

Scrutiny Streets, Environment & Homes Sub- Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Sean Fitzsimons (Chair)
Councillor Jan Buttinger (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Pat Clouder, Patricia Hay-Justice, Joy Prince,
Donald Speakman and Phil Thomas

Reserve Members: Richard Chatterjee, Karen Jewitt, Oliver Lewis,
Stephen Mann, Michael Neal, Pat Ryan and Sue Winborn

A meeting of the **Scrutiny Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Tuesday, 20 March 2018** at **6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**. **A pre-meet for Members only will take place in room F4 at 6.00pm**

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Monday, 12 March 2018

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N.B This meeting will be paperless. The agenda can be accessed online at www.croydon.gov.uk/meetings

AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 16)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2018 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Trams

To receive a presentation from Transport for London (TFL)

6. Responses from Cabinet (Pages 17 - 24)

To note the responses from Cabinet to recommendations made by the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its meeting on 12 September 2017.

7. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

“That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items 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.”

Scrutiny Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee

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MINUTES

Present: Councillor Sean Fitzsimons (Chair);
Councillor Jan Buttinger (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Pat Clouder, Patricia Hay-Justice, Joy Prince and
Donald Speakman

Also Present: Councillor Robert Canning and Stuart King

Apologies: None

PART A

9/18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2018 were agreed as an accurate record.

10/18 Disclosure of Interests

There were none.

11/18 Urgent Business (if any)

There were no items of urgent business.

12/18 Cabinet Member Question Time- Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

Councillor Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, provided a presentation to the Sub-Committee outlining the work that had been undertaken within his portfolio.

The presentation focused on the Successes, Challenges and Priorities of the key areas of his portfolio.

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Cycle Strategy-The paper went to Cabinet on January 2018 which sets out the strategy for the next 5 years. The papers were subject to pre policy scrutiny which influenced the final shape of the strategy papers.

Play Street- This was successful with many participants, including the award winning Love Lane which won street of the year two years in a row. Schools in the borough were being encouraged to take part in the scheme.

Street Lighting- Extensive work had been completed to bring works back to schedule and as a result of the investment programme to replace all street lighting, 38,300 street lights had been replaced. Additionally 8,400 illuminated signs had also been replaced.

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Trees-Three and half thousand trees to be planted around the borough over the next year. The tree planting programme was to be linked to air quality and priority planting would be targeted at areas identified with poor air quality. Resident associations, and people in the community would be relied on to inform the council of location of vacant pits.

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Challenges

There were still challenges faced to deliver on actions such as the following:

- Safety around schools which is an issue that was increasingly raised by schools, resident, police and members. There had been pilots on restriction of cars in some roads during schools hours. Feedback to be assessed following consultation on this pilot.

- Ongoing work to be completed with Transport for London (TFL) on the Cycle strategy.
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- Highway maintenance would be challenging as a result of the two year funding reduction period.
- Construction logistics as a result of work that would be carried out in central Croydon. Officers were working with contractors to manage this, keep vulnerable people safe and keeping Croydon open for business whilst attempting to ease congestions.
- Rail infrastructure as a result of BML upgrade challenge and Southern Rail who continue to impeded growth objectives of Croydon

Priorities

The Cabinet Member informed the Sub-Committee that his priorities included the following:

- To deliver actions under the Growth Zone
- The Delivery of the tree planting programme
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Members raised concerns regarding pot holes on the roads and stated that as a borough that had a cycling strategy in place, the Council needed to negotiate with contractors to ensure they are filled properly. Officers responded that there were plans in place to manage highway maintenance. Safety inspections were undertaken frequently. A condition of the current contract was for rigorous inspection of roads and where pot holes were identified, they were repaired as a permanent repair.

The Sub-Committee was informed that there was a planned programme of repairs in place as a result of the use of scanners used to measure the condition of roads. Almost 70% of works carried out to date were planned preventative work, with the department working hard to carry out inspections and repairs to clear backlog.

Members further learned that there was a reporting App that enabled reporting of pot holes in the borough. There was also work that was in process on an integration of highways system. A single interface to speed up processes.

