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| REPORT TO: | CABINET 26 FEBRUARY 2018 |
| 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 Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee (16 January 2018) and the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee (23 January 2018) to provide a substantive response within two months (ie. at the next available Cabinet meeting on **11 June 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. 16 JANUARY 2018 – HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee considered an item on Adult Safeguarding; present was the Cabinet Member for Families, Health and Social Care. Subsequent to questions to those present, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) That the timeline for Scrutiny to receive the Adult Safeguarding Annual Report be reconsidered to enable the report to be presented at Scrutiny prior to it being presented at Cabinet each year.

4. 23 JANUARY 2018 – STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Committee considered an item on the Evolution of the Suburbs; present was the Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning (HRP). Subsequent to questions to those present, the Committee came to the following conclusions:

- 1) That the challenge was to make the guidance clear and accessible to all users.
- 2) That the presentation achieved its aim of prompting questions and discussion on matters to be considered in the plans.
- 3) That the Council needed to communicate effectively to users the background of this document, and the importance of the use of this guidance in future developments.
- 4) That the transport policy would have an impact on the Local Plan and should be developed in line with the SPD.

The Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) The proposal be clear on what is meant by the term 'optimising use of plots'.
- 2) Consultation be held with housing associations in the borough to promote working with local developers.
- 3) The Small Builders' Forum be consulted and invited to tender.
- 4) The proposed consultation period be reconsidered to enable further resident participation.
- 5) The Council should explore a wide range of methods to engage with residents on proposals.
- 6) Any conditions placed on the development of landscape be tightly enforced.
- 7) The document be clear to highlight areas of subjectivity in design policies.

4.2 The Committee considered an item on Brick by Brick; present was the Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration & Planning (HRP). Subsequent to questions to those present, the Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) Residents living in close proximity to a site should have priority access to affordable units either to rent or shared ownership.

5. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from the contents of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

The recommendations are presented to Cabinet 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, 11 June 2018** is the next available meeting).

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Background document 1: Reports to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 16 January 2018.

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=168&MId=420>

Background document 2: Reports to the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 23 January 2018.

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=170&MId=1134>