

CABINET

**Meeting held on Monday 17 November 2014 at 6.30 p.m. in the
Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX**

DRAFT 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, Simon Hall,
Toni Letts, Mark Watson and Louisa Woodley.
Councillor Oliver Lewis deputised for Councillor Timothy Godfrey in
a non-voting capacity.

Other Majority Group Members in attendance:

Councillors Canning, Chowdhury, Kabir, B. Khan,
Kyeremeh, Prince, Rendle, Scott and Selva.

Shadow Cabinet Members in attendance:

Councillors Cummings, Gatland, Hale, D. Mead, Mohan, O'Connell,
Perry and Thomas.

Other Minority Group Members in attendance:

Councillors Bashford, Buttinger, Hopley, Quadir, Speakman and
Stranack.

Absent: Cabinet: Councillor Timothy Godfrey.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Timothy
Godfrey and Councillor Tim Pollard.

Note: The meeting webcast can be accessed [here](#)

A96/14 Part A Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 20 October 2014

The Part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 October
2014 were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes
as a correct record.

A97/14 Disclosures of Interest

Agenda item 9

At 6.32pm Councillor Dudley Mead disclosed a personal interest in agenda item 9 as a member of the Court of Whitgift Foundation as the Foundation owns freehold property in the Old Town Masterplan area.

A98/14 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Announcement by Councillor Tony Newman, the Leader of the Council – Additional Funding for Regeneration of the Borough

The Council is receiving over £3m of funding in partnership with the GLA as part of the regeneration of the Borough. The funding is returned to the Council from the new homes bonus. It will be targeted at the regeneration of Thornton Heath district centre.

Announcements by Councillor Mark Watson, Cabinet Member for Safety and Justice

1. Services for Civil Partnerships and Same Sex marriages

Recently the legislation changed enabling same sex couples to be married. Under the new legislation those who have a Civil Partnership under the previous arrangements wishing to change from the civil partnership to a marriage cannot do that with a ceremony but have to sign a certificate of conversion which is one of the least romantic occasions imaginable.

In order to make this more inclusive and celebratory, people can now have an event here with family and friends by a ceremony to renew their vows in the Town Hall which makes it more romantic event than just signing a piece of paper.

2. Active Communities Fund

The Active Communities Fund gives support to small scale initiatives to help communities become more resilient and develop their own ideas and do more for themselves. We have increased the amount available for the active communities fund in 2015/16 from £100k to £150k. We have listened to the community and have introduced new micro grants up to £1k with a much simpler process for people to apply for these funds. We really want to encourage a greater community response to things that really matter to them.

The priorities for the fund this time are:

1. Developing active communities by creating innovative ways of promoting a sense of belonging and cultural activities.
2. Giving young people the opportunity to reach their full potential

- and the confidence to express themselves.
3. Helping people care for one another's health and well-being.
 4. Developing innovative ways to tackle food and fuel poverty and support greater access good quality welfare benefits and other advice..
 5. Developing a community response to combatting domestic abuse and sexual violence.

A99/14 Exempt Items

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

A100/14 Changing attitudes to domestic violence: the White Ribbon campaign

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

RESOLVED to:

1. Agree that the Council apply to adopt the White Ribbon campaign as a key part of the DASV communication and mobilisation plans for 2015-2016 under the banner of changing attitudes and beliefs and submit an action plan to support us being awarded the White Ribbon Status; and

2. Agree that the Council participates in a 'call for action' between November 25th – December 10th 2014.

A101/14 Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedure and Public Confidence

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 commencement of a consultation with relevant stakeholders, including the Police and Housing Associations within the Borough on the provisions of the Council Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Policy and Procedure, such consultation to include the Community Trigger process and setting of potential FPN levels. An initial draft of the ASB Policy and Procedure for consultation purposes is attached at Appendix 1 of the report which includes a draft Community Trigger process for consultation;

2. To delegate to the Executive Director of Development and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Safety and

Justice and Director of Democratic and Legal Services, responsibility for consideration of the outcome of the consultation and approval of the final ASB Policy and Procedure, including the Community Trigger process, Community Trigger threshold and FPN levels for breaches of Community Protection Notices and Public Spaces Protection Orders as set out in the body of this report; and

3. To note progress on actions to support the Borough's Growth Strategy through increasing public confidence in the Borough.

A102/14 Bernard Weatherill House (BWH) – Managing the debt burden

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

RESOLVED to approve the contractual option to break the Tranche B payment deed to John Laing Development Company Limited (JL).

A103/14 Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Central Croydon, Church Street and Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Documents adoption

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

RESOLVED: having considered the representations received to the consultation and the Council's response as detailed in paragraphs 4 and appendix 7 of the report,

1. to recommend the Council at its next meeting to:

1.1 Adopt the draft Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 1 of the report);

1.2 Endorse the Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 2 of the report)

1.3 Adopt the draft Central Croydon Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Document. (Appendix 3 of the report);

1.4 Adopt the draft Church Street Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 4 of the report);

1.5 Adopt the draft Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Document (Appendix 5 of the report).

1.6 Agree that after the adoption of the Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document the Director of Planning, in

consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration, be given delegated authority to make minor factual amendments to the adopted Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document and the Old Town Masterplan SPD Sustainability Appraisal subsequent to adoption but prior to publication of the documents.

1.7 Agree that after the adoption of the Old Town Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document, the Central Croydon CAAMP Supplementary Planning Document, the Church Street CAAMP Supplementary Planning Document and the Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) CAAMP Supplementary Planning Document, the Director of Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration be given delegated authority to make minor factual amendments to the adopted Central Croydon CAAMP Supplementary Planning Document, the Church Street CAAMP Supplementary Planning Document and the Croydon Minster (formerly Parish Church) CAAMP Supplementary Planning Document subsequent to adoption but prior to publication of the documents.

2. to note that the Council has undertaken a screening exercise with the statutory bodies to confirm the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans (CAAMP) Supplementary Planning Documents are not required to be supported by a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

A104/14 Asset Strategy – a new approach

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

RESOLVED to approve the new Asset Strategy as detailed in the report and appendix.

A105/14 Contracts to be awarded and property acquisitions or disposals to be made 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 approve the procurement strategy to engage Professional Services providers and Construction Works contractors to deliver the Education Capital Programme for 2015-2017 consisting of refurbishment and new build provision of Primary and Secondary school places, Special Educational Needs places and Planned Maintenance requirements;

2. To note the contracts over £500,000 in value anticipated to be awarded 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, as listed in section 4 of the report.

3. To note that any Councillor may request a personal briefing from the Council Solicitor and the relevant senior officers on the public and confidential reports in relation to contracts over £500,000 for Cabinet Member decision as referred to in section 4 of the contract award reports to Cabinet. It was further noted that Council Members may receive, on request, confidential Part B reports.

PART B MINUTES – none

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm