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FARAH'S MISSION

Croydon deserves a committed leader with a plan to get Croydon moving, to create jobs and to urgently drive full-scale economic recovery and achieve full city status. As your next Mayor, Farah will deliver a practical economic recovery plan, a safer Croydon for all, one that celebrates community diversity and puts money back into residents' pockets.

As Mayor of Croydon, Farah has a plan that will bring investment into Croydon and drive the creation of new and high value jobs. Importantly, it will allow Croydon to prosper and our communities to thrive as they once again look forward to a positive future.

WHO IS FARAH?

Born and bred in Croydon, Farah was born at Mayday Hospital, now known as Croydon University Hospital. She is from South Norwood and attended South Norwood Primary School. She then attended West Norwood High School for Girls and following that, she attended Coulsdon College.

Farah went on to study International Business at the University of Westminster.

While Farah is from a working-class background, she has managed to excel in the business arena despite opportunities not being readily available to her. Anyone that knows Farah, knows she dedicates her life to help others. She is motivated to make positive change in peoples' lives.

REIGNITE CROYDON

- Croydon Business Concierge – The council to offer a concierge service to guide and help businesses access the full scope of support services available to them. This will be supported by a Business in Croydon newsletter, social media, and website.
- Produce vouchers to enable small businesses to access business support services.
- Help small businesses with grants to rent retail premises, to support our Croydon’s thriving High Street.
- Remove fees for street market trading.
- Surrey Street Market originally opened in 1276, dating back to the 13th century. We will add weatherproof protection, so the market will be accessible come wind, rain, or shine.
- Sponsor events to attract people into Croydon.
- Promote and stimulate city business through a “what’s on” marketing campaign.
- Council to take up short tenancies in vacant locations to stimulate new business and “pop-up” retail/dining opportunities in vacant shop fronts.
- Provide support for live music and performance – with the council to produce a program of events and activities to keep the Croydon alive and engaged.
- Optimise the use of public space for events to respond to the impacts of COVID to deliver reimagined events, such as multicultural celebrations, music, fashion, sporting, food and beverage events.
- Stimulate high street trade by creating digital apps for each borough, to enable pick-up and delivery services with zero commission to retailers. This program will target and benefit small local businesses such as dry cleaners, shoe repairs and food retailers.

BUILD ECONOMIC RESILIENCE

- Create and accelerate the delivery of robust infrastructure across Croydon with an infrastructure stimulus program funded by the council in partnership with the private sector.
- Rapidly accelerate the delivery of full-fibre digital infrastructure.
- Support growing industry sectors and innovation by providing up to 6 months free office space for start-ups, matching entrepreneurs with

investors and fostering international business partnerships and investment.

- Attract Foreign Direct Investment into Croydon.
- Simplify planning permissions as an incentive for investors to commence business development activities in key areas of need, including affordable housing, hotels, hospitality, and mixed-use developments.
- Examine introducing 2 months council tax relief for all residents.
- Introduce city to city business tunnels with key Commonwealth economies to remove red tape, stimulate foreign direct investment and job creation and expand access to international markets for London exporters.
- Introduce an active program of virtual trade delegations to drive market development and to grow the export economy of Croydon.

HOSPITALITY LIFELINE

Produce tailored vouchers for the hospitality sector to enable businesses to access specialised support services, including advice on finance and business recovery, legal, marketing and communications advice.

- Encourage and fast track applications from cafes and restaurants across Croydon to expand their outdoor dining facilities, provide access to on-street parking bays where safe and extend trading hours.
- Provide grants to directly support salaries for new hires who have completed recognised training.
- Provide significantly discounted public transport fares to hospitality and hospital workers.

EXPAND EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS

Deliver affordable housing for low to moderate income earners and key workers.

- Strengthen support for accommodation and referral services to reduce homelessness.
- Pilot unique support for vulnerable communities, including youths and ethnic minorities.
- Introduce the amplified academies initiative to provide access to music performance and production opportunities for disaffected youths in vulnerable communities across London. This will help break the cycle of gang participation and provide much needed opportunities for youth.
- Provide free laptops for Children and free mobile Wi-Fi access. This will assist vulnerable families, currently surviving with significantly reduced incomes as a result of the pandemic, to continue to prioritise their children's education.
- Provide tailored support for carers of Croydon's vulnerable residents and those working in care homes that have been neglected to date.

