

REPORT TO:	Cabinet 17 July 2017
AGENDA ITEM NO:	12
SUBJECT:	STAGE 2: RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM: SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 10 JANUARY 2017 AND THE STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE 31 JANUARY 2017
LEAD OFFICERS:	Jo Negrini, Chief Executive
CABINET MEMBERS:	All
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.

CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT/AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON: The Constitution requires that in accepting a recommendation, with or without amendment, from a Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee or Sub-Committee, the Cabinet shall agree an action plan for the implementation of the agreed recommendations and shall delegate responsibility to an identified officer to report back to the Strategic Overview Committee or Sub-Committee, within a specified period, on progress in implementing the action plan.

Corporate Plan sections:
Croydon a Place to Live and Work;
Fairness – Equalities, Open & Accountable;
Croydon Safe & Secure; Sustainable Transport.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommendations in this report may have a financial implication and as each recommendation is developed the financial implication will be explored and approved.

FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: not a key decision

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

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the response reports and action plans attached to this report (at Appendix A) and that these be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committees.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/DETAIL

2.1 This report asks the Cabinet to approve the full response reports arising from the stage 1 reports to the Cabinet meetings held on 20 March 2017 including:

- Action plans for the implementation of agreed recommendations, or
- Reasons for rejecting the recommendations

and that these be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committees.

3. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Scrutiny recommendations are contained in the schedule in the appendix to this report.

3.2 The detailed responses (including reasons for rejected recommendations) and action plans (for the implementation of agreed recommendations) are contained in the appendices.

4. CONSULTATION

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

5. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

The recommendations are in accordance with the constitution.

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

Not relevant for the purposes of this report.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

11.1 These are contained in the appendix to this report.

12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 These are contained in the appendix to this report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Background document 1: Reports to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 10 January 2017.

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kab12.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=18&cmte=SOC&grpId=public&arc=1>

Background document 2: Reports to the Streets, Environment and Homes Sub-Committee on 31 January 2017.

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kab12.pl?operation=SUBMIT&meet=4&cmte=SEH&grpId=public&arc=1>

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SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE - At its meeting on 10 January 2017, the Committee RESOLVED to recommend the following:						
1. The Council should make explicit that one of its key objectives is to ensure a thriving street market in Surrey Street.	Place Dept, Mark Watson, Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs	Accept – a marketing strategy will be developed in advance of the re-opening of the market in Surrey Street	Emma Lindsell	Yes, although minimal and can be absorbed within existing budgets	June 2017	5 September 2017
2. The physical refurbishment of the Surrey Street area needs to be future-proofed not just for the changing needs of the market, but also for the evening/night-time economy and for one-off events. This includes the installation of street lights and power supplies that accommodate these demands, and avoid the need for temporary supplies.	Place Dept, Mark Watson, Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs	Accept – these have been considered as part of the design for the refurbishment	Jessica Bolsin	Yes, although included within refurbishment budget	June 2017	5 September 2017
3. The Council further shows its commitment to having a thriving street market in Surrey Street by installing arches to the entrances of the market and to maximise potential benefits from the refurbishment by funding the upgrade of the market stalls.	Place Dept, Mark Watson, Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs	Accept – although it is not agreed that arches will definitely be installed but signage and wayfind is included as part of the refurbishment plan. The upgrade of the stalls is also included as part of the plan although the extent of	Jessica Bolson	Yes, although included within refurbishment budget	June 2017	5 September 2017

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		this is dependent on the overall costs of the project				
4. The Council review its stakeholder management of market and surrounding area to give all a voice.	Place Dept, Mark Watson, Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs	Accept – there has been engagement with market traders, businesses and residents in the lead up to the refurbishment. The market inspector will continue to engage with stakeholders following the refurbishment.	Fiona Woodcock	None	Ongoing	5 September 2017
5. Review the trading arrangements of Sunday Market and the restrictions on who can trade.	Place Dept, Mark Watson, Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs	Accept – this will be considered in advance of the refurbishment being completed and included in the future marketing strategy	Michael Goddard	None – although it may generate a small amount of additional income if there are more traders on a sunday	June 2017	5 September 2017
6. When the Council reviews its licensing strategy that its key objective of a thriving Surrey Street is taken into account.	Place Dept, Mark Watson, Cabinet Member for Economy and Jobs	Accept – although there is currently no agreed timetable to review this part of the council's licensing policy	Michael Goddard	None	No timescale at present	5 September 2017

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STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE - At its meeting on 31 January 2017, the Committee RESOLVED to recommend the following:						
1. Recommend that Public Health intelligence be integrated into the formation of the final Air Quality Action Plan.	People Dept	Accept	Anna Kitt/Craig Ferguson	none	In place by April 17 for the new Action Plan	12 September 2017
2. Recommend to Cabinet that an extensive Equalities Impact Assessment is completed for the final air Quality Action Plan which ensures no measures adversely affects residents with disabilities.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	None	August 2017	12 September 2017
3. Recommend to Cabinet that an extensive education & publicity programme be undertaken to ensure the public are aware of the risks of air pollution.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	Yes, there will be financial implications but these are currently unknown as the programme has not yet been designed	From Sept 2017	12 September 2017
4. Recommend to the Cabinet and Mayor of London that on days of high pollution that joint publicity should be undertaking including advising people to leave diesel	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for	Accept	Linda Johnson	None	From Sept 2017	12 September 2017

