

# LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

<b>REPORT:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>22 March 2023</b>	
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>STAGE 1: RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY</b>	
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<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Rowenna Davis</b>  <b>Chair, Scrutiny and Overview Committee</b>	
<b>AUTHORITY TO TAKE DECISION:</b>	<p>Recommendations that have been developed from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and its Sub-Committees since the last Cabinet meeting are provided in the appendices to this report. The constitution requires that an interim or full response is provided within 2 months of this Cabinet meeting.</p>	
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>No</b>	N/A
<b>CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION?</b>	<b>No</b>	Public
<b>WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	All	

## 1 CONCLUSIONS FROM COMMITTEE/SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.1 This In order to provide additional context for the Cabinet, a summary of the conclusions reached by the Scrutiny & Overview Committee or relevant Sub-Committee follows.

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1.2 The Sub-Committee thanked officers for the detailed report and responses to Members questions in the meeting.

1.3 The Sub-Committee acknowledged that adequate staffing and resourcing in all three department areas covered in the report was vital to ensure that there was sufficient capacity to deliver transformation plans alongside statutory duties.

- 1.4 The Sub-Committee were of the view that officers and Cabinet Members had a good understanding the risks in delivering the 2023/24 budget and that sufficient mitigations and risk management was in place.
- 1.5 The Sub-Committee acknowledged that difficulty in recruiting to posts across all three service areas impacted on service delivery.
- 1.6 The Sub-Committee were of the view that they would like to scrutinise how fee income targets were calculated at a future meeting.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Executive Mayor has the power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations contained within this report. The Executive Mayor in Cabinet is asked to:

- 2.1 Receive the recommendation arising from the meeting of the Streets & Environment Sub-Committee held on 31 January 2023 (Appendix 1)
- 2.2 To provide a substantive response to the recommendation (a Scrutiny Stage 2 Report) within two months (i.e. at the Cabinet meeting on 24 May 2023).

## **3 PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

- 3.1 The recommendations set out in the appendix to this report directly arise from Scrutiny.

## **4 CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The recommendations were developed from the deliberations of either the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or one of its Sub-Committees.

## **5 FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 The Scrutiny recommendations to the Executive may have financial implications. Following the recommendations being received at Cabinet, the Executive will identify and consider any financial implications as part of their response. If any recommendation is subsequently progressed for consideration and decision by the Executive Mayor in Cabinet, full financial, legal and equalities implications would be presented.

## **7 LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 The Head of Litigation and Corporate Law comments on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance that the recommendations are presented to Cabinet in accordance with the Constitution.

- 7.2** This requires that the Scrutiny report is received and registered at this Cabinet Meeting and that a substantive response is provided within 2 months (i.e. **Cabinet on 24 May 2023** is the next available meeting).

Approved by Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation & Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance & Deputy Monitoring Officer

## **8 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

- 8.1** There are no human resource implications arising directly from the contents of this report

## **9 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 9.1** The recommendations in the appendix to this report may have an Equalities impact and as each recommendation is developed, these implications will be explored and approved.

## **10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 10.1** There are no environmental implications arising directly from the contents of this report, the report received recommendations from scrutiny, but no decision for recommendation.

## **11 CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT**

- 11.1** There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from the contents of this report, the report received recommendations from scrutiny, but no decision for recommendation.

## **12 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION**

- 12.1** There is a statutory requirement for Cabinet to receive the recommendations made by Scrutiny.

## **13 OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

- 13.1** None

## **14 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

- 14.1 WILL THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT INVOLVE THE PROCESSING OF 'PERSONAL DATA'?**

There are no Data Protection implications at this stage, but that the situation will be reviewed again at Stage 2 when Cabinet provides its response to the proposed recommendations.

**14.2 HAS A DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT (DPIA) BEEN COMPLETED?**

**NO**

**15 APPENDICES**

**15.1** Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Stage 2 Responses: Recommendations from Streets & Environment Sub-Committee, Item: Budget Scrutiny Challenge, 31 January 2023

**16 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

**16.1** Meeting of the Streets & Environment Sub-Committee on 31 January 2023  
<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=170&MId=2946>