

REPORT TO:	Cabinet 20th November 2017
SUBJECT:	STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY
LEAD OFFICERS:	Richard Simpson, Executive Director Resources and S151 Officer Stephen Rowan – Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Sean Fitzsimons Chair, Scrutiny and Overview Committee
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	The constitutional requirement that Cabinet receives recommendations from scrutiny committees and to respond to the recommendations within two months of the receipt of the recommendations.

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations contained within this report:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is asked to:

- 1.1 Receive the recommendations arising from the meetings of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee (19 September 2017) and the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee (12 September 2017) and to provide a substantive response within two months (ie. at the next available Cabinet meeting on **22 January 2018**)

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Recommendations that have been received from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and its Sub-Committees since the last Cabinet meeting are provided in the body of this report. The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within 2 months of this Cabinet meeting.

3. 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 – STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee considered an item on the Fiveways Croydon plan; present were the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Head of Transport.

Subsequent to questions to those present, the Committee came to the following conclusions:

- 1) That the overall aims of the scheme were recognised and supported;
- 2) That most of the proposals were not contentious and supported; including realigning the road and introduction of a new bridge;
- 3) That the extension of the proposals to include the Fiveways junction was welcomed;
- 4) The improvements to the public realm were supported;
- 5) But that TFL should accept that this section of the A23 is a key part of the Waddon locality, and that Waddon residents, including pedestrians and cyclists use the A23 road and pavements for vital local trips
- 6) And the committee was concerned that the proposals failed to meet all the standards set out in TFL's new policy of Healthy Streets especially the lack of north south segregated cycle paths from Epsom Road southwards.
- 7) That some aspects of the proposals be reviewed to improve cycle provision to ensure segregated local cycle trips and avoid cyclists having to use pavements, which would to the detriments of pedestrians..

The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. To amend the proposals to ensure needs of local residents, pedestrians and cyclists are taken into account;
2. The cycle lanes on Epsom Road be reviewed to have both cycle lanes on the station side to improve cycle safety;
3. The scheme be reviewed to reduce conflict between cyclists and pedestrians;
4. Consideration be given to how cyclists would travel around Waddon safely, especially young people cycling to school, parks, the station and McDonalds;
5. A dedicated cycle lane north/south be provided south of Epsom Road;
6. The possibility of acquiring land from the Morrisons site be reviewed to provide for these segregated cycle lanes; and
7. Disability groups be approached to participate in the consultation to ensure the final plans are accessible to all.

3.2 The Committee additionally considered an item on the Growth Zone – Public Realm. Present were the Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning and the Creative and the Director of Growth. Subsequent to questions to those present, the Committee came to the following conclusions:

- 1) That the overall aims of the scheme were recognised and supported;
- 2) That most of the proposals were not contentious and supported; including realigning the road and introduction of a new bridge;
- 3) That the extension of the proposals to include the Fiveways junction was welcomed;
- 4) The improvements to the public realm were supported;
- 5) But that TFL should accept that this section of the A23 is a key part of the Waddon locality, and that Waddon residents, including pedestrians and cyclists use the A23 road and pavements for vital local trips

- 6) And the committee was concerned that the proposals failed to meet all the standards set out in TFL's new policy of Healthy Streets especially the lack of north south segregated cycle paths from Epsom Road southwards.
- 7) That some aspects of the proposals be reviewed to improve cycle provision to ensure segregated local cycle trips and avoid cyclists having to use pavements, which would to the detriments of pedestrians.

The Committee made the following recommendations to Transport for London, but are included here for noting by Cabinet:

- 1) To amend the proposals to ensure needs of local residents, pedestrians and cyclists are taken into account;
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- 3) The scheme be reviewed to reduce conflict between cyclists and pedestrians;
- 4) Consideration be given to how cyclists would travel around Waddon safely, especially young people cycling to school, parks, the station and McDonalds;
- 5) A dedicated cycle lane north/south be provided south of Epsom Road;
- 6) The possibility of acquiring land from the Morrisons site be reviewed to provide for these segregated cycle lanes; and
- 7) Disability groups be approached to participate in the consultation to ensure the final plans are accessible to all.

4. 19 SEPTEMBER 2017 – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Committee considered an item on the Council's Improvement Plan; present were the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning, the Head of Commissioning and Improvement (People) and the Director of Human Resources. The Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) The Sub-Committee consider the up-to-date improvement plan for children's services at every meeting of this municipal year.
- 2) That the plan should include a "Red Amber Green" column so that progress can be followed more easily.
- 3) That learning and development visits should be organised in order to enable members to gain a better understanding of children's services and the needs of service users and enable them to monitor the quality of services more effectively.
- 4) That consideration should be given to running a dedicated staff satisfaction survey with staff in the Council's children services to identify issues hampering recruitment and retention of staff and ensure that results are processed quickly and lead to swift improvements.

5. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

The recommendations are in accordance with the constitution.

This requires that the Scrutiny report is received and registered at this Cabinet Meeting and that a substantive response is provided within 2 months (ie. **Cabinet, 20 November 2017** is the next available meeting).

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Background document 1: Reports to the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 12 September 2017.

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=170&MId=249>

Background document 2: Reports to the Children and Young People Sub-Committee on 19 September 2017.

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?XXR=0&M=9&DD=2017&ACT=Go>