

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>CABINET</b> <b>7 December 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY (DECEMBER 2022)</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	<b>JANE WEST - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES</b>  <b>ADRIAN MAY – INTERIM HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &amp; SCRUTINY</b>
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR ROWENNA DAVIS</b> <b>CHAIR, SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>JASON PERRY, EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF CROYDON</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>	
<p>The Scrutiny recommendations to the Executive (Appendix A) may have financial implications. Following the recommendations being received at Cabinet, the Executive will identify and consider any financial implications as part of their response. If any recommendation is subsequently progressed for consideration and decision by the Executive Mayor in Cabinet, full financial, legal and equalities implications would be presented.</p>	
<b>FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE:</b> Not a key decision	

The Executive Mayor has the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations contained within this report:

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Executive Mayor in Cabinet is asked to:

1. Receive the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Homes Sub-Committee held on 5 December 2022 (Appendix A).
2. To provide a substantive response to the recommendations (a Scrutiny Stage 2 Report) within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on 22 February 2023).

## **2. STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY**

- 2.1 Recommendations that have been developed from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and its Sub-Committees since the last Cabinet meeting are provided in Appendix A. The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within 2 months of this Cabinet meeting.

## **3. CONCLUSIONS FROM COMMITTEE/SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 3.1 In order to provide additional context for the Cabinet, a summary of the conclusions reached by the Scrutiny & Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committee follows.

### ***Homes Sub-Committee – 5 December 2022***

#### ***Pre-Decision Scrutiny: Updating the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy***

- 3.2 The Sub-Committee concluded that the department were taking the right approach by not rushing into producing a new Strategy and extending the current strategy with an updated Action Plan and Members were reassured that the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities were on board with this.
- 3.3 Members were encouraged that additional resource and expertise was being sought to address substance misuse and concluded that, should central government grant funding for Croydon be reduced, that the plan to address this was shared with Members.
- 3.4 The Sub-Committee were of the view that under occupancy of registered social landlord properties should be investigated to see if this could provide additional Temporary and Emergency Accommodation capacity.

#### ***Pre-Decision Scrutiny: Distribution of the Household Support Fund Grant***

- 3.5 The Sub-Committee thanked officers for their hard work in getting the Fund into place in good time and under challenging conditions, considering the late issuing of government instructions on the distribution of the Household Support Grant.
- 3.6 Members were of the view that simplified information on grant eligibility be provided to Members and residents, with Members involved in helping to identify possible allocations for the Fund.
- 3.7 The Sub-Committee raised concerns about the length of payment times for the discretionary element of the fund and the impact this could have on the most vulnerable recipients.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The recommendations were developed from the deliberations of either the Scrutiny & Overview Committee or one of its Sub-Committees.

#### **5. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

- 5.1 The recommendations set out in the appendix to this report directly arise from Scrutiny.

#### **6. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the content of this report. Please see Finance Impact Section above.

#### **7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 The Head of Litigation and Corporate Law comments on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance that the recommendations are presented to Cabinet in accordance with the Constitution.
- 7.2 This requires that the Scrutiny report is received and registered at this Cabinet Meeting and that a substantive response is provided within 2 months (i.e. **Cabinet – 22 February 2023** is the next available meeting).

Approved by Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation & Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance & Deputy Monitoring Officer

#### **8. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 8.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from the content of this report, the report received recommendations from scrutiny, but no decision for recommendation.

#### **9. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

- 9.1 There are no human resource implications arising directly from the contents of this report

#### **10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 10.1 There are no environmental implications arising directly from the contents of this report, the report received recommendations from scrutiny, but no decision for recommendation.

#### **11. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT**

11.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from the contents of this report, the report received recommendations from scrutiny, but no decision for recommendation.

## **12. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION**

12.1 There is a statutory requirement for Cabinet to receive the recommendations made by Scrutiny.

## **13. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

13.1 None

## **14. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

### **14.1 WILL THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT INVOLVE THE PROCESSING OF 'PERSONAL DATA'?**

There are no Data Protection implications at this stage, but that the situation will be reviewed again at Stage 2 when Cabinet provide their response to the proposed recommendations.

### **14.2 HAS A DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT (DPIA) BEEN COMPLETED?**

No.

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#### **APPENDICES:**

Appendix A – Recommendations from Scrutiny

#### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

Meeting of the Homes Sub-Committee held on 5 December 2022

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=485&MIId=3443>