TRANSFORM OUR SPACES AND BUILDINGS

- Repurpose vacant spaces for new flexible, creative experimental uses.
- Reform permit and other regulations to allow for a wider range of commercial and service-related activities in retail zones.
- Facilitate the negotiation of flexible lease options.
- Accelerate Croydon's greening program and expansion of nature corridors.
- Implement climate action and improve building performance across Croydon.
- Create more public art to create a new and contemporary sense of identity and pride in Croydon.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- Create places for the community to participate in council decision making.
- Deepen engagement with the community in strategic planning matters including the future of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.
- Engage the philanthropic sector to support community priorities.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

COVID has hit Croydon hard. With more and more people working jobless and hundreds of businesses that service commuters and retail shoppers, face extinction. Unless immediate action is taken, Croydon risks being hollowed out. We need a mayor who not only recognises the scale of the threat but has a compelling vision for Croydon's economic recovery with experience in driving business.

Farah will be supporting start-up businesses with free office space, helping entrepreneurial women finance new businesses and driving commercial engagement between London with leading cities and business centres across the globe. This will include a new era of engagement with leading key Commonwealth economies, such as India, Canada, across Africa and Australia, to fill the gap left by Brexit. Croydon will gain a new status as a first-tier economic powerhouse.

- Free co working office space for start-ups for the first 6 months.
- Spearhead international Trade Delegations to Commonwealth and other international cities to encourage business tunnels City to City.
- Tech Croydon – To make Croydon a world leading Tech city, developing the next generation of coders to lead the globe on Fintech and website/ app development. Coding centres will open across Croydon to teach all ages coding, including youth and professionals looking for a career change.
- Introduce inward investment benefits for investors, investing or starting up in Croydon. Including lobbying the government for reduced corporation tax on tech companies.
- Work closer with Embassy trade teams to host inward business trade delegations in Croydon.
- Protect the High Street retail shops from increases in rent and rates.
- Introduce tech apps with pick up and drop off services, for local high street shops, to provide digital access to services and provide a lifeline to shops that cannot compete with giants like amazon.
- Business Incubators – Providing support for SME businesses, with courses on marketing, social media, financial and project management.
- Empower our local manufacturing and assist them in competing with cheaper low-quality products flooding international markets.

A CROYDON OF BUSINESS & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI)

- Introduce City to City Business tunnels with cities across the world, focusing on the Commonwealth group of nations. This will provide start-ups and small businesses access to international markets and provide trading partners for foreign investors to attract FDI into Croydon.
- Create a talent pool of locally trained world class coders to attract companies to invest in Tech Croydon.
- Attract foreign companies to set up and manufacture in Croydon.

TECH CROYDON

Building a tech eco-system with the greatest minds from all over the world, working with the private sector to make Croydon the largest Tech City in the world. I want to see Croydon's tech cluster become the world's biggest hub outside Silicon Valley.

Farah will work to attract large scale foreign direct investment to create new and high value employment. Critical to this is a skilled workforce. Farah will deepen Croydon's talent pool by encouraging the uptake of free training in computer coding and artificial intelligence, for all ages including school aged children and adults.

- As Mayor, Farah will strengthen Croydon's digital connectivity by urgently expanding full fibre broadband.
- A centre of excellence for tech advancement leading the way to be a global leader in innovation and new tech development.
- Tech Croydon will include a dedicated department to produce the future of electric car batteries, leading a zero carbon future.
- The home of robotic innovation.
- Artificial intelligence advancement.
- App development grants.
- Free Coding and tech training academies open for all from age 16 plus, to build a talent pool of coders.
- Lobby government for reduced corporation tax on Tech Companies.
- Tech grants for schools and companies to upgrade equipment.
- Training for teachers in schools and colleges to advance tech training to students.
- A home to empower creative industry professionals.
- Invest in Fintech development to support financial services development.

HOUSING

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

Make Croydon developer friendly, with less planning permission restrictions imposed by the Council to help build affordable housing and give back to communities.

- Have a right to appeal denied planning permission decisions for development.
- Ensure council planning permission departments have qualified decision makers.
- Reduce the number of compliance requirements for new social housing developments.
- Increased opportunities for developers to build affordable housing all over Croydon.
- Develop student accommodation in collaboration with student housing developers.
- Less development restrictions imposed from council to benefit the community.
- Work with developers to introduce Micro Algae installations across Croydon to both existing and new builds.
- New developments must have solar panels installed on roofs where possible within design.

