

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2022

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 13 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 reports
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=2515&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 Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: BOROUGH OF CULTURE

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 Endorse the programme outline for London Borough of Culture 2023

1.2 The Cabinet is recommended to Agree to the establishment of a Borough of Culture Executive Board and Steering Group the membership and responsibilities of which are outlined in paragraph 5 of this report to enable the delivery of the London Borough of Culture

1.3 Subject to agreeing recommendation 1.2 delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities Regeneration and Economic Recovery in consultation with the relevant Member or Members of the Executive carrying portfolio responsibilities which cover those currently performed by the Cabinet Member for Culture and Regeneration to agree the final membership, constitution and Terms of Reference of both the Executive Board and Steering Group.

1.4 Agree that regular reports will be provided to the Executive on the work of the Executive Board and Steering Group.

Key Decision no: 2022CAB

Decision Title: HOUSING IMPROVEMENT 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 Cabinet

RESOLVED: To

1. Note feedback from the Housing Improvement Board, which was established by Cabinet on 17 May 2021, contained in this report and the presentation from the Chair
2. Note the final membership, constitution and Terms of Reference of the Housing Improvement Board agreed under exercise of the delegation given to the former Corporate Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes as set out in Appendix 2; and
3. Agree to update the delegation given on 17 May 2022 to the interim Executive Director of Place as follows: Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing or such other Member as has portfolio responsibility for Housing to revise as necessary the Membership, constitution and Terms of Reference of the Housing Improvement Board
4. Agree the content of the Croydon Housing Improvement Plan
5. Delegate authority to further amend the Croydon Housing Improvement Plan to the Corporate Director for Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing or such other Member as has portfolio responsibility for Housing

6. That an updated version of the Housing improvement Plan be presented for approval in June 2022 that responds to the feedback provided by the Housing Improvement Board; and
7. That Cabinet receives quarterly updates on implementation of the improvement plan and that those updates include commentary from the Housing Improvement Board.

Key Decision no.: 2422CAB

Decision Title: HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS 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 Cabinet

RESOLVED: To

- 1.1 Agree the HRA 30 year Business Plan 2021-2051 as set out at Appendix 1 and detailed in this report , which is based on the HRA revenue budget for 2022-23 agreed by Full Council on 8 March 2022;
- 1.2 Consider the HRA Capital Programme for 22/23 as set out in Appendix 6 and recommend to Full Council that it approve the HRA Capital Programme for 22/23.
- 1.3 Note the assumptions the Plan is based upon and the risks associated with these assumptions;
- 1.4 Note the proposals for the ongoing development of the HRA Business Plan and agreed that the Plan will be updated annually with a full review every third year.

Key Decision no.: N/A

Decision Title: EQUALITY STRATEGY ANNUAL 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 Cabinet

RESOLVED:

1. That the Annual Equality report be noted.

2. That Cabinet call on all the organisations in Croydon, including individual schools, police and anyone else working with young people to sign up to the Croydon Equalities pledge, which launched on International Women's Day, and the George Floyd Race Matters Pledge, which will launch on 25 May 2022.
3. That all councillors be asked to promote the pledges among their communities, local groups and organisations to sign up to these pledges.

Key Decision no: N/A

Decision Title: PERIOD 10 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 Cabinet

RESOLVED: To

1.1 Note the General Fund is projecting a net adverse movement of £0.244m from Month 9. Service directorates are indicating a net £1.480m overspend (Month 9 £1.236m) but this is projected to be netted off against £3.050m underspend within the corporate budget.

1.2 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.

1.3 Note the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is projecting a £1.281m (Month 9 £1.725m) 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.

1.4 Note the capital spend to date for the General Fund of £58.323m (against a budget of £131.897m) and for the HRA of £12.075m (against a budget of £183.209m), with a projected forecast variance of £5.362m on the General Fund against budget and £121.002m forecast variance against budget for the Housing Revenue Account. All variances are projected to be slipped into future years but this will be reviewed once the outturn position has been confirmed.

1.5 Note, the above figures are predicated on forecasts from Month 10 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.

1.6 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.

