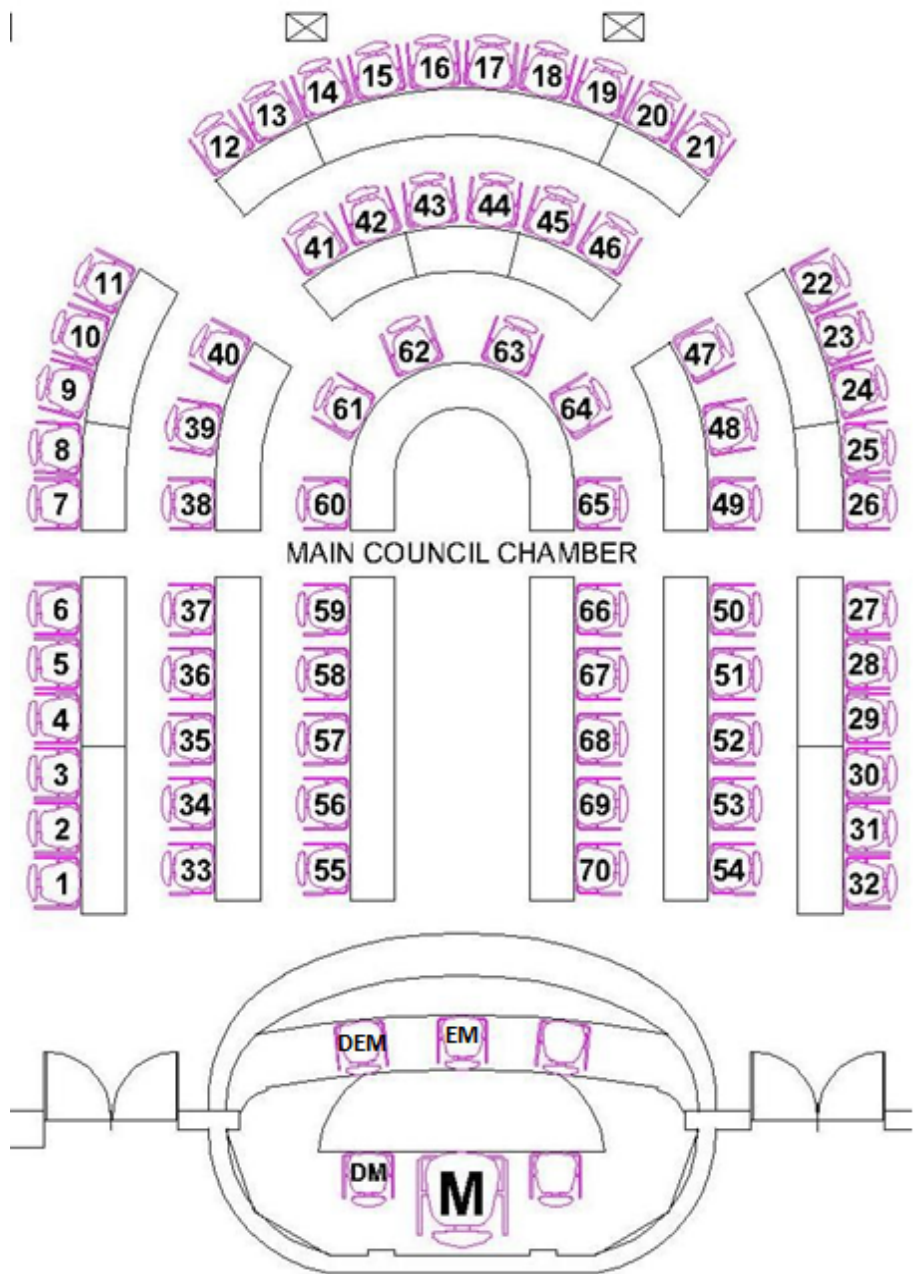




**COUNCIL
AGENDA**
for the meeting
on
12 July 2023 at
6.30 pm

1. Stuart Collins
2. Alisa Flemming
3. Clive Fraser
4. Mohammed Islam
5. Patsy Cummings
6. Sean Fitzsimons
7. Catherine Wilson
8. Matt Griffiths
9. Ellily Ponnuthurai
10. Kola Agboola
11. Maddie Henson
12. Manju Shahul-Hameed
13. Mike Bonello
14. Humayun Kabir
15. Patricia Hay-Justice
16. Karen Jewitt
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18. Esther Sutton
19. Ria Patel
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21. Claire Bonham
22. Adele Benson
23. Sue Bennett
24. Endri Llabuti
25. Mark Johnson
26. Nikhil Sherine Thampi
27. Helen Redfern
28. Gayle Gander
29. Simon Fox
30. Holly Ramsey
31. Samir Dwesar
32. Luke Shortland
33. Nina Degrad
34. Chris Clark



35. Enid Mollyneaux	56. Chris Herman
36. Amy Foster	57. Janet Campbell
37. Brigitte Graham	58. Callton Young
38. Leila Ben-Hassel	59. Stuart King
39. Louis Carserides	60. Rowenna Davis (Scrutiny Chair)
40. Eunice O'Dame	61. Richard Chatterjee (Scrutiny Vice-Chair)
41. Sherwan Chowdhury	62. Michael Neal
42. Stella Nabukeera	63. Andy Stranack
43. Tamar Barrett	64. Scott Roche
44.	65. Jeet Bains
45. Fatima Zaman	66. Yvette Hopley
46. Jade Appleton	67. Ola Kolade
47. Danielle Denton	68. Maria Gatland
48. Ian Parker	69. Jason Cummings
49. Simon Brew	70. Mario Creatura
50. Margaret Bird	Notes etc.
51. Joseph Lee	M – Civic Mayor Councillor Tony Pearson
52. Lara Fish	DM – Deputy Civic Mayor – Councillor Appu Srinivasan
53. Alasdair Stewart	EM – Executive Mayor Jason Perry
54. Robert Ward	DEM – Deputy Executive Mayor – Councillor Lynne Hale
55. Chrishni Reshekaron	Please note that the numbers relate to microphone numbers.

