

Cabinet

Meeting held on Monday, 21 October 2019 at 6.30 pm in Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

MINUTES

- Present:** Councillor Tony Newman (Chair);
- Councillor Alison Butler, Stuart Collins, Jane Avis, Alisa Flemming, Stuart King (voting – Job Share), Oliver Lewis, Paul Scott (non-voting – Job Share) and Manju Shahul-Hameed
- Also Present:** Councillor Tim Pollard, Jason Perry, Lynne Hale, Simon Hoar, Yvette Hopley, Vidhi Mohan, Helen Pollard, Sean Fitzsimons, Robert Ward, Clive Fraser, Jamie Audsley, Leila Ben-Hassel, Bernadette Khan, Shafi Khan, Toni Letts and Louisa Woodley
- Apologies:** Councillor Hamida Ali and Simon Hall

PART A

81/19 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 September 2019 were agreed. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as an accurate record.

82/19 **Disclosure of Interests**

There were none or the following disclosures of interest were made:

83/19 **Urgent Business (If any)**

There were no items of urgent business.

84/19 **A Sustainable Croydon Update - Citizen's Assembly**

The Leader informed Members that the report provided an update on the work of the council to combat the climate emergency which was announced in summer 2019. The report outlined the work the Citizens Assembly would undertake which was intended to launch by the end of 2019.

In addition to the Citizens Assembly, the Leader noted that the council was undertaking further initiatives which sought to tackle the climate emergency such as emissions based parking charges, school streets and the Air Quality Action Plan. It was further noted that work across London

had started to see results with a reduction in poisonous fumes being recorded in London.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (voting Job Share) stated that this was an important policy for the council and noted that a new generation of Croydon residents were engaged in tackling the climate emergency. One in three parents, it was stated, were taking into consideration the air quality around schools into consideration when deciding which schools to apply for.

The Leader noted the engagement of young people in climate change and stated that the Citizens Assembly would have a focus on the youngest generations as well as all residents.

Councillor Jane Avis arrived at 18.38.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Note the methodology of a Citizen's Assembly to draft recommendations to Cabinet and evidence for the commission using residents input;
2. Approve the delegation of authority to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources for final approval of the Citizen's Assembly methodology; and
3. Note the information about the Sustainable Croydon Commission proposal for a November report.

85/19

Don't Mess with Croydon Campaign Update

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and commended the Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon for the bold decision he took to change the waste collection methods in the Borough, which had resulted in a 9% increase in recycling in just one year.

The Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon thanked the residents for their patience and understanding during the enrolment of new bins and noted that it had been successful as 14,000 tonnes of waste from the borough had been diverted from landfill and incineration through recycling. There had been some negative stories in the media as to where recycling went so he had conversed as the Chair of the South London Waste Partnership Joint Committee to promote recycling; he had visited schools across the borough, worked closely with charities to reuse large whitegoods and furniture, encouraged the establishment of reuse centres, and helped with the creation of the video "Destination Recycling".

The South London Waste Partnership Communications Advisor, John Haynes, introduced the Destination Recycling video and explained the purpose was to ensure residents had faith in where their recycling was going. The South London Waste Partnership was made up of four local councils; Croydon, Kingston, Merton and Sutton, who had all contributed to the production of the video. There were five versions available, one full five minute video and four shorter videos and these were all available on the South London Waste Partnership website, in addition to being promoted through Facebook advertising. There had been 200,000 views of the film already, 55,000 views from Croydon residents and a further 2000 views on the South London Waste Partnership website. The video was launched in Recycling Week 2019 and the campaign would continue for a further two weeks.

The Cabinet were shown the video “Destination Recycling” – a short film telling the story of what happens to your recycling and rubbish.

The Shadow Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon thanked the Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon but expressed concerns for the statistics in the report. In response it was confirmed that the Environment Agency compiled the figures, as opposed to the Cabinet Member, and suggested that the Shadow Cabinet Member could organise a briefing with officers to discuss the figures. The Head of Environmental Services, Tom Lawrence, added that he had met with Councillor Robert Ward regarding the discrepancies in the figures and some of the household waste figures had not been included in the final total; however, once this was corrected it had come to an increase of 48% of the household recycling rate in the borough.

Councillor Shafi Khan thanked the Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon and the officers for their hard work in such an important area. In response to his query it was confirmed that the Cabinet Member had visited three schools in the north of the borough, including a nursery, and would be happy for Councillor Shafi Khan to join him when visiting the local schools within his ward, Norbury and Pollards Hill.