Key Decision no: N/A

Decision Title: FAIRFIELD HALLS - RIPI 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 Cabinet

RESOLVED: To

- i) Consider the amendments to the RIPI action plan recommended by the Scrutiny & Overview Committee as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report;
- ii) Consider the amendments to the RIPI action plan recommended by the General Purposes & Audit Committee as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of the report;
- iii) Agree that the action plan (Appendix 1) should be updated accordingly; and
- iv) Note that in accordance with the resolution of Council on 3rd February 2022, progress on the implementation of the external auditor's recommendations will be reported to Cabinet, alongside the General Purposes & Audit Committee, the Scrutiny & Overview Committee and Council, as part of the existing quarterly Croydon Renewal Improvement Plan update reports.

Key Decision no: N/A

Decision Title: REPORT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST OCTOBER 2020

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 Note and agree on the progress the Council has made in regard to achieving the recommendations set out by external auditor in the Report in the Public Interest October 2020 with 77 out of 99 actions complete;

1.2 Note the outcome of internal audit of actions delivered to properly evidence what has been achieved so far, in order to provide full assurance to

members and residents on the changes achieved;

1.3 Agree the refreshed Action Plan including actions marked complete, progress updates against open actions and identification of actions to be embedded going forward as business as usual.

Key Decision no: N/A

Decision Title: QUARTERLY UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF PERFORMANCE FOR BRICK BY BRICK CROYDON LTD

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 Note that the Brick by Brick Shareholder Cabinet Advisory Board has met on a number of occasions with representatives of the Board since the last update in November 2021.

1.2 To note that Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd has not needed to call upon the additional £10m working capital facility that was requested within July 2021 Cabinet Report.

Key Decision no: N/A

Decision Title: CROYDON RENEWAL AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN - PERFORMANCE REPORTING & FRAMEWORK MEASURES

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 Review the Finance, Performance & Risk report (appendix A) as of 31 December 2021 (unless otherwise stated) with regard to overall performance against the Croydon Renewal Plan. Review areas of good performance and those of concern.

1.2 Note plans in place to address current and future performance for Freedom of Information and Subject Access Requests (section 5).

1.3 Note the progress made, and areas of concern, against programmes and

projects in relation to milestones, deliverables and issues.

1.4 Note the progress made, and areas of concern against savings and growth targets as identified in the Croydon Renewal Plan. More detail on this area can be found in Table 2a of the Financial Monitoring Report also being presented at this Cabinet meeting.

1.5 That Cabinet identify areas of performance within the FPR report (appendix A) where they require deeper analysis to be presented at a future Cabinet for discussion and action.

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 note

1.1.1 The request for approval of the award for Children with Disabilities Care Provider Register (CPR) as set out in agenda item 13b and section 5.1.1.

1.1.2 The request for approval of the contract variation for Residual Waste Treatment Contract Variation as set out in agenda item 13a 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

1.1.6 The Cabinet recommends to the Leader of the Council, that prior to the next meeting of Cabinet in June, in respect of decisions requiring Cabinet's approval, or prior reporting to Cabinet, concerning the acquisition or disposal of property, procurement strategies and contract awards and variations:

1.1.6.1 The Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance* in consultation with the Leader*, be authorised to agree such decisions

concerning the disposal or acquisition of properties;

1.1.6.2 The nominated Cabinet Member* in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance* or, where the nominated member is the Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance in consultation with the Leader*, be authorised to agree such decisions concerning procurement strategies and the award and/or variation of contracts;

Note that any awards made under this delegation will be notified in the standard contracts report to the next meeting for Cabinet

*Following the Local Government and Mayoral Elections on 5th May 2022, the relevant member of the Executive carrying the appropriate and relevant function/portfolio as the Leader/nominated Cabinet Member/ Cabinet Member for Resources & Financial Governance as the case may be.

Key Decision no.: 2322CAB

Decision Title: RESIDUAL WASTE TREATMENT CONTRACT

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:

In accordance with Regulation 30 of the Council's Contracts and Tenders Regulations, to approve a variation to implement the removal of the Villiers Road waste transfer station operations from the scope of the Residual Waste Treatment Contract with Viridor South London Ltd, resulting in an annual contract reduction of £989,000, and an annual reduction in residual waste treatment cost to Croydon Council of £448,000 per annum.

Key Decision no.: 2222CAB

Decision Title: CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES - CARE PROVIDER REGISTER

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 approve, in accordance with Regulation 28c of the Council's Tenders and Contracts Regulations, the award of the Care Provider Panel Agreement to the

providers listed in Part B of this report for a period of up to 4 years from 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2026 for a maximum contract value of £5,846,813.

Signed: Interim Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 30 March 2022