

REPORT TO:	Scrutiny & Overview Committee 19 January 2022
SUBJECT:	CALL-IN: KEY DECISIONS RELATING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF CROYDON HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS
LEAD OFFICERS:	Steve Iles – Director for Sustainable Communities
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Muhammad Ali – Cabinet Member for Sustainable Croydon

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	This item has been triggered by the call-in of three key decisions (5121SC, 5721SC & 5821SC) taken by the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Croydon in consultation with the Leader of the Council on 13 December 2021.
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee is asked to consider and respond to the Call-In in accordance with the procedure set out in the Council's constitution (set out in section 3 below).

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The key decisions taken to introduce three Croydon Healthy Neighbourhood schemes by the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Croydon on 13 December 2021 has been called-in by twenty members of the Council.
- 1.2 Attached to this report are:
- **Appendix A** is the completed call in form that was received by the Monitoring Officer
 - **Appendix B** is the Key Decision Notices
 - **Appendix C** is a report providing a response to the concerns raised in the call-in request.

2. CALL-IN: KEY DECISIONS RELATING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF EXPERIMENTAL CROYDON HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS

- 2.1 The decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Croydon that are the subject of this call-in, can be found on the following links or the key decision notice attached as Appendix B:
- [5121SC: Croydon's Healthy Neighbourhoods - Broad Green & Addiscombe Areas](#)
 - [5721SC: South Norwood Croydon Healthy Neighbourhoods - Holmesdale Road Area](#)
 - [5821SC: South Norwood Croydon Healthy Neighbourhoods - Albert Road Area](#)
- 2.2 Also provided on these web pages are the reports on which the decisions were based.
- 2.3 The call-in pro-forma is attached at Appendix A. The decision form was received on 20 December 2021 from Councillor Scott Roche, with the call-in supported by Councillors Jeet Bains, Sue Bennett, Margaret Bird, Simon Brew, Richard Chatterjee, Mario Creatura, Jason Cummings, Maria Gatland, Lynne Hale, Steve Hollands, Yvette

Hopley, Ola Kolade, Ian Parker, Helen Pollard, Tim Pollard, Helen Redfern, Andy Stranack, Gareth Streeter and Robert Ward. This complies with the requirements for call-in as set out in paragraph 11.5 (i) in section 4E – Scrutiny & Overview Procedure Rules in the Council’s Constitution.

2.3 The reason stated in the request as to why the Call-In has been submitted is:-

‘There is insufficient definition of how the success, or otherwise of the experimental schemes will be assessed.

Operating principles of the system lack clarity. There is insufficient definition of how the administration process will work and be effective without adversely impacting residents.’

2.4 The outcomes desired from the Call-In is:-

‘Reassurance that this is a true trial, and not a foregone conclusion, especially given that the majority of those who were surveyed were against any LTN scheme.

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=33570>

Reassurance that the installed system will operate fairly and efficiently.’

2.5 The following information has been requested to inform the Scrutiny & Overview Committee’s consideration of the call-in request:-

- 1 A prioritised set of quantitative objectives with well-defined success and failure criteria.
- 2 Clarity on what data will be gathered, which methods will be used to monitor and gather the required information within and out with the trial scheme, including the number of air quality monitoring stations that will be installed.
- 3 Process map of the permitting and enforcement process showing how permits will be issued, fines levied, the appeals process, and cost of permits as well as a set of FAQs on the functioning of the system which answers resident’s current concerns.

3. CALL-IN PROCEDURE

3.1 The Council’s Constitution, Part 4E Scrutiny & Overview Procedure Rule, states:

“11.08 The referral shall be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee unless, in the view of the Borough Solicitor, this would cause undue delay. In such cases the Borough Solicitor, will consult with the decision-taker and the Chair of Scrutiny and Overview to agree a date for an additional meeting. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee may only consider a maximum of three referrals at any one meeting.

11.09 At the meeting, the referral will be considered by the Committee which shall determine how much time it 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 Cabinet for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of the concerns. The Cabinet shall then reconsider the decision, amending the decision or not, before making a final decision.

11.10 The Scrutiny and Overview Committee may refer the decision to the Council if it considers that the decision taken by the Leader or Cabinet is outside the Budget and Policy Framework of the Council. The Council may decide to take

no further action in which case the decision may be implemented. If the Council objects to Cabinet's decision it can nullify the decision if it is outside the Policy Framework and/or inconsistent with the Budget.

- 11.11 *If the Scrutiny and Overview Committee decides that no further action is necessary then the decision may be implemented.*
- 11.12 *If the Council determines that the decision was within the Policy Framework and consistent with the Budget, it will refer any decision to which it objects, together with its views on the decision, to the Cabinet. The Cabinet shall choose whether to either, amend, withdraw or implement the original decision within 10 working days or at the next meeting of the Cabinet after the referral from the Council.*
- 11.13 *The responses of the decision-taker and the Council shall be notified to all Members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee once the Cabinet or Council has considered the matter and made a determination.*
- 11.14 *If either the Council or the Scrutiny and Overview Committee fails to meet in accordance with the Council calendar or in accordance with paragraph 11.08 above, then the decision may be implemented on the next working day after the meeting was scheduled or arranged to take place."*

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