

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET ON 17 MAY 2021

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and confirms that the Cabinet decisions listed below can be implemented following the scrutiny call-in meeting held on 27 May 2021.

The following apply to the decisions listed below:

Reasons for these decisions: As set out in the reports
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2174>

Other options considered and rejected: As set out in the reports
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Details of Conflicts of Interest declared by the Decision Maker: None

Note of dispensation granted by the head of paid service in relation to a declared conflict of interest by that Decision Maker: None

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

Decision Title: ONGOING REVIEW OF BRICK BY BRICK CROYDON LTD AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMPANY

Key Decision no.: 1421CAB

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report, the associated confidential part B report, and the requirements of the Council's public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To

1. Agree that the Council recognises the costs of the Fairfield Halls refurbishment, being a total of £69.261 million (as identified in Appendix 1 of the report), as capital expenditure rather than as a Capital Loan and to:

- i. Agree, in principle, that the existing Fairfield Halls refurbishment contracts with Brick by Brick be novated to the Council (subject to review of the individual contracts, to be finalised and authorised by the Interim Executive Director of Place under their delegated authority); and
 - ii. Agree, in principle, that specialist consultants or contractors, required to identify any additional remedial works to the building, be appointed (in accordance with the Council's Tenders and Contracts Regulations).
2. Approve that the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) can acquire 104 residential units from Brick by Brick as set out in Appendix 2 of the report and as further detailed in the Part B restricted report.
3. Agree that the consolidated loan agreement shall, if required, be varied to include a further loan draw down amount of up to £10 million to cover additional working capital, in the event that this is required by Brick by Brick due to possible delays with forecast sales receipts (this is in addition to the £9.99m agreed by Cabinet in February 2021) and agree that authority be given to the Interim Chief Executive in consultation with the interim Director of Finance, Insurance and Risk and Section 151 officer and in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Croydon Renewal and Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance; to agree such draw down sums (not exceeding the overall additional £10m) as appropriate to address immediate operational needs.
4. To note that any recommendation to acquire further units or other assets from Brick by Brick, and that any such acquisition of units to be within existing capital budget provision and meet the affordability criteria, should return to Cabinet for decision.
5. Otherwise note the progress made with regard to the previous February 2021 Cabinet recommendations on Brick by Brick.

Decision Title: LIBRARIES PUBLIC CONSULTATION PHASE TWO - OPTIONS FOR COST SAVINGS IN LIBRARIES PROVISION IN THE BOROUGH

Key Decision no.: 2221CAB

Details of decision:

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report and the requirements of the Council's public sector duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet

RESOLVED: To commence the second phase of public consultation on proposed changes to the Libraries service from the following options:

- Reduce service hours by 21% across the borough
- Outsource all libraries
- Hybrid – reduction in service hours (two days per week) to eight

libraries and five community run libraries

Signed: Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 28 May 2021