



**CABINET
AGENDA**
for the meeting
on
22 February 2023 at
6.30 pm

To: Croydon Cabinet Members:

Mayor Jason Perry
Councillor Jeet Bains
Councillor Jason Cummings
Councillor Maria Gatland
Councillor Lynne Hale
Councillor Yvette Hopley
Councillor Ola Kolade
Councillor Scott Roche
Councillor Andy Stranack

Invited participants: All other Members of the Council

A meeting of the **CABINET** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 22 February 2023** at **6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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AGENDA – PART A

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence from Members.

2. **Disclosure of Interests**

Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that, in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, they are required to consider **in advance of each meeting** whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI), an other registrable interest (ORI) or a non-registrable interest (NRI) in relation to any matter on the agenda. If advice is needed, Members should contact the Monitoring Officer **in good time before the meeting**.

If any Member or co-opted Member of the Council identifies a DPI or ORI which they have not already registered on the Council's register of interests or which requires updating, they should complete the disclosure form which can be obtained from Democratic Services at any time, copies of which will be available at the meeting for return to the Monitoring Officer.

Members and co-opted Members are required to disclose any DPis and ORIs at the meeting.

- Where the matter relates to a DPI they may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not stay in the meeting unless granted a dispensation.
- Where the matter relates to an ORI they may not vote on the matter unless granted a dispensation.
- Where a Member or co-opted Member has an NRI which directly relates to their financial interest or wellbeing, or that of a relative or close associate, they must disclose the interest at the meeting, may not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not stay in the meeting unless granted a dispensation. Where a matter affects the NRI of a Member or co-opted Member, section 9 of Appendix B of the Code of Conduct sets out the test which must be applied by the Member to decide whether disclosure is required.

The Chair will invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 2, to be recorded in the minutes.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet, held on 25 January 2023. **(To Follow)**

4. **Urgent Business (If any)**

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda, which in the

opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Scrutiny Stage 2 (Pages 9 - 18)

The attached report invites the Cabinet to approve the full response reports arising from the Stage 1 reports presented to the Cabinet meeting held on 7 December 2022, including:

- Action plans for the implementation of agreed recommendations, or
- Reasons for rejecting the recommendations

and that these be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committees.

6. Period 8 Financial Performance Report (Pages 19 - 60)

The attached report provides the Council's forecast outturn as at Month 8 (November 2022) for the General Fund (GF), Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme (CP). The report forms part of the Council's financial management process for publicly reporting financial performance monthly.

7. Opening the Books - Reports from Worth Technical Accounting Solutions (Pages 61 - 150)

The Opening the Books project was launched by the Mayor in July 2022 to improve the Council's understanding of current financial risks and to work towards a sustainable financial future. The project has had a number of facets including the commissioning of a series of reviews by Worth Technical Accounting Solutions. The resulting reports are presented here to Cabinet with the recommendation that the Audit and Governance Committee be asked to debate them at a future meeting, scheduled for 3 March 2023. The reports are being shared in full under the Mayor's openness and transparency ethos with nothing hidden. The recommendations made by Worth TAS are accepted in their entirety by the Council and are set out in the action plan in Appendix F. It is recommended that progress against these recommendations is monitored by the Audit and Governance Committee through to completion.

8. Revenue Budget and Council Tax Levels 2023/24 (Pages 151 - 254)

9. Review of Council Tax Support Scheme 2023-24 (Pages 255 - 336)

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make changes to Croydon's Council Tax Reduction (Support) Scheme (CTS) which will take effect from 1 April 2023.

10. Fees and Charges (Pages 337 - 468)

The attached report requests approval by Cabinet to changes in fees and charges that are made in respect of supplies and services supplied by the Council to the extent that these fall within the authority of the Executive to determine. Cabinet should be aware that many regulatory functions have statutory fees which are set or are required to be considered by the relevant regulatory committees as they are precluded from being executive functions.

11. Capital Programme and Capital Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27 (Pages 469 - 526)

The attached report sets out the updated capital programme for 2023/24-2026/27 for the Council's General Fund with a forecast of resources available over that period. A specific update of the 2022/23 programme including the forecast and variance as at Period 8 is also provided.

12. Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24 (Pages 527 - 568)

The attached report seeks the agreement of the Executive Mayor in Cabinet to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2023/24.

13. HRA Business Plan and Budget Update Report - January 2023 (Pages 569 - 630)

The attached report presents the latest position for the 30 Year Business Plan for the Housing Revenue Account with consideration to both capital and revenue investments required for the management and maintenance of Croydon Council's housing stock.

14. Information, Advice and Guidance Contract (Pages 631 - 648)

The attached report seeks approval to vary and extend an existing contract that is currently in place to provide information, advice & guidance to residents within Croydon for an additional period of up to 12 months from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

15. Street Lighting Policy (Pages 649 - 680)

The attached report describes the street lighting trial completed by the Council and summarises both the environmental and financial benefits that will be realised through energy saving annually by adopting the trial as the standard light levels for the borough.

16. Local Planning Authority Service Transformation (Pages 681 - 770)

The attached report sets out the draft transformation programme for the LPA with the aim of delivering sustained improvement to performance and customer experience, whilst responding to feedback from residents and applicants and delivering the future spatial development needs of the borough.

17. Annual Delivering the Croydon Growth Zone Report 2023-24 (Pages 771 - 786)

The attached annual report sets out proposals for the Growth Zone budget and programme for 2023/24. It reflects the Executive Mayor's Business Plan 2022 – 2026, the need to support the approach to recovery and renewal of Croydon town centre following the devastating socio-economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic, challenging macro-economic conditions and the implications for development activity. The Growth Zone income is ring fenced by the Statutory Instrument and provides an additional funding source. Therefore, positively contributing the Council's financial position.