

Cabinet

Meeting held on Thursday, 19 September 2019 at 6.30 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Tony Newman (Chair); Alison Butler, Stuart Collins, Hamida Ali, Jane Avis, Alisa Flemming, Simon Hall, Stuart King (Job Share - voting), Paul Scott (Job Share - non voting) and Manju Shahul-Hameed

Also Present: Councillors Jason Cummings, Jason Perry, Maria Gatland, Lynne Hale, Simon Hoar, Yvette Hopley, Vidhi Mohan, Sean Fitzsimons, Robert Ward, Janet Campbell, Leila Ben-Hassel, Bernadette Khan, Shafi Khan, Pat Ryan and Louisa Woodley

Apologies: Councillors Oliver Lewis and Mario Creatura

PART A

68/19 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 July 2019 were agreed. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as an accurate record.

69/19 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were none.

70/19 **Urgent Business (If any)**

There were no items of urgent business.

71/19 **A Sustainable Croydon Update**

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and explained that this was a hugely important area as Croydon Council had announced a climate emergency in June 2019, along with approximately 100 other local authorities. The Council was taking two significant steps: to introduce a Citizen's Assembly to the Borough, to ensure the area was well represented and working with the Council to feed into the process; and to look at larger topics, such as infrastructure. Further reports would be presented to future Cabinet meetings. The Leader stated that there had been a climate change event held at Boxpark, Croydon, which had been powerfully led by the future generation.

The Headteacher of Norwood Grove Preschool, Ms. Joan Runcorn, addressed the Cabinet and explained that the school had been working hard to teach the students the importance of recycling. She noted a few of the changes the school had made to become sustainable; the children had begun growing fruit trees in the garden, recycled pens and pencils were used, and milk bottles had changed from plastic to glass.

A student of Norwood Grove Preschool, Delilah Duits, spoke to the Cabinet and explained that she had come to the meeting on her bicycle, as it was better for the environment, and stated that pollution was lethal. She noted that trees were crucial for us to breathe, adding that her great uncle in France had difficulties breathing due to pollution.

The Headteacher of Norwood Grove Preschool expressed how pleased the parents were of their child's growing interest in pollution, recycling and cleaning parks. It was important that children were safe and she would like to work collaboratively with Croydon Council to continue the work within the school.

The Leader of the Council thanked Ms Runcorn and Ms Duits for speaking at the Cabinet meeting and noted the importance of the work they were doing.

The Cabinet Member for Families, Health & Social Care thanked the speakers for their fantastic work. She noted that improving eating habits would contribute to a sustainable society and the United Nations IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) encouraged eating less red meat to reduce climate change. There had been an increase of pescatarians, vegetarians and vegans, especially with the younger generations. She added that everybody needed to take part in improving the environment, and she had planted 20 trees in her own garden so far.

The Acting Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share) thanked the Cabinet Member for Families, Health & Social Care for her contribution and important work in linking up different services within the Council to align public health, including healthy living, with the environment. He noted that climate concern was an active concern, especially with the younger generation, and the Council was right to listen to the demands being made and to respond to them. Schools were an important contributor to the change as it was a topic important to the children, and both parents and teachers were advocates for this. The improvement of the air quality around schools was important and parents/carers were considering this as a factor when choosing which school to send their children to.

The Acting Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share) stated that there was £250,000 available in the Green Fund for individuals, community groups and schools which would be launched in October 2019. Norwood Grove Preschool had started their community garden which grew fresh fruit and vegetables, and Ms Runcorn had

helped shape the Croydon Green Fund and promoted it by speaking at the climate change event in Boxpark.

The Leader of the Council stated that there was a health and climate emergency and young people were supporting the action being taken and urging politicians to go further and at pace, which he strongly supported.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Learning supported the comments made by her colleagues and added that there was a need to focus on the human response to climate change, rather than statistics. Her son had recently been admitted to hospital with breathing difficulties, and this had reiterated why the work around climate change was so crucial. The Council needed to look at the problems across the world, highlighting the Bahamas and Amazon Rainforest, and to not just focus on the Borough. She concluded by recommending a book called Climate Justice by Mary Robinson, which outlined small changes that could be made in your personal life.

