

## LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY ON 21 FEBRUARY 2022

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.

**Reasons for these decisions:** As set out in the reports  
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2514&Ver=4>

**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 power to make the decisions set out below:

**Key Decision no.:** N/A

**Decision Title:** ACCOMMODATING ASYLUM SEEKERS IN CROYDON

**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 rapid increase in asylum seekers placed by the Home Office in the borough in recent months with the resulting pressure on council and NHS services and the estimated financial impact for the council.

2. Note the forecast budget pressures for 2021-24 due to the disproportionate number of asylum seeking children and young people the council continues to care for.
3. Note the serious concerns on the reported shortcomings in health protection and environmental health in the hotels in Croydon, which are being used as medium term accommodation for families and individuals in premises that were not designed as accommodation for so many people for such long periods of time.
4. Note that the Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning have written to the Secretary of State to raise serious concerns about the funding arrangements for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and young people alongside the rapidly increased number of asylum seekers placed in the borough.

**Key Decision no.:** N/A

**Decision Title:** PERIOD 9 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

**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

1. Note the General Fund is projecting a net favourable movement of £0.565m from Month 8. Service directorates are indicating a net £1.236m overspend (Month 8 £2.203m) but this is projected to be netted off against £3.050m underspend within the corporate budget.
2. Note that a further number of risks and compensating opportunities may materialise which would see the forecast year-end variance change and these are reported within Section 3 of this report.
3. Note the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is projecting a £1.725m (Month 8 £1.634m) overspend for 2021/22. If no further mitigations are found to reduce this overspend the HRA will need to drawdown reserves from HRA balances. There are sufficient balances to cover this expenditure.
4. Note the capital spend to date for the General Fund of £51.394m (against a budget of £190.581m) and for the HRA of £10.147m (against a budget of £183.209m), with a projected forecast variance of £60.101m on the General

Fund against budget and £113.039m forecast variance against budget for the Housing Revenue Account;

5. Note, the above figures are predicated on forecasts from Month 9 to the year end and therefore could be subject to change as forecasts are refined and new and updated information is provided on a monthly basis. Forecasts are made based on the best available information at this time.
6. Note that whilst the Section 114 notice has formally been lifted, the internal controls established as part of the S114, such as the Spend Control Panel and Social Care Placement Panels remain. Restrictions have been lifted for ring-fenced accounts such as the Pension Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Coroner's Expenditure as these are directly outside of the General Fund's control. The Spending Control Panel which was set up at the beginning of November 2020 continues to meet on a twice daily basis.
7. Note that, Croydon Borough has taken on c1000 asylum seekers who have been placed in eight hotels by the Home Office without consultation with the Council. The hotel costs are funded by the Home Office, however the Council is be responsible for further ancillary services particularly around safeguarding, public health, children & youth provision and broader community support. These additional costs, which are currently being calculated have been flagged within the unquantified risks section of this report, and could clearly result in further financial pressures for the Council

**Key Decision no.:** 1322CAB

**Decision Title:** DELIVERING THE CROYDON GROWTH ZONE

**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

1. Approve a £4m budget for the 'Delivering the Growth Zone' programme 2022/23;
2. Note the indicative amended funding profile for Growth Zone Sub Groups as detailed in section 6 of this report, including the forecast budget slippage from 2021/22; and,
3. Subject to the requirement to comply with the provisions of Part 4G of the Constitution in taking delegated decisions, and the parameters previously approved in the March 2021 Cabinet report 'Delivering the Growth Zone' delegate to the Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities, Regeneration

& Economic Recovery in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151), the Cabinet Member for Renewal and Cabinet Member of Culture and Regenerations authority to make necessary changes to the funding assigned to Sub Groups as outlined in Table 1 Section 6.

**Key Decision no.: N/A**

**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

1.1 The Cabinet is requested to note:

- 1.1.1 The request for approval of the strategy for Arboricultural Services as set out in agenda item X and section 5.1.1.
- 1.1.2 The request for approval of the award for Corporate Cleaning and Security Services as set out in agenda item X and section 5.1.1.
- 1.1.3 Contract award decisions to be made between £500,000 and £5,000,000 by the nominated Cabinet Member or, where the nominated Cabinet Member is in consultation with the Leader as set out in section 5.3.1.
- 1.1.4 Delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commercial Investment since the last meeting of Cabinet, as set out in section 5.4.1
- 1.1.5 Property lettings, acquisitions and disposals to be agreed by the Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance in consultation with the Leader since the last meeting of Cabinet, as set out in section 5.5.1

**Key Decision no.:** 1022CAB

**Decision Title:** ARBORICULTURAL SERVICES

**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. Approve in accordance with Regulation 30.3 of the Council's Contracts and Tenders Regulations, the extension by way of variation of the contract for Specialist Arboricultural works with City Suburban Tree Surgeons Limited for a period of 9 months from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at a maximum value of £300,000, with an optional 3 month extension, up until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 at a maximum value of £400,000 (maximum contract value, including this proposed extension will be £9,621,396).
2. Approve the procurement strategy detailed in this report for a single contractor to deliver Arboriculture Services, to go to PCR Open Tender procedure for a proposed contract term of 5 years with an estimated value of £3,750,000 with an option to extend 1 or more times up to a maximum of 5 years with an estimated contract value of £7,500,000.
3. Note that the Director of Commissioning and procurement has approved the waiver listed below under Regulation 19 of the Council's Tender and Contract regulations:
  - a. To deviate from the evaluation ratios of 60% Quality and 40% Price under Regulation 22.4 to 60% Price and 40% Quality to apply a stronger emphasis on price for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.15.

**Key Decision no.:** 5121CAB

**Decision Title: CORPORATE CLEANING AND SECURITY SERVICES CONTRACT**

**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. To approve the award of a contract for the provision of corporate cleaning services (Lot 1) for an initial period of 4 years, with an option to extend for up to two periods of twelve months each, up to a maximum contact term of 6 years, to bidder A (named in the Part B report) and for the contract value stated in the Part B report.
2. To approve the award of a contract for the provision of corporate security services (Lot 2) for an initial period of 4 years, with an option to extend for up to two periods of twelve months each, up to a maximum contact term of 6 years, to bidder G (named in the Part B report) and for the contract value stated in the Part B report.
3. To note the names of awarded providers will be released following the award decision.

**Signed:** Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

**Notice date:** 01 March 2022