

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE AT THE CABINET MEETING ON 19 JANUARY 2015

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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 www.croydon.gov.uk

Other options considered and rejected: are contained in the reports which can be downloaded on the Council's website www.croydon.gov.uk

Details of conflicts of Interest declared by any Cabinet Member: none

Note of dispensation granted by the head of paid service in relation to a declared conflict of interest by that Member: none

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

AGENDA ITEM 6: Financial Inclusion

RESOLVED

1. To approve the adoption of the Financial Inclusion principles detailed in 3.3.1 of the report
2. To agree that the Director of Customer, Transformation and Communications, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Safety and Justice, be delegated authority to undertake any actions necessary to implement the Financial Inclusion principles

AGENDA ITEM 7: Equality Annual Report 2014

RESOLVED:

1. To agree the Equality Annual Report 2014 to comply with the Council's statutory equality duties to publish information related to the three aims of the Equality Act 2010; and.
2. To agree that the Chief Executive be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Safety and Justice to make minor amendments to the draft Equality Annual Report and to agree the report for publication by the 31 January 2015.

AGENDA ITEM 8: London Councils Grants Scheme – Budget 2015-16

RESOLVED: In order to meet the deadline of 1 February 2015 for setting the London Councils Grants Scheme budget by two-thirds of constituent Council's, to agree the recommendation of the London Councils Leaders Committee to:

- (a) Approve the London Councils Grants Scheme budget for 2015/16 of £10.5m; and
- (b) Agree this Council's 2015/16 contribution to the London Councils Grants Scheme budget amounting to £398,622.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Delivery of the Clean and Green agenda

RESOLVED to:

1. record the Council's thanks to the Clean & Green champions and volunteers, and to the local Councillors and officers, for their on-going work on the campaign;
2. Agree the actions detailed in the report to embed the Clean and Green approach, including the 'Don't Mess With Croydon; Take Pride' campaign as detailed in the report;
3. Note the approach to the 'Eyes and Ears', Croydon Challenge project, including proposals to create a single enforcement service within the Council; and
4. Agree to delegate authority to the Acting Executive Director 'Place' in consultation with the Cabinet Member's, 'Clean and Green', 'Safety and Justice', 'Transport and Environment' and 'Homes and Regeneration', the final business case for 'Eyes and Ears'.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Ambitious for Croydon – key outcomes and performance measures

RESOLVED to:

- (1) Endorse the Ambitious for Croydon outcomes as setting the strategic direction for the borough; and
- (2) Adopt the proposed outcome framework including an indicative set of key performance indicators as the basis for measuring progress in an open and transparent way.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Investing in the future of our young people: School Places

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the 3 years - 2015/16 to 2017/18 - programme for delivering primary pupil places, outlined in paragraphs 2.3, 3, graph 1 & table 1; along with the necessary funding required for the supply of these places; and re-affirm the 2016/17 secondary schools strategy – paragraphs 2.5 & 3.22, graph 2 and table 2.

2. Delegate authority to the relevant Cabinet Member and Executive Director, to make decisions regarding:

- publication of statutory notice and consultations on the proposed expansions as part of the supply strategy - table 1.
- the development of provision for children with special educational needs and consultation on expansion proposals – paragraphs 3.26-28 and table 3.

3. Note that the Cabinet Member, under the Leader's delegated authority, has determined that the proposed expansion of St Joseph's Catholic schools should not go ahead.

4. Agree to the publication of statutory notice with a 4 week representation period on the proposal by Parish Church schools to change its category and name from Voluntary Controlled to Voluntary Aided and its name from 'Parish Church' to 'The Minster' - paragraphs 2.5 & 3.23-25.

5. Note that consultation on the 2016/17 Admission Arrangements for Community, and Voluntary controlled schools started on 08 December 2014 and will end on 02 February 2015 - and that the report will be presented to Cabinet in February to agree the 2016/17 Admissions Arrangements.

6. To agree the proposed Schools' Annual Maintenance Plan for 2015/16 – Appendix 2.

AGENDA ITEM 12. Education Quality and Standards

RESOLVED to note this report, commend the improvement in the percentage of schools judged good or better, and also note that the report will form a subject of Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee on 3 February 2015.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Contracts to be awarded

RESOLVED

1. to note:-

1.1. The contracts over £500,000 in value anticipated to be awarded by the nominated Cabinet Member, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury or, where the nominated Cabinet Member is the Cabinet Member for Finance and Treasury, in consultation with the Leader.

1.2 The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Strategy Commissioning, Procurement and Performance between 20/11/2014 to 04/12/2014

2. The procurement strategy for the joint South London Waste Partnership - waste collection and related environmental services contract as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Budget Scrutiny Recommendations from the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee

RESOLVED:

1. to agree the response to the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee to their recommendation 'to provide more information to Council about the implications of the proposal to limit further member referrals to the Planning Committee to major applications only (as referrals from MPs and GLA Members have already been limited) before any decision is taken' as follows:

(a) This relates to new changes that have not yet been designed or implemented. The saving is targeted for 2016/17 to allow time to get the changes in place. It relates to Minor and householder applications. Consideration of these by committee, costs considerably more than if they are determined under delegated powers. We shall look at implementing changes to the committee arrangements where these applications are determined under delegated powers rather than at committee. Ward members will still be consulted on them and can comment. Officers will take their views into account in arriving at a recommendation as they do now.

(b) before the 2016/17 budget is set, Cabinet Members, in consultation with the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee, will review whether this (resolution 1(a) above) is the best way forward for planning referrals and whether an alternative can be found.

2. that the remaining recommendations arising from the meetings of the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee on 9 September 2014 and 17 December 2014 be received and will be responded to in the final budget report proposals to be submitted at the Cabinet meeting in February..

AGENDA ITEM 15: Recommendations Arising from the Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee and the Streets & Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee

RESOLVED to note the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee on 11th November 2014 and the Streets and Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee on 2nd December 2014 and to provide a response at the Cabinet meeting on 16 March 2015, as the February meeting is a Council Tax meeting.

Democratic Services Manager
Date: 29 January 2015