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CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE Councillor Jason Cummings		
CQ004-22	Councillor Robert Ward	Investigations into possible offences under the Fraud Act
CQ005-22	Councillor Robert Ward	Housing Units
CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND REGENERATION Councillor Jeet Bains		
CQ006-22	Councillor Simon Brew	CIL & and how much S106 income generated from granting planning applications
CABINET MEMBER FOR STREETS AND ENVIRONMENT Councillor Scott Roche		
PQ021-22	Catherine Bradler	Dangerous Levels of Traffic in the Local Area
CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND REGENERATION (FORMER) Councillor Oliver Lewis		
CQ036-21	Councillor Lynne Hale	Pre-application enquiries at Altyre Road site

Councillor Cummings

CQ004-22 asked by Councillor Robert Ward:

At the Council meeting on 3rd February 2022 the then Monitoring Officer announced that he was initiating investigations into possible offences under the Fraud Act. At the Council meeting on 23rd March 2022 Councillor King in response to a question stated that this contract had been awarded to Kroll and that the work was ongoing.

Please provide:

- The terms of reference of the work being undertaken by Kroll, omitting if necessary any commercially sensitive information.*
- A summary of the current state of these investigations including any initial findings, the cost so far to the Council, and an estimate of the expected total cost and the completion date.*
- A statement on what information in relation to the work by Kroll has been shared with the police.*

Reply

Kroll were commissioned to complete an initial 'scope of investigation' stage 1 reporting into events around the refurbishment of Fairfield Halls (including the decision-making process) and related expenditure overruns, to identify whether there are indications of any conflict of interest or wrongdoing, to consider the need for further or wider investigation (depending on the issues arising) and to define a detailed investigation plan and methodology.

The initial findings were that there are a number of issues and questions which warrant further investigation. Kroll also advised the council on how to approach such an investigation.

This scoping analysis was designed to establish the key background facts and lay the foundations for a detailed investigation and, therefore, formed an essential part of the exercise. This has been completed at a cost of £38K and has set out a detailed investigation plan which the council has agreed.

The detailed forensic investigation cost will be in the region of £250K plus IT costs of circa £20K and will set out the findings of the investigation. This is due to complete October 2022. The investigation by Kroll will aim to provide clarity over the probity and integrity of decision making around the Fairfield Halls project, the reasons for the cost overrun and late delivery and the governance failures and whether there is evidence of potential wrongdoing by relevant individuals. At the conclusion of the proposed detailed investigation, Kroll will produce an evidence-based report that will conclude on these matters in line with the evidence gathered.

The Police have been made aware of Kroll's appointment's but, to date, no need has arisen to share any information with the Police.

CQ005-22 asked by Councillor Robert Ward for Councillor Lynne Hale:

At the Cabinet of 18th February 2021 in an item Review of Brick by Brick, Appendix 2 showed a list of Brick by Brick projects. At the meeting it was agreed that 23 projects would go forward. Totalling up these projects I calculate that 775 housing units would be delivered. The number of affordable units was not clear.

A report to the Cabinet of 15th November 2021 "1st Quarterly update on progress of performance for Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd" stated that Brick by Brick had made good progress on delivering their schemes and that 21 of the 23 sites were close to practical completion. It further stated that the company was projected to deliver 752 residential units, of which 385 were expected to be affordable homes.

Four months later at the Cabinet meeting of 21st March 2022 Quarterly update on progress on performance of Brick by Brick the description was almost exactly the same "21 of the 23 sites have or are close to practical completion". However it was here stated that "the company remains projected to deliver 752 residential units, 337 being expected to be affordable homes".

Please supply a list of the 23 projects, the number of housing units originally planned to be delivered in February 2021, the number of these that were affordable units, the date of completion of each site and the number of units of each tenure actually delivered. Of those completed please list the number of affordable and commercial units which are currently unsold or unoccupied.

