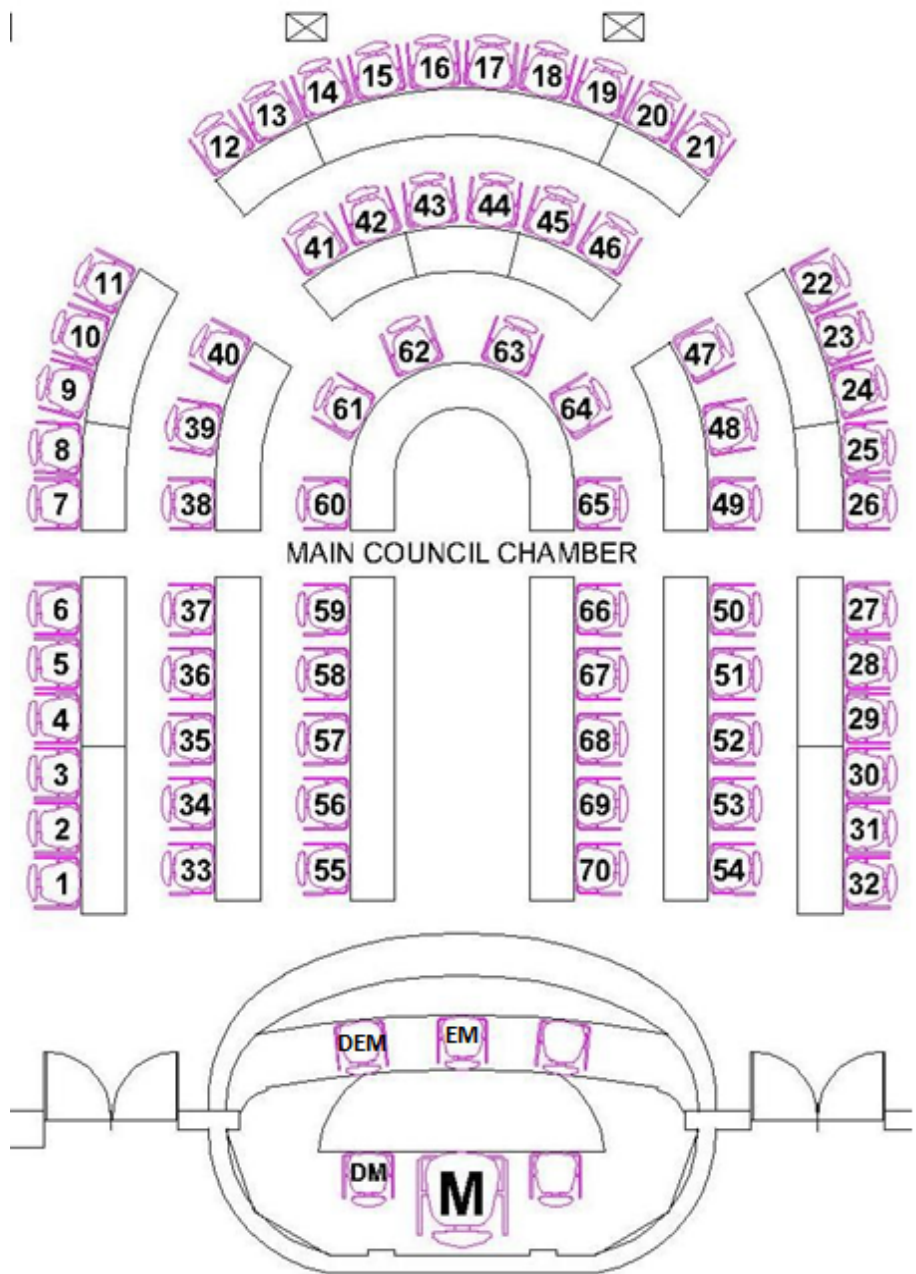




**COUNCIL
AGENDA**
for the meeting
on
13 December 2023
at
6.30 pm

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. Elily Ponnuthurai
10. Kola Agboola
11. Maddie Henson
12. Manju Shahul-Hameed
13. Mike Bonello
14. Humayan 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. Mario Creatura
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. Luke Shortland
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: 5 December 2023

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 13 December 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 11 - 30)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2023 as an accurate record.

