

Message from Norbury & Pollards Hill Ward Councillors Leila Ben-Hassel and Shafi Khan

As your local councillors we are keen to initiate a local discussion to address any concerns and questions residents may have on the Council's situation.

Croydon Council has issued a [Section 114 notice](#) due to the severe ongoing financial challenges facing the authority. What does it mean? All new non-essential spending is stopped while an emergency budget is drawn up to find further savings for this year's budget and for the coming years and ensure vital services are protected for residents. The Council is also in talks with the Government about the financial support necessary to balance the budget while developing a number of improvement and savings programmes to help put it back on a stable financial footing. These together will form the Croydon Renewal Plan which will be discussed at the next Cabinet Meeting on 25th November ([papers](#) / [watch here](#)) and Full Council Meeting on 30th November ([papers](#) / [watch here](#)).

The Council's auditors also published a [report in the public interest](#) which sets out key areas of concern in regards to corporate governance and financial performance management and a set of recommendations. The Council has fully accepted the seriousness of the report's findings and apologised. In response it has pledged swift and decisive action to put things right, and has developed [the plan](#) to address the auditor's recommendations. These were discussed at an extraordinary council meeting held on 19th November ([papers](#)).

We hope many residents will join us and Cllr Stuart King, Cabinet Member Lead for Croydon Renewal and Deputy Leader at the meeting kindly hosted by Love Norbury so we can start together a local dialogue about the Council's transformation journey and what it means for our ward.

Additional links of interest:

<https://www.lgcplus.com/finance/croydon-issues-section-114-notice-11-11-2020/>

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