

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 22 FEBRUARY 2016

In accordance with the Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules, the following decisions may be implemented from **1300 hours on 1 March 2016** 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://secure.croydon.gov.uk/akscroydon/users/public/admin/kabmenu.pl?cmte=CAB>

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 8.1: GENERAL FUND & HRA BUDGET 2016/17

(Only relating to recommendation 1.2 of the report. The recommendations 1.1 and 1.3 of the report are reserved to Council for decision)

That with reference to the principles for 2016/17 determined by the Secretary of State under s.s.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;

The Cabinet RESOLVED to agree:

- I. A rent decrease for all Council tenants for 2016/17, in line with the Government's social rent policy which has legislated to reduce social rents by 1%.
- II. That garage rents will increase by 2% and parking space rents will increase to £7 per week for tenants and £10 per week for non-tenants.
- III. That the un pooled service charge for caretaking, grounds maintenance and bulk refuse collection will not change from 2015/16, as detailed in section 11.14 of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 10.2: Croydon Best Start Child Development & School Readiness Services (Designated Children's Centres) 2016-2018

The Cabinet RESOLVED to:

- 1.1 approve the direct award of agreements for a term of two years, starting 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2018, with the option to extend for a further year, subject to satisfactory performance by way of:
 - 1.1.1 The direct award of contracts for the provision of Child Development and School Readiness Services for a term of two years, starting 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2018, with the option to extend for a further year, subject to satisfactory performance to the current providers of 4 designated Children's Centres at:
 - i. Aerodrome Academy: Aerodrome Children's Centre
 - ii. Oasis Academy Byron (Oasis Trust): Byron Children's Centre
 - iii. Fairchildes Academy: Fairchildes Children's Centre
 - iv. Forest Academy (Synaptic Trust): Shirley Children's Centre; and
 - 1.1.2 The implementation of Service Level Agreements for the provision of Child Development and School Readiness Services for a term of two years, starting 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2018, with the option to extend for a further year, subject to satisfactory performance to the current providers of 5 designated Children's Centres at:
 - i. Selhurst Children's Centre: Selhurst Children's Centre
 - ii. Crosfield Nursery School and Children's Centre: Crosfield Children's Centre
 - iii. Purley Oaks Primary School: Purley Oaks Children's Centre
 - iv. Gilbert Scott Primary School: Woodlands Children's Centre
 - v. Kensington Avenue Primary School: Kensington Avenue Children's Centre

Scrutiny Referral/Call-in Procedure

1. The decisions may be implemented **1300 hours on 1 March 2016** (5 working days after the decisions were made) unless referred to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.
2. The Borough Solicitor, Director Legal and Democratic Services 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 Jim Simpson and Solomon Agutu by

1300 hours on 1 March 2016. 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 Borough Solicitor, Director Legal and Democratic Services, this would cause undue delay. In such cases The Borough Solicitor, Director Legal and Democratic Services 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: Gabriel Macgregor, Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Date: 23 February 2016

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PROFORMA

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

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

The outcome desired:

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

Signed:

Date:

Member of _____ Committee