

CABINET

Meeting held on Monday 16 December 2013 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX.

MINUTES - PART A

Present: Councillors Mike Fisher (Leader of the Council),
Councillor Dudley Mead (Statutory Deputy Leader)
Councillor Tim Pollard (Deputy Leader);
Councillors Sara Bashford, Simon Hoar, Margaret Mead,
Vidhi Mohan, Steve O'Connell and Phil Thomas.
Councillor Richard Chatterjee deputised for Councillor Jason Perry
in a non-voting capacity.

Other Majority Group Members in attendance: Councillors
Buttinger, Cummings, Kellett, Lenton, Neal, Pearson, Speakman
and Wright.

Shadow Cabinet Members in attendance: Councillors Avis, Bee,
Butler, Collins, Hall, Letts and Newman.

Other Minority Group Members in attendance: Councillors Lawlor
and P Ryan.

Absent: Cabinet: Councillor Jason Perry.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jason Perry,
Mark Watson and Louisa Woodley.

A108/13 Part A Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 18 November 2013

The Part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 November 2013 were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as a correct record.

A109/13 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

A110/13 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

A111/13 Exempt Items

RESOLVED that the allocation of business in the agenda be confirmed, as printed.

A112/13 Annual Report of the Croydon Safeguarding Adults Board 2012/13

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decision set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

that they were aware of the contents of the annual report, the work that is happening regarding safeguarding adults at risk and the on-going planning to strengthen this area of joint work by the Council and its statutory and voluntary partner agencies.

A113/13 Annual Review Council Tax Support Scheme

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

1. to note the impacts of the initial period of operation of the Council Tax Support scheme;
2. to agree the continuation of the existing Croydon Council Tax Support Scheme, on the current terms for 2014/15.

A114/13 Financial Performance 2013/14 – Quarter 2

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

- 1) to approve virement detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.
- 2) to note the projected outturn for 2013/14 of an overspend of £1.842m
- 3) to note the changes to the capital programme for 2013/14 incorporating re-phasing of the programme to take account of the slippage and underspends identified shown in table 4.
- 4) to note the HRA forecast of a surplus of £0.245m for the current financial year.

A115/13 Amendments to Housing Renewal Policy

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED**

to recommend to full Council that it agrees the proposed amendments (shown in appendix B to the report) to the Housing Renewal Policy.

A116/13 Proposed change of use of Tonbridge House retirement housing scheme to general needs temporary accommodation for homeless families with children

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

Having considered the responses to the consultation on the proposal to change the use of Tonbridge House retirement housing block to general needs temporary accommodation for homeless families with children, together with officer's comments on these as detailed in the report and appendices, and having considered the equality impact assessment relating to this proposal at Appendix 2 of the report:

1. to agree that Tonbridge House retirement housing scheme be converted to general needs housing for use as temporary accommodation for homeless households in priority need (Option 2 for consultation purposes), and to note that existing tenants will be given the choice of remaining in the scheme or moving to alternative suitable accommodation(with support provided).

2. to agree:

2.1 implementation of the activities and processes from March 2014 to realise the effects of change of use to general needs temporary accommodation as soon as possible.

2.2 to Implement the actions proposed at Appendix 8 of the report to mitigate the concerns raised by existing tenants.

2.3 that priority be given to tenants from Tonbridge House wishing to relocate on the allocation of vacant properties in the neighbouring block Sevenoaks.

2.4 to commit an average sum of £4k per household to cover the costs associated with resettling the existing tenants who choose to

move to alternative accommodation on the basis of the Re-housing Policy and Procedure at Appendix 4 of the report.

2.5 that the Executive Director for Adult Health and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Leader (Statutory), Capital Budget and Asset Management and Cabinet Member for Housing, be delegated authority to agree any further steps necessary for the implementation of the Option 2.

2.6 that the Executive Director for Adult Health and Housing in consultation with the Deputy Leader (Statutory) be delegated authority to agree any future retirement housing scheme to be converted to general needs temporary accommodation for homeless households.

A117/13 Your Croydon Counts

NOTED: that the Leader of the Council had delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below.

Cabinet **RESOLVED** to note the Quarter 2 performance for 2013/14 within appendix 1 of the report.

A118/13 Camera Resolution

Cabinet **RESOLVED** that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

A119/13 Part B Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 November 2013 (in camera – exempt under Paragraph 3)

The Part B minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 November 2013 were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as a correct record.

PART B MINUTES - none

The meeting ended at 7.34pm