

## 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 19 NOVEMBER 2018**

In accordance with the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules, the following decisions may be implemented from **1300 hours on 27 November 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?CId=183&MId=1549>

**Other options considered and rejected:**

are contained in the reports which can be downloaded on the Council's website:  
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=183&MId=1549>

**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 8: REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY**

**Key Decision no.:** 1618CAB

**RESOLVED:**

1. That Croydon enter into regional adoption arrangements as part of Adopt London South;
2. That staff and funding (estimated at 8.5 FTE and a budget of £559k) are transferred to Southwark who will be hosting Adopt London South on behalf of ten South London boroughs;
3. That the statutory and legal functions relating to adoption services set out in Section 15(3) of the Education and Adoption Act 2016 be delegated to Southwark as host of the Regional Adoption Agency Adopt London South; and
4. That authority is given to the Director of Early Help and Children's Social Care to finalise and agree the arrangements including signing off the Inter-Authority Agreement between Croydon and Southwark and any other legal and financial agreements in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children,

Families & Learning, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.

## Scrutiny Referral/Call-in Procedure

1. The decisions may be implemented **1300 hours on 27 November 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 Governance

**Date: 20 November 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](mailto:Victoria.lower@croydon.gov.uk) and [Cliona.may@croydon.gov.uk](mailto: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:

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**The outcome desired:**

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

Signed:

Date:

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