CROYDON AFFORDABLE TO ITS PEOPLE

(Affordable Housing and More Money in Your Pocket)

Tackling Croydon's affordability crisis requires a Mayor that listens to its residents with the will to deliver immediate policy solutions. The housing crisis in Croydon is a longstanding problem and can only be solved through increasing supply. Farah will commence by immediately building affordable housing. Imaginative solutions such as prefabricated dwellings and converted shipping containers designed in the form of new eco villages will provide immediate relief to our homeless.

For longer term projects it is critical we simplify planning rules and increase the development of private and public sector projects, including brownfield sites.

Farah wants to see a Croydon where people can build their lives and own a home.

By delivering intelligent buying schemes, where the government can assist with home loans, we will empower a new generation of homeowners. Farah will actively work with developers to build hundreds of homes across Croydon. Farah also understands that for many living in our Croydon, the need for a helping hand is urgent and cannot wait. This is particularly true for young people, many of whom will suffer most from the economic consequences of the pandemic. That's why, when elected, Farah will commit to council tax reform, and seek an exemption for tenants aged under 25. Tenants will see new protections, no more discrimination from Estate Agents to tenants on benefits, and a Zero deposit scheme protected by insurance will be mandatory to offer tenants.

Together we can make London affordable by exposing those that exploit the housing market and by supporting the vast majority of landlords who responsibly manage their properties.

- Introduction of a new buy to own scheme where each monthly rent helps build equity.
- A blanket ban across Croydon, on estate agents' unjust discrimination on tenants claiming housing benefit.
- Introduce a zero-deposit scheme for renters that is backed by insurance, currently available in the market but not rolled out.
- Hundreds of affordable homes will be built and made available to residents.
- Allow building on brownfield land to open up opportunities for new affordable housing.
- Modernise existing social housing and ensure the government removes dangerous cladding.
- No to land banking.
- Regulate Airbnb to protect residents.
- Tough measures to address rogue landlords.

HOMELESS COMMUNITY

- Homeless GP / Dentist Centres will open to provide treatment and prescriptions for homeless people.
- Hygiene Centres will open to provide basic hygiene services, such as shower facilities, haircuts, and laundrettes.
- Build an eco-village to eradicate rough sleeping on the streets of Croydon, the villages will house converted shipping containers, self-contained apartments with private shower / toilet facilities.
- Croydon will tackle the homeless immigration crisis. It will ensure nobody is turned away from receiving care or shelter. Work with Home Office to resolve individual cases, especially after BREXIT.
- Fund existing charities in their efforts to house, feed, improve lives of the homeless community.
- A one-stop-shop for existing charities and service providers to be represented. This will provide the homeless with easy and ready access to the most appropriate care.
- Introduce an employment system for the homeless community and introduce training programs including environmental work to protect the environment.
- Legal aid support for migrant homeless with support to repatriate non-UK residents.

During Covid-19 empty hotels proved key to reducing homelessness. New accommodation will be developed to provide temporary stays as an interim measure, while the Council and charities allocate individuals to permanent housing.

CRIME

A SAFER CROYDON FOR ALL

Crime in Croydon is spiralling out of control. Residents feel increasingly unsafe in their own neighbourhoods. The spread of knife crime and gang violence is a scourge on our community and must be eliminated. Farah will ensure Police and community have an engaged relationship, working together.

The core issues behind youth violence will be tackled head on by Farah's administration by listening to and working with the members of our community fighting for a brighter future. Farah is passionate about empowering Croydon's youth and will introduce initiatives to give them purpose, through education and training, music or on the sports field. Farah's vision is to provide the pathway for the troubled young people of our Croydon to become the next generation of all stars, representing our country all over the world. The pride of Croydon.

- Police dedicated to address hate crimes.
- Transform London Road, to help improve environment for businesses and residents, driving out the gang and drug culture on the road.
- Update and increase cameras and lighting across Croydon to make it even harder for criminals to escape detection and make streets safer.
- Fight against human trafficking and slavery in Croydon to take down and prosecute gangs.
- Cyber bullying accountability.
- To address sexual exploitation of minors, take down organised rings and prosecute at the highest level.