The Shadow Cabinet Member for Children, Families, Young People & Learning supported the aims outlined in the report and congratulated all the young people who had expressed their concerns to politicians. She echoed and agreed with the Cabinet Member for Families, Health & Social Care regarding healthy eating as it was a huge contributor to the environment, and noted that she had become a vegetarian and was exploring veganism. She added that there was a need for protection and attention of trees, parks and wooded areas.

The Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon noted that it was important to engage with young people and encourage small changes, such as using reusable cups as it was important to reduce the waste being created. He expressed concern for politicians in influential countries stating that climate change did not exist. He thanked Croydon constituents for their patience with the changes to bins and recycling and noted that it was a difficult decision to reduce the size of wheelie bins to encourage recycling; however, there had been a 48% rise of recycling rate and over 13,000 tonnes of waste had been diverted from landfill sites to recycling. The week commencing 23 September 2019 was National Recycling Week, and as the Chair of the South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee he had been part of the creation of a recycling video, which shows the journey of recycling in Croydon and the benefits. He would also be visiting local schools to discuss recycling during the week. Finally, he noted the importance of refillables and encouraging businesses to reduce their plastic waste.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report ahead of a more detailed report coming to October 2019 Cabinet in response to the declaration of a Climate and Ecological Emergency at July 2019 Council.

Brexit No Deal Preparedness

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and paid tribute to the officers in Croydon Council and across London who had been working hard to mitigate the effects of Brexit. He noted that it was a hugely worrying time but the Council had a responsibility and needed to work on reassuring the residents of the Borough. The Prime Minister was due to state if a deal had been reached shortly and Parliament would return in October 2019 whether a deal had been agreed or not.

The Place Manager of NHS Croydon, Matthew Kershaw, addressed the Cabinet and explained that the key areas the NHS had been focusing on in regards to Brexit were; members of staff who were not EU nationals, supplies within the NHS, and research.

The Place Manager explained that there was just over 300 people employed within the Croydon NHS who were not EU nationals and they had all been spoken to and offered support if they wished to apply for settled status. He noted the importance of making the staff feel valued, and recently 300 additional nursing staff had been employed to support the organisation, largely from overseas. Croydon NHS were in a good position and were able to respond accordingly if necessary.

It was explained to the Cabinet that there was an in-house national team working on Brexit and they were leading on the supplies within the NHS. It was important to not stockpile medication or supplies as this could cause a shortage; stock levels were being maintained at the normal level. Medication, medical equipment and other supplies could be receipted 24/7, and this was supported by the Supplies Team. There were concerns for supplies, but the Place Manager noted that they were prepared and would be able to tend to patient's needs.

Croydon University Hospital (CUH) was one of the largest researchers in the UK who were not a teaching hospital. Extensive research had been completed, including European research, which had contributed with making appropriate arrangements in the current period.

The Place Manager explained that Croydon have the resources for overseas patients visiting the hospital and there were ongoing conversations with the National Team to support this. The Overseas Team would be overseeing the treatment for EU nationals within hospital in case the situation changes; therefore, the hospital would be able to respond to this.

The Place Manager concluded by noting that the timing of a no-deal was significant as it was previously scheduled for March 2019 and this would have been in a slightly less challenging time for the hospitals. However, despite having more time to prepare since March, the timing of a potential

no-deal Brexit would be additionally challenging as it would be during the winter period.

The Leader of the Council thanked Croydon NHS for their hard work and Mr Kershaw for addressing the Cabinet. He invited everybody to the EU Citizens' Rights & Brexit event being held in the Braithwaite Hall on Monday 23 September at 1800 hours.

Councillor Leila Ben-Hassel addressed the Cabinet in her capacity as the Council's European Champion, rather than a Local Councillor, and thanked the Leader for the report and ongoing work by the Council officers. She noted the importance of raising awareness regarding Brexit and the concern for the damage caused by the media and released government messages; she specified the messages publicised on local transport posters.

