

VCS Strategy Priorities

- 1. People live long, healthy, happy and independent lives. We want people to be able to stay well and to manage well. Should they need support or services they will be closer to home.**
 - a. Visible, cohesive and resilient communities
 - b. Croydon becomes a more equal place
 - c. Healthy, happy and independent lives: are lived by as many as possible for as long as possible
 - d. Access to effective health services and care services when needed

- 2. Our young people thrive and reach their full potential**
 - a. Children and young people in Croydon and their families are safe, healthy and happy; young people aspire to be the best they can be.
 - b. Every child and young person can access high-quality education and youth facilities
 - c. Getting more young people involved in taking part in local democracy and in tackling the issues that matter most to them

- 3. Access to homes and prevention of homelessness: all have the opportunity to access a suitable home and avoid homelessness, with no one forced to sleep on the streets**

- 4. Everyone feels safer in their street, neighbourhood, home. We pledge to treat serious youth violence including knife crime as a public health issue**
 - a. Working in partnership to reduce crime; including serious youth violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence, and hate crime
 - b. Anti-social behaviour and environmental crime are reduced throughout the borough, through work with partners and local community involvement

- 5. Everybody has the opportunity to work and build their career**
 - a. More residents can develop their skills through apprenticeships, academic and technical courses and access employment opportunities

- 6. We value arts, culture, sports**
 - a. Croydon's cultural offer enhances our town and creates places where people want to live, work and visit
 - b. Good, affordable and accessible sports and leisure facilities enable people to be as active and healthy as they want to be
 - c. Our parks and open spaces are safe, pleasant, thriving places where everyone can exercise and have fun