KNIFE CRIME

- First ever unified peace treaty signed with the gangs of Croydon.
- Amnesty bins for weapons reintroduced across London with secure drops at Police stations and the council.
- Support local community leaders, organisations and initiatives to combat local knife crime incidents.
- Performing Arts and Creative academies opened across London for youth aged from 6 – 21, to provide opportunities away from crime and the influence of gang culture. The academies will provide free access to music education, acting, film making, editing, coding, dance, singing, with state-of-the-art recording studios and equipment accessible for free

Sporting Academies – to create the next generation of all stars and Olympic athletes across a wide range of sporting disciplines.

WAR ON DRUGS

Introduce a comprehensive three-point strategy to tackle drugs and drug related problems across Croydon. Focussed on reducing harm, reducing demand and reducing the supply. This will confront Croydon's drug crisis head on and deliver a much-needed solution.

As part of the strategy Farah will:

- Develop new and innovative responses to prevent uptake, delay first use and reduce tobacco and drug related problems by restricting and regulating availability.
- Target substances including methamphetamines and other stimulants, opioids, new psychoactive compounds.
- Strategy will also target priority populations where the effects of drugs and alcohol abuse are most chronic and will deliver tailored solutions for people with mental health conditions, younger people, older people and those in contact with the criminal justice system.
- The Council will insist on closer and better coordination between agencies and providers working with vulnerable people, including family intervention, child protection and out-of-home-care agencies.
- Free access to rehab centres across Croydon.

ENVIRONMENT

A GREENER AND CLEANER LONDON

Farah will be the greenest Mayor yet, taking real action by implementing a 10-year Environmental master plan, working with industry, educational institutions, corporations, and individuals to make a cleaner, greener, London. Improving our air quality and cleaning up the Thames is an immediate priority. We will expand our parks and forests and protect our native bee population, helping them thrive and reproduce. We will change the landscape of Croydon with micro algae installations across the borough, that absorb CO2 at unprecedented levels. Delivering immediate results as the algae begins consuming pollutant gases and releasing oxygen back into our atmosphere.

Critical to the plan is the delivery of a sweeping shift in the attitudes and practices as we adopt in managing and living within our environment. There will be new and dynamic incentive schemes and rebates to accelerate the uptake of sustainable energy and building practices. Electric cars will become the norm.

- Introduce microalgal instalments across London with the capability of immediately converting high volumes of carbon dioxide and other harmful gases into oxygen to make the city carbon negative.
- Implement a 10-year environmental master plan for Croydon to address the key areas of climate change and energy, biodiversity and a cleaner healthier Croydon, working with educational institutions, corporations and individuals to see a cleaner and greener Croydon.
- The council to partner with institutions to develop accessible training programs for the public across key environmental disciplines including voluntary work on relevant environmental projects across Croydon, ensuring Croydon is a world centre for the application of cutting-edge environmental science.
- Implement a 10-year Environmental Protection Drive across Croydon.
- Protect and multiply the bee population in Croydon.
- Plant a large variety of tree species across London to ensure genetic diversity in each species. The plan will look further at the species

planted, to ensure future climate change will not affect the environment in 50 years by the species planted.

- Drive the plantation of plants to help the bee population thrive.
- Financial benefits for electric car users.
- Solar power car charging stations for electric cars.
- Introduce electric vehicle charging points across Croydon.
- Recruitment drive for under 30's, that will be trained to protect the environment on various courses, such as marine biology and plant sciences. They will then be provided jobs either paid and on a voluntary capacity to make Croydon greener, as part of the 10yr plan.
- Courses for environmental protection will be extended to Londoners, to get involved in community led projects across London to protect the environment.
- Paid environmental work for the homeless community, including collecting plastics and gardening.

CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY

- Croydon will showcase the economic, social and environmental opportunities of responding to climate change including the uptake of renewable energy and clean smart technologies – to attract new investment.
- Croydon to become a centre for microalgal research and the commercialisation of related technologies.
- Provide a targeted package of incentives and support to the community and business sectors to move to a new paradigm in the use of energy.

BIODIVERSITY

Reduce threats to biodiversity as a priority under the 10-year master by implementing the following initiatives:

The Urban Forest Diversity program which will see planting across Croydon's greenspaces of a diverse range of selected plant species to make our urban forests more robust and resilient to pests and pathogens.

