

## LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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### **STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET ON 26 JULY 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.

Please Note: Decisions relating to Item 8 and 13 (Novation of building works and professional services contracts from Brick by Brick for Fairfield Halls) have been called-in and will be considered by the Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 17 August 2021

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=2751>

**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 Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

**Decision Title: CROYDON BEST START**

**Key Decision no.: 3721CAB**

**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 re-design of the Best Start Children's Centres into a 3 Hubs and 8 Spokes locality model to provide greater efficiency and co-ordination of service delivery within a reduced budget. This recommendation has been informed by public consultation.
2. Note that the Director of Commissioning and Procurement as Chair of the Contracts & Commissioning Board has approved the Procurement Strategy contained in this report and a number of waivers in accordance with Regulations 19.2 of the Council's Contracts and Tender Regulations. The Procurement Strategy will potentially result in Contract awards for a maximum value of £1,431,533, of which for Lot 1, Child Development and School Readiness services is £1,162,533 and for Lot 2, Parent Aspirations and Parenting Skills services is £269,000. Contracts will be for a term of 2 years and 4 months.

**Decision Title: HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND BOARD**

**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 further progress in improving housing conditions at 1-87 Regina Road and further actions in response to the recommendations of the report by ARK, detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.
2. Note the draft Terms of Reference of the Housing Improvement Board, detailed at Appendix 2 of the report, to be agreed under delegated authority.
3. Note the approach to development of the emerging improvement plan for the housing service to be put to the Housing Improvement Board for input.

**Decision Title: PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY 2021**

**Key Decision no.: 1821CAB**

**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 Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy 2021 (“the Policy”), Appendix A to the report.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Housing to make minor amendments to the Policy including in relation to typographical errors or updating post holders titles as necessary.
3. Note that in respect of the 6 month Pilot Scheme detailed at paragraph 3.4 of the report and Section 10 of Appendix A, the outcome of the Pilot will be reported back to Cabinet to determine whether or not it is appropriate for the Pilot scheme to be incorporated into the Private Sector Assistance Policy beyond that 6 month time frame.

**Decision Title: ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE FUND 2021-22 (RSI4)**

**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 contents of the report.

**Decision Title: 2021/22 (PART) LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FUNDING, BUS PRIORITY FUNDING AND ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING PROGRAMME**

**Key Decision no.: 3621CAB**

**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

1. The expenditure of external ring-fenced funding indicated within Table 1 of Section 3 of the report, expenditure, subject to any further advice of the S151 Officer / Director of Finance, Investment and Risk.
2. The delivery of the potential programme summarised within Section 3 of report, the extent and scope of that programme dependent on funding allocations to Croydon Council still to be confirmed by TfL; and subject to other matters outlined in Section 3 of the report.

## **Decision Title: GOVERNANCE OF CROYDON COUNCIL COMPANIES**

### **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 establishment of a Croydon Companies' Supervision and Monitoring Panel (CCSMP) for the purposes and with the responsibilities described in this report.
2. Approve the appointment of the S151 Officer as chair of the CCSMP, with other permanent membership and invited attendees as described in the report.
3. Approve the Terms of Reference for the CCSMP set out at Appendix 2 to the report.
4. Delegate to the s151 Officer in consultation with the Council's Chief Executive the authority to approve the appointment and removal of Council nominated directors from the boards of Group entities in accordance with paragraph 3.5.2 of the report. Group is defined at paragraph 2.2 in the report.
5. Delegate to the s151 Officer the authority to make arrangements for company secretarial, accounting and administration in relation to the Group entities in accordance with paragraph 3.5.3 of the report.

## **Decision Title: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - MONTH 2 MAY 2021**

### **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 General Fund is projecting a net adverse movement of £0.583m from Period 1. Service departments are indicating a £4.034m overspend with this being netted off against £3.451m release of a one off Covid Grant confirmed to Croydon Council for 21/22 by MHCLG as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement;
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. Should these risks materialise or

the mitigations not be effective the Council could overspend by £3.676m;

3. Note the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is projecting a £1.595m overspend for 2021/22. If no further mitigations are found to reduce this overspend the HRA will need to drawdown reserves from HRA balances;
4. Note the capital spend to date for the General Fund of £3.071m (against a budget of £176.005m) and for the HRA of £5.701m (against a budget of £127.412m);
5. Note, the above figures are predicated on forecasts from Month 2 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; and
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 remain. However, restrictions have been lifted for ring-fenced accounts such as the Pensions Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Coroner's Costs as these do not impact on the financial position of the General Fund. The Spending Control Panel which was set up at the beginning of November 2020 continues to meet on a twice daily basis.

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

**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 progress that has taken place with regard to the development of the FPR report alongside a suite of reports in order to improve the corporate offer.
2. Review the corporate FPR report (appendix A) as at 31 May 2021 with regard to performance measures.
3. Note the progress made with programmes and projects in relation to milestones, deliverables and issues
4. Note the progress made against Savings and growth targets as identified in the CRP

**Signed:** Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

**Notice date:** 18 August 2021