Please also supply the number of housing units from each of these 23 projects that were purchased or are planned to be purchased by the Council from Brick by Brick.

Reply

CQ006-22 asked by Councillor Simon Brew for Councillor Jeet Bains:

For each of the four years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 please tell me BY WARD how much CIL & and how much S106 income was generated as a result of the granting of planning applications.

RESPONSE:

Please find below by ward income for Croydon Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) & Section 106 income for 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21.

Data for the 2021-22 year is currently being collated and will published in the Council's annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) 2021/22 by 31 December 2022.

2020 – 2021 Section 106 income by ward

Ward	Amount Received
Addiscombe West	£314,299
Coulsdon Town	£404,640
Fairfield	£707,217.00
Kenley	£20,250
Park Hill & Whitgift	£50,351
Purley & Woodcote	£489,429
Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown	£50,000
Sanderstead	£40,500
Selhurst	£17,132
Shirley North	£2,200
South Croydon	£131,255
South Norwood	£513,727
Waddon	£25,000
West Thornton	£67,107
Total	£2,833,107

2020 – 2021 CIL income by ward

Ward	Amount Received
Addiscombe East	£20,113
Addiscombe West	£723,079
Bensham Manor	£6,313
Broad Green	£18,479
Old Coulsdon	£1,182,240
Coulsdon Town	£1,120,131
Fairfield	£695,485
Kenley	£337,297
New Addington South	£17,217
Norbury Park / Norbury & Pollards Hill	£73,566
Purley & Woodcote	£2,303,731
Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown	£213,674
Sanderstead	£106,320
Selhurst	£89,876
Selsdon & Addington Village	£18,053
Shirley North	£505,895
Shirley South	£23,376
South Croydon	£957,379
South Norwood	£328,802
Thornton Heath	£200,589
Crystal Palace & Upper Norwood	£45,815
Waddon	£87,912
West Thornton	£210,992
Woodside	£40,209
Total	£9,326,543

2019 – 2020 Section 106 income by ward

Ward	Amount Received
Addiscombe West	£316,564
Broad Green	£388,773
Coulsdon Town	£250,000
Crystal Palace & Upper Norwood	£116,631
Fairfield Total	£767,678
Park Hill & Whitgift Total	£4,300
Purley & Woodcote Total	£29,383
Selhurst Total	£126,952
South Croydon Total	£40,551
Thornton Heath Total	£34,200
Waddon Total	£20,830
West Thornton Total	£166,049
Total	£2,261,912

2019 – 2020 CIL income by ward

WARDS	Amount Received
Addiscombe East	£90,164
Addiscombe West	£3,310
Bensham Manor	£15,961
Broad Green	£41,308
Coulsdon Town	£1,753,341
Crystal Palace & Upper Norwood	£460,326
Fairfield	£2,267,022
Kenley	£218,078
New Addington North	£9,960
Norbury Park	£10,962
Park Hill & Whitgift	£93,474
Purley & Woodcote	£1,165,388
Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown	£283,353
Sanderstead	£584,209
Selhurst	£281,462
Selsdon & Addington Village	£97,120
Selsdon Vale & Forestdale	£14,191
Shirley North	£160,011
Shirley South	£1,896
South Croydon	£387,667
South Norwood	£353,584
Thornton Heath	£242,015
Waddon	£221,563
West Thornton	£187,183
Woodside	£96,098
Total	£9,039,646*

*Note CIL Data excludes surcharges and interest

2018 – 2019 Section 106 income by ward

Ward	Amount Received
Addiscombe west	£293,616
Broad Green	£87,539
Coulsdon Town	£257,254
Crystal Palace & Upper Norwood	£19,865
Fairfield	£570,495
New Addington North	£70,593
Park Hill & Whitgift	£3,060
Selhurst	£25,951
South Croydon	£151,001
Waddon	£30,200
Total	£1,509,574

