

CABINET

**Meeting held on Monday 14 July 2014 at 6.30 p.m. in the
Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX.**

MINUTES - PART A

Present: Councillor Tony Newman, Leader of the Council;
Councillor Alison Butler, Deputy Leader (Statutory);
Councillor Stuart Collins, Deputy Leader;
Councillors Kathy Bee, Alisa Flemming, Timothy Godfrey,
Simon Hall, Toni Letts, Mark Watson and Louisa Woodley.

Other Majority Group Members in attendance: Councillors
Ali, Canning, Chowdhury, Fitzsimons, Henson, Kabir, S. Khan,
King, Kyeremeh, Mansell, Pelling, Prince, P. Ryan and Scott.

Shadow Cabinet Members in attendance:
Councillors Cummings, Gatland, Mohan, O'Connell, T. Pollard and
Thomas.

Other Minority Group Members in attendance: Councillors
Bashford, Bird, Buttinger, Creatura, Hale, Hopley, Neal, Quadir,
Speakman and Wright.

Absent: Cabinet: none.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fisher,
Hay-Justice, D. Mead, M. Mead & Perry.

Guests: attended for Item 8:
John Burton, Director of Development, Westfield
Steve Yewman, Westfield
Carol Clapperton, Chair of Stanley People's Initiative.

A41/14 Part A Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 30 June 2014

The Part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 30 June 2014
were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as a
correct record.

A42/14 Disclosures of Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary or personal interest were made during the meeting.

A43/14 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

A44/14 Exempt Items

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

A45/14 An Open and Transparent Council for the People of Croydon

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

RESOLVED to:

(1) Recommend to Full Council that it agrees a range of amendments to the Constitution (as set out in this report and in the report on the review of the constitution elsewhere on this agenda) so that the openness and transparency of the Council is improved;

(2) Note the initiatives proposed to make the Council and its workings more accessible to the Community;

(3) agree that the Local Government Transparency Code 2014 ("the Transparency Code") requirements could be used as a measure of the Council's Transparency Performance and as a driver to reduce departmental expenditure, by supporting the work of the Shape Croydon initiative;

(4) Note:

i. The additional and amended publication requirements placed on the Council by the revised Transparency Code and the measures within this report which already support the aims of the Transparency Code;

ii. That the Publication Scheme is being reviewed in light of the Transparency Code requirements to improve the dissemination of information to the Community;

iii. That the options regarding the best use of the website for publication purposes are being investigated;

iv. The ongoing obligation to ensure that the Data Protection Act 1998 and requirements of data protection are adhered to in complying with publication and the Transparency Code requirements.

v. The need for consideration to be given to not only establishing but resourcing the monitoring and publication of information returns to ensure consistency, accuracy and compliance with the Council's obligations both under the Transparency Code and under the Data Protection Act 1998 which in turn will support the Council's openness and transparency agenda.

A46/14 Living Wage for Croydon

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council will seek to become an accredited London Living Wage employer;
2. The implementation of the London Living Wage for the Council's directly employed workforce and through working in partnership with Croydon schools to achieve this aim by 1st April 2015;
3. The Council seek for existing contractual arrangements to move towards the London Living Wage in an appropriate timescale; and
4. That the Council work to fully implement the London Living Wage requirement through its procurement and commissioning processes and wherever possible include a contractual requirement to that effect.

A47/14 Growth Plan and District Centre Investment: Growth for All

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

RESOLVED: to agree the principles of the Growth Plan as the basis for developing constituent key documents listed in para.2.5 with detailed plans for each part of the borough to create sustained growth in Croydon which will lead to more jobs for local people, homes and places where people want to live and work.

A48/14 Targeting Empty Properties

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

Having considered the information set out in the body of the report on introducing a stronger policy approach to tackling empty properties including a vigorous campaign to raise awareness, encourage reporting and publicise strong enforcement action and having considered the requirements of the Council's Public Sector Equalities Duty set out in section 8 of the report,

RESOLVED:

1. to authorise the Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration to implement the robust approach set out in Section 3 of the report
2. to note that the Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration will provide a further report to updating Cabinet on progress in implementing the action plan in 2015.

A49/14 Investing in the future of our Young People: Schools Places and Admissions

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

RESOLVED to

1. Approve the proposed programmes for delivering school places and the necessary funding required for the supply of school places for September 2016/17; a revised selection of projects approved in principle by the Cabinet in November 2013.
2. Agree to the development of provision to expand provision for children with special educational needs, in order to meet increases in demand.
3. Delegate the details on the acquisition of Segas House to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury.
4. Delegate to the Lead Member for Children the ability to approve an amendment to the scheme for a new school to be delivered by Oasis Community Trust using the Arena site.
5. Agree to the publication of statutory notice to the proposal to permanently expand St Joseph's Catholic Junior, Infants and Nursery Schools
6. Note the outcomes from consultations on proposals to permanently expand the following schools:
 - Ark Oval Primary Academy
 - West Thornton Primary Academy
7. note proposal by Parish Church schools to change its status and name;
8. agree supplementary advice to parents' regarding school admissions.

A50/14 Annual Public Health Report 2014

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

RESOLVED to endorse this draft of the Annual Public Health Report for 2014.

A51/14 July Financial Review

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

RESOLVED to

1. Approve the carry forward of £48.235m slippage to the 2014/15 General Fund and HRA Capital Programmes as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
2. Approve the changes to the capital programme in relation to the Empty homes, Education estates and Tennison Road Bridge as set out in Paragraph 11.3 of the report, and note the overall changes to the capital programme over the 2014/17 period.
3. Approve the case for additional funding for Croydon as set out in paragraph 5.25 onwards and Appendix 2 of the report, and the approach to ensuring that central government is aware of the unfairness inherent in the current system
4. Approve the costs associated with Bernard Weatherill House and plans over the financial strategy period 2015/18 to ensure transparency over all costs and income associated with the asset.
5. Approve the approach to ensuring the financial challenge of the period 2015/18 are tackled through the 'Croydon Challenge Programme' and fresh approach taken by the new administration to resource prioritisation.

