

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 30 NOVEMBER 2020
SUBJECT:	RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL FOR DECISION
LEAD OFFICER:	Jacqueline Harris Baker Executive Director of Resources and Monitoring Officer
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: The Recommendations of Cabinet referred to the Council for decision report is prepared in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET HELD ON 19 October 2020

Council is asked to approve the following recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 19 October 2020:

Developing Croydon's new Community Safety Strategy

- 1.1. Recommends to Full Council that it agree to extend the current community safety strategy until the end of the calendar year 2021 for the reasons detailed in the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CABINET HELD ON 25 November 2020

Subject to decision at the Cabinet meeting to be held on 25 November 2020, Council is expect to be asked to approve the following recommendations:

The Croydon Renewal Improvement Plan and the Croydon Renewal Improvement Board

- 2.1. Agree to recommend to Full Council the approval of the development of the Croydon Renewal Improvement Plan, noting the first high level draft at Appendix A.
- 2.2. Agree to recommend to Full Council the approval for consultation on the terms of reference and membership for the Croydon Renewal Improvement Board at Appendix B.
- 2.3. Agree to recommend to Full Council to delegate to Cabinet in January 2021 approval of the final version of the Croydon Renewal Improvement Plan.
- 2.4. Recommend that the feedback on the terms of reference and membership for the Croydon Renewal Improvement Board following consultation and feedback

from Scrutiny & Overview Committee (S&O), General Purposes & Audit Committee (GPAC), Staff, Partners and MHCLG is presented to Full Council in January 2021.

- 2.5. Agree to recommend to Full Council that the Interim Chief Executive is delegated authority to submit to MHCLG the proposal for a capitalisation direction, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Croydon Renewal, Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance, the Director of Finance, Investment and Risk, and that an update be presented to the next relevant Cabinet meeting when this is completed.
- 2.6. Agree to recommend approval to Full Council; the adoption of the new Council Priorities and Ways of Working in Appendix D and that this replaces the Council's Corporate Plan 2018-2022, which forms part of the Council's policy framework.
- 2.7. Note that the Interim Chief Executive in her statutory role as Head of Paid Service will, in accordance with her Section 4 duty under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989; commence consultation on a restructure of the Council's management arrangements. Following formal consultation, the proposals will be brought back to Cabinet and Full Council for final decision.

The Croydon Renewal Financial Recovery Plan and Submission to MHCLG for the Capitalisation Direction

- 2.8. Note that the in-year savings options approved at Cabinet and Full Council in September 2020 to reduce the forecast overspend this year and amend the 2020/21 budget have been reviewed and revised as part of the quarter 2 financial monitoring from £27.9m to £10.2m.
- 2.9. Note and recommend to Full Council the latest in-year forecast revenue budget overspend of £30m and the further risks that are likely to materialise which could increase the overspend up to £67m in this financial year.
- 2.10. Consider the additional in-year savings for 2020/21 that will be presented to the extraordinary meeting of Full Council on 1 December 2020 to respond to the S.114 notice.
- 2.11. Consider and recommend to Full Council the savings proposals for consultation as set out in this report for the Medium Term Financial Strategy and 2021/24 and note that consultation will begin on 9 December 2020. To note that the outcome of this consultation will be brought back to Cabinet and Full Council as part of the 2021/22 budget setting process in February / March 2021.
- 2.12. Note that the September Cabinet and Full Council noted that an in-year review and future review of the capital programme was underway and that it would be reported back to the November cycle of meetings. Pressure of work has resulted in this report needing to be deferred. It will be reported to the December cycle of meetings.

**Strategic Review of Companies and other investment arrangements
Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd (“BBB”) Shareholder decision – Directors
and articles of association**

- 2.13. The Council is asked to note the recommendations which are to be presented to Cabinet on 25th November 2020 and that Council shall receive a verbal update in respect of the outcome, in accordance with recommendation xii of the "Croydon Renewal Plan and amendments to the 2020/21 General Fund Budget" report to Council of 21st September 2020. The recommendations to Cabinet are as follows:
- a. Note the recommendations set out in the report by PwC, and refer the report to the December meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee for their challenge and assessment. A report from that meeting to be presented at the January Cabinet meeting alongside an action plan.
 - b. Authorise the initial further work required on the options identified by PWC regarding the Council's interest in BBB in order to best inform further consideration of those options at the January Cabinet meeting.
 - c. Agree that funding of BBB shall continue in line with current loan arrangements and conditions, provided that all funding for construction, and completed unit purchases shall be reviewed on a site by site basis.
 - d. Agree that all site transfers to BBB, be halted until the Council has completed the options appraisal.
 - e. The Cabinet, on behalf of the Council, exercising its functions as sole shareholder of BBB is recommended to:
 - f. Approve the special resolutions contained in Appendix [2] to amend the articles of association of BBB to allow quorate meetings to take place with any two Directors present, removing the requirement for an Executive Director to be present and provide for the provision of all unanimous or majority decisions taken by the Directors and minutes of all Directors meetings to the Council as sole shareholder.
 - g. Approve the ordinary resolutions contained in Appendix [2] to appoint two Non-Executive Directors to the Board of BBB (both with a finance background), also noting and agreeing that BBB shall indemnify those new Directors in accordance with the company's articles of association and by utilising the company's own insurance policy.
 - h. Approve the ordinary resolutions contained in Appendix [2] to remove the two current Directors of BBB, in their capacity as Directors (also noting Executive Directors are employees of the company).
 - i. Approve the ordinary resolution contained in Appendix [2] to provide for the right of the Council as sole shareholder to inspect any of the Company's accounting or other records or documents at any time.