The Cabinet Member for Clean Green Croydon explained to Cabinet that shortly he would be visiting blocks of flats where it was proving difficult to recycle where he would explore the option of introducing different bins and vehicle access routes. He noted that this would be discussed with the Ward Councillors before the site visits and when trialling new options.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Note the positive impact of the new Recycling and Waste Service on Croydon’s Recycling Rate; and

2. Agree the approach to a communication plan (including the circulation of a recycling video to schools) described in the report.

86/19

Croydon Public Safety CCTV Upgrade

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Safer Croydon & Communities presented the report and thanked the Director of the Violence Reduction Unit and the CCTV & Intelligence Hub Manager for their work in developing the piece of work around the CCTV upgrade project.

The Deputy Cabinet Member noted that the report sought the upgrade of hardware and software for the CCTV network in Croydon which consisted of 96 fixed and ten mobile cameras. The proposed upgrade, it was noted, would be the first major upgrade of the network since the 1990s and would support the key priorities of a safer Croydon as the CCTV network supported intelligence based responses to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

Members were informed that the consultation on the proposals was undertaken in line with Home Office guidance and that young people were also consulted. Additionally an Equality Impact Assessment had been completed, an analysis of which was included as an appendix to the report. Following the consultation the Deputy Cabinet Member stated that the council were satisfied that the majority of consultation responders supported the CCTV upgrade.

The Director of the Violence Reduction Unit confirmed that the council had consulted widely on the proposals and that residents supported the use of CCTV as it was a tool to combat crime but also made them feel safer. Members were further informed that the upgrade would support other council priorities also as it was possible to install air quality monitors to the cameras.

Members thanked officers for the report and supported the CCTV network being upgraded as it was noted that a number of vulnerable residents felt at risk visiting the town centre and it was hoped the upgrade would help alleviate any concerns residents had. Additionally, it was noted that previously the quality of CCTV images had not been of a sufficient quality to aid investigations and that it was welcomed that new CCTV cameras would remove this concern.

In response to Member questions, the Deputy Cabinet Member stated that CCTV was not the panacea to all issues but a tool to help combat crime and anti-social behaviour. It was important that the council supported and worked with the police to alleviate problems and spot possible issues, through the monitoring of CCTV images, before they occurred.

Councillor Bernadette Khan left at 19.15.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve Growth Zone funding of £1M in 2020-21 for this CCTV Upgrade Project;
2. Note change in infrastructure to enable system upgrade for growth, capability and capacity to capture future requirements in urban spaces in line with council requirements; and
3. Note consultation comments: A Public Consultation in accordance with the statutory requirements was undertaken following on from a public consultation exercise from 24th June to 4th August 2019. To upgrade the infrastructure the Council has reviewed recent crime patterns and feedback from the public consultation. The evidence base will inform the methodology for siting of new and replacement cameras to ensure they are placed where they are need to meet these objectives.

87/19

A Housing and Homelessness Strategy for Croydon

The Cabinet watched a video made by Crisis charity which outlined the current housing crisis and the need for local housing allowance to be restored.

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Gateway Services explained that there was a need for more homes across the UK and in Croydon and that they should be safe and of high quality. It was noted that approximately 1280 Croydon children would go to sleep tonight in emergency accommodation.

She echoed her fellow Cabinet Members comments regarding the housing crisis being linked with all Cabinet portfolios, therefore, she was pleased the Strategy had been shaped by a variety of services. The Strategy was due to go out for consultation and the results of this would shape the draft plan for Croydon.

Members were informed that the report highlighted the three aims; affordability to rent and buy, social homes, and improving access to homes and independent living. It included looking at the different types of homes needed within the Borough and how many needed to be developed. The Cabinet Member for Homes & Gateway Services thanked all the officers who had worked on the report and Strategy, in particular Hazel Simmonds, Executive Director - Gateway Strategy and Engagement, Caroline Toogood, Head of Strategic Projects and Growth, and John Montes, Senior Strategy Officer.

