

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b> <b>21 March 2016</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM:</b> <b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY</b> <b>SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON 14 JULY 2015</b>  <b>STREETS AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE</b> <b>MEETING ON 2 FEBRUARY 2016</b>  <b>SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE</b> <b>MEETING ON 16 FEBRUARY 2016</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	<b>Richard Simpson, Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Resources) and S151 Officer</b> <b>Solomon Agutu -Statutory Scrutiny Officer</b>
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Sean Fitzsimons</b> <b>Chair, Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b>	<b>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.</b>

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations contained within this report:

# **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is asked to:

- 1.1 Receive the recommendations arising from the meetings of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee (14 July 2015), the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee (2 February 2016) and the Scrutiny and Overview Committee (16 February 2016) and to provide a substantive response within two months (ie. at the next available Cabinet meeting on **20 June 2016**)

## **2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 On 16 June 2015, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee considered an item on School Places and Admissions. At its meeting on 14 July 2015, the Sub-Committee resolved to turn the conclusions it made on 16 June into recommendations to Cabinet and these are contained in Section 4 of this report.
- 2.2 On 2 February 2016, the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee considered items relating to Question Time session with Councillor Stuart Collins, Cabinet Member for Croydon Green and Clean and 'Village style' waste management and street cleaning. At that meeting the Sub-Committee made recommendations to Cabinet and these are contained in Section 5 of this report.
- 2.3 On 16 February, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee considered an item on the Evening and Night Time Economy. At that meeting the Scrutiny and Overview Committee made recommendations to Cabinet and these are contained in Section 6 of this report.

In this report Cabinet is being asked to receive the recommendations.

The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within 2 months of this Cabinet meeting.

## **3. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (A26/15 and A29/15)**

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its meetings on 16 June and 14 July 2015 resolved to ask Cabinet to:

- 1. Develop a protocol for notifying ward councillors of proposals for new schools or changes to schools at their earliest stage should be drawn up and implemented
- 2. Ask the council to adopt a fresh approach to school place planning including in-year planning, to provide places at or near the locations where the demand is greatest
- 3. At the council to investigate effective options for encouraging faith schools to increase their offer of school places
- 4. Make more efforts need to be made by the council to encourage and facilitate the use of walking, cycling and public transport to new schools

These recommendations and a timetable for response are attached at **Appendix A**.

## **4. STREETS AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

At its meeting on 2 February 2016, the Streets and Environment resolved to

recommend to Cabinet:

#### **4.1 Question Time, Cabinet Member for Green and Clean, Councillor Stuart Collins (A06/16)**

1. That it allocates additional waste collections from recycle centres in the two weeks after Christmas to accommodate for the additional recycling waste accumulated during the festive period.
2. That it considers issuing a warning letter to residents where they have been found to have left bulky waste on the ground in recycle centres when bins are full, rather than automatically issuing fines.
3. That it considers the environmental impact of a borough-wide Christmas tree collection service.

#### **4.2 Village Style Waste Management and Street Cleaning (A08/16)**

1. To recommend to Cabinet and Veolia that they do more to educate the public on what happens to different categories of waste once they leave the doorstep.

For information, the Sub-Committee also resolved to recommend to Veolia that:

- It should do more to remind staff of how visible they are on duty and that innocent activity (standing and talking during breaks) while wearing work uniform can be misconstrued as inactivity by the public.
- It considers how residents can be involved in designing the sessions of the Village forums rather than be presented with a fixed programme.
- It explores how technology could be used to help Veolia staff to identify where street champions live in order to promote closer working and feedback.

These recommendations and a timetable for response are attached at **Appendix B**.

### **5. SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Scrutiny and Overview Committee at its meeting on 16 February 2016 resolved to ask Cabinet to:

These recommendations and a timetable for response are attached at **Appendix C**.

The Committee **RESOLVED** – to ask Cabinet to:

- 1 Formally give responsibility for the evening and night time economy to the Cabinet Member for Communities, Safety and Justice
- 2 Consider creating a steering group comprising stakeholders and partners to meet regularly and work together to help with strategy development and the provision of ideas and practical support in order to encourage the development of the evening and night-time economy in Croydon
- 3 Conduct a review of licensing applications including approvals, refusals and

- objections (including which responsible authorities or other persons make objections)
- 4 Create a supportive regulatory environment for licensees whereby the council is known to be a strong licensing authority and the borough is known to be the best place in London for venues to hold a premises licence
  - 5 Investigate the potential to pedestrianise the route between Bad Apple and Dice at certain times of the week and approach traders about offering night-time evening food and street entertainment (like the South Bank food festival)
  - 6 Investigate the potential for a Croydon lighting scheme as described by the Executive Director Place to help improve ambience in the town centre, provide interest and clear routes (such as along George Street) for pedestrians
  - 7 Consider launching or developing an online platform for venues to promote events

## **6. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

## **7. COMMENTS OF THE BOROUGH 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 (ie. **Cabinet, 20 June 2016** is the next available meeting).

## **8. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

## **9. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

## **10. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

## **11. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT**

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

**Background document 1:** Report to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 16 June 2015 on School Places and Admissions.

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kab14.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=22&cmte=CYP&grpid=public&arc=1>

**Background documents 2:** Reports to the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 2 February 2016:

2a: Question Time session with Councillor Stuart Collins, Cabinet Member for Croydon Green and Clean

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2b: 'Village style' waste management and street cleaning.

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**Background document 3:** Reports to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 16 February 2016 on the Evening and Night Time Economy.

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