
Appendix C

Transformation Plan

1. Background

In late 2020, the Council approved the Croydon Renewal Plan. This comprehensive plan drew together a wide range of improvement actions and projects which had been identified through external and internal reviews, with a particular focus on improving the Council's governance systems, structures and processes and a savings programme to address the serious financial challenges.

The plan was developed at a time when the Council was subject to a S114 notice, where expenditure far exceeded the available budget. The External Auditors had also issued a Report in the Public Interest, identifying a range of failings in the Council's governance and financial structures.

The Croydon Renewal Plan enabled the Council to secure Government support in the form of a capitalisation direction. This allowed the Council to utilise up to £120m of capital funding to support revenue costs over a period of three years. The Government appointed an Improvement and Assurance Panel to provide external advice, challenge and expertise to the council, along with assurance to the Secretary of State that the council was delivering against the renewal plan.

The new Executive Mayor has made clear that his number one priority is to balance the books and make Croydon a financially sustainable Council which listens to residents and provides good quality services. One of Mayor Perry's first acts was to launch an 'Opening the Books' review to assess the Council's financial assumptions and outstanding historic accounting issues. Despite progress being made across the renewal plan, the scale of the financial challenge facing Croydon should not be underestimated. The 'Opening the Books' review has identified substantial accounting corrections that have one off and ongoing implications for the Council's budget.

It is crucial that the Council begins to take a transformational approach rather than continuing to salami slice budgets; this Transformation Plan, with a programme of cross-directorate transformation projects, sets out this new approach to a more modern way of working, that is cost effective and responds to different needs from different residents. Ultimately Croydon Council will become smaller, doing less but – crucially – doing it well.

The programme is being developed but already consists of over 30 projects, many of which require careful reform of the large budget services providing vital adult and children's social care support

2. Progress on transformation to date

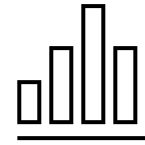
Over the past two years the Council has delivered numerous improvements in its governance and financial management. This has included making over £90m in savings in 2021/22 and 2022/23 and generating £50m in asset sales.



Implementation of a new telephony system, providing improved reliability, adaptability and data



The Housing Improvement Board has launched, which is overseeing the improvement programme for our tenants



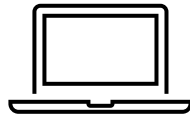
Launched improved financial reports alongside internal training



Implementing an Adults Improvement Plan



Establishing a Children's Improvement Board



Rationalising our ICT infrastructure, whilst improving use of digital opportunities in services