The Shadow Cabinet Member for Housing and Gateway Services noted the importance of everyone having a place they were safe and could call home and thanked all those who volunteer in shelters. She requested that the proposed Strategy included the provision for homes for residents over the age of 65 and those with disabilities; it was important to ensure residents could live independently for as long as possible and hospitals were able to discharge patients timely. It was added that mobility scooter storage space should also be provided in lifetime homes. The Shadow Cabinet Member for Housing and Gateway Services requested that the results from the consultation on the strategy be brought back to Cabinet for discussion.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Gateway Services thanked Councillor Hale for her commitment to volunteering in the shelters, and the other Councillors and residents who volunteered. She agreed that accessible homes, including wheelchair homes, were really important and explained that they would form a big part of the Strategy; it was being reviewed which types of housing was needed for the Borough and officers were forward planning for which houses would be needed in the future. The Strategy would also look at adapting current homes to be suitable for all accessibility needs. Officers would ensure that mobility scooter storage would be provided in safe places, and that they would not be in fire risk locations. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Gateway Services agreed to present the consultation results at Cabinet.

The Cabinet Member for Families, Health & Social Care thanked the Cabinet Member for Housing and Gateway Services for the extremely powerful film. It was explained that housing greatly impacted on health and wellbeing and had been made particularly difficult because of the 70% of cuts the authority had faced.

The Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board, Councillor Louisa Woodley, thanked the Cabinet Member for Housing and Gateway Services and housing officers for providing quality homes to the most vulnerable residents in Croydon, especially following the funding cuts. She added that housing was a key element in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources and BAME Champion explained that she worked closely with Crystal Palace FC during the Black History Month launch and she had received positive comments regarding a high number of homeless individuals, who were well known to the club, who had been housed and were being well supported by the Gateway Services teams under Julia Pitt, Director of Gateway Services. The Cabinet Member for Families, Health & Social Care thanked Councillor Patsy Cummings and added that she would pass the gratitude on to the Director of Gateway Services and her teams.

The Chair of Scrutiny Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee thanked the officers and Cabinet Member for fully engaging with Scrutiny

regarding the Strategy and noted that she looked forward to discussing it at the Scrutiny Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Agree the draft priorities for a Housing Strategy and Action Plan for Croydon and authorise the commencement of a process of consultation and engagement with key external stakeholders to develop the strategy and action plan;
2. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services to agree the final draft of the Housing Strategy and Action Plan for consultation (currently under development);
3. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services to recommend the updated Housing Strategy and Action Plan to full Council for adoption following consideration of the outcome of the consultation and engagement;
4. Agree the draft priorities for a Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy for Croydon and authorise the commencement of a process of statutory consultation and engagement with key external stakeholders to develop the strategy;
5. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services to agree the final draft of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy for consultation (currently under development); and
6. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services to recommend the updated Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy to full Council for adoption following consideration of the outcome of the consultation and engagement.

88/19

Consultation on proposals to renew private sector housing Selective Licensing Scheme in Croydon

The Cabinet Member for Homes & Gateway Services informed Members that in 2014 the Administration made a commitment to launch a Selective Licensing Scheme which was introduced shortly afterwards. The report sought the authority to start statutory consultation to introduce a new scheme in 2020, when the current scheme ran out. It was noted, by the Cabinet Member, that following the introduction of the original scheme Selective Licensing Schemes required approval from the Secretary of State and so this had been included within the timeline for the introduction of a new scheme.

Members were informed that the private rented sector represented around 35% of all housing in the borough, and while there was a number of excellent landlords there were too many who were not and there were a number of residents living in poverty due to high rents. Additionally, a number of residents raised concerns regarding private landlords due to issues of inappropriate refuse provisions, fly tipping, and fire safety concerns.

The Cabinet Member stated the scheme was about protecting residents' most basic human rights to have a safe and secure home.

Members were informed that three options were being consulted upon, which were detailed within the report, and were in line with the statutory requirements for the Selective Licensing Scheme. Additionally, the Cabinet Member stated that the proposed fee structure would not see the licence fee being increased.

Members welcomed the consultation on the proposed new scheme and stated that it would be important to listen to responses so the scheme could be informed by residents and landlords. It was noted by Members that the consultation options, as set out in the report, were not easily comprehensible and it was hoped that the consultation document would be clearer as to what the different options were.

Members welcomed the report being taken to Scrutiny, however requested that it return to Cabinet for a final decision ahead of submission to the Secretary of State to ensure a full discussion.

Concerns were raised, that while Members wanted bad landlords to improve, that the proposed requirements would cost landlords more to fulfil and that those costs could be passed onto the tenants.

