

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE</b> <b>12 September 2017</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>STAGE 2: SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM STREETS &amp; ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING ON 31 JANUARY 2017</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	<b>Jo Negrini, Chief Executive</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBERS:</b>	<b>Councillor Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment</b>

## **1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting on 31 January 2017 Members made recommendations to Cabinet.
- 1.2 The responses to the scrutiny recommendations arising from this meeting were presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 17 July 2017.
- 1.3 The Cabinet responses to the scrutiny recommendations from the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee is now attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee is invited to comment on the recommendations and to note the report.

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<b><u>STREETS, ENVIRONMENT AND HOMES SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE</u></b> - At its meeting on 31 January 2017, the Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to recommend the following:						
1. Recommend that Public Health intelligence be integrated into the formation of the final Air Quality Action Plan.	People Dept	Accept	Anna Kitt/Craig Ferguson	none	In place by April 17 for the new Action Plan	Refer to Scrutiny workplan
2. Recommend to Cabinet that an extensive Equalities Impact Assessment is completed for the final air Quality Action Plan which ensures no measures adversely affects residents with disabilities.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	None	August 2017	
3. Recommend to Cabinet that an extensive education & publicity programme be undertaken to ensure the public are aware of the risks of air pollution.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	Yes, there will be financial implications but these are currently unknown as the programme has not yet been designed	From Sept 2017	

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4. Recommend to the Cabinet and Mayor of London that on days of high pollution that joint publicity should be undertaken including advising people to leave diesel cars at home, not to use wood burning stoves, open fire places, or light bonfires.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	None	From Sept 2017	
5. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that the Council join calls for a national diesel scrappage scheme.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	None	Immediately	
6. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that the Council join calls for a new Clean Air Act which responds to the challenges of the 21st century.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	None	Immediately	
7. Recommend to Cabinet that a new Smoke Control Order to be declared to cover the entire Borough and revoke the previous partial order.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for	Accept	Linda Johnson	Likely to be some but can be absorbed within existing budgets	March 2018	

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	Transport and Environment					
8. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment not to proceed with congestion charging, but to review whether the Croydon Parking Policy needs amending to discourage use of worst polluting diesel cars.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept - Cabinet has no plans to introduce congestion charging in Croydon. The parking policy was reviewed in Feb 2017 when on-street parking charges and permit fees were set for the financial year 2017/18.	Sarah Randall	None.	N/A	
9. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment ban bonfires in the borough, other than at times of festivals.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Partially accept – this will be included as part of the consultation on the draft Air Quality Action Plan so implementation will depend on the outcome of this	Linda Johnson	Likely to be some but can be absorbed within existing budgets	Sept 2017	
10. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that regulations on the use of wood burning	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet	Accept	Linda Johnson	Likely to be some but can be absorbed within existing	March 2018	

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stoves and chimneys, and the type of fuel used, be extended to cover the entire borough.	Member for Transport and Environment			budgets		
11. The Council undertake a publicity campaign, aimed of sellers and buyers of wooden logs and smokeless fuels, to remind customers of the law in regards wood burning stoves and open chimney fires and what legally is allowed to be burned.	Place Dept Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept – this will be part of a wider communications campaign later in the year	Julian Elerby	Likely to be some but can be absorbed within existing budgets	Late 2017	
12. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that trees be replanted across the borough with a particular focus on the most polluted areas.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Ian Brewster	Can be met within existing budget though additional costs for new trees requiring additional preparatory works may impact on the programme.	Ongoing	

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13. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning that its should be a requirement for all building sites to have temp green screens of trees to help tackle pollution generated on site.	Place Dept	Reject - Site hoardings need to keep development sites secure, the integration of trees could undermine this and in addition to practically to establish trees with a sufficient canopy to mitigate pollution would be extremely costly and require intensive management. It is therefore not considered practical.	Heather Cheesbrough	No	N/A	
14. Recommend to all councillors in Croydon to consider using ward funds to help tackle air pollution in the areas they represent by funding the planting of new trees in parks and streets.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept - officers are available to support ward councillors wishing to use their community ward budgets to fund the planting of street trees in their ward.	N/A	None outside of allocated ward budgets	Ongoing	

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15. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that proactive work be undertaken to tackle the issue of idling vehicles, in particular taxis around East Croydon station.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Linda Johnson	Work can take place using existing resources although this may be limited due to other demands. Increases in activity will have financial implications.	Ongoing	
16. Recommend to Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning and Cabinet Member for Transport, and the Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning to carry out a review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans, whether they are currently "fit for purpose" in regards pupil safety, public health, congestion, and air quality, and report back on how they can be improved.	People and <b>Place</b> Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept	Clive Whittle	Contained within existing budget	This is part of an annual review that is expected to be completed by March 2018.	
17. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning, to identify the schools on Croydon with the most pressing air	Place Dept	Accept	Linda Johnson	None in terms of reaining awareness but there will be in terms of potential	Ongoing	

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quality issues and to work with the schools to reduce the impact of pollution.				measures		
18. Recommend to the Mayor of London and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that work to tackle air quality issues should build upon current projects and knowledge, rather than always start afresh.	Place Dept, Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and Mayor of London's Office	Accept	Linda Johnson	This depends on the project and whether funding (including grants) continues to exist.	Ongoing	
19. Recommend to the Mayor of London that the Ultra-Low Emission Zone be extended to include outer London boroughs.	Mayor of London's Office	Partially Accept – The ULEZ should apply to outer London Boroughs for buses, HGVs and other larger vehicles only		None	Immediately	
20. Recommend to the Mayor of London that all buses be retrofitted to ensure lower emissions and particulate levels, with buses using London Road to be a priority.	Mayor of London's Office	Accept		None	Immediately	



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21. Recommend to Royal Mail (re-recommendation from a previous review) that they consider opening a parcel collection point in the centre of Croydon which will enable fewer car journeys for people to collect their parcels.	Royal Mail / Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Accept - such a move by Royal Mail would be welcomed by the council as this would potentially reduce some car journeys from Croydon roads.		None	Ongoing	