CIL 2018 - 2019 CIL income by ward

WARD	Amount Received
Addiscombe East	£16,520
Addiscombe West	£14,176
Bensham Manor	£17,478
Broad Green	£881,117
Coulsdon Town	£484,965
Coulsdon West	£41,790
Crystal Palace & Upper Norwood	£35,204
Fairfield	£3,290,132
Kenley	£269,959
New Addington North	£10,602
New Addington South	£2,628
Norbury Park	£1,754
Purley & Woodcote	£477,959
Purley Oaks & Riddlesdown	£251,545
Sanderstead	£383,654
Selhurst	£160,948
Selsdon & Addington Village	£329,298
Selsdon Vale & Forestdale	£184,034
Shirley North	£73,442
Shirley South	£65,344
South Croydon	£714,763
South Norwood	£313,086
Thornton Heath	£169,058
Waddon	£703,241
West Thornton	£67,455
Woodside	£3,092
Total	£8,963,244

Councillor S. Roche

PQ021-22 asked by Catherine Bradler:

“Question regarding the dangerous levels of traffic in my local area. For nearly a year now, since the safety measures (planters) were removed residents of Auckland Road, Lancaster Road, Southern Avenue and adjoining streets have been exposed to high volumes of dangerous traffic using these streets as shortcuts. Since the measures were removed just under a year ago the following has happened:

- My 10 year son was ‘close passed’ by a speeding van and fell of his bike on Auckland Road injuring himself on his way home from school*
 - My neighbour’s sister was knocked over by a speeding hit and run driver whilst trying to cross Southern Avenue on Boxing Day*
 - There was a serious collision between a speeding car and two buses on Southern Avenue / South Norwood Hill junction.*
 - I am verbally abused and sometimes threatened on a daily basis as a result of asking speeding drivers to slow down*
- This is just what I have witnessed!*

I have had visits from local councillors, Patsy Cummings, Clive Fraser and Louis Carserides who all agree that something needs to be done to reduce health and safety risk to local residents who live on these roads.

When are you going to implement the ANPR controls to reduce through traffic which was agreed by the council several months ago. Someone is going to be killed if you do not do something to fix this. We know there is a solution and we know it works.”

Response

Thank you for your question Catherine. I’m sorry to hear about the frustration you and your neighbours have experienced from poor driver behaviour and excessive speeding in your local area.

The council, under the previous administration, introduced a temporary healthy neighbourhood scheme enforced by planters in May 2020, which subsequently had to be removed in February 2021, following informal public consultation exercise and decision made by the then cabinet member. We, the new administration, are still considering options on the next steps for the LTN programme.

Officers are currently working with neighboring boroughs, the Greater London Authority, Transport for London and relevant stakeholders but as yet we are not in a position to bring this scheme forward nor are we able to confirm a likely timeframe.

I would be happy to arrange a site visit to meet with you and other residents with the relevant officers to discuss potential solutions to the serious safety issues you have described.

In the meantime I have asked officer’s to contact the Police’s Road Safety Engineering Unit and ask for enforcement to be carried out in your local area.

Further information:

Another option may be for these roads to receive some monitoring under the 'Road Watch' project. This project uses local resident volunteers, supported by the Police Community Support Officers, to monitor traffic speeds using laser guns and electronic display signs. The information gathered by the teams is then passed on to the Metropolitan Police, to target regular offenders for speed enforcement. The day-to-day management of 'Road Watch' is carried out by the Metropolitan Police's Safer Neighbourhood Teams and they can be contacted on their email address: communityroadwatchcroydon@met.police.uk.

Councillor Oliver Lewis

CQ036-21 asked by Lynne Hale:

“Please could you advise whether any pre-application enquiries have been made or any discussions or meetings held, with respect to the site currently occupied by Croydon Park Hotel in Altyre Road?”

Reply

The Local Planning Authority cannot comment on the status of any pre application discussions as these are of a confidential nature unless an applicant states otherwise. However, once an application is submitted, any pre application information is released on the Council’s website.