In response to Member questions the Cabinet Member stated that the complexity in relation to the options set out in the report had arisen due to the requirements set out by central government. It was, however, anticipated that most residents would respond in terms of whether they supported the principle of the scheme and it would not be necessary for responses to include which option was preferred. The Cabinet Member invited all councillors to respond to the consultation as it would be important to hear their views also.

In terms of the requirements of the Scheme on landlords, the Cabinet Member stated that many of the requirements were set out in legislation and the Scheme clearly outlined what was necessary to rent out a property as some landlords were not clear on their responsibilities. The Cabinet Member stated that the requirements were not onerous, especially when considering renting a property was a serious business and a large responsibility. Furthermore, the Cabinet Member noted that most landlords paid the lower licence fee which equated to £1.34 per week which was at a level which should not be passed onto tenants.

The Selective Licensing and Housing Team Manager thanked Members for their responses and confirmed that the council undertook property based interventions where required. In terms of the responsibilities of council in terms of the Selective Licensing Scheme, the council was reviewing a court ruling and ensuring the proposed and current scheme were compliant with the ruling.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Authorise the Executive Director of Place to commence statutory consultation and engagement with key stakeholders on proposals to introduce a new Selective Licensing Scheme in Croydon in 2020;
2. Authorise the Executive Director Place to recommend an approach to renewal or otherwise of selective licensing in Croydon, based on the evidence presented and feedback from the consultation process;
3. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services in consultation with the Executive Director of Place to make the final decision on the form of the Selective Licensing Scheme; and
4. Authorise the Executive Director of Place to seek designation approval from the Secretary of State in 2020, where necessary.

89/19

Celebrating and Supporting Croydon's BAME Residents

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and thanked Councillor Patsy Cummings for all her hard work as the BAME Champion, in particular the organisation of Windrush Day.

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources and BAME Champion showed a presentation to the Cabinet which highlighted: Croydon's celebration of the Windrush Generation; the range of organised events for Black History Month; Croydon Mela, which had been a hugely successful event with the help of the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport; the annual interfaith bike ride; Croydon Council being highly commended in the representative workforce category at the 2019 ENEI awards; and the celebrations of various communities, namely Diwali.

The presentation also highlighted the changes at Fairfield Hall: a suite in the venue had been named after Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, an English composer who lived most of his life in Croydon; the Talawa Theatre

Company had taken up residence; and the Chineke! Orchestra was an “Orchestra in Partnership” at Fairfield Halls.

Cabinet Members and Shadow Cabinet Members thanked Councillor Patsy Cummings for her presentation and all her fantastic work she had achieved as the BAME Champion. They noted the importance of all the events she had organised, particularly because Croydon was one of the most diverse areas in the country. They also gave thanks for organising the Windrush Day celebrations and noted that there had been positive and highly successful events throughout the year.

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Jobs noted that Croydon Council had organised a Good Employer BAME Entrepreneurs event during Black History Month where a range of speakers and entrepreneurs attended. She thanked the officers for organising a Black History Month themed market in Surrey Street where there were 15 different trailers; a similar market would be held in Surrey Street for Diwali. It was further noted that the “100 in 100” campaign had begun where the Council were working with businesses and training providers within the Croydon Apprenticeship Academy to provide apprenticeships for residents in the borough, with the aim to employ 100 in 100 days. The target of employing 50 in 50 days had been reached, with particular help to a roadshow organised with the BAME Network.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Learning welcomed the Samuel Coleridge-Taylor suite in the Fairfield Halls. She also noted the importance of introducing black history education to the curriculum throughout the year and not just during Black History Month; a high number of young people did not have the opportunity to learn who they were and the history of where they come from. Councillor Woodley further explained that when she taught in the Borough and she chaired the Commission on Race and Education Attainment across London in 2003 and it was agreed to recommend to Government for black history to be included as part of the curriculum; however, the recommendations were only partially adopted by agreeing for black history to be included if the school wished to teach it. She expressed that it should not be an “add-on” to the curriculum but should be mandatory across the UK.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To note the information in the report and presentation (at appendix A of the report).

90/19

Section 75 Partnership Agreement for Public Health Nursing

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Learning informed Members that the proposed contract was being awarded in accordance

with the Contract and Tenders Regulations and was scheduled to run for a maximum period of seven years. The proposed contract was made up of three parts; health visiting, the family nurse partnership and school nursing, and was being funded through the Public Health budget. The Cabinet Member noted that in Croydon an average of £150 per head was spent compared to an average £250 per head due to funding restrictions.