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cars at home, not to use wood burning stoves, open fire places, or light bonfires.	Transport and Environment					
5. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that the Council join calls for a national diesel scrappage scheme.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	None	Immediately	12 September 2017
6. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that the Council join calls for a new Clean Air Act which responds to the challenges of the 21st century.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	None	Immediately	12 September 2017
7. Recommend to Cabinet that a new Smoke Control Order to be declared to cover the entire Borough and revoke the previous partial order.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	Likely to be some but can be absorbed within existing budgets	March 2018	12 September 2017
8. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment not to proceed with congestion charging, but to review whether the Croydon Parking	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for	Accept - Cabinet has no plans to introduce congestion charging in Croydon. The parking	Sarah Randall	None.	N/A	12 September 2017

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Policy needs amending to discourage use of worst polluting diesel cars.	Transport and Environment	policy was reviewed in Feb 2017 when on-street parking charges and permit fees were set for the financial year 2017/18.				
9. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment ban bonfires in the borough, other than at times of festivals.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Partially accept – this will be included as part of the consultation on the draft Air Quality Action Plan so implementation will depend on the outcome of this	Linda Johnson	Likely to be some but can be absorbed within existing budgets	Sept 2017	12 September 2017
10. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that regulations on the use of wood burning stoves and chimneys, and the type of fuel used, be extended to cover the entire borough.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	Likely to be some but can be absorbed within existing budgets	March 2018	12 September 2017
11. The Council undertake a publicity campaign, aimed of sellers and buyers of wooden logs and smokeless fuels, to remind customers of the law in regards wood burning stoves and open chimney fires and what legally is allowed to be burned.	Place Dept Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept – this will be part of a wider communications campaign later in the year	Julian Elerby	Likely to be some but can be absorbed within existing budgets	Late 2017	12 September 2017

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12. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that trees be replanted across the borough with a particular focus on the most polluted areas.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Ian Brewster	Can be met within existing budget though additional costs for new trees requiring additional preparatory works may impact on the programme.	Ongoing	12 September 2017
13. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning that its should be a requirement for all building sites to have temp green screens of trees to help tackle pollution generated on site.	Place Dept	Reject - Site hoardings need to keep development sites secure, the integration of trees could undermine this and in addition to practically to establish trees with a sufficient canopy to mitigate pollution would be extremely costly and require intensive management. It is therefore not considered practical.	Heather Cheesbrough	No	N/A	12 September 2017

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14. Recommend to all councillors in Croydon to consider using ward funds to help tackle air pollution in the areas they represent by funding the planting of new trees in parks and streets.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept - officers are available to support ward councillors wishing to use their community ward budgets to fund the planting of street trees in their ward.	N/A	None outside of allocated ward budgets	Ongoing	12 September 2017
15. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that proactive work be undertaken to tackle the issue of idling vehicles, in particular taxis around East Croydon station.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	Work can take place using existing resources although this may be limited due to other demands. Increases in activity will have financial implications.	Ongoing	12 September 2017
16. Recommend to Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning and Cabinet Member for Transport, and the Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning to carry out a review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans, whether they are currently "fit for purpose" in regards pupil safety, public health, congestion, and air quality,	People and Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Clive Whittle	Contained within existing budget	This is part of an annual review that is expected to be completed by March 2018.	12 September 2017

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and report back on how they can be improved.						
17. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning, to identify the schools on Croydon with the most pressing air quality issues and to work with the schools to reduce the impact of pollution.	Place Dept	Accept	Linda Johnson	None in terms of reining awareness but there will be in terms of potential measures	Ongoing	12 September 2017
18. Recommend to the Mayor of London and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that work to tackle air quality issues should build upon current projects and knowledge, rather than always start afresh.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and Mayor of London's Office	Accept	Linda Johnson	This depends on the project and whether funding (including grants) continues to exist.	Ongoing	12 September 2017
19. Recommend to the Mayor of London that the Ultra-Low Emission Zone be extended to include outer London boroughs.	Mayor of London's Office	Partially Accept – The ULEZ should apply to outer London Boroughs for buses, HGVs and other larger vehicles only		None	Immediately	12 September 2017

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20. Recommend to the Mayor of London that all buses be retrofitted to ensure lower emissions and particulate levels, with buses using London Road to be a priority.	Mayor of London's Office	Accept		None	Immediately	12 September 2017
21. Recommend to Royal Mail (re-recommendation from a previous review) that they consider opening a parcel collection point in the centre of Croydon which will enable fewer car journeys for people to collect their parcels.	Royal Mail / Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept - such a move by Royal Mail would be welcomed by the council as this would potentially reduce some car journeys from Croydon roads.		None	Ongoing	12 September 2017

