

## LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

To: All Member of Council  
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### **STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET ON 18 JANUARY 2021**

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Further to the associated public notice of Key Decisions no scrutiny call-in has been received, and therefore the following decisions can be implemented.

The following apply to the decisions listed below:

**Reasons for these decisions:** As set out in the report -

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**Other options considered and rejected:** As set out in the report -

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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: UPDATE ON THE CROYDON RENEWAL PLAN AND SUBMISSION TO MHCLG (PRESENTATION)**

**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 note the presentation.

## **Decision Title: ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS THE REPORT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST**

### **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**

1. Agree the amendments to the RIPI action plan recommended by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Appendix 1);
2. Agree the amendments to the RIPI action plan recommended by the General Purposes & Audit Committee (Appendix 2);
3. Agree that the action plan (Appendix 3) should be updated accordingly; and
4. Note that in accordance with the resolutions of Council on 19 November 2020, Cabinet, alongside the General Purposes & Audit Committee, the Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Council, will receive quarterly reports detailing progress of delivering the action plan as part of quarterly progress monitoring reports from the forthcoming Council Improvement Board.

## **Decision Title: EDUCATION ESTATES STRATEGY**

### **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**

#### **School Admission**

1. agree to recommend to full Council that it determine the proposed community schools' Admission Arrangements for the 2022/23 academic year (Appendix 1);
2. approve the continued adoption of the proposed Pan London scheme for co-ordination of admissions to Reception and Junior schools as set out at Appendix 1a of the report; and adoption of the proposed Pan London scheme for co-ordination of admissions to secondary schools as set out at Appendix 1b of the report;

#### **School Place Planning**

3. approve the Capital Programme Budget summary (as set out at Appendix 2 of the report);

#### School Maintenance and Compliance

4. approve the proposed Schools' Maintenance Plan (as set out at Appendix 3 of the report) for 2021/22 with an overall budget cost of £2.945m;
5. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Children, Families and Education to vary the proposed Schools' Maintenance Plan to reflect actual prices and new urgent issues that may arise, including authorising spend against the allowance for emergency and reactive works. The Executive Director, Children, Families and Education shall report back to members in respect of any exercise of such authority;

#### **School Place Planning**

##### Academy conversion

6. note the change of status of Woodcote Primary to an academy;

##### Early Years

7. note the 2020 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment report as set out at Appendix 4 of the report;

##### Special Educational Needs and Disability(SEND)

8. note that the SEND Estates strategies are contributing positively to the development of local provision maintaining some of our most challenging and vulnerable children and young people with SEND within their families and communities. For example, the:
  9. new special school – Addington Valley Academy - for severe and complex children with Autism Spectrum Conditions is underway and on schedule;
  10. new school build for St. Nicholas Special School was completed and the school moved in over the last academic year;
  11. Croydon College Coulsdon Pathways provision for students with SEND aged 19-25 is now in its third year and has been a great success;
  12. review of the SEND estate – Red Gates / St. Giles / Priory - in terms of its quality, safeguarding and feasibility as approved by Cabinet in January 2020 is underway; and

##### Alternative Provision / Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)

13. note information on Alternative Provision / PRU.

## **Decision Title: GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020-24**

### **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**

1. Note the draft capital programme, which excludes the Housing Revenue Account capital programme. Note the final capital programme will be presented for Full Council approval as part of the budget setting process;
2. Recommend that Full Council approve amendments to the in year capital programme;
3. Note the changes to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) borrowing requirements, include the need to provide an outline capital strategy to central government before any further borrowing is permitted;
4. Note the proposal to review the Highways budgets alongside the Highways Strategy in the new financial year; and
5. Cease the Asset Investment Board, as the Asset Acquisition Programme has stopped.

## **Decision Title: DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT SCHOOLS FUNDING 2021/22 FORMULA FACTORS**

### **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**

1. Approve the funding formula for Croydon schools for the financial year 2021/22 for maintained schools, and the academic year 2021/22 for academies, in line with the recommendations of the School Forum:
  - a. To agree for the phased implementation of the National Funding Formula in 2021/22 to ease the potential turbulence of moving to a hard formula at a later stage; and
  - b. To agree the funding formula factors set out in Table 2 and paragraphs 3.10 to 3.31 of the report.