Build a more diverse bee population for London by creating corridors of flowering plants encircling London. This will drive biodiversity throughout the entire ecosystem.

DELIVER A CLEANER AND HEALTHIER CROYDON BY

- Creating more green space.
- Cash incentives for motorists to upgrade to electric vehicles.
- New controls for noise pollution.
- Build a world class network of electric vehicle charging stations, including solar powered terminals.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FOOTPRINT

Supporting #OneLess, as Mayor Farah pledges to

- Promote Croydon as a city leading the charge to eliminate unnecessary single-use plastic.
- Ensure sufficient and equal access to public refill points in Croydon.
- Eradicate single-use plastic water bottles in Council buildings and support other Croydon businesses to do the same.

INDOOR FARMING

- Replicate the Dutch model for sustainable agriculture supporting innovation and the use of new and more efficient technologies.
- Croydon to support research and development into the potential use of geothermal energy to heat greenhouses across Croydon.
- Develop new and more efficient hydroponic systems to minimise water consumption and increase nutritional value.
- Partner with the energy sector to access waste CO₂ for crop production
Croydon to co-sponsor initiatives in partnership with the private sector to foster the application of sustainable practices.

WOMEN

WOMEN CENTERS

Opening a women centre in Croydon to provide a centre of excellence for women, to empower, equip and train women, through courses, mental wellbeing, business training, safe space and co working facilities.

- Establishment of innovate female entrepreneurship start up grants, designed to provide women with access to capital and mentorship.
- SAFETY – making Croydon safer for women.
- To introduce mechanism to address and reduce Gender-based violence, including domestic violence.
- Trafficking, sexual and other types of exploitation to be given top priority in Croydon and work with police to eradicate and prosecute this criminal activity.
- To provide social protection and grants dedicated to serve women and girls' development and well-being.
- Campaign to end all forms of discrimination against all women including in work, sports and across society.
- Women's full participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision making in political, economic and public life.
- Introduce sound policies to empower women at all levels in society and lobby government legislation for the promotion of gender equality.

EDUCATION

EDUCATION IS THE FUTURE

- Counsellors will be available in all schools and colleges to provide children with access to professional help for the early prevention of mental health issues, as well as those arising from abuse and bullying.
- Summer meals for vulnerable children and summer school.
- Introduce finance management courses in schools.
- Grants for children to have laptops at home.
- Internet dongles provided to pupils that do not have internet access.
- Free Coding and tech training academies open for all from age 16 plus, to build a talent pool of coders.
- Free Performing Art and Creative academies opened across Croydon for youth aged from 6 – 21, to provide opportunities away from crime and gang culture.
- The academies will provide free access to courses in music, acting, film making, editing, coding, dance, singing. This will be supplemented with state-of-the-art recording studios and photography and film equipment accessible for free.
- Sporting Academies will provide marginalised youths with training and nurture the next generation of Olympic athletes and major sporting stars.

TRANSPORT

CROYDON TRANSPORT THAT WORKS FOR THE PEOPLE

To ensure that the transport system is equitable and reflects the immediate priorities of all residents Farah will introduce the “Powering Up” program. This will allow the residents of Croydon to directly influence policy and make decisions to shape their public transport. Farah will ask residents to choose their priorities and work to build a resource that we all own, that responds to our needs;

- Reverse the road restrictions and removal of LTNs.
- Bring back high street parking.
- Long term reduced fares and exemptions for nurses and low income hospitality workers tapping in and out at the start/end of their shifts.

ELECTRIC CARS

More electric charging points, including fully solar powered terminals, will be introduced in Croydon

- Free parking bays for electric cars introduced for use of up to 2hrs per vehicle during paid times.
- Electric cars will be available for hire through newly introduced electric car pods.

TRANSPORT FOR COMMUNITY

Residents to choose their priorities from “shovel-ready” projects through the “Powering-up” program. This will ensure that the Croydon transport system is equitable and reflects the immediate priorities of all residents.

- Using the online tool CommonPlace, for and against campaigners will be able to pitch their case directly, with training provided to upskill less confident residents who feel shut out of the process and want to be heard.
- Projects will be used and owned by the community with wastage and costs minimised.