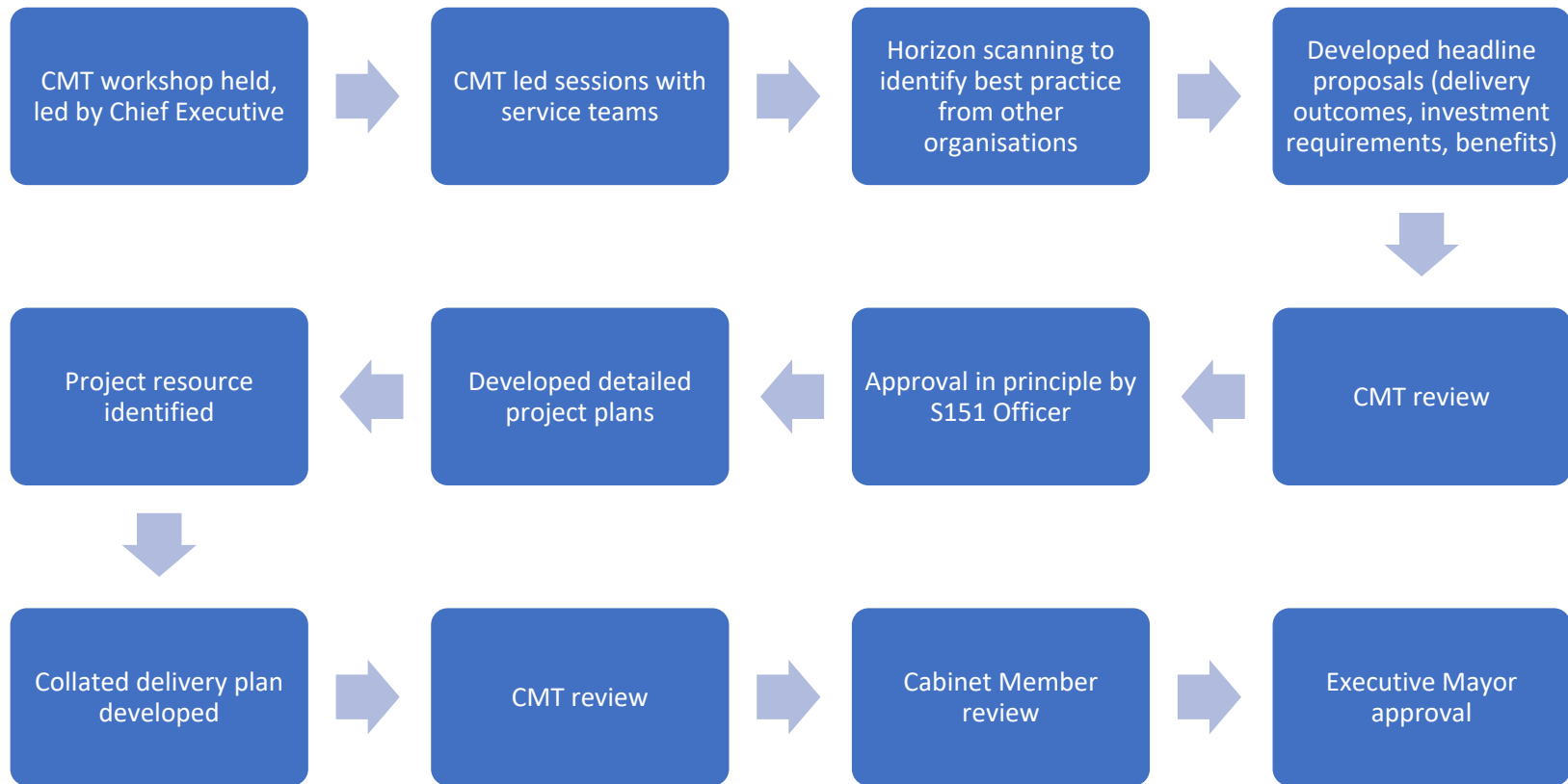
Implemented improved governance structures



£90m savings deliver over two years

3. The process for developing the transformation plan

This Transformation Plan is about taking a new approach to change in Croydon Council. Change needs to happen across service silos, looking at redesigning services, processes and structures to be more cost effective and to better respond to our residents different needs. Transforming Croydon Council will result in a smaller organisation that does less – but does it well for the benefits of our residents. This approach has to be owned across the organisation, delivered collectively and the plan has been developed in the same way.



4. Summary of projects

There are 39 individual programmes across 7 transformation portfolios. Further details of each programme are set out in the appendix.

Cross Cutting Projects		Housing	Sustainable Communities	Assistant Chief Executive
Community Equipment Services – Financial Viability and Options	Income and Debt Review - Fees, Charges & Debt Management Review	Temporary Accommodation Case Review	Building Control Transformation	Digital Workforce Review
Business Intelligence Review	Workforce Transformation – HR Transformation	Housing Occupancy Checks	Parking Policy 2022	
Family Justice Service review	Continuing Care Review	Housing Needs Restructure	Planning & CIL transformation	Adults Social Care
Croydon Campus	Customer Access Review	Rent Accounts & Data Cleanse		Transitions Commissioning
Commercial & Income Opportunities	Passenger / SEN Transport transformation	Dynamic Purchasing System - Emergency Accommodation	Children, Young People & Education	Domiciliary Care Re-model
Resilient Communities and Community Hubs	Strategic Planning & Commissioning	Housing Association Recharges	Managing Demand at the Front Door	Reablement & Hospital Discharge
Voluntary Sector review		Supported Housing Review	Shared costs of care and education	Review Social Care Placements
			Reduction in spend on children and young people in care	Mental Health S117 project
			SEND review	
Resources				
Supported Exempt Accommodation Review	MTFS – PFMI Contract Manager			
Asset review	Housing Benefit review			

5. Governance

As set out in the appendix, each programme has the following in place to ensure successful delivery:

- Senior accountable officer
- Senior responsible officer
- Project manager

The **Senior Accountable Officer (SAO)**, is ultimately accountable and has a Yes/No say or, the right to veto