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3.1. The Recommendations of Cabinet and Committees referred to the Council for decision report comprises of matters of business formally undertaken by the Leader and Cabinet as well as Committees since the last ordinary meeting of the Council that require Full Council approval.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Part 4A of the Constitution requires that Cabinet and Committees include any recommendations that it has made to Council within this report.
- 4.2. These rules do not apply to any recommendations contained in the Annual Report of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
- 4.3. The Leader or Chair of the Committee making the recommendation may exercise a right to introduce the recommendation; in so doing the Leader or Chair of the Committee shall speak for a maximum of 3 minutes.
- 4.4. The recommendation shall be seconded without any further speakers and if not deferred for debate shall immediately be put to the vote.
- 4.5. Any Member supported by a seconder, may ask that a recommendation be deferred for debate and the recommendation shall immediately stand deferred.
- 4.6. In the event that any Cabinet or Committee recommendations have not been reached when the time limit for the meeting has expired, those recommendations shall immediately be put to the vote without further debate.
- 4.7. Attached at **Appendix 11.1** is the **Developing Croydon's new Community Safety Strategy** report considered at the **Cabinet** meeting held on 19 October 2020. There are no appendices to this report. The relevant appendices to this report is also included. These are **Appendix 11.1A** (Safer Croydon Community Safety Strategy) and **Appendix 11.1B** (Strategic Assessment).
- 4.8. Attached at **Appendix 11.2** is **The Croydon Renewal Improvement Plan and the Croydon Renewal Improvement Board** report to be considered at the **Cabinet** meeting to be held on 25 November 2020. The relevant appendix to this report is also included. This is **Appendix 11.2A** (High Level Draft of the Croydon Renewal Improvement Plan), **Appendix 11.2B** (Draft Croydon Renewal Improvement Board Terms of Reference and Membership), **Appendix 11.2C** (Staff Engagement Report) and **Appendix 11.2D** (Administration Priorities for the Croydon Renewal Plan).
- 4.9. Attached at **Appendix 11.3** is **The Croydon Renewal Financial Recovery Plan and Submission to MHCLG for the Capitalisation Direction** report to be considered at the **Cabinet** meeting to be held on 25 November 2020. The relevant appendix to this report is also included. This is **Appendix 11.23A** (Schedule of additional in-year savings for 2020/21), **Appendix 11.3B** (Schedule of proposals for savings and growth in 2021/24), and **Appendix 11.3C** (Equality Assessment).
- 4.10. Attached at **Appendix 11.4** is the **Strategic Review of Companies and other**

investment arrangements – Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd (“BBB”)
Shareholder decision – Directors and articles of association report to be considered at the **Cabinet** meeting to be held on 25 November 2020. The relevant appendices to this report is also included. These are **Appendix 11.4A** (PwC Report), and **Appendix 11.4B** (Proposed BBB Shareholder resolutions).

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APPENDIX 11.1:	Development Croydon’s new Community Safety Strategy report
APPENDIX 11.1A:	Safer Croydon Community Safety Strategy
APPENDIX 11.1B:	Strategic Assessment
APPENDIX 11.2:	The Croydon Renewal Improvement Plan and the Croydon Renewal Improvement Board
APPENDIX 11.2A:	High Level Draft of the Croydon Renewal Improvement Plan
APPENDIX 11.2B:	Draft Croydon Renewal Improvement Board Terms of Reference and Membership
APPENDIX 11.2C:	Staff Engagement Report
APPENDIX 11.2D:	Administration Priorities for the Croydon Renewal Plan
APPENDIX 11.3:	The Croydon Renewal Financial Recovery Plan and Submission to MHCLG for the Capitalisation Direction
APPENDIX 11.3A:	Schedule of additional in-year savings for 2020/21
APPENDIX 11.3B:	Schedule of proposals for savings and growth in 2021/24
APPENDIX 11.3C:	Equality Assessment
APPENDIX 11.4:	Strategic Review of Companies and other investment arrangements – Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd (“BBB”) Shareholder decision – Directors and articles of association
APPENDIX 11.4A:	PwC Report
APPENDIX 11.4B:	Proposed BBB Shareholder resolutions
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	None