to consult with the Sub-Committee prior to the decision being made to bring the Grounds Maintenance service back in-house.	That Scrutiny should be consulted before decisions are made that would change the method of service delivery, such as bring a service back in-house.	All Cabinet Members/ Simon Hall	Sarah Warman
Scrutiny & Overview	05/03/2019	Safer Croydon Partnership	The Committee agreed that the Safer Croydon Partnership seemed to be on the right track and that the progress reported was positive. A further update in twelve months to review further progress would be welcomed.	That the Cabinet Member for Safer Croydon & Communities and other members of the Safer Croydon Partnership be invited to the meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 25 February 2020 to provide an update on the work of the partnership over the previous twelve months	Hamida Ali	Shifa Mustafa

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Scrutiny & Overview	05/03/2019	Safer Croydon Partnership	As the evidence had demonstrated that schools would need to play a significant role in the programme if it was to be successful, the fractured nature of education provision in the borough led to significant concern that this may be an impediment to the success of the partnership	That further consideration needed to be given to how to engage local schools with the work of the Safer Croydon Partnership.	Hamida Ali	Shifa Mustafa
Scrutiny & Overview	05/03/2019	Developing a Public Health Approach to Violence Reduction	The Committee felt that Scrutiny would have a role to play by providing additional challenge on the process as it progressed and where possible the key themes from the Public Health Approach should be incorporated into the Scrutiny Work Programme 2019-20 to allow for a more focussed approach.	The Scrutiny and Overview Committee agreed to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Safer Croydon & Communities to use Scrutiny as resource to provide additional challenge to the Public Health Approach as it developed.	Hamida Ali	Shifa Mustafa