Ms Maria Klos introduced herself to the Cabinet and outlined her family background; she was half British and half Polish and had lived in Croydon her whole life, and raised her family locally. Her family lived in Warsaw during World War II until her parent came to Britain as a child refugee. She noted that when Poland joined the European Union in 2004 she felt both sides of her family were united in freedom. After Brexit, Ms Klos explained that she had felt betrayed by the residents of the United Kingdom; that her education and work had been worthless, which resulted in her being diagnosed with depression in 2018. She expressed concern for her family friend's health being impacted by Brexit; she had become a German citizen to protect her access to health supplies as she was terrified that she would need to purchase her medication after Brexit had been implemented. Ms Klos had joined Croydon for Europe and had spoken to hundreds of people; the experience had so far been eye opening as residents were relaying stories of abuse they had been receiving. She concluded by stating that Brexit made her feel like a stranger in her own country and own town.

Mr Bill Smoker introduced himself to the Cabinet and explained that Brexit had caused the rise of the extreme and far right. He noted concern for the EU citizens; some people from the EU had lived in Britain for decades without having concerns for their citizenship and now had an uncertain future. Since joining Croydon for Europe Mr Smoker had connected with a lot of EU residents who were not applying for citizenship as they were concerned about how their application would be treated, through defiance, and in the hope Brexit would not happen; he stated that it should be a case of registration, not application. Mr Smoker's wife was from Finland and had resided in Britain for 30 years, raised two children in the British education system and now needed to apply for citizenship. He explained that Croydon Council had been helpful to EU residents, especially during the EU elections when the Elections Team had sent forms for EU nationals to complete to enable them to vote and had actively chased these when not receiving a completed copy; unfortunately, other Councils had not done this. He suggested that the information on the Croydon

Council website could be refreshed and a second EU Citizens' Rights & Brexit event should be organised with more notice. Mr Smoker concluded by reading an extract from the book "*In Limbo: Brexit testimonies from EU citizens in the UK*", highlighting a story of a family who no longer had a country called home.

The Leader thanked the speakers and noted that 55% of Croydon residents voted for remain and it was an inclusive place. He would look at organising future events for EU residents; however, he was unsure of when these could be in the near future as there could be General Election called.

The Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs thanked the guest speakers for the emotional stories they shared. She noted the large impact Brexit was having on businesses and employment and that there was new information being reported daily through the media. The Get Ready for Brexit event had been held for local businesses who traded internationally and she had been working closely with partners and local employers in the health and social care sectors. The London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, was preparing for Brexit and the GLA (Greater London Authority) had set up a Brexit support hub. She had attended the previous Coast to Capital Annual General Meeting where it was stated that three local authorities had seen business growth higher than nationally reported, and the London Borough of Croydon was number one.

The Cabinet Member for Safer Croydon & Communities thanked the guest speakers for sharing their concerns and noted that there had been a rise of abuse and hate crime due to Brexit. Councillor Hamida Ali and the Leader had had discussions with the BCU Commander regarding the preparation for the rise in hate crime after a no-deal Brexit, similar to that of after the Referendum. She noted the anti-hate crime pledge which made a statement that there was no place for hate crime in Croydon; 350 individuals had signed up to it, in addition to 30 organisations representing staff in Croydon.

The Shadow Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care thanked the speakers for sharing their emotional stories and noted that she was from an international background; her mother was born in India and her family were from across different areas of Europe. She noted the importance of inclusivity and that the Conservative Councillors were in support of this. She thanked Matthew Kershaw for speaking at Cabinet and for the huge amount of work and future planning which had been completed; there was a high percentage of residents who were living and working at the Croydon University Hospital and the Borough was in a unique position due to this.

Councillor Simon Hoar entered the Council Chamber at 1942 hours.

The Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon noted that there was a large impact on local businesses because of Brexit, including Veolia. He

explained that recycling was transported across Europe and was often needed to be transferred quickly; if the issues at the ports were not resolved, particularly with queuing, then there would be an impact on the planet.

He noted that there should have been a 2/3 majority to impose a major decision and that a 52% majority was not high enough. He reminded the Councillors present of the rise of the far right after the referendum and drew parallels to Germany in the 1930's.

The Conservative Councillors present, Jason Cummings, Jason Perry, Maria Gatland, Lynne Hale, Simon Hoar, Yvette Hopley, Vidhi Mohan and Robert Ward, left the Council Chamber at 1944 hours.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Learning expressed frustration that we had not learnt from history of the impact a decision like this could cause; she noted being a decedent of slaves she was concerned that there were dark times ahead. There was not a clear position of the impact on the education system; however, a full report would be discussed at a future Cabinet meeting.

