

# LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

<b>REPORT:</b>	<b>Streets &amp; Environment Sub-Committee</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>14 March 2023</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Local Planning Authority Service Transformation</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<p><b>Nick Hibberd - Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities, Regeneration &amp; Economic Recovery</b></p> <p><b>Heather Cheesbrough - Director of Planning &amp; Sustainable Regeneration</b></p>
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<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<p><b>Councillor Jeet Bains</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration</b></p>
<b>ORIGIN OF ITEM:</b>	This item was included on the Streets & Environment Sub-Committee Scrutiny Sub-Committee Work Programme for 2022/23.
<b>BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:</b>	The Streets & Environment Sub-Committee is asked to scrutinise the Cabinet report covering the draft Planning Transformation Programme structure, including the programme's six workstreams, future governance and next steps; and to receive a presentation on the above, the findings of the PAS review and the Council's responses to its recommendations, to allow Sub-Committee to feed into and influence the Transformation Programme.
<b>PUBLIC/EXEMPT:</b>	Public

## 1 LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY SERVICE TRANSFORMATION

- 1.1 The Streets & Environment Scrutiny Sub-Committee has asked to review the Cabinet papers from the 22 February 2023 on Local Planning Authority Service Transformation. These papers have been provided here as appendices to this covering report; a presentation will be provided by officers at the Sub-Committee which will cover the findings of the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) review

(Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report) and the Council's response to its recommendations.

- 1.2** The Sub-Committee looked at the 2023/24 budget proposals for the Planning Service at its last meeting on 31 January 2023. The Budget Scrutiny Challenge paper provided some information on the Planning Service Transformation Programme and the six workstreams that had been identified.
- 1.3** At the meeting on 31 January 2023, Members identified specific questions about the timelines for the Transformation workstreams, recruitment and retention, and the opportunities and risks inherent to the Transformation programme. As a result of this, the Local Planning Authority Service Transformation Cabinet Paper was added to the Sub-Committee 2022/23 Work Programme.
- 1.4** This paper will provide the Sub-Committee with an opportunity to ask questions and scrutinise how the service will respond to the recommendations made by the PAS review through establishing and delivering a Planning Transformation Programme.

## **2 APPENDICES**

- 2.1** Cabinet Report & Appendices – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 - Local Planning Authority Service Transformation

## **3 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 3.1** None