

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Scrutiny & Overview Committee 14 June 2022
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE MAYOR UPDATE TO SCRUTINY</b>
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	Mayor Jason Perry Executive Mayor of Croydon
<b>PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:</b>	Mayor Jason Perry Executive Mayor of Croydon
<b>PUBLIC/EXEMPT:</b>	Public

<b>ORIGIN OF ITEM:</b>	The Executive Mayor will be invited to the first Scrutiny & Overview Committee meeting of each year, following the Annual Council meeting, to outline their priorities for the year ahead.
<b>BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:</b>	The Scrutiny and Overview Committee is asked: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the update provided by Executive Mayor Perry on his priorities for the year ahead.</li> <li>2. To scrutinise the Executive Mayor's priorities, providing challenge as appropriate</li> <li>3. To consider how the Mayoral priorities should be reflected in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022-23</li> </ol>

## **1. EXECUTIVE MAYOR UPDATE TO SCRUTINY**

- 1.1. On 5 May 2022, the residents of Croydon voted in elections for Borough Councillors and for the first time, an Executive Mayor for the borough. This resulted in the election of Mayor Jason Perry. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee has invited the new Executive Mayor of Croydon to its first meeting of the new municipal year to provide an update on his priorities for the year ahead.
- 1.2. Executive Mayor Perry previously outlined his priorities to all Members at the Annual Council meeting held on 25 May 2022. The speech of the Executive Mayor from that meeting can be viewed on the following link: -

<https://webcasting.croydon.gov.uk/croydon/15464?st=3023>
- 1.3. A report will also be presented to the Cabinet meeting on 22 June 2022 which will set out the Mayor's priorities. This is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.4. Given that the Council is now operating under an executive mayoral model of governance for the first time, with centralised decision making, Scrutiny will play a key role in holding the Executive Mayor to account. In attending the meeting, it was also give Mayor Perry the opportunity to outline how he intends to work with Scrutiny, including his commitment to accountability,

resourcing the work of Scrutiny appropriately and the provision of timely information.

- 1.5. In inviting Mayor Perry to outline his priorities for the year ahead, this will give the Committee an opportunity to provide an early, high-level challenge on these priorities. Should the Committee identify any priorities it would like to look at in further detail, these items can be fed into the planning of the Scrutiny Work Programme and scheduled at the appropriate meeting later in the year.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Cabinet Report – 22 June 2022: Executive Mayor of Croydon's Priorities