YOUTH

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

- Work with corporations to introduce more graduate job schemes for students that have studied in London.
- No council tax for tenants on low income under 25.
- Program to sponsor lower income graduates to complete further education such as GDL exams, Solicitor / bar exam, that have graduated in Croydon.
- Introduce a job scheme to cover 35% of salary for new graduates and college leavers in the hospitality sector for the first year.
- Mass recruitment for the young into environmental science programs to feed into the 10-year Environmental Protection program for London.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

- Free Performing Art and Creative academies opened across London for youth aged from 6 – 21, to provide opportunities away from crime and gang culture. The academies will provide free access to courses in music, acting, film making, editing, coding, dance, singing. This will be supplemented with state-of-the-art recording studios and photography and film equipment accessible for free.
- A business resource centre will be established to encourage young entrepreneurs to start businesses.
- Sporting Academies will provide marginalised youths with training and nurture the next generation of Olympic athletes and major sporting stars.
- Coding Academies will provide training across the full spectrum of the technology to create a world class talent pool of young coders in Croydon.
- Mentor Programme introduced, by working with businesses to develop mentorship programs.
- Youth work experience program working with local businesses to provide work placement opportunities.
- Apprenticeships in key trades and business sectors available on a part- or full-time basis to provide opportunities .
- Free gym access for youth from 16 to 20.
- Grants for young business entrepreneurs.
- Increase opportunities and work placements for youths.
- Providing free access to youth for rehab to assist with early addiction.

- Stop exploration of youth in county lines awareness by working with communities to provide support to parents to recognise signs.

MENTAL HEALTH

Drive a community led mental health team including support with the police and ambulance service, in conjunction with NHS partners, to enable a collaborative working relationship that is outcome driven.

- Free online counselling available for pandemic related stress.
- Two step referral system for mental health referrals from care workers and in-house NHS doctors within Councils, patients can be referred direct to care centres to eliminate long waits for care.
- Easy access to Trauma based therapy.
- Digitalise NHS Mental Health departments, so if a team in another centre is available to provide immediate care, the patient can be transported.
- Councillors will be in every school & college to target a preventative approach to mental health issues that are developed from a young age.
- Introduce access to online care professionals to assess if a patient requires immediate care and then can refer to the clinic for the two-step system.
- Discreet public referrals from concerned family and friends to get individuals help they need.

ANIMAL WELFARE

- Establish a dedicated animal welfare department.
- Free pet medical triage centres for people on low income – no pet will be denied treatment.
- Sharp crackdown on pet thieves with no pets to be sold without proof of ownership and from a licenced holder.
- New penalties for those who purchase pets from unlicenced breeders, including seizing stolen pets.
- Increased scrutiny on vets for excessive treatment fees.
- Breeding of pets will be illegal without a pet breeding licence.
- Advocate for a ban on buying puppies from “puppy mills” both in and outside the UK.

LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

- Develop a special community outreach program to support the vulnerable LGBTQ+, subjected to rejection from their culture and / or society, this includes teenagers and adults.
- Work with LGBTQ+ community leaders, to actively raise awareness throughout the year in partnership with the private sector.
- Zero tolerance to hate crime against the LGBTQ+ community. Croydon is for you not against you.
- Provide a safe haven to address mental health issues within the community and reduce the number of deaths each year.
- Empower an intersectionality LGBTQ+ campaign to bring awareness to discrimination faced within our society.
- Tackle discrimination at work and from GPs.
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INTERSECTIONALITY

- Address the rising hate crime and there will be zero tolerance to hate crime including verbal.
- Establish a cross faith multi-cultural and religious centre for understanding and celebration. All religions will be represented and have permanent priests, that will actively work together to bring our communities closer together.
- Open a dedicated black cultural museum to learn, understand and celebrate the positive contribution of communities in Croydon.

PRISON LEAVERS

In memory of Vito and his vision to provide a second chance to ex-prisoners. He went to prison and was a changed young man and wanted to help others, unfortunately due to loneliness, addiction and mental health he took his own life soon after leaving prison. It's time we introduce programs with substance that provide actual support, that will help reintroduce prisoners back into society.

- Have a one stop place for released prisoners to access services to aid introduction to society.

- Work with corporations to provide a work placement plan to provide work experience, apprenticeships and broader opportunities, to assist with reform.
- Provide grants for training and courses to benefit prisoner reform.
- Access to free rehab centres to address addiction.
- Provide free mental health counselling.



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