By merging the three contracts into one contract from March 2020, Cabinet were informed that economies of scale could be achieved which would provide a more efficient service, whilst delivering the same programmes. By delivering the service through the One Croydon Alliance it ensured there was a coordinated approach to early help. The service, it was noted, was vital and supported the early help initiative, and as such supported the most vulnerable residents.

The Leader noted that the contract was a practical outcome of the devolution and partnership working the council had undertaken by commissioning Croydon University Hospital to deliver all three services under one contract.

Members supported the piece of work and the approach of working through the One Croydon Alliance as it was noted that the contract would deliver good outcomes, particularly for vulnerable residents. It was proposed that the Health & Wellbeing Board could review the work going forward to ensure high quality delivery of the contract. The Cabinet Member welcomed the support of the Board in promoting the work of public health nursing.

Members further noted the important work health workers undertook in terms of promoting immunisation of children and that this work could be supported by the locality work of the council by overcoming the misinformation in terms of immunisation.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the award of a Section 75 Agreement in accordance with Regulation 28.4(c) of the Council's Contracts and Tenders Regulations for Public Health Nursing to Croydon Health Services NHS Trust (CHS) for a contract term of 3 years commencing 1 April 2020 plus 2 + 2 years extension periods for a maximum contract value of £40,999,000 (includes the extension periods); and
2. Note that the Director of Commissioning and Procurement has approved the waiver under Regulation 19 of the Councils Tenders and Contracts Regulations to allow the direct award without prior submission of a procurement strategy of these services to CHS for reasons set out in the report.

Issues and Options Consultation on the Croydon Local Plan Review

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share, non-voting) introduced the report and showed a presentation to Cabinet regarding the Consultation on the Croydon Local Plan Review and the key drivers for reviewing; climate change, the housing crisis, new London Plan, and sustainable growth.

Members were informed that climate change was a key priority and driver for the review. There was a growing population and an increasing demand for smaller homes; 46,000 new homes needed to be delivered in the next 20 years due to the housing crisis. From 1600 hours on 21 October 2019 (the day of Croydon Cabinet) the panel of inspectors who were reviewing the London Plan had published their findings, and following the Mayor of London's consideration the final report it would be published by the end of 2019. The significant finding was that the housing delivering in London had reduced from 65,000 to 52,000 new homes due to the concerns from the inspectors of the intensification in the suburbs. It was expected that there would be a reduction of new homes in Croydon; however, the consultation would continue with the draft plan to provide 29,490 new homes in ten years. Sustainable growth was imperative to provide homes and protect the distinct places in the Borough.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share, non-voting) noted that the strategic options included in the consultation were: to introduce all new homes in an urban area, creating a more intensive development in a few suburban areas, to intensify the Purley Way to deliver up to 12,000 new homes, or to release limited areas of Green Belt for housing. The level of change would vary from place to place but the areas which could accommodate further homes had been suggested, especially those with strong transport links.

It was further explained to Cabinet that the transformation of the Purley Way would include the retention of businesses and industry areas. The Mayor of London had granted Croydon Council just over £300k to develop a master plan for the Purley Way area. The development of the Green Belt for housing was controversial and not preferable; however, a number of stakeholders, residents and resident associations had requested that this was part of the consultation.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share, non-voting) explained that there was a climate emergency and there had been significant flooding in some areas of Croydon. Through the development of new homes the Council would support the London Plan and drive towards zero carbon development, begin reforestation in the borough, enable sustainable refurbishment of existing housing stock and ensure new builds had sustainable urban drainage systems. There

was high concentration of Green Grid in the south of the borough and the Local Plan would include the retention of the natural environment and would include a net gain in biodiversity through the new developments. He added that the Council would want to work with communities to protect important green spaces.

The consultation was due to start on 8 November 2019, rather than 1 November, and to close on 8 January 2020. A number of events would take place across the Borough; an urban room in the Whitgift Centre, exhibitions, workshops, market stalls, and local school visits. Following the consultation the responses would be considered and discussed with Members of the Council, the proposed submission publication for comment in autumn 2020, have a final public examination in spring/summer 2021 and then final adoption in early 2020.

