

# LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

## PROFORMA

### REFERRAL OF A KEY DECISION TO THE SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

For the attention of: Victoria Lower, Democratic Services & Scrutiny  
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Meeting: Cabinet Meeting

Meeting Date: 17th May 2021

Agenda Item No: 6 Ongoing Review of Brick by Brick Croydon Ltd and associated matters relating to the company.

#### Reasons for referral:

- i) The decision is outside of the Policy Framework
- ii) The decision is inconsistent with the budget
- iii) The decision is inconsistent with another Council Policy
- iv) **Other:** Please specify:

1) To hold the decision takers to account on their decision and to the evidence that underpins their reasoning to lend Brick by Brick a further £10 million.

2) To hold the decision takers to account on their decision and to the evidence that underpins their reasoning that novating the Fairfield Halls refurbishment contracts to the Council and changing the status of the costs of the refurbishment from a capital loan to Brick by Brick to the Council's capital programme is in the best interests of Croydon residents.

3) To obtain reassurance that the purchase of the additional 104 housing units represents good value for money and that any additional purchases meet the same criterion.

#### The outcome desired:

For the decision takers to give a satisfactory response to the above queries including providing the requested documentation, if necessary as a Part B.

#### Information required to assist the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to consider the referral:

See attached list.

Signed:

*Robert Ward*

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Member of Scrutiny and Overview Committee

**Documents required for call-in of Brick by Brick Decision**  
**Cabinet item 6 of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

1. Facility Agreement between Croydon Council and Brick by Brick dated 26th September 2016.
2. Mott McDonald report to the Council on Fairfield Halls cost estimates and refurbishment options
3. Licence agreement between the Council and Brick by Brick to refurbish Fairfield Halls
4. Specifications required by the Council for refurbishing the Fairfield Halls for delivery by Brick by Brick
5. Contract between Brick by Brick and Vinci for refurbishing Fairfield Halls including specifications of works.
6. Documentation showing how Brick by Brick was selected to refurbish the Fairfield Halls.
7. Documentation showing how Vinci was selected by Brick by Brick to refurbish the Fairfield Halls.
8. Project Initiation Document for College Green and Fairfield Halls Integrated Project as mentioned in the Final Internal Audit Report into the Fairfield Delivery dated June 2017.
9. Fairfield Halls Programme Board minutes.
10. Conditional sale document for the Fairfield car park.
11. All external legal advice received by the Council in regard to the Council's relationship with and funding of Brick by Brick
12. Correspondence between Mott McDonald and Croydon Council concerning Mott McDonald leaving the Fairfield Halls project around Q3 2017.
13. Procedures and meeting records, including presentational material, of Council committees set up to manage relationship with Brick by Brick.
14. Change requests/variation orders agreed by Croydon Council to the original work scope for the Fairfield Halls, and cost and other impacts of each change
15. Change requests/variation orders agreed by Brick by Brick with Vinci and others to original Fairfield Halls work scope, and cost of each change.
16. Part B papers from the following Cabinet meetings and the subsequently agreed minutes on these items:-
  - a. 20th October 2015: College Green Cultural and Educational Quarter
  - b. 20th June 2016: BRICK BY BRICK CROYDON LIMITED - PROPERTY AND FINANCING
17. Value for money audit of the Fairfield Halls refurbishment, if necessary a draft version
18. Valuations of the units intended to be purchased and the process by which this was achieved.