

**DRAFT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD MINUTES
(attached)**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF ALL
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY board
Havering Town Hall, Romford
5th February 2015**

The report before Members considered a number of changes to the draft financial strategy in response to the public budget consultation.

Members were advised that the results from the consultation process had been reported extensively to Cabinet on 21 January 2015. In response to the consultation Cabinet requested that a number of the budget proposals be reconsidered. The proposed revised options were summarised in the report.

During a brief debate members received clarification from officers on the following points:

Changes to Parks Parking

Parking charges would include parks within sporting grounds

Libraries

That the alternative budget proposal submitted from Library staff had been considered but was not consistent with the Council's new business practice of using a combination of staff and volunteers. The alternative proposal had also not allowed for cover during periods of annual leave and sickness. The proposed business practice of using staff and volunteers was one that was widely used across the country with successful results.

No questions were asked regarding the Queen's Theatre and Youth Services.