

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Scrutiny & Overview Committee 27 April 2022
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CALL-IN: PROPERTY DISPOSAL AS PART OF THE INTERIM ASSET DISPOSAL STRATEGY</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	Jane West – Corporate Director of Resources & Section 151 Officer
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>Cllr Stuart King Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Croydon Renewal</b>  <b>Cllr Callton Young Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance</b>

<b>ORIGIN OF ITEM:</b>	This item has been triggered by the call-in of two key decisions (1322RFG & 1422RFG) taken by the Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance in consultation with the Leader of the Council on 6 April 2022.
<b>BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:</b>	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 dispose of two assets (Addington Community Centre & 90 Central Parade in New Addington) by the Cabinet Member for Resources & Financial Governance in consultation with the Leader of the Council on 16 April 2022 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 Notice for decision 1322RFG
  - **Appendix C** is the Key Decision Notice for decision 1422RFG

## 2. CALL-IN: PROPERTY DISPOSAL AS PART OF THE INTERIM ASSET DISPOSAL STRATEGY

- 2.1 The decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Resources and Financial Governance, in consultation with the Leader of Council that are the subject of this call-in, can be found the key decision notices attached as Appendix B & C. The key decision notices include the reports on which these decisions were based.
- 2.2 The call-in pro-forma is attached at Appendix A. The decision form was received on 6 April 2022 from Councillor Andy Stranack, with the call-in supported by Councillors Jeet Bains, Sue Bennett, Margaret Bird, Simon Brew, Mario Creatura, Jason Cummings, Maria Gatland, Lynne Hale, Steve Hollands, Yvette Hopley, Stuart Millson, Ian Parker, Helen Pollard, Tim Pollard, Helen Redfern, Scott Roche and Robert Ward. This complies with the requirements for call-in as set out in paragraph 11.5 (j) 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:-

**'The report refers to a consultation exercise carried out in 18/19 referred to as the New Addington Master Plan. That consultation clearly defines the need for a multi-purpose well-being centre for the estate.**

**This report is misleading as it redefines the term 'Wellbeing Centre' as a pure medical facility and a replacement for the Parkway medical facility. This misrepresents the results of the 18/19 consultation.**

**Local Residents in New Addington are insistent that there are covenants on both the central parade and Parkway medical centre sites that prevent them from being sold for housing. This information has been omitted from the report.**

**The Equality Impact Assessment takes no account of the loss of the ACA or 90 Central Parade on the local community. For the last two years the ACA has acted as a home for the New Addington Boxing Club. In that time approximately 150 young people have used the club facilities. Due to data protection requirements the club cannot provide individual details but they have analysed their records and would estimate that 60% of the young people who attend the club have a learning, neurodivergent or physical need or disability. Representatives from New Addington Boxing Club would be happy for the opportunity to present their evidence to the scrutiny committee in person.'**

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

**'A full consultation to be undertaken by the Council and CCG with residents on these new plans to replace the Old Addington Community Centre ('ACA) and 90 Central Parade with a new health facility.**

**A new permanent home to be identified for the boxing club before any sale of the ACA is agreed.'**

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

- 1 A report from Officers summarising all the options for community facility replacement in New Addington that have been considered since the consultation exercise in 2018.
- 2 An assessment of the match between the current proposals and the needs identified in the 2018 consultation exercise.
- 3 An assessment of the suitability of a swimming pool/leisure centre for holding community parties and life events such as wedding receptions, anniversary celebrations and wakes?
- 4 An equality impact assessment to be carried out that identifies the impact of making the boxing club homeless.
- 5 A report from Officers on the covenants effecting the parkway and central parade sites, highlighting any barriers to selling off any of the land for housing.
- 6 Information on how Officers are supporting the work of the Re-New Addington group (representing over 130 local residents, community groups and businesses) who are currently undertaking an audit of Council owned facilities across New Addington.

### **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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