## **Decision Title: MAKING CROYDON'S PRIVATE RENTED HOMES SAFER AND PROTECTING RESIDENTS**

### **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**

1. Note the new enforcement powers available to the Private Sector Housing Enforcement and Trading Standards teams including the various responsibilities, duties and commencement dates.
2. Adopt the proposed policy 'Determining the Penalty and Banding the Offence'; attached as Appendix 1. This policy covers the process to both:
  - Determine the Penalty - determine what is the most appropriate sanction to be taken against an offending landlord; and
  - Banding the Offence - where the sanction is a Financial Penalty, the level of penalty.
3. Resolve for the proposed policy 'Determining the Penalty and Banding the Offence' to supersede the existing policy "Determining the Penalty" which was approved on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 and which the Council commenced using on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
4. Adopt the proposed revised Statement of Principles attached at Appendix 3 of the report which has been produced as required under regulation 13 of The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (England) Regulations 2015 and agree to the publication of the Statement of Principles.
5. Resolve for the proposed Statement of Principles attached at Appendix 3 of the report to supersede the existing Statement of Principles, attached as Appendix 2 of the report, which was approved on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 and which the Council commenced using on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017".
6. Agree to the proposed policy 'Determining the Penalty and Banding the Offence' and proposed revised Statement of Principles to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 in respect of powers created under the various enactments.
7. Approve the revised proposed houses in multiple occupation licensing ["HMO"] fee payment arrangement that requires the applicant to make the same total payment under the scheme if the licence is successfully granted, but in two stages, Part A on application and Part B if the License is granted, as detailed in a fee structure section 18 of the report and documented in Appendix 4 (current fees) and Appendix 5 (proposed fees) of the report.

8. Authorise the Council to include new or revised houses in multiple occupation licence conditions as detailed in section 17 of the report and documented in Appendix 6 (current conditions) and Appendix 7 (proposed conditions) of the report covering:
  - the safety of the electrical installation requirements, new condition 1.2.1;
  - the revision of conditions 1.1, 1.2.2 and 1.2.3 to give a deadline of 14 days in which a licence holder must return a declaration to the Council on request;
  - the smoke and carbon monoxide alarm requirements, new condition numbers 1.3.1 and 1.3.2;
  - the control of anti-social behaviour, reworded condition 1.5 with new sections 1.5.2 and 1.5.3;
  - the storage and disposal of household waste requirement, new condition 1.6.1, 1.6.2, and 1.6.3; and
  - the introduction of minimum room standards in paragraph 2 and through 2.3 and 2.4, a system for managing breaches of 2.1 a landlord was not aware of.
9. Agree to adopt the proposed revised fee charging mechanism for houses in multiple occupation applications attached as Appendix 5 of the report made on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.
10. Agree to adopt the proposed revised HMO licence conditions attached as Appendix 7 for new HMO licences issued on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.
11. Authorise officers to arrange the publication of the documentation, subject to updates to ensure that typographical matters, such as reference to draft and seeking Cabinet approval, are updated prior to publication.

**Decision Title: LONDON COUNCILS GRANT SCHEME 2021/22**

**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 agree the recommendations of the London Council's Leaders Committee to:

1. Approve the London Councils Grants Scheme budget for 2021/22 of £6.668m; and
2. Agree Croydon Council's 2021/22 contribution to the London Councils Grants Scheme budget amounting to £287,731.

**Decision Title: SCRUTINY STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF THE STRATEGIC REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S COMPANIES - ACTION PLAN**

**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

**RESOLVED:** To receive the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny & Overview Committee's consideration of the Strategic Review of the Council's Companies - Action Plan at the Committee meeting held on 21 December 2020, and to provide a substantive response within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on 22 March 2021).

**Decision Title: INVESTING IN OUR BOROUGH**

**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 note

1. The contracts between £500,000 and £5,000,000 anticipated to be awarded under delegated authority from the Leader by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance and with the Leader in certain circumstances, before the next meeting of Cabinet, as set out in section 4.1.1 of the report; and
2. The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, between 25/11/2020 – 17/12/2020, as set out in section 4.1.2 of the report.

**Signed:** Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

**Notice date:** 26 January 2021