

REPORT TO:	CABINET 16 March 2015
AGENDA ITEM NO:	18
SUBJECT:	RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE SCRUTINY & STRATEGIC OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING ON 10 FEBRUARY 2015 AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON 3 FEBRUARY 2015
LEAD OFFICER:	Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, Director of Democratic & Legal Services
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Sean Fitzsimons Chair, Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	The constitutional requirement that Cabinet receives recommendations from scrutiny committees and to respond to the recommendations within two months of the receipt of the recommendations.

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations below

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is asked to receive the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 3 February 2015 and the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee Streets on 10 February 2015 and to provide a substantive response within two months.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee heard from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development at its meeting which was held on 10th February 2015. At that meeting the Committee made the recommendations in this report.

- 2.2 The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 3 February 2015 received a report relating on Children's Safeguarding. At that meeting the Sub-Committee made the recommendations in this report.
- 2.3 The constitution provides for the recommendations of a scrutiny committee or sub-committee to be presented to the next convenient ordinary cabinet meeting (i.e. not Council tax cabinet meeting) and for cabinet to receive the recommendations. In this report Cabinet is being asked to receive the recommendations. This cabinet meeting is the next convenient ordinary cabinet meeting as the last cabinet meeting was a council tax meeting. The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within 2 months of this Cabinet meeting.

3. DETAILS

The Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee, at its meeting on 10th February 2015, resolved (Minute number A07/15 - Question Time: Cabinet Member for Economic Development) to:

- Request Cabinet that it (Cabinet) provides scrutiny with a report on the proposed Investment Bank and information relating to its structure, funding, management and governance

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its meeting on 3rd February 2015 resolved (Minute number A09/15 – Children's Safeguarding) to:

- Recommend to Cabinet that the council should:
 1. Run a greater range of learning and development events to help Members improve their understanding of the specific issues involved in child protection, including child sexual exploitation and missing children, and ensure that opportunities are provided to non-executive Members to carry out visits to gain a deeper understanding of child protection and safeguarding work
 2. Provide Members with written guidance to clarify their role in safeguarding, covering the safeguarding of children and adults, and procedures to follow to raise and track concerns
 3. Consider the appointment of a safeguarding champion to work alongside the portfolio holder and deputy to work across children's and adults' safeguarding issues and to champion the needs of children, young people and adults who are in need of protection
 4. Provide Members, and in particular the Cabinet Member and deputy, with more opportunities to directly hear the voice of the child or young person on child protection issues while recognising the sensitivity of engaging with children and young people at risk

5. Strengthen the link between Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Corporate Parenting Panel by sharing Part A papers to the constituents of both groups
6. Ask senior officers to provide assurances to Scrutiny that front-line workers are able to appropriately escalate concerns where this may be necessary
7. Provide Scrutiny with up-to-date research findings regarding children's safeguarding issues.

4. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

5. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

The recommendations are in accordance with the constitution. This requires that the Scrutiny report is received and registered at this Cabinet Meeting and that a substantive response is provided within 2 months.

6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Background document 1 - The presentation made to the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development **10.02.15**

Cabinet Member Question Time

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kab14.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=23&cmte=SSO&grpId=public&arc=1>

Background document 2 – The report to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee - **03.02.15 Children's Safeguarding**

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