

CABINET

**Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2015 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 Canning, Chowdhury, Fitzsimons, Kabir,
B. Khan, S.Khan, King, Kyeremeh, Lawlor, Lewis, Mann, Mansell,
Rendle, P. Ryan and Scott.

Shadow Cabinet Members in attendance:

Councillors Cummings, Gatland, D. Mead, M. Mead, Mohan, Perry
and T. Pollard.

Other Minority Group Members in attendance:

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

Absent: Cabinet: None

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hale,
O'Connell and Thomas.

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

A17/15 Part A Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 19 January 2015

The Part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 January
2015 were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes
as a correct record.

A18/15 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

A19/15 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

A20/15 Exempt Items

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

**A21/15 Council Tax and Budget:
Agenda item 6.1: General Fund & HRA Budget 2015/16 and
Financial Strategy 2015/19**

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 be recommended to agree the following:

1.1 no **change to Council Tax for 2015/16** for Croydon and a 1.34% decrease to the Greater London Authority (GLA) precept, on behalf of the GLA on the basis of :-

- I. All budget planning assumptions as detailed in the report;
- II. The programme of revenue investment, efficiencies and cuts by Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder as set out in Appendix A;
- III. The capital programme for 2015/18 as set out in Appendices B & C and the release of the annual highways programme;
- IV. The Council's detailed budget book as set out in Appendix D;
- V. The overall revenue budgets and council tax levels as set out in Appendices E, F, and G
- VI. The statement on reserves and balances and robustness of estimates from the statutory Section 151 Officer;
- VII. That with reference to the principles for 2014/15 determined by the Secretary of State under s.s.52ZC(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) confirm that in accordance with

s.52ZB (1) the Council Tax and GLA precept referred to above are **not excessive** in terms of the most recently issued principles and as such to note that no referendum is required;

VIII. The budget for the Housing Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2015/16 (Appendix H);

IX. The proposed housing investment programme of **£40.621m** (summarised in Appendix I);

X. The Council's 2015/18 Financial Strategy (Appendix K)

XI. A capital allowance of **£10.000m** as detailed in Section 6 of this report.

XII. To recommend to the Council the adoption of the Pay Policy statement at Appendix L;

XIII. The continuation of the Council's existing Council Tax Support Scheme in 2015/16

XIV. To recommend the allocation of an additional £2m to the Connected Croydon Programme from underspends elsewhere within the capital budget for 2014/15.

2. That Cabinet agree:

i. Rent increases for all Council tenants for 2015/16, in line with the Government's social rent policy with the average rent increases from this national formula being **2.2%**;

ii. That the full cost of services provided to those tenants who receive caretaking, grounds maintenance and bulk refuse collection services are recovered via tenants service charges, will increase in line with the social rent guidelines by **2.2%** for 2015/16;

iii. Charges to tenants for garage and parking space rents increase in line with the social rent guidelines by **2.2%** for 2015/16;

iv. Heating charges for Council tenants to remain unchanged as per Appendix J;

3. That Cabinet note:-

I. That in respect of the Council's public sector equalities duties

where the setting of the capital, revenue and HRA budget result in new policies or policy change the relevant service department will carry out an equality impact assessment to secure delivery of that duty including such consultation as may be required.

- II. The progress being made towards balancing the Council's financial position for 2014/15 as at Quarter 3 and the current projected outturn forecast of £1.253m as set out in Appendix M to this report 5.
- III. The response to the draft local government settlement which is attached at Appendix N.
- IV. The Council's Deferred Payments Policy and Charging Policy to be applicable to the April 2015 Care Act implementation (Appendices P & Q).

Agenda item 6.2: Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement & Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16

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 Council to approve:

1. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2015/16 as set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of this report including the recommendations that:

1.1 The Council takes up the balance of its 2014/15's borrowing requirement and future years' borrowing requirements, as set out in paragraph 3.3.