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 the Announcements, if any, from the Mayor, the Leader, Head of Paid Service and Returning Officer.

6. Croydon Question Time

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. As part of the modernisation of Croydon managed bus shelters those in Norbury (and other areas) were removed before the new were available for installation. Residents' are now facing a third winter without shelter. Please could you say when are the new bus shelters likely to be installed?
2. Given the number of incidences of violence against Black women and girls in the borough over recent months resulting in the death of Elianne, what plans do the Council have to safeguard this vulnerable group?
3. In late July 2023, the council issued a 21-page document, which related to the revised decision/plan to dispose of the 157 apartments at Red Clover Gardens. It described, the withdrawal of earlier offer by Notting Hill Genesis. A new offer was to be agreed by the council from Regen Capital (reg number 13389710). This involved sale of a head lease (125 years) and a subsequent issue of a sub lease to Mears Group PLC. Regen Capital is a recently incorporated, currently dormant business, with £1 issued capital. How can such a counter party, be involved in an investment?
4. Council set to make parking easier to support local businesses” Easiest parking where no payment required No point having lots of vacant spaces if parking expensive and inconvenient. Previous administration introduced One Hour free parking in District Centres – their one car-friendly policy. Why reduce this to half hour? Why make parking by phone only? Why extend hours of control? These bad anti-car policies would each be very unpopular, and each would make parking harder. My Coulsdon Survey shows no meter-feeding problem. Bays heavily occupied. High turnover of spaces. Lots of places for more bays – best way to make parking easier.
5. When can we expect the council to solve the problem of the drug addicts living (by their own choice entirely), in a tent permanently pitched on the corner of Altyre Road who are blighting the lives of hundreds of local residents by : the squalor they create (including human waste), blatant drug taking and dealing, aggressive begging, anti-social behaviour, littering and blocking off of a large section of the pavement to passers-by, as well as being in plain sight of everyone who arrives at East Croydon Railway Station thereby giving an appalling first impression of the town?
6. The Mayor of London is proposing to name the London Overground Lines. The East Surrey Transport Committee have suggested that the Overground line between Highbury and Crystal Palace and West Croydon should be named the Coleridge-Taylor line.
After the 19th century composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor who live in South Norwood and Croydon and was a professor at the Crystal Palace school of music. He was taken ill on West Croydon station on 27 August 1912 and died at his home in Croydon a few days later.

Would Croydon Council write to the Mayor of London supporting this proposal ?

7. How many downloads have there been of the Croydon music trail app and does this represent value for money?
8. The LTN schemes are not wanted by the majority of local residents (72% & 78% against) ; they are not wanted by you ; the local councillors; the MP for Croydon North ; the Government. There appears to be no supporting data for them to be retained. Why are they not being removed?

7. The Croydon Debate

For Council to receive a Public Petition and / or a Member Petition.

One Public Petition has been received. The petition has been verified and is worded as follows:

We the undersigned are asking Jason Perry, the mayor of Croydon, to find a solution for the community so that we can continue to access our Asset of Community Value which is Metropolitan Open Land. We believe that all of Croydon's green spaces should be valued for their social and natural worth. We want to see Love Lane remain open for public use and for the council to commit to keeping Metropolitan Open Land free from development.

Two Member Petitions have been received. The Petitions have been verified and are worded as follows:

1. We the undersigned of Ramsey Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 6BX are writing to call on Croydon Council to consider our proposal for new parking restrictions. We are putting forward the following parking restriction times from 09.30 to 15.00. We are also asking that the restrictions would only apply Monday through to Friday. The restrictions that are in place now are too draconian. We have elderly residents on our road who are becoming more and more isolated. We also have a resident that needs home help three-four times throughout the day.
2. We the undersigned request to have a new pedestrian crossing on Park Hill Road, between Brownlow Road. and Stanhope Road.

8. Reports to Council

a) **Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report** (Pages 31 - 42)

To note the annual report for the Audit and Governance Committee.

Annual reports shall be received at the Annual Council meeting.