Councillor Bernadette Khan entered the Council Chamber at 1946 hours.

The Leader thanked the guest speakers, Councillor Leila Ben-Hassel and Matthew Kershaw.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Note the measures in place to mitigate the risks emerging from our exit from the EU including the Brexit Board, ongoing communications with partners and appointment of a Brexit lead; and
2. Note that Brexit preparations have been affected by the lack of clarity over the nature of Brexit, its scale and its timing.

73/19

Corporate Plan Performance

This item was heard second, after A Sustainable Croydon Update.

The Leader introduced and noted that the report included multiple indicators, many showing a positive direction of travel, and explained that the Council was committed to be open and transparent of the performance against challenging times with funding cuts. In the previous week there had been the launch of the Youth Zone and opening of the Fairfield Halls; two huge parts of the Cabinet's commitment were

delivered. The Corporate Plan reflected the priorities and manifesto that the administration had been elected on.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share, Non-Voting) noted that the statistics in Appendix 1 were inaccurate and that the target of homes to be delivered of 1645 was for all homes, and not just private homes as the report suggested. He added that the target had not been met; however, there was approximately 3000 homes to be delivered in the near future.

In response to the Shadow Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources explained that the boundary for an indicator to be marked as red in the Corporate Plan Performance report was 10%.

The Leader noted that the UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children) funding lobbying operation continued and he welcomed cross-party support with this, He thanked the unprecedented support from all 32 boroughs and the work of the Local MPs. Croydon was approximately £10m underfunded per year, which was not a sustainable position, so it was crucial to continue publically calling on the Government to resolve this.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To note the progress made against the Corporate Plan priorities as set out in the report and appendix.

74/19

Make a Stand

Councillor Louisa Woodley exited the Council Chamber at 1949 hours.

Councillor Leila Ben-Hassel exited the Council Chamber at 1951 hours.

The Cabinet Member for Safer Croydon & Communities introduced the report which provided a summary of the Chartered Institute of Housing's "Make a Stand" pledge and the four commitments were; to put in place and embed a policy to support council residents who were affected by domestic abuse, to make information about national and local domestic abuse support services available on the Council's website and in other appropriate places so that they were easily accessible for residents and staff, to put in place a HR policy, or amend an existing policy, to support members of staff who may be experiencing domestic abuse, and to appoint a champion at a senior level in the organisation to own the activity the Council was undertaking to support people experiencing domestic abuse.

It was noted that raising awareness was important; campaigns were run across the Borough and advertising spaces were being utilised. A key area of work was the introduction of the DRIVE project, which looked to find long term solutions to domestic abuse, reduce the number of victims and challenge perpetrators to stop; Croydon was the only site in London to pilot this project for the Mayor of London.

Victoria Atkins MP, Minister for Safeguarding & Vulnerability and Minister for Women, visited the FJC (Family Justice Centre) earlier in the week to find out about the impact the project might have. It was too early to see any clearer findings; however, the statistics gathered by Bristol University from across the country following earlier pilots showed a reduction in violence, including physical violence, harassment and stalking.

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Gateway Services thanked Councillor Hamida Ali and the Council officers for their hard work and expressed the importance of feeling safe within a home for residents. It was important for all Council officers to work together and report any incidents witnessed within the home to ensure people could receive assistance when they need it.

The Cabinet Member for Families, Health & Social Care echoed Councillor Alison Butler's comments and thanked Councillor Hamida Ali. She noted that the figures on domestic violence released earlier in the week highlighted the importance of the work even more.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Sign up to the Chartered Institute of Housing's "Make A Stand" pledge on behalf of the Council to make a commitment to support people experiencing domestic abuse;
2. Note that the Council already complies with three of the elements of the pledge;
3. Appoint the Cabinet Member of Safer Croydon and Communities, to own the activity around supporting those experiencing domestic abuse to adhere to the final element of the pledge; and
4. Agree to publicise the signing of the pledge through the Council website and social media.

