

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY CABINET ON 24 FEBRUARY 2020

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Further to the associated public notice of Key Decisions no scrutiny call-in has been received, and therefore the following decisions can be implemented.

The following apply to the decisions listed below:

Reasons for these decisions: As set out in the report
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=1880>

Other options considered and rejected: As set out in the report
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Details of Conflicts of Interest declared by the Decision Maker: None

Note of dispensation granted by the head of paid service in relation to a declared conflict of interest by that Decision Maker: None

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

Decision Title: GENERAL FUND AND HRA BUDGET 2020/21

Key Decision no.: 0720CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To recommend to full Council

1. A **1.99%** increase in the Council Tax for Croydon Services (a level of increase Central Government has assumed in all Councils' spending power calculation).

2. A **2.00%** increase in the Adult Social Care precept (a charge Central Government has assumed all councils' will levy in its spending power calculations).
3. The GLA increase of 3.6%.
With reference to the principles for 2020/21 determined by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) confirm that in accordance with s.52ZB (1) the Council Tax and GLA precept referred to above are **not excessive** in terms of the most recently issued principles and as such to note that no referendum is required. This is detailed further in section 3.8 of the report.
4. The calculation of budget requirement and council tax as set out in Appendix D and E. Including the GLA increase this will result in a total increase of 3.92% in the overall council tax bill for Croydon.
5. The revenue budget assumptions as detailed in the report and the associated appendices.
6. The programme of revenue savings, income and growth by department for 2020/21 (Appendix A).
7. The Council's detailed budget book for 2020/21 (Appendix B).
8. The draft Capital Programme as set out in section 11, table 18 and 19 of the report, except where noted for specific programmes are subject to separate Cabinet reports.
9. To increase the Asset Investment Fund by £100 million to £300 million.
10. To note there are no proposed amendments to the Council's existing Council Tax Support Scheme for the financial year 2020/21.
11. The adoption of the Pay Policy statement at Appendix H.

RESOLVED: To agree

1. A rent increase for all Council tenants for 2020/21, in line with the Government's social rent policy which has legislated to increase social rents by CPI + 1%, which is equal to 2.7%
2. No increase to Garage and Parking space rents.
3. 2% increase to the service charges for caretaking, grounds maintenance and bulk refuse collection as detailed in section 12 of the report.

RESOLVED: To note

1. That in respect of the Council's public sector equalities duties where the setting of the capital, revenue and HRA budget result in new policies or policy

change the relevant service department will carry out an equality impact assessment to secure delivery of that duty including such consultation as may be required.

2. The progress being made towards balancing the Council's financial position for 2019/20 as at Quarter 3 and the current projected outturn forecast of £2.371m as set out in the report at item 5b on the agenda.
3. The response to the provisional local government settlement which is attached at Appendix F of the report.
4. That pre-decision scrutiny of the proposed budget 2020/21 took place at the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on the 10th February 2020. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee agreed to recommend that the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee and provide an update on the bedding in of the Council's new financial monitoring systems in September 2020.
5. The statement on reserves and balances and robustness of estimates from the statutory Section 151 Officer.

Decision Title: QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2019/20

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Note the current revenue outturn forecast at the end of the third quarter of 2019/20 of £5.8m underspend, before exceptional items of £8.2m, resulting in a total overspend of £2.4m;
2. Note that the exceptional items of £8.2m relate to costs incurred by Croydon Council for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) and No Recourse To Public Funds (NRPF), due to woefully insufficient funding from the Home Office.
3. Note the ongoing engagement with and lobbying of Government by the Council for additional funding for Croydon, both in general terms and specifically Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children given Croydon's gateway status.
4. Note the HRA position of a £1.5m forecast overspend against budget;
5. Note the capital outturn projection of £277m, forecast to be an underspend of £159m against budget;

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council the approval to reduce to the capital programme by **£1.2m** as set out in Table 6 of the report.

