

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	CABINET	
DATE	24 April 2024	
REPORT TITLE:	STAGE 1 RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY	
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LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Rowenna Davis Chair, Scrutiny and Overview Committee	
AUTHORITY TO TAKE DECISION:	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.	
KEY DECISION?	No	N/A
CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION?	No	Public
WARDS AFFECTED:	All	

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents recommendations to the Executive from Scrutiny following meeting of the Streets & Environment Sub-Committee held on 30 January 2024.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 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:
1. Receive the recommendation arising from the meeting of the Streets & Environment Sub-Committee held on 30 January 2024 (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 To provide a substantive response to the recommendation (a Scrutiny Stage 2 Report) at the Cabinet meeting on 26 June 2024.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

- 3.1 Part 4E of the Council's Constitution: Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules (paragraphs 8.5 – 8.7) and Section 9FE of the Local Government Act 2000 require the executive to consider and respond to a Scrutiny and Overview report within 2

months beginning with the date on which the executive receive the report or recommendation.

4 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

Streets & Environment Sub-Committee

Item: Local Development Scheme Projects and Infrastructure Funding Statement Update (not including the Local Plan Review)

- 4.1 From its consideration of the report, the Sub-Committee acknowledged that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule and Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) were both published on the Council website, but encouraged officers to think about additional ways to communicate with Members and residents about where and how CIL was being spent.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Scrutiny meetings do not necessarily result in any recommendations to the executive.

6 CONSULTATION / PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY

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

7 CONTRIBUTION TO EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S BUSINESS PLAN

- 7.1 **Outcome 1:** The Council balances its books, listens to residents and delivers good sustainable services:

Priority 4: Ensure good governance is embedded and adopt best practice. The Council must learn the lessons of past failures and embed sound governance processes to ensure that decision-making is transparent, open and honest. These must ensure effective control of our projects and programmes and encourage meaningful scrutiny and challenge.

- 7.2 **Outcome 4:** Croydon is a cleaner, safer and healthier place, a borough we're proud to call home:

Priority 1: Make our streets and open spaces cleaner so that Croydon is a place that residents and businesses can feel proud to call home. Residents expect and deserve to feel proud of our borough as they walk down the street. That means working with them and partners to look after our streets, parks and open spaces, and crack down on the graffiti and litter which blight our communities.

Priority 4: Ensure new homes are safe, well-designed and in keeping with the local area. New development will be design-led, not density-led. While we must continue to plan for new homes, schemes must respect the views of local people, enhance the character of our places, and recognise the need for amenity space.

8 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1.1** 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.
- 8.1.2** If any recommendation is subsequently progressed for consideration and decision by the Executive Mayor in Cabinet, full financial (as well as legal and equalities implications) would be presented.

Comments approved by Allister Bannin, Director of Finance (Deputy s151), 15/04/24.

8.2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.2.1** Under Section 9F Local Government Act 2000 (“The Act”), Scrutiny and Overview Committee (SOC) have the powers to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any executive and non-executive functions and to make reports or recommendations to the executive or to the authority with respect to the discharge of those functions. SOC also has the power to make reports or recommendations to the executive or to the authority on matters, which affect the authority’s area or the inhabitants of its area.
- 8.2.2** Under Section 9FE of the Act, there is a duty on Cabinet to respond to the scrutiny report, indicating what (if any) action Cabinet proposes to take, within 2 months of receiving the report and recommendations.
- 8.2.3** Approved by: Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation & Corporate Law, on behalf of the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer (21/02/2024).

8.3 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.3.1** The Council has a statutory duty, when exercising its functions, to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. The Council must in the performance of its functions, therefore, have due regard to:
- i. eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act.
 - ii. advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
 - iii. foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 8.3.2** Where acting upon recommendations from Scrutiny (noted in the appendices to this report) will have an impact on the Council’s undertaking of the PSED, Equality Impact Assessments (EQIAs) should be undertaken or updated as required for the substantive policy, decision or proposals to which the recommendations refer.

8.3.3 Approved by: Helen Reeves, Head of Strategy and Policy, 19/02/2024

8.4 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

8.4.1 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 provide their response to the proposed recommendations.

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

NO

9 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Stage 1: Recommendations from Streets & Environment Sub-Committee – 30 January 2024

10 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Meeting of the Streets & Environment Sub-Committee on 30 January 2024

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=170&MIId=3508>