75/19

Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Annual Spending Submission 2020/21

The Acting Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share) noted that Transport for London (TfL) had allocated £2.471m

funding to Croydon for 2020/21 including £2.362m for the 'Corridors, Neighbourhoods & Supporting Measures' programme. The report outlined the proposed schemes to receive funding.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the Croydon Annual Spending Submission to TfL to release 2020/21 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding including the following individual schemes:
 - 1.1 Parking management reviews (£100,000).
 - 1.2 Kenley Healthy Streets project (£52,000)
 - 1.3 Suburban bus accessibility project (£30,000)
 - 1.4 Traffic reduction strategy (£30,000)
 - 1.5 Public realm accessibility improvements (£40,000)
 - 1.6 Public Rights of Way improvements (£30,000)
 - 1.7 Parks and green spaces accessibility (£30,000)
 - 1.8 Pedestrian priority improvement schemes (£200,000)
 - 1.9 Cycle hire scheme development (£20,000)
 - 1.10 Cycle route delivery (500,000)
 - 1.11 Car Club development (£30,000)
 - 1.12 E-mobility and EV charging points (£40,000)
 - 1.13 Cycle training and bikeability (£130,000)
 - 1.14 Healthy Workforce (£15,000)
 - 1.15 Promoting walking and cycling (£40,000)
 - 1.16 Play Streets (£10,000)
 - 1.17 Healthy School Neighbourhoods (£300,000)
 - 1.18 School Travel Plans implementation (£130,000)
 - 1.19 Vision Zero – Safer District Centres & 20mph zones (£200,000)
 - 1.20 Vision Zero – Local Safety Schemes (£125,000)
 - 1.21 Vision Zero – Safer Speeds (£150,000)
 - 1.22 Vision Zero – Safer Behaviours (£150,000)
 - 1.23 Vision Zero – Research and evidence (£10,000)
2. Note that the following schemes will require further requests or bids to be submitted to TfL to release of additional funding in 2020/21. The available funding amounts won't be known until after September 2019 and these submissions will be dealt with under the proposed delegation to the Executive Director of Place:
 - 2.1 South London Construction Consolidation Centre - Mayor's Air Quality Fund (£TBC)
 - 2.2 Reconnecting Old Town - Liveable Neighbourhood Programme (£TBC)
 - 2.3 'Principal Road Renewal' funding totalling (£TBC);
 - 2.4 'Bridge Assessment and Strengthening' funding proposals

- totalling (£TBC)
- 2.5 Low Emission Neighbourhood (£TBC)
- 2.6 Bus Priority Portfolio Delivery (£TBC)

3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Acting Cabinet Member for Transport, Regeneration and Environment (Job Share) to make any further amendments to the Annual Spending Submission 2020/21, including submission of the additional bids or requests for funding mentioned at 2.1 to 2.6 above.

76/19

Education Estates Strategy Update

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Learning introduced the report and explained to Members that it was an update paper following the main report previously agreed by Cabinet on 21 January 2019. The majority of the recommendations were for noting; however, the proposed three year school place supply strategy and the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) supply strategy were seeking approval from Cabinet.

It was noted that the future indication for school places showed sufficient in primary and secondary school places; there was a 5% drop in the birth rate in 2013, which had resulted in a falling school roll. There was a high number of children in the top levels within primary education, due to an increase in birth rate previously, who would be moving through to secondary school in the next few years. It was explained that despite this there was no current plans to create additional mainstream school places.

It was explained to Cabinet that there were new schools being opened: Arc Blake Academy, opening in September 2021; St. Nicholas School, the new SEND school specialising in those diagnosed with autism, would be opening in September 2020; and the free school Addington Valley Academy was expected to be opened in 2020.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

School Place Planning

1. Note the update of mainstream school pupil projections undertaken and submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) in July 2019 – available places vs school capacity (SCAP) 2019 forecasts – at appendix 1 of the report.
2. Note the temporary expansion of Smitham Primary by one form of entry from September 2019.
3. Approve the proposed three year school place supply strategy –

paras. 3.24-3.26 and appendix 6 of the report.

4. Note delegated decision (ref no. 0619LR) taken by the Executive Director of Children, Families and Education, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Learning to close St Andrew's CofE High School from August 2020 – at appendices 2 and 3 of the report.

