

Scrutiny Recommendations: Stage 1

Committee	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Conclusion	Recommendation	Cabinet Lead	Officer Lead
Streets Environment and Homes	17/12/2019	<p>Policy for Council Community Properties, Rent Subsidy and Rate Relief</p> <p>(considered by Cabinet on 20 January 2020)</p>	It was not deemed appropriate for Social Enterprises and Co-Operatives to be automatically excluded from submitting an application for Rent Subsidy.	<p>That Social Enterprises and Co-Operatives should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Be eligible to submit an application should they meet the criteria and their application be considered on its own merit. b) Officers to discuss and formulate a plan as to how to assess the eligibility of these groups if there is to be a difference in application criteria to that of Voluntary Organisations. <p>(adopted by Cabinet during its consideration of the report)</p>	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Streets Environment and Homes	17/12/2019	<p>Policy for Council Community Properties, Rent Subsidy and Rate Relief</p> <p>(considered by Cabinet on 20 January 2020)</p>	The timeline for notification of award of discretionary Business Rate Relief be amended to ensure that organisations were notified as early as possible of the decision made; to enable alternative arrangements to be made ahead of the beginning of the financial year should they not be eligible for the rate relief	That in order to reduce the length of time between submission of application and notification of decision, organisations be notified of the outcome of their application for discretionary rate relief no later than the January following submission. Except in a re-evaluation year where notification should be made in the March following submission	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford

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				of their application to ensure that a definite decision is provided in the first instance (adopted by Cabinet during its consideration of the report)		
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	10 February 2020	Fairfield Halls	That while occupancy levels at the Halls were not as high as immediately prior to their closure for its restoration, they were positive in the context of the building work having only recently been completed and car parking provision not being available. It would take a full year of operation before the Committee could fully assess the performance of the restored Halls.	That BH Live be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in Summer of 2021 to update Members on the progress made, to allow the committee to assess their progress against the operator's original business case.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	10 February 2020	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure	That while the evolving cultural programme in the Borough was to be commended for promoting Croydon's youth culture, the programme should also be inclusive of all ages and celebrate the many historical aspects of culture in Croydon.	That the musical heritage trial be developed to include Croydon's rich musical heritage in the genres of rock, R&B and folk music.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	10 February 2020	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure	That the previous recommendation requesting a review of the Council's by-laws in parks had not been undertaken and remained outstanding.	That the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport expedite the review of by-laws	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray

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				in the Council's park and open spaces.		
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	10 February 2020	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure	That the trailing of extended library opening hours was to be commended and likely to provide a beneficial study environment at evening and weekends.	That the Cabinet Member be asked to provide an update in 12 months on the success of the implementation of the Library Plus programme.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	10 February 2020	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure	That there are examples of where more co-ordination between portfolios would be of benefit, such as the use of inappropriate vehicles by other council services in the borough's parks.	That the use of Council vehicles in its parks be limited to vehicles that are appropriate and sensitive to the park environment.	Oliver Lewis	Paula Murray
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	10 February 2020	Proposed General Fund Revenue Budget 2020-21	That the Council's ability to accurately forecast and monitor the delivery of required savings would be crucial to achieving the budget in the 2020/21 financial year.	That the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources be requested to provide an update on the bedding in of the Council's new financial monitoring systems in September 2020.	Simon Hall	Lisa Taylor