



Leader of the Council Cabinet Member Bulletin Councillor Tony Newman July 2018

Latest News

It is with great pride that I can report that the people of Croydon have voted for our Labour administration to continue delivering our ambitious vision for Croydon. As we continue to serve Croydon and unlock its potential, the priority for the next four years will be our key Manifesto pledges:

1. Every street cleaner and safer, with zero tolerance for criminal fly tippers.
2. Work with our local NHS to protect front line services and improve public health.
3. Tackle rising crime and fight to end Government cuts to our police
4. Support our young people with the jobs, skills & training that allows them to reach their full potential
5. Protect our front line services and continue where possible to devolve more decisions about how those services are run for local people.

The Corporate plan, set around key themes, will be published in September. The plan will detail how we will achieve and deliver, working in partnership with our residents as well as local voluntary, public sector and business partners.

Westfield and Hammerson

Work is set to start on this exciting project – a joint venture between Westfield and Hammerson known as The Croydon Partnership in 2019. Croydon Council welcomes the commitment by the John Lewis Partnership to be an anchor in the £1.4bn redevelopment of The Whitgift Shopping Centre. This decision demonstrates their confidence in Croydon's regeneration, its infrastructure and its growth and most importantly, as a place that people want to be.

The transformation of the Town Centre will see over 300 shops, including a brand new M&S; restaurants, cafés; leisure facilities and a multi-screen cinema complex, while creating up to 7,000 jobs for local people and 1,000 new homes. Croydon is London's growth borough, where everyone has the opportunity to benefit.



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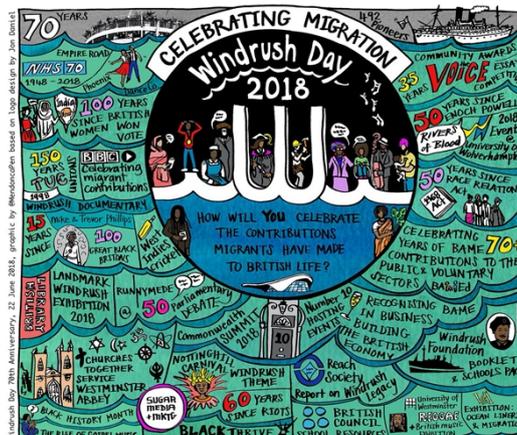
Inside Youth zone

The beginning of May saw the ground-breaking ceremony mark the start of building work for Croydon's new £6.5m state-of-the-art Legacy youth zone. The youth zone is being developed on the site of the former Whitehorse Youth Centre. Demolition of the old building got under way earlier in the spring. It is fantastic to see this project with young people at its centre helping to shape what will be on offer, become a reality.



Windrush Day

On Friday 22nd June we were the first borough in the country to raise the Windrush flag to mark the UK's inaugural Windrush Day – a celebration of the rich diversity that British Commonwealth citizens bring to the borough. The raising of the flag marked 70 years since the ship Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in 1948 carrying amongst its passengers 492 citizens from the Caribbean. These passengers blazed a trail for thousands more, who would travel from across what was then the British Empire. They came to help rebuild Britain after the war, their contribution to almost every aspect of our national life has been incalculable.





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Freedom of the Borough

It gave me great pleasure to nominate Roy Hodgson for the Freedom of the Borough award in recognition of his contribution to Croydon and to football, both home and abroad. He represents all that is great about Croydon. Born and raised here, he's had a remarkable international career in football and, to cap it all, he's now the manager and saviour of Crystal Palace. He'll go down in history for his remarkable feat in keeping the team in the Premier League this year, after CPFC started the season with seven consecutive defeats prior to his appointment.



Leader's Diary for May/June

- Onside Ground Breaking Ceremony
- Launch Croydon Mela
- Local Strategic Partnership Board
- London Councils Leader's Committee
- Windrush Generation Event at the Braithwaite Halls
- LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board
- Meeting with Chief Superintendent Jeff Boothe, South Area BCU Commander
- Develop Croydon Partners Breakfast Event
- Croydon Occupier Event
- EID Celebration at Norbury Park
- South London Partnership Board
- Introductory with Andrew Williams, Borough Commander for Croydon Fire Brigade
- MOPAC London Knife Crime Summit
- Meeting with local MPs
- Meeting with Faith Leaders
- Hub Ground Breaking Ceremony
- Meeting with Chair of Safeguarding Board
- Meeting with Chief Executive and Chair of Crystal Palace Football Club
- Chinese Investment Delegation

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