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Responsibilities

- Bereavement Services
- Culture
- Libraries
- Parks & Leisure
- Registrars

Policy Developments

The Mayor of London manifesto pledges to:

- Oppose building on Green Belt land and strengthen protection for Metropolitan Open Land, playing fields & nature reserves.
- Produce a cultural infrastructure plan for 2030 to identify what is needed to sustain London's future as a cultural capital.
- Support London's theatres, galleries and museums to open up access for Londoners.
- Establish creative enterprise zones, providing small live-in workspaces for artists from a range of disciplines.
- Establish a London Borough of Culture, similar to the European City of Culture.
- Support major cultural festivals to celebrate London's diversity.

Projects and Programmes

Re-commissioning of leisure service

- Work towards determining service approach and delivery model. The existing contract which covers leisure facilities at New Addington, Purley, South Norwood, Thornton Heath and Waddon expires in October 2017.

Parks Transformation Programme

- The Parks Transformation programme starts with a big conversation with residents and stakeholders – reporting back to Cabinet in late autumn winter 2016/17. The programme focuses on improving health outcomes, enhancing Croydon's cultural offer, developing community stewardship and protecting biodiversity.

Culture

- Creation of a Cultural Quarter with a redeveloped Fairfield Halls at its heart, including C2C LEP bid to support Fairfield development.
- Development of a cultural events programme with a good seasonal spread including the Ambition Festival in order to create opportunities that will increase participation in cultural activity, engage and grow audiences, support inward investment and nurture artistic talent.

Libraries

- Engagement with residents to develop the best possible 21st century library service within current public sector funding constraints.

Ashburton Park

- The Council in partnership with The Friends of Ashburton Park (FoAP) and in collaboration with UCL is undertaking consultation to find out what the local community thinks about Ashburton Park and its pavilion and their views on potential improvements, including events programme. Findings will help to inform decisions on the future of the park and the allocation of resources.

Outdoor Sports facilities

- Consultants have been engaged to develop a supply and demand assessment of sports pitches and other facilities such as bowling greens and tennis courts.

Parklife

- Potential to bid for funding from £130m pot held by DCMS, Football Association and Premier League to develop local football led sports hubs, that can also support multiple sports.