

## LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

To: all Members of the Council (via e-mail)  
Access Croydon

### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON 17 FEBRUARY 2015**

In accordance with the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Procedure Rules, the following decisions may be implemented from **1300 hours on 25 February 2015** unless referred to the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee:

The following apply to each decision listed below

**Reasons for these decisions:** are contained in the report which can be downloaded on the Council's website:

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kabmenu.pl?cmte=CAB>

**Other options considered and rejected:** are contained in the report which can be downloaded on the Council's website:

<https://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kabmenu.pl?cmte=CAB>

**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 6.1: GENERAL FUND & HRA BUDGET 2015/16 AND FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2015/19: Decisions relating to Housing Rents and Charges**

In relation to recommendation 1.3 (i) to (iv) of the report, Cabinet agreed:

- i. Rent increases for all Council tenants for 2015/16, in line with the Government's social rent policy with the average rent increases from this national formula being 2.2%;
- ii. That the full cost of services provided to those tenants who receive caretaking, grounds maintenance and bulk refuse collection services are recovered via tenants service charges, will increase in line with the social rent guidelines by 2.2% for 2015/16;
- iii. Charges to tenants for garage and parking space rents increase in line with the social rent guidelines by 2.2% for 2015/16;
- iv. Heating charges for Council tenants to remain unchanged as per Appendix J of the report;

## **AGENDA ITEM 10: Award of the LBC Modular Unit Framework**

Cabinet approved the award of the following contracts:

1. Lot 1 Framework Agreement for the purchase of Modular Units to the potential contract value of £16,000,000 over a four year period; and
2. Lot 2 Framework Agreement for the hire of Modular Units to the potential contract value of £2,000,000 over a four year period;

to the respective preferred and reserve suppliers named in the associated part B report on the Cabinet meeting agenda for 17.02.15.

### **Scrutiny Referral/Call-in Procedure**

1. The decisions may be implemented **1300 hours on 25 February 2015** (5 working days after the decisions were made) unless referred to the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee.
2. The Council Solicitor, Director Democratic and Legal Services shall refer the matter to the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee if so requested by:-
  - i) the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny and Strategic 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 Jim Simpson and Solomon Agutu by **1300 hours on 25 February 2015**. 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 Strategic 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 & Strategic Overview Committee unless, in view of the Council Solicitor, Director Democratic and Legal Services, this would cause undue delay. In such cases The Council Solicitor, Director Democratic and Legal Services will consult with the decision taker and the Chair of Scrutiny and Strategic Overview to agree a date for an additional meeting. The Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee may only decide to consider a maximum of 3 referrals at any one meeting.

7. At the Scrutiny & Strategic 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 Strategic 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 Strategic 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 Strategic Overview Committee
14. If either the Council or the Scrutiny and Strategic 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: Council Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, Director of Democratic and Legal Services

**Date: 18 February 2015**

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**PROFORMA**

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

For the attention of: Jim Simpson & Solomon Agutu,  
Democratic & Legal Services Division

Meeting:  
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:

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**The outcome desired:**

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

Signed:

Date:

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Committee