

**Minutes****EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

18 March 2021



**HILLINGDON**  
LONDON

Meeting held virtually, live on the Council's  
YouTube channel: Hillingdon London

	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Keith Burrows (Chairman), Wayne Bridges (Vice-Chairman), Simon Arnold, Philip Corthorne, Kerri Prince, Nick Denys, Tony Little (Representative Member for Education Issues) and Stuart Mathers (In place of Peter Curling)</p> <p><b>LBH Officers Present:</b> Mark Braddock (Democratic Services)</p>
59.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO REPORT THE PRESENCE OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS</b> <i>(Agenda Item 1)</i></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Peter Curling who was substituted by Councillor Stuart Mathers. Apologies were also received from Councillor Peter Money.</p>
60.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</b> <i>(Agenda Item 2)</i></p> <p>No interests were declared in matters before the meeting.</p>
61.	<p><b>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2021</b> <i>(Agenda Item 3)</i></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
62.	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b> <i>(Agenda Item 4)</i></p> <p>Items to be considered in public and those in private were confirmed.</p>
63.	<p><b>FOLLOW-UP: MATTERS FOR CLARIFICATION FROM THE LAST MEETING</b> <i>(Agenda Item 5)</i></p> <p>The report was noted.</p>
64.	<p><b>CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN AND ANY CALL-INS</b> <i>(Agenda Item 6)</i></p> <p>Members of the Committee attended the virtual Cabinet meeting held prior so that they could review the Cabinet reports and decisions made.</p> <p>In respect of Cabinet's decisions to issue the draft Climate Change Action Plan for consultation, Councillor Stuart Mathers moved to call-in these decisions with the rationale being a lack of detail on what the consultation process would look like, no mention of carbon reduction plans in the Council's housing stock along with little information about how this would apply to contracted services. Thereby, arguing that</p>

the Plan contained insufficient information for Cabinet to make an informed decision.

Other Members commented that the draft Action Plan approved by Cabinet was high-level and strategic in nature, that its status was draft and there would therefore be the opportunity to shape the Plan via the public consultation process, which would include Policy Overview Committees and Councillors. It was also considered that the specific points raised by Councillor Mathers could be reviewed as part of this process. However, it was agreed by the Committee to seek out further details on the proposed consultation.

The motion to call-in the decision having been proposed by Councillor Mathers, was seconded by Councillor Kerri Prince. Being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

**RESOLVED: That Cabinet's decisions on the Climate Change Action Plan be not called-in.**

On the budget monitoring report, following a query from Mr Little, Members agreed to request information from officers on any guidance that was issued to manage the high needs deficit in the Schools Budget following the rejection of the Council's disapplication request by the DfE.

**RESOLVED: – That the remaining decisions made by the Cabinet at their meeting on 18 March 2021 be endorsed and that no call-in be made.**

The meeting, which commenced at 7.20 pm, closed at 7.42 pm.

*The public part of this virtual meeting was broadcast live on the [Council's YouTube channel here](#) under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) (Regulations) 2020. These are the official minutes of the above meeting. For more information please contact Mark Braddock - Statutory Scrutiny Officer. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers and the Public via the Council website.*