

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b> <b>28 September 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL FOR DECISION</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Katherine Kerswell, Interim Chief Executive Jacqueline Harris Baker, Executive Director of Resources and Monitoring Officer Lisa Taylor, Director of Finance, Investment and Risk and Section 151 Officer</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b> The Recommendations of Cabinet referred to the Council for Decision report is prepared in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2020**

At its meeting on 28 September 2020, Cabinet resolved to recommend to Council to:

### **Croydon Renewal Plan and amendments to the 2020/21 General Fund budget**

- 1.1. Note the latest forecast revenue budget overspend of £50.3m detailed in section 3 of appendix 1.
- 1.2. Approve the savings options of £27.9m listed in section 5 of appendix 1 to reduce the forecast overspend this year and amend the 2020/21 budget to include the additional in-year savings.
- 1.3. Agree that a formal approach is made to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to seek a capitalisation direction to enable the 2020/21 budget to be balanced.
- 1.4. Agree to the development of Croydon's Renewal Plan, to deliver a sustainable balanced budget over the medium term, and to provide an update to Full Council in November 2020.
- 1.5. Note the in-year review of the Capital Programme and agree that a review of the future Capital programme be undertaken and to provide an update to Full Council in November 2020.

- 1.6. Agree that a strategic review of the Council's group of companies and entities be undertaken and to delegate to the Executive Director of Place the scope and terms of that review, and to provide an update to Council in November 2020.

### **Financial Performance Report – Quarter 1 June 2020**

- 1.7. Approve the revised capital programme as detailed in section 9 and table 8 of Appendix 2, including the slippage from 2019/20, which reflects a substantial reduction in the original capital budget for 2020/21.

## **2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1. The 'Recommendations of Cabinet Referred to the Council for Decision' report comprises matters of business formally undertaken by the Leader and Cabinet since the last ordinary meeting of the Council that require Full Council approval.
- 2.2. This report details recommendations made by Cabinet at its meeting on 21 September 2020.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. Part 4A of the Constitution requires that Cabinet includes any recommendations that it has made to Council within this report.
- 3.2. Part 4A of the Constitution also prescribes speaking rules for consideration of recommendations from Cabinet by Council. Those rules limit speaking rights on a recommendation to a single speaker to introduce the recommendation to Council for a maximum of three minutes.
- 3.3. Further provision does also exist within the Constitution to allow for recommendations to be deferred for debate. Those provisions, if used, would allow for a further six speakers for a total of 21 minutes.
- 3.4. The recommendations detailed in the report relate to significant amendments to the Council's budget. Given both the importance of the recommendations to be considered by Council and the pace at which they have been developed, it is the view of the Mayor that the normal Constitutional provisions for the consideration of these recommendations may not allow Council adequate time for full consideration prior to their determination.
- 3.5. To that end, following consultation and agreement with both political groups, Madam Mayor has agreed to vary the procedure to be followed for the consideration of these recommendations.
- 3.6. For this item only, the process to be followed will be as follows:
  - i) Opening presentation from the Director of Finance, Investment and Risk and Section 151 Officer
  - ii) Introduction from the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources

- iii) Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (60 minutes)
- iv) Budget Scrutiny update from the Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (5 minutes)
- v) Budget Debate to run as follows:
  - a. The Leader of the Council or other Cabinet Member in moving the recommendations shall have not more than 10 minutes. The seconder shall be deemed to have reserved their right to speak later in the debate. The Leader of the Opposition shall have not more than 10 minutes to speak.
  - b. Two further Members from each Group shall be called alternately by the Mayor and shall each speak for not more than 3 minutes.
  - c. The Leader or other Cabinet Member will be invited to exercise a right of reply and shall be allowed to speak for not more than five minutes.
- vi) At the conclusion of the Budget Debate, the Mayor will immediately put the recommendations to the vote.

3.6 Attached at **Appendix 1** is the **Croydon Renewal Plan and amendments to the 2020/21 General Fund budget** report considered at the **Cabinet** meeting held on 28 September 2020. There are no appendices to this report.

3.7 Attached at **Appendix 2** is the **Financial Performance Report – Quarter 1 June 2020** report considered at the **Cabinet** meeting held on 21 September 2020. The relevant appendices to this report is also included. This is **Appendix 2A** (2020-21 Variances over £100K) and **Appendix 2B** (Capital Programme 2020 - 21).

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<b>APPENDIX 1:</b>	Croydon Renewal Plan and amendments to the 2020/21 General Fund budget report
<b>APPENDIX 2:</b>	Financial Performance Report – Quarter 1 June 2020 report
<b>APPENDIX 2A:</b>	2020-21 Variances over £100K
<b>APPENDIX 2B:</b>	Capital Programme 2020 - 21

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** None