

## LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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### **STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET ON 08 MARCH 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:**

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#### **Other options considered and rejected:**

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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: CROYDON'S GENERAL FUND & HRA BUDGET 2021/22 TO 2023/24**

**Key Decision no.: 0921CAB**

#### **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 recommend to Full Council to approve the following recommendations at its meeting on 8th March 2021:

The Revenue Budget for 2021/22 and notes the 3 Year Medium Term Financial Plan as detailed within Section 11 which is based upon the:

1. Council's request for a Capitalisation Direction of £150m covering financial years 2020/21 to 2023/24, of which a direction of up to £120m has been granted in respect of 2020/21 and 2021/22.
2. A 1.99% general increase in the Council Tax for Croydon Services (a level of increase Central Government has assumed in all Councils' spending power calculation).
3. A 3.00% increase in the Adult Social Care precept (a charge Central Government has assumed all councils' will levy in its spending power calculations).
4. To note the draft GLA increase of 9.5% on the Council Tax precept for 2021/22.
5. With reference to the principles for 2021/22 determined by the Secretary of State under s.52ZC (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) confirm that in accordance with s.52ZB (1) the Council Tax and GLA precept referred to above are not excessive in terms of the most recently issued principles and as such to note that no referendum is required. This is detailed further in section 3.8 of the report.
6. The calculation of budget requirement and council tax as set out in Appendix C and D of the report including the GLA increase. This will result in a total increase of 5.83% in the overall council tax bill for Croydon.
7. The revenue budget assumptions as detailed in this report and the associated appendices.
8. The programme of revenue savings, income and growth by department for Financial Years 2021/22 to 2023/24 (as set out in Appendix A of the report).
9. The Capital Programme as set out in Section 18, table 17 and 18 of the report, except where noted for specific programmes, are subject to separate Cabinet reports.
10. To agree that in light of the impact on the Council's revenue budget no capital contractual commitment should be entered into until a review of revenue affordability has been concluded.
11. To approve that any receipts that come from the Council's company Brick by Brick will first be applied to the accrued interest and any subsequent receipts will be used to pay down the principle loan balance.
12. To note there are no proposed amendments to the Council's existing Council Tax Support Scheme for the financial year 2021/22.
13. The adoption of the Pay Policy statement at Appendix G of the report.

**RESOLVED:** To agree

14. The Housing Revenue Account's 2021/22 Budget as detailed within section 19 of the report.
15. A rent increase for all Council tenants for 2020/21, in line with the Government's social rent policy which has legislated to increase social rents by CPI + 1%, which is equal to 1.5%.
16. 2% increase to the service charges for caretaking, grounds maintenance and bulk refuse collection as detailed in section 12 of the report.

**RESOLVED:** To note

17. That in respect of the Council's public sector equalities duties where the setting of the capital, revenue and HRA budget result in new policies or policy change, the relevant service department will carry out an equality impact assessment to secure delivery of that duty including such consultation as may be required.
18. The progress being made towards balancing the Council's financial position for 2020/21 as at Quarter 3 and the current projected outturn forecast of £64.7m as set out in the Budget Monitoring report attached at Appendix H of the report.
19. The response to the provisional local government settlement which is attached at Appendix E of the report.
20. That pre-decision scrutiny of the proposed budget 2021/22 took place at the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on the 16th February 2021.
21. The statement on reserves and balances and robustness of estimates from the statutory Section 151 Officer.
22. The letter from the Minister of State to the Leader of the Council with regard to the capitalisation direction as set out in Appendix I of the report.

**Signed:** Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

**Notice date:** 16 March 2021