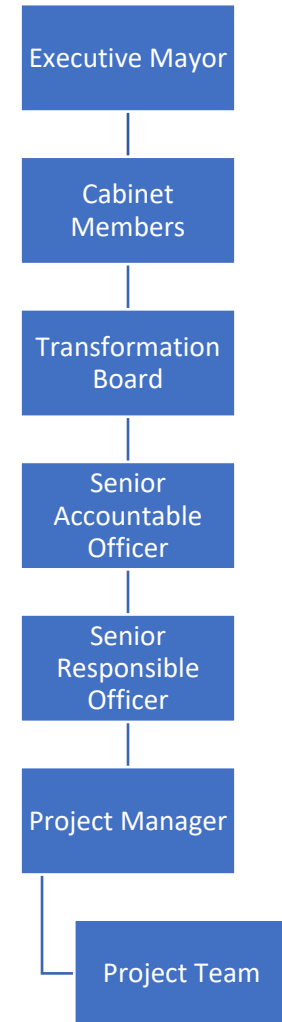
The **Senior Responsible Officer** is the individual responsible for ensuring that a programme or project meets its objectives and delivers the projected benefits. The **(SRO)**: is the visible owner of the overall business change and should be recognised throughout the organisation

Project managers plays the lead role in planning, executing, monitoring, controlling, and closing out the project. They are responsible for the entire project, the project team and resources, the project budget, and the success or failure of the project – in some instances the SRO and PM are one and the same.

In addition to the project roles, an organisation wide portfolio management resource is in place within the Assistant Chief Executive's directorate.

A new Transformation Board will be established to receive highlight reports for all projects and programmes. This will ensure that:

- Progress against key milestones are monitored
- Progress against agreed outcomes are monitored, with project teams accountable for delivery
- Resources requirements are understood and prioritised to the most important areas and to ensure that there is capacity to deliver transformation in additional to BAU activities
- Project risks are escalated where additional action is required



Annex: Transformation Projects

Name of project	Description	Invest	Efficiency Target
Cross Cutting			
Community Equipment Services – Financial Viability and Options	Review Community Equipment Services to establish management model	Nil	TBC
Business Intelligence Review	Better use of in-house data to improve income	Nil	£1m
Family Justice Service review	To explore alternative funding models for domestic violence services	£100k	£350k per annum from 2024/25
Croydon Campus	To reconfigure Croydon Campus including Town Hall, BWH and Davis House introducing a Community Hub to improve customer experience	£250k (only £125k required in 2022/23)	TBC
Commercial & Income Opportunities	To maximise income from a range of commercial and trading services. Look at income performance and opportunities for growth	TBC	TBC
Resilient Communities and Community Hubs	Use library buildings as multi-use community hubs to provide an improved service offer in one location and free up assets	£250k (only £100k required in 2022/23)	£430k (deliverable from 24/25) capital of receipt target of £2m

Name of project	Description	Invest	Efficiency Target
Strategic Planning & Commissioning	Manage demand for statutory services by planning and commissioning new models of delivery	£290k over 2 years (only £90k required in 2022/23)	Add detail here
Customer Access Review	Develop a customer service model that uses digital, voice and face to face in the most efficient way.	£200k	Delivers previous savings of £2.5m already built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy in March 2022.
Voluntary Sector review	Reshape the voluntary sector expenditure to commission locally where possible, provide support and reset relationships	Nil	£2m
Income and Debt Review - Fees, Charges & Debt Management Review	To correctly price fees and charges and improve management of demand	£50k	£500k
Workforce Transformation – HR Transformation	Review target operating model and support organisational change, reduce requirement on agency staff	£78k	TBC
Passenger/SEN Transport transformation	To review the approach to providing passenger transport to SEN children and adults - that includes consideration of personal travel plans and new commissioning approach	£100k	£600k per annum from 24/25 Cost avoidance only
Assistant Chief Executive's			
Digital Workforce	To establish future workforce model that reflects a smaller council delivering	£80k	£1m

Name of project	Description	Invest	Efficiency Target
Review	statutory services in the most cost-effective way & satisfies the need to deliver services to the council		
Adult Social Care and Health			
Transitions Commissioning	Develop pathway across Children's & Adults to commission enabling services	£82k	TBC
Domiciliary Care Re-model	Remodel end to end process for provision of Domiciliary Care	£110k	TBC
Reablement & Hospital Discharge	Establish community reablement service	£60k	TBC
Review Social Care Placements	Review all care packages	£605k (only £300k required in 2022/23)	TBC
Mental Health S117 project	Improved processes and procedures for meeting the Section 117 after-care needs, reviewing cases, with an expectation there will be saving opportunities linked to the disproportionate share of funding between the council and health.	178k	TBC
Adult Social Care Transformation	The final year of the ongoing Adult Social Care transformation programme.	£1,100k	Savings of £9,665k in 2023/24 per the March 2022 MTFS
Strategic Operating	TBC	TBC	TBC

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Model Design Partner			
Children, Young People and Education			
CSC managing demand at the front door	Maintain reduction in demand for statutory services	£110k	£200k
Review joint funding arrangements across education, health and care	Review all joint funding arrangements across education, health and care	£110k	£250k from 2024/25
Fostering service transformation	Develop a new approach to in-house Foster Care	£92k	£225K
Transformation of Calleydown respite centre	TBC	TBC	TBC
Extend locality SEND support	More children with SEND attend local schools	£240k	TBC
Housing			
Temporary Accommodation Case Review	To review circumstances of households placed in temporary accommodation on a discretionary basis and to formulate an exit plan for those to whom the Council does not owe a main housing duty.	£291k	£1.05m

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Housing Occupancy Checks	Approximately 2000 statutory homeless households are in emergency and temporary accommodation. Currently, no regular checks are carried out in relation to occupancy or welfare. Conducting occupancy checks will enable LBC to end the homelessness duty to approximately 100 households.	£291k	£700k
Housing Needs Restructure	The Housing Needs service must be restructured to improve the Council's early intervention and demand management. To deliver the savings, a transformation lead must be recruited.	£60k	£300k
Rent Accounts & Data Cleanse	Recruitment of a data cleanse officer will ensure the Housing directorate has accurate information on the reasons for accommodating households in temporary accommodation. The officer will enable accurate reporting of temporary accommodation numbers to the government which will positively impact the Homelessness Prevention Grant (HPG).	£26k	£0k (N.B. GF data cleanse will facilitate the delivery of the Housing Occupancy Checks efficiencies below)
Dynamic Purchasing System - Emergency	An emergency accommodation DPS with a framework of providers will formalise arrangements, ensure best value and compliance, and make the	£92k	£250k

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Accommodation (Requires further work, was re-submitted 13/09/22)	Council more effective.		
Housing Association Recharges (Approved)	Transformation request for a Housing Liaison officer who will be focused on the governance of all relevant contracts and nomination agreements to maximise properties the Council can use to move households out of emergency and temporary accommodation.	£59k	£78k
Supported Housing Review (Requires further work and has not been re- submitted)	A senior commissioning lead should be recruited to carry out the review of the Council's housing related contracts across the Housing and ASC&H directorates to formalise arrangements, ensure best value and compliance, and address areas of overlap in provision.	£80k	TBC
Supported Exempt	Review SEA and establish occupation and charging principles	TBC	TBC

Name of project	Description	Invest	Efficiency Target
Accommodation Review			
Resources			
Asset Review	Reprofile asset portfolio	TBC	TBC
MTFS – PFMI Contract Manager	Introducing & improving PFI Contract management	TBC	TBC
Housing Benefit Review	Reduction in Benefit payments	TBC	£1m
Sustainable Communities			
Building Control Transformation	Develop a new operating model to meet current and new statutory obligations	£350k in year one + (£100k capital investment for IT investment) (only £100k is required in 2022/23)	£300k per annum once transformation programme delivered
Croydon Museum Transformation	To determine the best future and funding model for Croydon Museum to ensure its long-term stability and funding	TBC	TBC
Parking Policy 2022	Develop a new Parking & Enforcement Strategy	£200k	400k per annum
Planning & CIL	Transformation of Planning Service e.g. CIL & S106 Strategy, including	£200k	£250k per annum from 2024/25

Name of project	Description	Invest	Efficiency Target
Transformation	digital/ICT automation	£100k investment in ICT (only £100k is required in 2022/23)	
Total		£5.934m (only £4.604m of funding is required in 2022/23)	