A52/14 Coast to Capital Joint Committee

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

RESOLVED

1. to agree the establishment of the Coast to Capital Joint Committee, constituted in accordance with the Heads of Terms specified in Appendix 1 of the report.
2. to note that establishment of the Coast to Capital Joint Committee is dependent on all the bodies to be represented on the Committee agreeing that it be established.

3. subject to all Coast to Capital Joint Committee members agreeing to the establishment of the Committee, that:

a. the Chief Executive be granted delegated authority to take all measures necessary or incidental to (i) the implementation of recommendation (1.1) above, and (ii) the on-going management and administration of the Committee; and

b. Instructs the Monitoring Officer to amend the Council's Constitution to reflect in Part 2, Article 11, and Schedule 1 the establishment of the Coast to Capital Joint Committee.

A53/14 Drug and Alcohol Engagement, Treatment and Recovery Service for Adults and Young People

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

Having considered the confidential information in the report contained in agenda item B1

the Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the award of a contract for Drug and Alcohol Engagement, Treatment and Recovery Services to the provider and on the terms detailed in the associated Part B report on this agenda proposed to commence on 1 October 2014 for an initial term of five years at a value of £13,229,622, with the option to extend for up to two further years at a value of £2,607,610 per annum, for a total maximum contract value of £18,844,802 over seven years.

A54/14 Acquisition of two 10 year leases for Concord and Sycamore House for the provision of new Temporary Housing

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

Having considered the confidential information in the report contained in agenda item B2

the Cabinet RESOLVED:

1. to agree that the Council enter into a 10 year lease of Concord House 454-458 London Road, Croydon without a break to provide 126 units of accommodation as part of the Council's homeless strategy.

2. to agree that the Council enter into a 10 year lease of Sycamore House 799 London Road, Croydon with a break at the end of the 5th year to provide 63 units of accommodation as part of the Council's homeless strategy.

A55/14 Proposed Changes to the Constitution and Related Constitutional Matters

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

RESOLVED to recommend the following to full Council:

1. That the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendices 1, 3 and 11 be approved;
2. That Full Council confirm that, in terms of representation on the Pensions Committee, that the number of Members on the Pensions Committee is increased to 8 Members plus 1 Staff Side and 2 Pensioner Side non-voting co-opted Members appointed on an annual basis following consultation with the Staff Side and Pensioners of the Pension Fund and furthermore that the 8 Council Members shall comprise 5 Majority Group Members and 3 Minority Group Members.
3. That the changes to the Planning and Planning sub-Committee Procedure rules at Part 4K of the Constitution as set out in Appendix 2 be approved;
4. Note the Leaders' Draft Scheme of Delegation at Appendix 4 and the Cabinet Member Portfolios at Appendix 5;
5. Note the order of Business for both the Ordinary meeting and the Council Tax meeting as are set out at Appendix 6 and 7 respectively;
6. That the provisions of the Constitution be updated to reflect the ability of members of the public to report on the meetings via social media;
7. That the revised Scrutiny arrangements set out at Appendix 8, 9 and 10 be approved;
8. That the Tenders and Contracts Regulations at Part 4.I of the Constitution be amended to reflect the changes to related decision making arrangements as set out in Appendix 13 of the report;
9. That the Chief Financial Officer be given delegated authority to make amendments to the Financial Regulation and the Corporate Scheme of Financial Delegations and note that the Financial Regulations at Part 4.H of the Constitution are being updated to reflect the above changes.
10. That in the light of the recommendations of the Independent Panel on the Remuneration of Members in London ("The Independent Panel the Scheme of Members' Allowances as set out at Appendix 12 be approved; and
11. That a delegation to the Director of Democratic and Legal Services be given to make the agreed changes and any consequential amendments to the Constitution needed to effect the recommended changes within this report including changes to Part 4D – Executive Procedure Rules and elsewhere in the Constitution.

A56/14 Contracts and Leases to be Awarded Over £500,000

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

RESOLVED

1. to note The contracts and leases over £500,000 anticipated to be awarded before the next meeting of Cabinet under delegated authority from the Leader by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury or, where the nominated Cabinet Member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury, in consultation with the Leader, ;
2. to note the list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Strategy Commissioning and Procurement between 20/6/2014 to 14/07/2014.
3. to recommend to the Leader of the Council that prior to the next meeting of Cabinet on 15 September 2014, in respect of any contracts valued over £500k and that have not previously been notified or reported to Cabinet, the nominated Cabinet Member in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury or, where the nominated member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to agree the award of such contracts;
4. to note that any awards made under this delegation will be notified in the standard contracts report to the next meeting of Cabinet.

A56/14 Camera Resolution

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.

A57/14 Drug and Alcohol Engagement, Treatment and Recovery Service for Adults and Young People (in camera- report exempt under paragraph 3)

The Cabinet had considered the content of the report and appendix in Agenda item B1 before making the decision in Part A of the meeting under agenda item 14, as referred to in Minute A53/14.

A58/14 Acquisition of two 10 year leases for Concord and Sycamore House for the provision of new Temporary Housing (in camera-report exempt under paragraph 3)

The Cabinet had considered the content of the report and appendix in Agenda item B2 before making the decision in Part A of the meeting under agenda item15, as referred to in Minute A54/14.

PART B MINUTES – none

The meeting ended at 9.29 p.m.