

CABINET

Meeting held on Monday 18 September 2017 at 6:30pm in The Council Chamber, The Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX

DRAFT MINUTES - PART A

Present: Councillor Tony Newman, Leader of the Council;
Councillor Alison Butler, Deputy Leader (Statutory);
Councillor Stuart Collins, Deputy Leader;
Councillors Hamida Ali, Alisa Flemming, Timothy Godfrey,
Simon Hall, Stuart King, Mark Watson and Louisa Woodley.
Also attending in a non-voting capacity - Councillor Manju Shahul-Hameed.

Other Majority Group Members in attendance:
Councillors Audsley, Canning, Chowdhury, Cummings, Fitzsimons,
Hay-Justice, Henson, Jewitt, Kabir, B Khan, S. Khan, Lewis, Mann,
Mansell, Pelling, Scott, Trakas-Lawlor, Wentworth, Wood and
Young.

Shadow Cabinet Members in attendance: Councillors Cummings,
Gatland, Hale, Hopley, O'Connell, Perry, H. Pollard, T. Pollard and
Thomas.

Other Minority Group Member in attendance: Bains, Bennett, Bird,
Brew, Buttinger, Chatterjee, Clancy, Creatura, Neal, Quadir and
Stranack.

Absent: Cabinet: none

Apologies: None.

MINUTES - PART A

A59/17 Part A Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 July 2017

The Part A minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 July 2017 were received. The Leader of the Council signed the minutes as a correct record.

A60/17 Disclosure of Interest

The following disclosures of personal interest were made in relation to agenda item 7, Providing accessible financial services; "Croydon Plus" local Credit Union Update:

Councillor Hamida Ali - member of the Croydon Plus Credit Union

Councillor Tony Newman - member of the Croydon Plus Credit Union

Councillor Manju Shahul-Hameed - member of the Croydon Plus Credit Union

Councillor Mark Watson - member of the Croydon Plus Credit Union

A61/17 Urgent Business (if any)

There were no items of urgent business.

A62/17 Quarter 1 Financial Performance 2017-18

A presentation was made by Councillor Simon Hall, Cabinet Member for Finance & Treasury, which can be viewed on the meeting webcast.

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to

- i) Note the current revenue outturn forecast at the end of the first quarter of 2017/18 of £1.049m over budget, and the actions put in place to reduce the overspend;
- ii) Note the position on the exceptional items of £2.7m and work to secure additional funding from Government for these costs.
- iii) Endorse the proposed campaign for getting fair funding for Croydon residents
- iv) Note the HRA position of a £0.619m forecast underspend against budget;
- v) Note the capital outturn projection of £17.268m forecast under spend against budget.
- vi) Approve the virement detailed in Section 5 of the report.

A63/17 Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services

A presentation was given jointly by Jo Negrini, Chief Executive and Barbara Peacock, Executive Director People. This can be viewed on the meeting webcast.

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to

1.1 Note the findings of the Ofsted Single Inspection Framework carried out between 20 June and 13 July 2017 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

1.2 Note the actions taken following the inspection.

1.3 Note the guidance from Ofsted in relation to local authorities that have received an overall judgement of inadequate as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

1.4 Note the guidance from the Department for Education in relation to local authorities which have received an overall judgement of inadequate as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

1.5 Note that a commissioner for Children's Services has been appointed by the DfE for an initial three-month period, and will report to the DfE on the progress on the improvement journey and the councils capacity and capability to take this work forward.

1.6 Delegate to the Executive Director of People in consultation with the Chief Executive and Lead Member for Children, Young People and Learning authorisation to develop and submit the improvement plan within the 70 day requirement for Ofsted.

1.7 Receive further reports on the council's response to the findings of the inspection and the action being taken to improve Children's Services in Croydon.

1.8 Note that the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, at its meeting on 5 September 2017, agreed to lead on scrutinising the progress of the overarching improvement plan and that each Children and Young People's Scrutiny Meeting will have a standing item to focus on a key theme in the Improvement Plan.

A64/17 Providing accessible financial services; "Croydon Plus" local Credit Union Update

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to note progress in supporting the local Credit Union, the range and level of support it is now providing and future plans.

(Note: disclosures of interest were made in relation to this item as detailed in Minute A60/17 above)

A65/17 Local Implementation Funding (LIP) Funding 2018/19

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to agree the Croydon Annual Spending Submission to TfL to release 2018/19 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding covering:

- 1.1 'Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures' funding proposals in Appendix A of the report:
- 1.1.1 20 MPH limits and areas (£100,000)
 - 1.1.2 Further road safety initiatives (£640,000)
 - 1.1.3 Physical measures to enhance cycling (£700,000)
 - 1.1.4 Physical measures to enhance walking (£322,000)
 - 1.1.5 Public rights of way improvements to aid walking and cycling (£50,000)
 - 1.1.6 Planning, training and promotional measures to assist walking and cycling (£475,000)
 - 1.1.7 Personalised travel planning pilot (£50,000)
 - 1.1.8 Liveable Neighbourhoods (£200,000)
 - 1.1.9 Accessibility improvements (£50,000)
 - 1.1.10 Parking schemes (£70,000)
 - 1.1.11 Air Quality Management programme (£90,000)
 - 1.1.12 Electric vehicle charging schemes and car clubs (£20,000)
- 1.2 Submitting bids to TfL for:
- 1.2.1 'Principal Road Renewal' funding totalling £1.074m;
 - 1.2.2 'Bridge Assessment and Strengthening' funding proposals totalling £6.878m in Appendix B of the report.

2. That the Executive Director – Place be delegated authority to make any further amendments to the Annual Spending Submission and decide upon and submit a bid for Liveable Neighbourhoods funding in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.

A66/17 Stage 1: Recommendations arising from Scrutiny

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to receive the recommendations arising from the meetings of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee (18 July 2017), the Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee (20 June 2017) and the Streets, Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee (13 June 2017) and to provide a substantive response within two months (ie. at the next available Cabinet meeting on 20 November 2017)

A67/17 Scrutiny Stage 2 - Response to Recommendations arising from Scrutiny and Overview Committee 24 May 2017

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to approve the response reports and action plans attached to the report (at Appendix A) of the report and that these be reported to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committees.

A68/17 Investing in our Borough

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

RESOLVED to note:

1.1.1 the list of decisions taken since the last meeting of Cabinet by the nominated Cabinet member in consultation with the Cabinet Member of Finance and Treasury and either the Leader or the Deputy Leader (statutory) under the Leaders delegated authority reference 18.17.LR.

1.1.2 the contracts over £500,000 in value anticipated to be awarded by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury or, where the nominated Cabinet Member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury, in consultation with the Leader.

1.1.3 the list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Improvement, between 15/06/2017 – 16/08/2017.

MINUTES - PART B

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7.50pm, reconvened at 8.48pm and ended at 10.15pm