



MINUTES OF A CABINET MEETING
Council Chamber - Town Hall
Wednesday, 10 May 2017
(7.30 - 8.00 pm)

Present:

Councillor Roger Ramsey (Leader of the Council), Chairman

	Cabinet Member responsibility:
Councillor Damian White	Housing
Councillor Robert Benham	Children & Learning
Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson	Adult Social Services and Health
Councillor Osman Dervish	Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety
Councillor Melvin Wallace	Culture and Community Engagement
Councillor Clarence Barrett	Financial Management, ICT (Client) and Transformation
Councillor Ron Ower	Housing Company Development and OneSource Management
Councillor Joshua Chapman	Deputy Cabinet Member assisting Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Jason Frost	Deputy Cabinet Member assisting Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services & Community Safety

101 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Barbara Nicholls.

102 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item 5. Authority to submit funding application to Veolia Havering Riverside Maintenance Trust and development of mechanism for future funding of maintenance and management of Rainham Landfill aftercare.

Councillor Robert Benham declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of The Veolia Havering Riverside Maintenance Trust and absented himself from the meeting for the duration of the discussion and decision making process..

103 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April, 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

104 **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT FUNDING APPLICATION TO VEOLIA HAVERING RIVERSIDE MAINTENANCE TRUST AND DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISM FOR FUTURE FUNDING OF MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF RAINHAM LANDFILL AFTERCARE**

Consideration was given to the report of Bob Flindall which was presented to Cabinet by Councillor Osman Dervish, Cabinet Lead Member for the Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety.

Cllr Dervish stated that until recently the Veolia Havering Riverside Maintenance Trust had been seeking to secure funding from the Landfill Communities Fund as an endowment to provide the management and maintenance of the restored Landfill Trust in perpetuity. The Trust has approximately £5 million of funds set aside for this purpose but due to legislative changes, this money will need to be spent much sooner than anticipated. The prior funding source is no longer available and new resources have to be found through a new mechanism to secure finance into the future.

The project has been established for fifteen years and represents a significant regeneration programme that will continue to provide good quality wild space as an important part of the local green infrastructure.

The concept of Rainham Wildspace was established in partnership with a number of other organisations and has successfully delivered a wide range of projects. In 2012 Havering Council intended to establish a strong decision making governance structure for Rainham Wildspace but this coincided with a planning application on behalf of Veolia UK to establish a longer period of landfill operation on the site. The subsequent planning agreement included the opportunity for the Council to acquire a pie crust lease to manage the site by or before October, 2031.

The Council have now been approached by Trustees with an invitation to apply to use Trust Funds to deliver projects that meet the objectives of the Trust and to seek out and develop alternative methods of funding.

It was noted that Members will be kept updated in respect of these matters through Executive Decisions and as part of the Capital Programme.

The Council have been involved in a number of meetings with the Trust and has met with the Government Department to establish whether it is absolutely necessary to wind up the Trust. All attempts to retain it have been unsuccessful.

Cabinet noted that use of funding will be in line with the Capital Programme and the terms of the scheme must be in accordance with the Trust objects and approved by ENTRUST (the regulatory body of the Trusts).

For the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet:

- **AGREED** that the Council prepare and submit funding applications to the Veolia Havering Riverside Maintenance Trust (the “Trust”) that meet the Trust objects and that the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader, shall have delegated authority to identify those projects and make the applications.
- **AGREED** that the Council consider the various options, to facilitate funding for the annual maintenance of and public access to the restored landfill site. Options to consider include the provision of financial support directly, via a trust or through a third party.
- **DELEGATED** authority to the Chief Executive after consultation with Director of Legal and Governance and the section 151 officer, to develop options and implement a solution to secure the management and maintenance of the completed landfill site including the facilitation of required funding streams. These options may include the Council taking responsibility for its management and upkeep and/or making financial provision with a third party (e.g. RSPB or Land Trust).

105 **THE CORPORATE PLAN 2017/18**

Consideration was given to the report of Pippa Brent-Isherwood, the Assistant Director of Policy, Performance and Community and this was presented to Cabinet by Councillor Clarence Barrett, Cabinet Member for Financial Management, ICT and Transformation.

Cllr Barrett detailed the draft Corporate Plan for 2017/18 which has been aligned to the new Vision for Havering which will be achieved through delivery of the four corporate priorities: Communities, Places, Opportunities and Connections.

Each priority has a “Plan on a Page” detailed in the agenda at pages 23 to 29, setting out the target outcomes in each area and what the Council will do to achieve these together with how progress and success will be measured.

The Corporate Performance Indicators (CPI's) underpin the Vision. The CPI set was approved in principle by Cabinet on 12th April, subject to any comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Board at the meeting on 3rd May, 2017. There were no comments or amendments.

It was noted that much of the content of the proposed Corporate Plan is cross-cutting with many of the actions and achievements of the CPI's being the responsibility of not one but a number of services and partnership agencies all working together to secure excellent outcomes.

Cllr Barrett stated that the aim is to help and support local businesses and residents, in line with the excellent new website, encouraging development and improvement for all.

For the reasons set out in the report Cabinet:

- **NOTED** that there were no comments or amendments to the list of Corporate Performance Indicators following the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting on 3rd May, 2017.
- **RATIFIED** the decision in principle taken by Cabinet on 12th April, 2017, in respect of the Corporate Performance Indicators.
- **APPROVED** the Corporate Plan 2017/18

Chairman