In response to a Member question on the amount of air quality monitoring kits in the borough, the Cabinet Members stated that there were five monitoring kits spread around the borough which was enough to obtain the data required. The Mayor of London had provided kits to 400 schools to complete localised monitoring, and it had been considered that this idea may be useful in

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In relation to questions regarding charging points, Members were informed that the charging points in the borough would mainly be overnight charging points and that there would be provision made for two rapid charge points on the A23. Members were also advised that multiple vehicle charging points at individual sites were not easy to obtain, more work was to be done on identifying locations to implement. Officers also stated that there would be a proportion of charging points identified for disabled badge holders.

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areas. The Cabinet Member acknowledged that enforcement proved to be challenging but reminded the Sub-Committee that this was a relatively new and it would take some time to see reduction in speeds.

The Council do not have enforcement powers but would be working with the police to ensure that restrictions were enforced. Intervention had been placed on many roads, such as crossings and speed vials and the council would continue to lobby TFL and the police for speed cameras in 20mph zones.

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REPORT TO:	STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE 20 MARCH 2018
SUBJECT:	STAGE 2: SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM: STREETS & ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2017
LEAD OFFICERS:	Jo Negrini, Chief Executive
CABINET MEMBERS:	Councillor Stuart Collins, Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 12 September 2017 Members made recommendations to Cabinet.
- 1.2 The responses to the scrutiny recommendations arising from this meeting were presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 26 February 2018.
- 1.3 The Cabinet responses to the scrutiny recommendations from the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee is now attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee is invited to comment on the recommendations and to note the report.

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SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENT AND CABINET MEMBER RESPONDING	ACCEPT/ REJECT RECOMMENDATIONS (inc. reasons for rejection)	IDENTIFIED OFFICER	ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IF ACCEPTED (ie Action Plan)	DATE OF SCRUTINY MEETING TO REPORT BACK
STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SUB-COMMITTEE - At its meeting on 12 September 2017, the Committee RESOLVED to recommend the following:						
1. To amend the proposals to ensure needs of local residents, pedestrians and cyclists are taken into account.	Place	A letter outlining the recommendations was sent to TfL on 6 October 2017, and a Consultation Report following the formal consultation is expected to be available from June 2018.	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBC
2. The cycle lanes on Epsom Road be reviewed to have both cycle lanes on the station side to improve cycle safety.	Place	A letter outlining the recommendations was sent to TfL on 6 October 2017, and a Consultation Report following the formal consultation is expected to be available from June 2018.	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBC

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3. Scheme be reviewed to reduce conflict between cyclists and pedestrians.	Place	A letter outlining the recommendations was sent to TfL on 6 October 2017, and a Consultation Report following the formal consultation is expected to be available from June 2018.	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBC
4. Consideration be given to how cyclists would travel around Waddon safely, especially young people cycling to school, parks, the station and McDonalds.	Place	A letter outlining the recommendations was sent to TfL on 6 October 2017, and a Consultation Report following the formal consultation is expected to be available from June 2018.	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBC

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5. A dedicated cycle lane north/south be provided south of Epsom Road.	Place	A letter outlining the recommendations was sent to TfL on 6 October 2017, and a Consultation Report following the formal consultation is expected to be available from June 2018.	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBC
6. The possibility of acquiring land from the Morrisons site be reviewed to provide for these segregated cycle lanes.	Place	A letter outlining the recommendations was sent to TfL on 6 October 2017, and a Consultation Report following the formal consultation is expected to be available from June 2018.	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBC

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7. Disability groups be approached to participate in the consultation to ensure the final plans are accessible to all.	Place	A letter outlining the recommendations was sent to TfL on 6 October 2017, and a Consultation Report following the formal consultation is expected to be available from June 2018.	N/A	N/A	N/A	TBC
8. The engagement programme be honest with the aims of the project and limitations to ensure people are aware of what can be achieved.	Place	Accept	Lee Parker	No	The principles have already been implemented and the engagement programme will include robust consultation on a scheme by scheme basis.	TBC
9. Future reports and engagement activities clearly communicate how the town centre would change from the Masterplan (2007/8) and into the future (2025).	Place	Accept	Lee Parker	No	Engagement activities will show how the town centre is likely to change and seek public opinion before schemes commence. This will include any changes from town centre masterplans where appropriate.	TBC

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10. Those with disabilities are taken into consideration when designing schemes and consulting.	Place	Accept	Lee Parker	No	Croydon Mobility Forum and the Council's internal Disability Network will be fully involved and consulted as schemes are designed and progressed.	TBC

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