

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSIONS	DEPARTMENT AND CABINET MEMBER RESPONDING	ACCEPT/ REJECT RECOMMENDATIONS (inc. reasons for rejection)	IDENTIFIED OFFICER	ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IF ACCEPTED (ie Action Plan)	DATE OF SCRUTINY MEETING TO REPORT BACK
<b>Report: Call-In: Ongoing Review of Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd and associated matters relating to the company</b> (Considered by Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 27 May 2021)							
<p>1. That a report on any remedial work required on Fairfield Halls be provided to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee. This breakdown should include confirmation of:-</p> <p>a. The work required and the estimate cost</p> <p>b. Confirmation of whether the cost of work would need to be funded by the Council or would be under the existing contract novated to the Council.</p> <p>c. If work is to be funded by the Council, how the cost would be met.</p>	<p>There was concern amongst the Committee about the potential additional expenditure required to carry out any remedial works required to address issues not picked up in the original refurbishment and a request was made for a report on this, once available.</p>	<p>Hamida Ali Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Accept – A briefing can be provided to the Committee on the remedial work required at Fairfield Halls, once the report has been completed.</p>	<p>Chris Buss</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Pending completion of the report</p>	<p>19 October 2021</p>
<p>2. That the Scrutiny &amp; Overview Committee is provided with the full Grant Thornton report on its Value for Money Review of Fairfield Halls, once it was available.</p>	<p>The Committee felt there needed to a thorough explanation of how the cost for the refurbishment of Fairfield Halls rose from the original £30m estimate at the start of the project to £69m. It was accepted that the Council's external auditor was in the process of finalising a value for money review of the project and a request was made for the full report to be share with the Committee once available.</p>	<p>Hamida Ali Leader of the Council</p>	<p>The Grant Thornton report on the Value for Money Review of the Refurbishment of Fairfield Halls will be scheduled for review by the General Purposes and Audit Committee (GPAC), once it has been received by the Council. Scrutiny members will be able to access the report once the GPAC agenda has been published.</p>	<p>Chris Buss</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Pending completion of the report</p>	<p>N/a Report will be made to GPAC when available</p>

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<p>3. It was recommended that future reports on Housing Revenue Account purchases include confirmation on whether the purchase included the freehold for the properties in order to clarify who would be responsible and accountable for access / maintenance of shared amenities.</p>	<p>The Committee agreed that the decision for the Council's Housing Revenue Account to purchase 104 residential units from Brick by Brick should proceed as it would lead to a significant saving in the cost of temporary accommodation and provide new homes for those on the council's housing waiting list.</p>	<p>Hamida Ali Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Chris Buss</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>19 October 2021</p>
<p>4. The Administration is asked to make a commitment to making historic information on decision making over Brick by Brick available to Members and the public. Where it is not possible to provide information, there needs to be a transparent process in place to confirm why it is not being shared.</p>	<p>The was significant concern about the lack of transparency on historic decision making on Brick by Brick and that the documents requested in the call-in had not been provided. The Committee agreed that the documents needed to be provided, in line with the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities, as a matter of urgency or failing that a written statement be provided in justification of the refusal of each requested document.</p>	<p>Hamida Ali Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Accept  All documentation that is readily available and relevant for the committee to discharge its function, subject to the Council's consideration on commercially sensitive or confidential issues, will be released to the appropriate council committee in accordance with the relevant committee's work programme.</p>	<p>Chris Buss</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Underway</p>	<p>19 October 2021</p>