5. Alternative Provision / Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)

- 5.1 Note the decision of East Surrey College not to enter into a lease with Croydon Council for the land adjacent to the Cotelands site.

- 5.2 Note that refurbishment of the existing Cotelands PRU building at John Ruskin College has been completed.

Special Educational Needs and Disability

6. Note and agree the updated Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) supply strategy (Table 1 of the report) for the next 3 academic years – 2019/20 to 2021/22. The SEND School Place Plan is informed by the Council's Dedicated Schools Grant Recovery Plan and 0-25 SEND Strategy.

7. Note that the ESFA commissioned Croydon to lead on the delivery of the new special free school - Addington Valley Academy (Timebridge site) which is proposed to be fully funded by the ESFA at a budget of £13.509m.

8. Note the update on the partnership with Croydon Further Education (FE) college to establish new local post 16 places in an SEN Centre of Excellence.

9. Note the continued planned expansion of secondary autism Enhanced Learning provision at Oasis Arena.

10. Note the proposed feasibility option regarding Red Gates; St Giles and Priory Special Schools.

School Admissions

- 11 Note the number of children and young people who received their first or top three preference school.

Capital Programme

- 12 Note the updated Education Capital Programme spend – at appendix 4 of the report.

School Maintenance and Compliance

- 13 Note the updated on the Schools' Maintenance Plan for 2019/20 that was agreed in January 2019 - Appendix 5 and delegate

authority to the Executive Director, Children, Families and Education to vary the plan to reflect actual prices and new urgent issues that may arise, including authorising spend against the allowance for emergency and reactive works. The Executive Director, Children, Families and Education shall report back to members in respect of any exercise of such authority.

14 Note update on fire safety works in Croydon community schools.

77/19

Quarter 1 Financial Performance 2019/20

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources introduced the report and thanked council officers for their hard work managing the expenditure.

There was a continued growth in demand and a set of initiatives were being taken for prevention and early help, some of which were referenced in report, to help families, residents and reduce their need. Despite this, the report showed a balanced forecast for the council this financial year.

Councillor Woodley entered the Council Chamber at 2002 hours.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Note the current revenue outturn forecast at the end of the first quarter of 2019/20 of **£0.025m**, this is before exceptional items of **£9.415m**, resulting in a total overspend of **£9.440m**;
2. Note that the exceptional items of £9.4m relate to costs incurred by Croydon Council for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) and No Recourse To Public Funds (NRPF), due to insufficient funding from the Home Office;
3. Note the ongoing engagement with and lobbying of Government by the Council for additional funding for Croydon, both in general terms and specifically Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children given Croydon's gateway status;
4. Note the HRA position of a **£0.213m** forecast underspend against budget;
5. Note the capital outturn projection of **£341.3m**, forecast to be an underspend of **£95.4m** against budget;
6. Agree that an additional four new pipeline sites are disposed of to Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd, as detailed in paragraph 7.8 of the report; and

7. Note the recommendation to Full Council to increase the Capital Programme, this includes an additional £100m for asset investment.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council

1. The approval to increase to the capital programme by **£112.816m** as set out in Table 6 of the report; and
2. The approval of an increase to the Operational Boundary for borrowing, and Authorised Borrowing Limit of **£219.296m** set out in Table 7 of the report.

78/19

Stage 1: Recommendations arising from Scrutiny

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To receive the recommendations arising from the Children & Young People Sub-Committee (18 June 2019) and Scrutiny & Overview Committee (16 July 2019) and to provide a substantive response within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on **21 October 2019**).

79/19

Investing in our Borough

Councillor Hall noted that the final phase of the Colonnades Leisure and Retail Park had been completed.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To note

1. The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, between 12/06/2019 – 15/08/2019;
2. The list of delegated award decisions for contracts over £500,000 in value and procurement strategies over £5,000,000 in value made by the nominated Cabinet Member in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources or, where the nominated Cabinet Member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources in consultation with the Leader since the last meeting of Cabinet; and
3. Property acquisitions and disposals agreed by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources in consultation with the Leader since the last meeting of Cabinet.

80/19

Exclusion of the Press and Public

This was not required.

The meeting ended at 8.07 pm