

**London Borough of Havering
Record of Decisions
Cabinet on 10th July, 2019**

1. **TITLE: QUARTER 4 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT**
2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet
3. **DECISION:**
4. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Cabinet Report - CPR (Q4)
Appendix - Quarter 4 Corporate Performance Report

1. **TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA)
CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE 2019: APPROVAL
OF ACTION PLAN**
2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet
3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

- **Agreed** the Action Plan as set out in the report.
- **Noted** that the Senior Leadership Team are collectively the “Lead Officers” for delivery
- **Agreed** that Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Board will review progress against the Action Plan on a six monthly basis.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The purpose of having the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge was to give an external objective view of the Councils Ambition, plans to achieve this and improvement recommendations. Deciding the basis on which this will be taken forward enables the Council to act appropriately in respect of the recommendations.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

This option to have the peer review was adopted as sector best practise and was provided free of charge. There are no other appropriate options that will allow the Council to take the recommendations forward.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Cabinet report

1. **TITLE: SITE SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

- (1) **Approved** the preparation of a new draft Site Specific Allocations DPD for Havering, which will support the Havering Local Plan and replace the Romford Area Action Plan 2008 and Site Specific Allocations 2008 within the Local Development Framework.
- (2) **Delegated** authority to the Assistant-Director of Planning, following consultation with the Lead Member for Planning to finalise and approve the documents to be released for initial community and stakeholder consultation.
- (3) **Noted** that a 'Preferred Options' document will be brought back to Cabinet following the initial community and stakeholder consultation.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. The Site Specific Allocations DPD was recommended to be prepared in order to comply with legislation and national policy and ensure that Havering has an up to date development plan.
2. This will enable the Council to control and influence growth and change in the borough to support good place making and meet its identified needs. The document will assist the Local Plan and deliver the Council's vision: Cleaner, Safer, Prouder *Together*.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The option of not taking forward a Site Specific Allocations DPD and continuing to rely on the Local Development Framework was considered and rejected for the following reasons:

- It is a statutory requirement for every local planning authority to have an up to date development plan; and
- A Site Specific Allocations DPD is considered to be a critical document to give effect to the Local Plan which forms one of the development documents.
- Over time the current Development Plan (the LDF 2008) will require updating as it becomes increasingly out of date and eventually will not provide sufficient policy support for refusing inappropriate development within the Borough.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report

1. **TITLE: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2019-2021**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

1. **Approved** the adoption of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which is to have effect from 1st Sept 2019.
2. **Delegated** authority to the Assistant Director Planning following consultation with the Leader of the Council to make and approve any final changes to the wording and content of the Local Development Scheme, and to publish the Local Development Scheme on the Councils website.
3. **Delegated** authority to the Assistant Director of Planning following consultation with the Leader of the Council to approve any minor changes to the timelines of the production of documents in Local Development Scheme as required by the process during the period 2019-2021.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Local planning authorities are required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

The current LDS approved in 2018 does not include some documents which are now to be developed.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The option of not publishing an up to date LDS was rejected as the current version is out of date and does not reflect the latest time table for the preparation of the Local Plan and the legal requirement to have an up to date LDS.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** 2019-17-06 final Cabinet report LDS
2019-17-06 Appendix 1 LDS update

1. **TITLE: HAVERING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - ADOPTION**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

Agreed to recommend to Council to:

- Adopt the Havering Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and the

Regulation 123 list (set out in Appendices 2 and 3, respectively)

- Agree that the CIL Charging Schedule will be implemented and effective from September 1 2019; and
- Agree delegated powers to the Director of Neighbourhoods or the Assistant Director of Planning in consultation with the Leader of the Council for future changes to the Regulation 123 list following its review as appropriate

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

To ensure:

- The effective adoption of the Havering Community Infrastructure Levy; and
- That the potential financial contributions from developers/development are optimised to assist in the provision of necessary infrastructure to support development in Havering.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The option of not accepting the report from the Examiner and not recommending the adoption of the Havering Community Infrastructure Levy has been rejected because this would prevent the Council from optimising the financial contributions it secures from development towards the cost of infrastructure needed to support development in the Borough.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** 1ILCabinetReportJune2019(Final)(June282019)
2ExaminerFinalReportMay2019(Appendix1)
3HaveringChargingScheduleJuly2019(Appendix2)
4ILCabinetReportJune
2019Appendix3(Final)(June282019)

1. **TITLE: HOUSING ESTATES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

1. **Approved** the proposals for the Estates Improvements Programme as set out in Appendix 3 to this report.
2. **Authorised** officers to commence the tendering process to procure suitable contractors, in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, to deliver the programme.
3. **Authorised** officers to carry out leaseholder consultation in accordance with Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 as amended by S151 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.
4. **Noted** the preference of Members to cap service charges where possible to a maximum level of £250.

5. **Delegated** decisions on reductions, waivers or caps of service charges, on a scheme by scheme basis to the Director of Housing in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing.

6. **Authorised** that, in the event that the full programme of works is not delivered during financial year 2019/20, the remaining budget is carried forwards to 2020/21 in order to complete the approved works

7. **Authorised** the Director of Housing to be responsible for the implementation of the programme in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The decisions are required in order to deliver the Estate Improvements Programme approved by Cabinet in February 2019.

(ii) Approval is required to the proposed scope and locations of work to allow officers to proceed with detailed consultation, specification and subsequent delivery of works.

(iii) Approval is required to commence the tendering process in order to procure the contractors necessary to carry out the works, in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules.

(iv) Approval is required to authorise officers to undertake consultation with Council leaseholders under Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 as amended by S151 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002.

(v) Approval is required to delegate to Officers decisions regarding the reduction or waiving of leaseholder service charges in accordance with the Social Landlords Discretionary Reduction of Service Charges (England) Directions 2014 as the values involved on each estate are expected to be below that which require Member or Cabinet decision.

(vi) In the event that the full programme of works is not delivered during financial year 2019/20, the remaining budget is to be carried forwards to 2020/21 in order to complete the approved works, due to the complex nature of the works and the degree of both statutory and non-statutory consultation required.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Council has already confirmed its intention to undertake a £10,000,000 Estates Improvements Programme.

(ii) The report presents the proposals from officers for expenditure and delivery of that programme, based upon a methodology approved by the Lead Member for Housing and site surveys by officers.

(iii) Other prioritisation criteria have been considered and rejected but Cabinet may wish to adopt a different methodology, or to prioritise different works in different locations.

(iv) The report proposes that Council leaseholders are consulted in accordance with Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 as amended by S151 of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002

(v) The Social Landlords Discretionary Reduction of Service Charges (England) Directions

2014 provides social landlords a discretion to waive or reduce service charges by an amount the landlord considers to be reasonable.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Estates Improvement Programme July Cabinet Report v14
Appx 1 Estate Improvements Programme
Appx 2 Estate Improvements Programme
Appx 3 Estate Improvements Programme Appendix 3
Appx 4 Estate Improvements Programme