

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

To: all Members of the Council (via e-mail)
Access Croydon, Town Hall Reception

PUBLIC NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON 16 July 2018

In accordance with the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules, the following decisions may be implemented from **1300 hours on 24 July 2018** unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee:

The following apply to each decision listed below

Reasons for these decisions:

are contained in the reports which can be downloaded on the Council's website:
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=183&MIId=1546>

Other options considered and rejected:

are contained in the reports which can be downloaded on the Council's website:
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Details of conflicts of Interest declared by any Cabinet Member: none

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet the power to make the decisions set out below:

AGENDA ITEM 7: EDUCATION ESTATES STRATEGY

Key Decision no.: 1218CAB

School Place Planning

1. note the progress made on delivering the Education Estates supply strategy for mainstream and special schools for the 2018/19 to 2020/21 academic years. (Appendix 1 of the report - Capital Programme Budget summary).
2. Special Educational Needs and Disability
agree the revised SEND supply strategy and budget to provide additional places for children with special educational needs and disability - Appendix 2 of the report.
3. approve the start of statutory process - publication of statutory proposal and formal consultation – in the autumn term relating to the proposed extension of the age range at Red Gates School.
4. note that the Department for Education(DfE) has approved/announced the provider for Croydon's new special free school.
5. note progress relating to the proposed partnership with Croydon Further

Education (FE) college to establish new local post 16 places in an SEN Centre of Excellence.

6. delegate authority to the Executive Director, Children, Families and Education in consultation with the Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning to spend from the £6.833m of DfE Basic Need funding for 2019/20 to provide additional places at St Nicholas and Red Gates Special School, and relocate Springboard – Pupil Referral Unit.

Alternative Provision / Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)

7. agree to the relocation of Springboard Tuition Service – PRU - and delegate authority to the Interim Director, Children, Families and Education in consultation with the Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning to make decisions relating to capital funding required for the relocation. Cabinet are asked to agree to commission the necessary works, subject to agreement from the site owner, including feasibility and design development; and capital funding for this relocation. At the time of writing, the estimated cost is in the region of £500k.

Early Years Provision

8. note information relating to early years provision in the borough.

School Admissions

9. note the percentage of Croydon's pupils who have been offered a place at their first and top three preferred primary and secondary schools.

School Maintenance and Compliance

10. note the Schools' Maintenance Plan (Appendix 3) for the 2018/19 academic year which includes £2m for fire safety works in community schools (plus an additional £1m for 2019/20), all as agreed in the Education Estates Strategy report at Cabinet in January 2018. In light of the issues set out in paragraph 7.7 below, it is recommended that the Executive Director, Children, Families and Education, should be given delegated authority to vary the plan to reflect actual prices and new urgent issues that may arise, including authorising spend against the allowance for emergency and reactive works. The Executive Director, Children, Families and Education shall report back to members in respect of any exercise of such authority.

Scrutiny Referral/Call-in Procedure

1. The decisions may be implemented **1300 hours on 24 July 2018** (5 working days after the decisions were made) unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
2. The Acting Council Solicitor shall refer the matter to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee if so requested by:-
 - i) the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and 4 members of that Committee; or
 - ii) 20% of Council Members (14)
3. The referral shall be made on the approved pro-forma (*attached*) which should be submitted electronically or on paper to Victoria Lower by the deadline stated in this notice. Verification of signatures may be by individual e-mail, fax or by post. A decision may only be subject to the referral process once.
4. The Call-In referral shall be completed giving:
 - i) The grounds for the referral
 - ii) The outcome desired
 - iii) Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider the referral
 - iv) The date and the signatures of the Councillors requesting the Call-In
5. The decision taker and the relevant Chief Officer(s) shall be notified of the referral who shall suspend implementation of the decision.
6. The referral shall be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee unless, in view of the Council Solicitor this would cause undue delay. In such cases the Council Solicitor will consult with the decision taker and the Chair of Scrutiny and Overview to agree a date for an additional meeting. The Scrutiny & Overview Committee may only decide to consider a maximum of 3 referrals at any one meeting.
7. At the Scrutiny & Overview Committee meeting the referral will be considered by the Committee which shall determine how much time the Committee will give to the call in and how the item will be dealt with including whether or not it wishes to review the decision. If having considered the decision there are still concerns about the decision then the Committee may refer it back to the decision taker for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of the concerns.
8. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee may refer the decision to Full Council if it considers that the decision is outside of the budget and policy framework of the Council.
9. If the Scrutiny and Overview Committee decides that no further action is necessary then the decision may be implemented.

10. The Full Council may decide to take no further action in which case the decision may be implemented.
11. If the Council objects to the decision it can nullify the decision if it is outside of the policy framework and/or inconsistent with the budget.
12. If the decision is within the policy framework and consistent with the budget, the Council will refer any decision to which it objects together with its views on the decision. The decision taker shall choose whether to either amend / withdraw or implement the original decision within 10 working days or at the next meeting of the Cabinet of the referral from the Council.
13. The response shall be notified to all Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee
14. If either the Council or the Scrutiny and Overview Committee fails to meet in accordance with the Council calendar or in accordance with paragraph 6 above, then the decision may be implemented on the next working day after the meeting was scheduled or arranged to take place.
15. **URGENCY:** The referral procedure shall not apply in respect of urgent decisions. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the referral process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The record of the decision and the notice by which it is made public shall state if the decision is urgent and therefore not subject to the referral process.

Signed: Director of Law and Monitoring Officer

Date: 17 July 2018

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PROFORMA

**REFERRAL OF A KEY DECISION TO THE
SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

For the attention of: Victoria Lower, Democratic Services & Scrutiny
e-mail to Victoria.lower@croydon.gov.uk and Cliona.may@croydon.gov.uk

Meeting Date:
Agenda Item No:

Reasons for referral:

- i) The decision is outside of the Policy Framework
- ii) The decision is inconsistent with the budget
- iii) The decision is inconsistent with another Council Policy
- iv) Other: Please specify:

The outcome desired:

**Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider
the referral:**

Signed:

Date:

Member of _____ Committee