Decision Title: TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, CAPITAL STRATEGY, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2020/2021

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To recommend Council approve

1. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020/2021 as set out in the report including the recommendations:
 - a. That the Council takes up borrowing requirements as set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report.
 - b. That for the reasons detailed in paragraph 4.14 of the report, opportunities for debt rescheduling are reviewed throughout the year by the Director of Finance, Investment and Risk (S151 Officer) and that she be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and in conjunction with the Council's independent treasury advisers, to undertake such rescheduling only if revenue savings or additional cost avoidance can be achieved at minimal risk in line with organisational considerations and with regard to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as set out in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/2023.
 - c. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Finance, Investment and Risk (S151 Officer), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, to make any necessary decisions to protect the Council's financial position in light of market changes or investment risk exposure.
2. That the Council adopts the Annual Investment Strategy as set out in sections 4.16 and 4.17 of the report.
3. That the Authorised Limit (required by Section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003) as set out in paragraph 4.10 and as detailed in **Appendix C** of the report be as follows:

2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
£1,840.757m	£2,038.506m	£2,085.274m

4. That the Council approve the Prudential Indicators as set out in **Appendix C** of the report.

5. The Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement (required by the Local Authorities (Capital Financing and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008SI 2008/414) as set out in **Appendix D** of the report.
6. That the Council's authorised counterparty lending list as at 31st December 2019 as set out in **Appendix E** of the report and the rating criteria set for inclusion onto this list be approved.
7. That the Council adopts the Capital Strategy Statement set out below in section 3 of the report.

Decision Title: DELIVERING THE CROYDON GROWTH ZONE

Key Decision no.: 0620CAB

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the amended funding profile for projects as summarised in paragraph 3.7 of this report; and
2. Subject to the requirement to comply with the provisions of Part 4G of the Constitution in taking delegated decisions and the parameters previously approved in the October 2018 Cabinet report 'Delivering the Growth Zone (specifically Paragraph 3.88) delegate to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Executive Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer), the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, the Cabinet Members for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share) and the Cabinet member for Economy and Jobs, authority to make necessary changes to the funding and phasing of the approved Growth Zone projects list. Any such changes will be reported to Cabinet.

Decision Title: BRICK BY BRICK BUSINESS PLAN 2020/21

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed 2020/2021 Business Plan of BBB as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Decision Title: STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To receive the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny & Overview Committee (10 February 2020) and Streets Environment & Homes (17 December 2019), and to provide a substantive response within two months (i.e. at the next available Cabinet meeting on **11 May 2020**).

Decision Title: INVESTING IN OUR BOROUGH

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To approve:

1. The contract award for the delivery of Enforcement Agency Services under a framework for the maximum value of £9,000,000 across 4 years, as set out at agenda item 9a.
2. The contract variation & extension award for Best Start suite of contracts at a maximum contract value of £12,893,000, an increase by £1,170,000, over a term of 5 months as set out at agenda item 9b.
3. The contract award for the delivery of the Addington Valley Academy SEN School for the maximum value of £14,183,745 across 34 months and to recommend to the Leader to delegate the approval for the various awards of contract, as set out at agenda item 9c.
4. The contract variation for the South London Waste Partnership Joint Waste Collection and Related Environmental Services to increase the overall value by a yearly amount of £3,250,000 plus a one off payment of £1,379,000 for all boroughs within the partnership, of which Croydon spend will increase by £1,500,000 per annum plus a one off payment of £673,955, as set out at agenda item 9d.

RESOLVED: The Cabinet recommend to the Leader of the Council that prior to the next meeting of Cabinet in March, in respect of the New Addington Health and Wellbeing Centre project for the Lead Architect and Multi-disciplinary Professional Services, the Leader delegate the power to make decisions for awards of contract to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report.

RESOLVED: To note

1. The list of delegated award decisions made by the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, between 18/12/2019 – 17/01/2020, as set out in section 4.2.1 of the report.
2. Property acquisitions and disposals agreed by the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources in consultation with the Leader since the previous meetings of Cabinet, as set out in section 4.3 of the report.

Decision Title: ENFORCEMENT AGENT FRAMEWORK AWARD

Key Decision no.: 0320CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To approve the award of the framework agreement for the delivery of Enforcement Agency Services split into Lots (Lot 1 – Collection of parking and traffic penalty charges and Lot 2 – Collection of council tax and business rates) in accordance with Regulation 28.4(c) of the Council's Contracts and Tenders Regulations for a maximum contract term of 2 years, plus 1+1 years extension, to the suppliers stated in Part B of the report and for the expected debt collection value of £9.78 million.

