

CABINET

**Meeting held on Monday 15 December 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, Timothy Godfrey,
Simon Hall, Toni Letts, Mark Watson and Louisa Woodley.

Other Majority Group Members in attendance:

Councillors Ali, Canning, Chowdhury, Fitzsimons, Kabir, S. Khan,
Kyeremeh, Lawlor, Lewis, Mann, Rendle, P. Ryan, Scott and Selva.

Shadow Cabinet Members in attendance:

Councillors Cummings, Gatland, D. Mead, M. Mead, Mohan,
O'Connell, Perry, T. Pollard and Thomas.

Other Minority Group Members in attendance:

Councillors Bashford, Buttinger, Creatura, Neal, Quadir and Wright.

Also present: Mark Swindells, Job Centre Plus, for agenda item 9.

Absent: Cabinet: none.

Apologies: An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lynne Hale.

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

**A106/14 Part A Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 17 November
2014**

The Part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 November
2014 were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes
as a correct record.

A107/14 Disclosures of Interest

Agenda item

At 7.30pm Councillor Jason Cummings disclosed a personal interest in agenda item 8 as chair of the Woodlands Children Centre.

At 8pm Councillor Chris Wright disclosed a personal interest in agenda item 9 as a governor of Coulsdon College.

A108/14 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Announcement by Councillor Tony Newman, the Leader of the Council: Congratulations to Ben Haenow – X-Factor winner

The Leader of the Council congratulated Ben Haenow, a Croydon resident, for his starring performance in winning X-Factor 2014 on 14 December 2014.

A109/14 Exempt Items

RESOLVED (1) to move Appendix 3 of agenda item B1 to be discussed during the Part A agenda item 7; and

(2) that the allocation of the remainder of the business in the agenda be confirmed, as printed.

A110/14 Croydon's Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2015-2018

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 reviewed Equality Impact Assessment at Appendix One of the report

to agree the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy for Croydon 2015 – 2018 at Appendix 2 of the report and outstanding mitigating key actions detailed in section 8 of the report.

A111/14 Taberner House Redevelopment Saving Queens Gardens for the People of Croydon

An addendum including a replacement recommendation 1.1.2 was circulated at the start of the meeting. As indicated in Minute A109/14, appendix 3 was discussed during the Part A discussion.

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

Having considered the contents of the Part A and B reports and appendices, and the amended recommendation 1.1.2, the Cabinet

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Executive Director of Development and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration, Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, be given executive delegated authority to undertake relevant steps and conclude any agreements necessary to deliver the redevelopment of Taberner House, including:

Phase 1

1.1.1 Recommending to the Council's CCURV Board Representatives that the Taberner House Business Plan for Phase 1 be approved subject to the transfer values under the Business Plan meeting the transfer value set out in this report; and

1.1.2 To appropriate the Taberner House site for planning purposes pursuant the Authority's powers under section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 and to transfer the freehold interest of part of Taberner House from the Council to CCURV or to transfer a virtual freehold interest directly to Essential Living (dependent on the outcome of discussions, officers being given delegated authority to make the final decision as to which option is preferable) subject to agreement of the land value taking into account section 233 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Phase 2

1.1.3 Subject to satisfactory planning approval, to proceed to publically advertise the proposed appropriation of the areas of The Queen's Gardens proposed to be redeveloped;

1.1.4 Subject to the outcome of public advertisement on appropriation and consideration of objections, appropriate the areas of The Queen's Gardens, for planning purposes, pursuant to the Authority's powers under section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972; and

1.1.5 To conclude any documentation relating to the funding, financing and chosen delivery route for Phase 2 including providing a licence to CCURV to occupy the land in order to deliver Phase 2.

1.2 That the improvement of The Queen's Gardens is phased as early as possible in the redevelopment.

1.3 To agree amendments required to the overarching CCURV documentation dated 2008 between the Council and John Laing, including the Member's Agreement and Conditional Sale and Development Agreement to enable the delivery of Phase 1 and Phase 2.

1.4 To conclude Financial Close documentation including the establishment of CCURV subsidiaries in accordance with the Member's Agreement for Phase 1 and Phase 2.

1.5 to note the decision relating to confidential recommendation 1.5 in agenda item B1 will be recorded in the Part B minutes of the meeting.

A112/14 Best Start for the Children in our Borough

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 to transform children's centre, health visiting, family nurse partnership, early years and related family support services into a Croydon Best Start service delivery model;
2. Agree to implement the Croydon Best Start model in line with the design principles as outlined in the Cabinet paper; and
3. Take relevant mitigating actions detailed in the equalities assessment.

A113/14 Employability, Jobs & Skills – Local Jobs for Local People

Councillor Toni Letts, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, welcomed Mark Swindells, district operations manager for Job Centre Plus, who spoke during this agenda item.

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 the scope and approach of the proposed Job Brokerage Service.
2. Note and agree the action plan set out in section 3.2 of the report to ensure the opportunities created by major schemes are maximised.

3. Agree the proposals in sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the report to establish a 'work readiness commitment for 5-18 year olds' for Croydon schools and colleges; to explore opportunities to develop supported internships and job shadowing for young people in the Council and developing web-based employability support to young people.

4. Agree the investment needed to scope and deliver the model for a Job Brokerage Service.

A114/14 Transformation Strategy: Digital by Design and Enabling

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 principles of and approach to delivering the Digital by Design and Enabling Core projects as detailed in the report.

A115/14 Transformation Strategy: Contract Management Transformation

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

RESOLVED to endorse the proposed principles and approach to the Contract Management Transformation programme as detailed in the report.

A116/14 South London Partnership Joint Committee

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 establishment of a Joint Committee with neighbouring boroughs in the South London Partnership with the terms of reference and remit as set out in Appendix A of the report.

2. Agree to increase the Council's subscription to £35,000 per annum in order that the Partnership is adequately resourced for what it needs to do.

3. Agree the principle that hosting of staffing for the Joint Committee will be managed by a single borough, with costs and liabilities shared between the constituent boroughs.

4. Agree that, subject to all South London Partnership members agreeing to the establishment of the Joint Committee, the Executive Director of Development and Environment, in consultation with the Leader and the Council Solicitor, be given delegated authority to take all measures necessary or incidental to the implementation of resolution 1 above, including preparation and approval of the Procedure for the Joint Committee.

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

6. Note that the Leader of the Council will serve as the Council's representative on the Joint Committee.

A117/14 2014/15 Financial Performance – Quarter 2

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 Virement detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.
2. Note the projected Revenue Outturn for 2014/15 of an overspend of £0.294m.
3. Note the HRA forecast of a surplus of £2.217m for the current financial year.
4. Note the changes to the capital programme for 2014/15 incorporating re-phasing of the programme to take account of the slippage and underspends identified shown in table 6 of the report.
5. Approve the delegated authority detailed in paragraph 5.6 below be given to the Director of Finance and Assets, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member Finance and Treasury, and the Deputy Leader (Statutory) – Homes and Regeneration regarding additional investment in the Real Lettings Property Fund.

A118/14 Contracts to be awarded

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

RESOLVED to note:

1. 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.

2. The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Strategy Commissioning, Procurement and Performance between 23/10/2014 to 06/11/2014.

A119/14 Camera Resolution

RESOLVED under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, that 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.

A120/14 Taberner House redevelopment, Saving the Queens Gardens for the People of Croydon (in camera - report exempt under paragraph 3)

The Cabinet received a confidential report, agenda item B1, and noted the exempt information contained within it. The decision relating to recommendation 1.5 in the report is recorded in the confidential Part B minutes for this Cabinet meeting.

PART B MINUTES – provided separately

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm