

Leader Q&A

Scrutiny and Overview Committee

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Stabilising the council

- Croydon Renewal Plan in place
- Improvement and assurance Panel working with members and officers
- Balanced budgets – following capitalisation direction
- Cultural change underway – with members and officers
- Clear housing improvement agenda set with residents
- Recommendation to Full Council for a permanent Chief Executive

The year ahead: revisiting our priorities

- Providing excellent core services
- Tackling inequality and ingrained poverty
- **Warm, safe and dry homes for everyone**
- **Tackling the climate emergency**
- **Supporting Croydon's health and economic recovery from Covid-19**

The year ahead: how we deliver our priorities

- Living within our means
- **A strong relationship with residents**
- **Speaking up for Croydon and the issues that affect our communities**
- An open and transparent council

Living within our means

- Delivering this year's budget
- Implementing strategic review of council companies
- Monthly budget monitoring, savings tracking and performance measurement
- Making progress with the cultural change needed on finance, governance and risk
- Work to identify £63m savings for 2022-23 budget already underway

A strong relationship with residents

- Clear focus ahead on building trust and strengthening our relationship with residents
- Driving principle of our housing improvement agenda
- Croydon Climate Crisis Citizens Assembly and Commission
- Commitment to connecting with more residents

Speaking up for Croydon

- Raising our voice to represent the interests of the borough and our communities
- Leading on the issues that matter to residents
- Striving to lead by our example on the issues that make a difference to our communities

Greater openness and transparency

- Government Rapid Review published in February – with an Improvement and Assurance Panel appointed
- Engagement with residents and staff on Croydon Renewal Plan
- Monthly reporting to Cabinet on budget and performance
- Seeking a shift in relationship with residents

Looking further ahead

- Strengthening the capacity and resilience of the council
- Focused on the borough and our communities
- Looking to opportunities to support the borough's recovery
- Continuing to collaborate and innovate with partners in all sectors

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