Decision Title: VARIATION TO EXTEND THE BEST START CONTRACTS

Key Decision no.: 1020CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To in accordance with Regulation 30 of the Council's Contracts and Tenders Regulations to extend the following Best Start contracts listed below by up to a further 5 months (1st April to 31st August 2020) for an aggregate value of £1,170,000 to give an overall maximum (aggregate) contracts value of £12,846,000:

1. Eight, Best Start Children's Centres with contracts/SLAs to four academies and five maintained schools. Five month extension value: £854,000.
2. Five, Community, Parenting Aspirations and Parenting Skills contracts (covering 6 lots). Five month extension value: £153,000.

3. One, Early Learning Collaboration contract. Five month extension value £138,000.
4. One, Parenting Infant Partnership contract. Five month extension value £25,000

Decision Title: ADDINGTON VALLEY ACADEMY SEN SCHOOL - AWARD OF PCSA AND MAIN WORKS CONTRACT

Key Decision no.: 0520CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the award for the design and construction of Addington Valley Academy SEN Academy to the supplier listed in part B of this report for an estimated contract term of 34 months (this consists of 5 months of PCSA, 17 months of constructions and 12 months Defects Liability period) for a maximum contract value of £14,363,745 (including the supply of £180,000 loose furniture, fixtures and equipment).
2. Recommend the Leader to delegate the decision to approve the award of various contracts that are required to deliver this overarching contract, to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources for the reasons as explained in paragraph 2.4 of the report
3. Note that the Chair of the Contracts and Commissioning Board has approved the award of the Pre-Construction Services Agreement to the supplier listed in Part B of the report.

Decision Title: SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP - WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT VARIATION

Key Decision no.: 0920CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To, in accordance with regulation 30 of the Council's Tenders and Contract Regulations, approve a variation of the contract entered into with Veolia ES (UK) Limited on behalf of the South London Waste Partnership for Waste Collections

and Related Environmental Services Contract, to provide for an increase in the annual contract value of £3,250,000 and a one off payment of £1,379,000, which for the term of the contract amounts to an additional £17,629,000 (until 2025). The impact for the London Borough of Croydon is increased expenditure of £1,500,000 a year for the remainder of the initial term (to 2025), and a one off lump sum of £673,955.

PART B

Decision Title: INVESTING IN OUR BOROUGH

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To approve

1. The contract award for the delivery of Enforcement Agency Services under a framework for the maximum value of £9,000,000 across 4 years, as set out at agenda item 11a.
2. The contract award for the delivery of the Addington Valley Academy SEN School for the maximum value of £14,183,745 across 34 months and to recommend to the Leader to delegate the approval for the various awards of contract, as set out at agenda item 11b.

Decision Title: ENFORCEMENT AGENTS FRAMEWORK AWARD

Key Decision no.: 0320CAB

Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To approve the award of the framework agreement for the delivery of Enforcement Agency Services split into Lots (Lot 1 – Collection of parking and traffic penalty charges and Lot 2 – Collection of council tax and business rates) in accordance with Regulation 28.4(c) of the Council's Contracts and Tenders Regulations for a maximum contract term of 2 years, plus 1+1 years extension, to the suppliers stated in Part B of the report and for the expected debt collection value of £9.78 million.

Decision Title: ADDINGTON VALLEY ACADEMY SEN SCHOOL - AWARD OF PCSA AND MAIN WORKS CONTRACT

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Details of decision:

The Leader of the Council delegated authority to the Cabinet to make the following decisions:

RESOLVED: To

1. Approve the award for the design and construction of Addington Valley Academy SEN Academy to the supplier listed in part B of this report for an estimated contract term of 34 months (this consists of 5 months of PCSA, 17 months of constructions and 12 months Defects Liability period) for a maximum contract value of £14,363,745 (including the supply of £180,000 loose furniture, fixtures and equipment).
2. Recommend the Leader to delegate the decision to approve the award of various contracts that are required to deliver this overarching contract, to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources for the reasons as explained in paragraph 2.4 of the report
3. Note that the Chair of the Contracts and Commissioning Board has approved the award of the Pre-Construction Services Agreement to the supplier listed in Part B of the report.

Signed: Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Notice date: 03 March 2020