1.2 That for the reasons detailed in paragraph 3.7, opportunities for debt rescheduling are reviewed throughout the year by the Director of Finance & Assets and that, he be given delegated authority, in conjunction with the Council's independent treasury advisers, to undertake such rescheduling only if revenue savings or additional cost avoidance can be achieved at minimal risk in line with organisational considerations and with regard to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as set out in the Council's Financial Strategy.

1.3 That delegated authority be given to the Director of Finance & Assets to make any necessary decisions to protect the Council's financial position in light of market changes or investment risk exposure.

1.4 That, a mid-year monitoring report on treasury activities and periodic reports on investments be made to General Purposes and Audit Committee.

2. The Annual Investment Strategy as set out in paragraph 3.5 and as detailed in **Appendix B** of the report.

3. That the Affordable Borrowing Limits (required by Section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003) as set out in paragraph 3.6 and as detailed in **Appendix C** of the report be as follows:

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
£1,025.3m	£1,050.3m	£1,057.2m

4. The Prudential Indicators as set out in paragraph 3.8 and in **Appendix D** of the report.

5. The Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement (required by SI 2008/414) as set out in paragraph 3.9 and as detailed in **Appendix E** of the report.

6. The Council's authorised counterparty lending list as at 31st December 2014 as set out in **Appendix F** of the report and the rating criteria set for inclusion onto this list.

A22/15 **2016/17 Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools**

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

RESOLVED: that the Council be recommended

1. following the statutory consultation to determine the proposed Admission Arrangements for Community, and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2016/17 academic year as contained in Appendix 1 to the report.

2. To note that no responses have been received from the consultation on 2016/17 Admission Arrangements for Community, and Voluntary Controlled schools.

3. To agree to the continued use of the Pan London co-ordination arrangements for the 2016/17 academic year as set out in – Appendix 2a (Primary) and Appendix 2b (Secondary) to the report.

A23/15 Purley Leisure Centre

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

RESOLVED to: note the decision to keep Purley swimming pool open, to allow discussions with Purley residents and users of the pool, to allow more consideration be given to the range of issues raised by them and strengthen the Borough's leisure and cultural offer in response to local needs.

A24/15 Recommendations arising from the Streets & Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 20 January 2015

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

RESOLVED: to note the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 20th January 2015 and to provide a response at the Cabinet meeting on 16 March 2015.

A25/15 Award of the LBC Modular Unit Framework

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 award

1. Lot 1 Framework Agreement for the purchase of Modular Units to the potential contract value of £16,000,000 over a four year period; and

2. Lot 2 Framework Agreement for the hire of Modular Units over to the potential contract value of £2,000,000 over a four year period; to the respective preferred and reserve suppliers named in the associated part B report on this agenda.

A26/15 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

1. to note:

1.1 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.

1.2 The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Strategy Commissioning, Procurement and Performance between 19/12/2014 to 15/01/2015.

2. to approve the award of the Commissioning and Procurement Strategy set out in section 3 of appendix 1 of the report to deliver the Council's Facilities Management service up to a total value of £64.4m for the Lots and maximum contract terms detail in paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of appendix.1 to the report.

A27/15 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.

**A28/15 Award of the LBC Modular Unit Framework
(in camera - exempt under paragraph 3)**

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 following contract awards:

1. Lot 1 Framework Agreement for the purchase of Modular Units to the potential contract value of £16,000,000 over a four year period, for the Preferred Supplier position to Elliott Group, the Reserve One Supplier position to Rollalong Ltd and the Reserve Two Supplier position to McAvoy Group; and

2. Lot 2 Framework Agreement for the hire of Modular Units to the potential contract value of £2,000,000 over a four year period, for the Preferred Supplier position to Elliott Group, the Reserve One Supplier position to McAvoy Group and the Reserve Two position to Wernick Buildings Ltd.

PART B MINUTES – none

The meeting ended at 7.55pm