

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMY AND JOBS Councillor Mark Watson		
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CQ081-17 **from Councillor Tim Pollard**

Councillor Mark Watson

What is the cost of the proposed pedestrianisation of North End between Katharine Street and George Street and what would be the cost of reinstatement if the trial is not successful? How do the costs break down into key cost streams?

Reply

The proposal is to pedestrianise the section of the High Street from Katharine Street to Park Street, rather than George Street. The estimated cost to implement the scheme is £80k broken down into the following:

Enablement Works: c£70k, this includes the costs for the following:

- Temporary traffic order
- Physical enablement works (new bus standing bays, relocation of crossing, relocation of cycle parking, removal of line marking, new line marking, new build out, new signage, repositioning of street lighting, bollards/barriers)

Project support costs c10k:

- Stakeholder engagement activities including communication material c£4k
- Parking suspension c£1k
- Professional services support c£5k

The estimated costs to reinstate the scheme are between £5k to £10k comprising a Traffic Management Order and the removal of a kerb build-out on Park Street.

CQ077-17 **from Councillor Mario Creatura**

Councillor Hamida Ali

The Final Report of the Opportunity and Fairness Commission was published on 28th January 2016. The Budget Report on the Commission site gives a cursory breakdown of the £130,000 awarded to them by Croydon Council and mentions the partnership with 'The Campaign Company'.

The Campaign Company website uses the OAFC in its portfolio and says the project ran from 'Autumn 2014 - Winter 2017' - implying their work continued for nearly two years after the publication of the Final Report:

<http://www.thecampaigncompany.co.uk/portfolio/helping-enable-opportunity-fairness-croydon/>

Could the Cabinet Member please:

1. Detail the additional work following the publication of the Final Report that The Campaign Company carried out for the Commission
2. Confirm whether the £130,000 budgeted was adhered to or whether the cost of the Commission increased? If the budget needed to increase, please detail why and by how much.
3. Detail how the total budget was divided between the Commission and its partner service providers the Campaign Company and Quadrant Consulting. This is not specified in the Budget Report.
4. Outline the tendering process that was issued to appoint these service providers.

Reply

The Council has worked with the Campaign Company on a number of occasions including as part of the Vision work in 2010 where they partnered with another organisation. Development of the vision cost overall £200,000

Contract award for independent support services for the Fairness Commission- awarded to Quadrant Consultants Limited (sub-contracted to the Campaign Company)

Date of contract October 2014 to April 2016 (18 month contract) with a contract value of £130,912 which was the payment made. The contract was awarded through an open tender process using the Council Tender systems. There were five bidders The Council contracted with Quadrant who sub contracted with The Campaign Company- the payment was made as per the contract how that may have been subsequently divided is not information that the Council would hold.

There was no additional work specifically arising from this contract. However the Campaign Company did work with the Council in this period on the following areas:

- **Residents' survey**

Date of contract 1st October to 7th December 2016

Value of contract payment - £38,270

Officer delegated decision for a direct award of the contract

- **Let Talk Parks- engagement campaign**

Date of contract - August 2016- March 2017

Value of contract - £16,100

Officers delegated decision direct award of the contract

- **Fair B&B pilot.**

Date of contract - August 2016- October 2016

Value of contract - £10,000

Officer delegated decision for a direct award of the contract

CQ084-17 from Councillor Robert Canning

Councillor Stuart Collins

How many council officers currently undertake enforcement activity in relation to fly-tipping and other forms of anti-social behaviour and how has this number changed since May 2014?

Reply

The number of officers undertaking enforcement activity in relation to fly tipping in May 2014 was:

- 3 x Area Enforcement Supervisors
- 23 x Area Enforcement Officers
- 4 x Environmental Enforcement Officers
- Total – 30 officers

In September 2017 the establishment of officers undertaking enforcement activity in relation to fly tipping is:

- 5 x Neighbourhood Safety Managers
- 36 x Neighbourhood Safety Officers
- 1 Environmental Enforcement Manager
- 5 Environmental Enforcement Officers
- Total – 47 officers

This focus on enforcement has enabled the council to target individuals that are blighting our borough with a higher numbers of FPNs being issued than ever before – over 2000 since Don't Mess with Croydon began. Prior to 2014 the principal focus for FPN issuance was for lower level littering offences such as dropping cigarette butts but over half of the FPNs issued since May 2014 have been for fly tipping offences.

217 people have been successfully prosecuted for fly-tipping and other environmental offences with two offenders receiving jail sentences. There are more on the pipeline too. The council have also confiscated 29 vehicles involved in waste and fly tipping offences and we are now a national leader in this field providing briefings and advice at DEFRA and for numerous other councils across London and England.

I think you will agree that you really shouldn't mess with Croydon.