To: To All Members of the Council

Date: 4 July 2023

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 12 July 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 any Members.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 22)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2023 and 17 May 2023 as accurate records.

Please note the minutes from the meeting on 1 March 2023 were previously agreed by Council. However, subsequently a factual error has been identified, and Council is presented with a tracked change version to make the amendment clear.

3. Disclosure of Interests

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) they may have in relation to any item(s) of business on today's agenda.

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. Announcements

To receive Announcements, if any, from the Chair, the Mayor, and the Head of Paid Service and Returning Officer.

6. Member Petitions

To receive notice of petitions presented by Members on behalf of local residents.

One Member Petition has been received ahead of this Council meeting from Councillor Chris Clark, Fairfield Ward. This petition is directed to Mayor Jason Perry.

The petition has been verified and is worded as follows:

We the undersigned call upon the Directly Elected Mayor of Croydon, Jason Perry, to install a speed visor on Chatsworth Road, to tackle the continuing problem of speeding on this and neighbouring roads.

7. Croydon Question Time

a) Public Questions (30 minutes)

To receive questions from the public gallery and questions submitted by residents in advance of the meeting.

The following Public Questions will be heard at this meeting, which will be responded to. The questioners will have the opportunity to ask a supplementary question based on the answer received.

The questions are as follows:

1. You have referred to this 15% increase as a one-off. Does this mean that in 2024 this increase will be reversed? If you increase the tax again in 2024 this 15% will be "baked in". Can you please confirm?
2. What is the Council doing to promote recycling of soft plastics?
3. As South Croydon councillor and candidate for Mayor a year ago, you campaigned strongly against the council proposal for a segregated cycle lane along the Brighton Road between Purley and South Croydon.

Please set out the reasons you gave last year for why this was a bad idea and should be scrapped.

I say your reasons then were correct.

You now say the council is short of money and must avoid unnecessary expense.

Why then have you now as mayor spent our taxes imposing this dangerous cycle lane which damages travel on this key main road?

Why should we trust you?

4. I welcome that you have got the police involved regarding Croydon council finances. Can you assure the people of Croydon that if any criminal activity is discovered you will proceed to get the money back through the Proceeds of Crime Act which the government bought in?

5. With the failings of Brick by Brick from an operational perspective having been acknowledged by the council, could the Mayor please commit to providing a detailed explanation/plan for how Shared Owners'/tenants' rights are to be safeguarded and enforced against Brick by Brick with respect to their obligations under the various head leases they have entered into for the properties developed?

b) Mayor and Cabinet Member Questions (65 minutes)

To receive questions from Councillors.

8. Maiden Speeches

To hear maiden speeches from up to five Councillors newly elected at the election held on 5 May 2022.

9. Appointments

For Council to agree any in-year changes to Appointments to committees or other bodies made.

10. Council Debate Motions

To debate any motions submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

The following two Motions, one from the Administration and one from the Labour Group, will be debated:

Conservative Administration Motion

This Council RESOLVES:

That the Administration is getting Croydon moving.

From fixing the finances and bringing back Westfield, to relaunching Purley Pool and improving Council housing, this Council is listening to residents and straining every sinew to correct the terrible policies of the previous Administration that all but destroyed Croydon.

Labour Group Motion

Croydon Council welcomes the campaign 'Treating Care Experienced as a Protected Characteristic'. Despite the resilience of many care-experienced people, society too often does not take their needs into account and they often face discrimination and stigma across housing, health, education, relationships, employment and in the criminal justice system. The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies, such as councils, to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation of people with protected characteristics.

Croydon has a large population of children and young people in care and care leavers. As corporate parents, councillors have a collective responsibility for providing the best possible care and safeguarding for the children who are looked after by us as an authority. Councillors should be mentors and champions of our looked after children and challenge the negative attitudes and prejudice that exist in all aspects of society.

Croydon Council therefore RESOLVES:

1. When making any decisions in relation to its policies or formulating its Business Plan, that it recognises that care-experienced people are a vulnerable group which faces discrimination.
2. That it has a duty to put the needs of vulnerable people at the heart of decision-making through co-production and collaboration.
3. That in the delivery of the Public Sector Equality Duty the Council includes the experience in the publication and review of Equality Objectives and the annual publication of information relating to people who share a Protected Characteristic in services and employment.

4. It will treat care experience as if it were a Protected Characteristic and review its Equality Impact Assessment process so that future services and policies made an adopted by the Council are assessed to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a Protected Characteristic.
5. To formally call upon all Croydon partner organisations to adopt corporate parenting values / processes for children in care and care experienced people and to treat care experience as a Protected Characteristic until such time as it may be introduced by legislation.
6. To follow best practice in reporting education, health, housing and employment outcomes of care-experienced people in Croydon.
7. To proactively seek out and listen to the voices of care-experienced people when developing new policies based on their views.

Should the motion be approved, we call on the Executive Mayor to ensure that councillors be updated on progress on the above 7 points before the end of the civic year, including on how services' processes, ways of working and culture have been embedded to recognise care-experience as a protected characteristic.