The Council procedure rules 3.70 Section 4A, states the overall time which may be devoted to questioning any Annual Reports shall be not more than ten minutes per report. The Chair of the relevant Committee (or in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair) shall introduce and answer questions on the report. The Chair of the Committee shall not have more than 3 minutes speaking time to introduce the report. 3.71 For the remaining time available, the report will be open to questions. In the event that any recommendation in the report has not been reached when the overall time limit has expired, it shall be put immediately to the vote. 3.72 Any Member, except the seconder of the report, may ask the Chair or Vice-Chair (as appropriate) not more than two questions on each paragraph of the report.

b) **Independent Member Appointment - Audit and Governance Committee** (Pages 43 - 66)

To agree the appointment of an Independent Member of the Audit and Governance Committee.

c) **Housing Strategy** (Pages 67 - 158)

To agree the Council's Housing Strategy 2023-28 and its accompanying delivery plan.

d) **Youth Justice Plan** (Pages 159 - 314)

To endorse the Youth Justice plan in line with statutory obligations.

e) **Quarterly Report on the Use of Special Urgency and General Exception Procedures** (Pages 315 - 322)

To note the use of Special Urgency for the key decisions listed at section 4.4 of this report during the period April to November 2023.

f) **Proposed Changes to the Constitution** (Pages 323 - 360)

To approve proposed changes to the Constitution.

g) **Independent Person Appointment - Ethics Committee** (Pages 361 - 376)

To approve the appointment of an Independent Person for the Ethics Committee.

h) **Draft Council Calendar 2024-25** (Pages 377 - 390)

To approve the Draft Council Calendar for 2024-25.

9. Questions to Mayor and Executive

To receive questions from Councillors. The first five minutes of this item may be used by the Mayor to make any announcements.

10. Maiden Speeches

For Council to receive the Maiden Speeches of the remaining newly-elected members of the May 2022 Local Election.

11. Appointments

For Council to note the following changes to existing appointments to committees and / or sub-committees.

CHANGES TO NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEE	POSITION	REPLACE	APPOINT
Appeals Committee	Reserve	Jade Appleton	Mario Creatura
Ethics Committee	Chair Vice Chair	Mario Creatura Jade Appleton	Luke Shortland Mario Creatura
Mayoralty and Honorary Freedom Selection Committee	Reserve	Mario Creatura Jade Appleton	Luke Shortland Simon Fox
Scrutiny and Overview Committee	Deputy Chair Reserve	Jade Appleton Sue Bennett	Sue Bennett Mario Creatura
Scrutiny children and Young People Committee	Reserve	Luke Shortland	Endri Llabuti
Scrutiny Streets Homes and Environment Sub-Committee	Member	Luke Shortland	Nikhil Sherine Thampil

POLITICAL PARTY GROUP OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Conservative Group	Chief Whip	Mario Creatura	Luke Shortland
	Deputy Whips	Luke Shortland Samir Dwesar	Simon Fox N/A

APPOINTMENTS TO ALL OTHER PANELS, WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES			
Members learning and Development Panel	Member	Jade Appleton	Simon Fox

12. 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 Group Debate Motion

The Council **RESOLVES:**

To note the recent success of our bid for £18.5m in funding from HM Government to transform our town centre. Council notes that the funding will be spent on multiple projects that cover the South End restaurant quarter, East Croydon Station, West Croydon Station, and Old Town & Croydon Minster, as well as a new civic square for the Fairfield cultural complex, connecting Queen's Gardens and Surrey Street Market.

The success of this bid shows that Croydon is a Borough with a bright future. It also shows what can be achieved by working together in partnership across the Borough - be it the Executive Mayor, Councillors, MPs, Voluntary & Faith sectors and statutory partners such as health and the Police.

Labour Group Debate Motion

The Council **RESOLVES:**

To condemn the Chancellor's decision not to extend the Household Support Fund when it expires in March 2024.

The fund has provided a lifeline to hundreds of Croydon families facing hunger and hardship and its withdrawal during an ongoing cost of living crisis will hit many households hard. We call on the Executive Mayor to write to the Chancellor to urge him to extend the Household Support Fund for a further year and to publish the chancellor's reply on the council's website.