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Cabinet Member for Economy, Jobs and Planning expressed concern for the number of contentious options mentioned by the Cabinet Member and included within the report, and noted that there were a number of contradictions throughout the presentation; developing on the Green Belt would not support the climate emergency. The character in areas of the Borough would be changed, in particular when removing the Green Belt; he noted serious concern for once the development of the Green Belt begun then it would not stop. The removal of the Green Belt was not in line with the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) or the London Mayor.

It was further stated that the feedback received from the London Plan inspectors should be considered, especially in regards to the reduction of housing required, before the Plan went out for consultation.

The Shadow Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport raised concerns for developing on Green Belt land and noted that it should not have been proposed and included in the consultation.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share, non-voting) responded to the concerns raised and explained that there was a clear housing need and the Council needed to meet the requirements and deliver the necessary homes outlined by the Government. Local residents and resident associations had requested that Green Belt land was considered for development due to their concerns of intensification in local areas and neighbourhoods; if the consultation results indicated that intensification was the preferred option of the local residents, then this would shape the Local Plan. Three small areas of land were being looked at for possible release, these being two agricultural fields and one unused golf course, all of which had strong transport links.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share, non-voting) assured there would not be a negative impact on the

Green Grid as biodiversity would be increased and reforestation would begin. He also stated that no playgrounds in the Borough had been lost, as suggested by the media; any playgrounds that had been temporarily lost due to development had been re-provided. There would not be any parks lost either.

He concluded and explained that he was requesting that residents think about the proposals in a balanced way before responding and if none of the options were preferred then an alternative would be sought.

Councillor Hay-Justice noted that the required housing for the borough was highly ambitious but crucial and was pleased that the administration was being open and honest about the current situation, as difficult choices would need to be made. She further added that residents were being offered 125% above the market rate by property developers and understood why they did not turn these offers down. The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share, non-voting) agreed and added that the Council needed to be providing housing in addition to property developers; if the targets were not delivered through the Local Plan then property developers would begin developing on the Green Belt.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the publication of the Croydon Local Plan Review (Issues and Options) consultation document (at Appendix 1 of the report) for public consultation under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012; and
2. Delegate minor and/or factual changes to the Croydon Local Plan Review (Issues and Options) consultation document prior to publication for consultation to the Director of the Director of Planning and Strategic Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Regeneration (Job Share).

92/19

Issues and Preferred Options Consultation on the Draft South London Waste Plan

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (non-voting Job Share) provided Members with a presentation which gave an overview of the Draft South London Waste Plan. Members were informed that it was a statutory responsibility to have a Waste Plan and that the Draft Plan had been formed with the London Boroughs of Merton, Kington and Sutton. The new Plan was intended to replace the Plan adopted in 2012 and would run for 15 years. It was noted that the new Plan did not

propose significant changes and sought to retain waste site provision and enhance provision for waste from industrial sites.

Cabinet were informed that the consultation was funded for through a central government grant and would run concurrently with the Local Plan Review consultation.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the Issues and Preferred Options Consultation South London Waste Plan (Appendix 1) for consultation to run for six weeks between October and December 2019 in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and
2. Delegate minor and / or factual changes to the Issues and Preferred Options Consultation South London Waste Plan prior to consultation to the Director of the Director of Planning and Strategic Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Regeneration (Job Share).

93/19

Investing in our Borough

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources introduced the report and noted that the recommendations were seeking approval for the award of the contract for Section 75: Public Health Nursing and the contract variation for Agency Contract. It was further explained that the Agency Contract was in need of an extension as there had been an increase agency staff, in particular with children's social care.

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Award of contract variation for Agency Contract in accordance with the recommendations set out in the report at item 14a of the agenda;
2. Note the contract awards recommended to the Cabinet for approval which are the subject of a separate agenda item and referenced in section 4.1.3 of the report;
3. Note the list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, between 16/08/2019 – 16/09/2019; and

4. Note the property acquisitions and disposals agreed by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources in consultation with the Leader since the last meeting of Cabinet.

94/19

Variation to the Contract for the Provision of a Managed Service for Temporary Agency Resources

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the increase in spend for the temporary agency workers contract with Adecco for a new maximum contract value of £135,000,000; and
2. Note that the Chair of Contracts and Commissioning Board has approved the one year permitted extension of the contract with Adecco.

95/19

Exclusion of the Press and Public

This was not required.

The meeting ended at 9.19 pm