

## Scrutiny Recommendations: Stage 1

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Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Ongoing Review of Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd and associated matters relating to the company	The Committee concluded that the evidence provided in the report, along with the responses provided by the Section 151 Officer to questions raised, had provided sufficient reassurance that the original Cabinet decision was the correct course of action. As such no further action was necessary and the decision could proceed as intended.		Hamid Ali	Chris Buss
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Ongoing Review of Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd and associated matters relating to the company	Given that the advice had been sought from both CIPFA and the Council's external auditor, the Committee was reassured that the decision to recognise the cost of the Fairfield Halls refurbishment as a capital expenditure rather than a capital loan was the correct course of action.		Hamid Ali	Chris Buss
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Ongoing Review of Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd and associated matters relating to the company	There was concern amongst the Committee about the potential additional expenditure required to carry out any remedial works required to address issues not picked up in the original refurbishment and a request was made for a report on this, once available.	That a report on any remedial work required on Fairfield Halls be provided to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee. This breakdown should include confirmation of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The work required and the estimate cost</li> <li>b. Confirmation of whether the cost of work would</li> </ul>	Hamid Ali	Chris Buss

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				<p>need to be funded by the Council or would be under the existing contract novated to the Council.</p> <p>c. If work is to be funded by the Council, how the cost would be met.</p>		
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Ongoing Review of Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd and associated matters relating to the company	The Committee felt there needed to a thorough explanation of how the cost for the refurbishment of Fairfield Halls rose from the original £30m estimate at the start of the project to £69m. It was accepted that the Council's external auditor was in the process of finalising a value for money review of the project and a request was made for the full report to be share with the Committee once available.	That the Scrutiny & Overview Committee is provided with the full Grant Thornton report on its Value for Money Review of Fairfield Halls, once it was available.	Hamid Ali	Chris Buss
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Ongoing Review of Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd and associated matters relating to the company	The Committee agreed that the decision for the Council's Housing Revenue Account to purchase 104 residential units from Brick by Brick should proceed as it would lead to a significant saving in the cost of temporary accommodation and provide new homes for those on the council's housing waiting list.	It was recommended that future reports on Housing Revenue Account purchases include confirmation on whether the purchase included the freehold for the properties in order to clarify who would be responsible and accountable for access / maintenance of shared amenities.	Hamid Ali	Chris Buss

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Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Ongoing Review of Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd and associated matters relating to the company	<p>The was significant concern about the lack of transparency on historic decision making on Brick by Brick and that the documents requested in the call-in had not been provided.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the documents needed to be provided, in line with the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities, as a matter of urgency or failing that a written statement be provided in justification of the refusal of each requested document.</p>	The Administration is asked to make a commitment to making historic information on decision making over Brick by Brick available to Members and the public. Where it is not possible to provide information, there needs to be a transparent process in place to confirm why it is not being shared.	Hamid Ali	Chris Buss
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Libraries Public Consultation – Phase One	The Committee concluded that the evidence provided in the report, along with the responses provided by the Cabinet Member for Culture and Regeneration to questions raised, had provided sufficient reassurance that the original		Oliver Lewis	Sarah Hayward

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			Cabinet decision was the correct course of action. As such no further action was necessary and the decision could proceed as intended.			
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Libraries Public Consultation – Phase One	The Committee accepted that the key driver behind possible changes to the library service was the need to make a £500,000 saving from the Libraries budget, which had been agreed as part of the Budget approved by the Council in March 2021.		Oliver Lewis	Sarah Hayward
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Libraries Public Consultation – Phase One	The Committee concluded that the savings outlined in the option appraisal had been based on known factors and as such were likely to be a good estimate of the potential saving that could be achieved by each option.		Oliver Lewis	Sarah Hayward
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	27 May 2021	Call-In: Libraries Public Consultation – Phase One	The Committee welcomed the commitment from the Cabinet Member to work with the public and local community groups in shaping future services.		Oliver Lewis	Sarah Hayward