

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
VALUE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 14 April 2011 (7.00pm – 9.00pm)
Havering Town Hall, Romford**

Present: Councillors Robby Misir (Chairman) Ted Eden, Ray Morgon, Ron Ower, Billy Taylor and Damian White.

The following members were present for the call-in item on the agenda: Councillors Keith Darvil, Jeff Tucker, David Durant, Dennis Breeding, Pat Murray, Paul McGeary and Michael Deon Burton.

Councillor Clarence Barrett, a signatory to the call in, sent his apologies.

The Chairman advised those present of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Town Hall becoming necessary.

20. MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8 March 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21. THE PROPOSED APPROPRIATION OF LAND AT ONGAR WAY/RAINHAM ROAD, SOUTH HORNCHURCH AND LAND AT GOOSHAYS DRIVE, HAROLD HILL – requisition of Executive Decision

In accordance with the procedure set out in Part 4, section 8, paragraph 16 of the Constitution, a requisition signed by three Members representing more than one Group (Councillors Keith Darvill, Clarence Barrett and Jeff Tucker) had called-in the decision made by Cabinet on 23 March 2011.

Reasons for the requisition:

The following were the reasons for the call in:

- a) To give (more) detailed consideration to the responses made by members of the public opposing the proposed appropriation.
- b) To consider whether the proposed appropriation pursuant to section 122 was appropriate.
- c) To consider whether the land was surplus to the Council's requirement
- d) To consider whether appropriating the land was in the interest of proper planning of the area.

Councillors Keith Darvil, Jeff Tucker, David Durant and Michael Deon Burton made representations to the Committee to consider upholding the call-in decision because both sites were the subject of Village Green applications.

The Acting Assistant Chief Executive and Property Strategy Manager explained in some detail that the correct procedure had been followed and also answered questions from Members.

Some of the questions included: why was there was a delay in the processing of the Village Green application in Ongar Way, what was the date for a planning application on the site, as well as a request for clarification on when the village green application was submitted. Members also asked if the village green application pre-dated the appropriation process and whether the appropriation would have over-ridden a village green application.

The Committee voted not to uphold the requisition by 4 votes to 2. Councillors Morgon and Ower voting to uphold the requisition, all other Members voting not to.

22. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RELEVANT TO VALUE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee agreed to defer this matter to its next meeting due to the time already spent on an earlier meeting.

The Chairman requested that the information be distributed in the meantime in order for members to comment.

23. REALLOCATION OF WORK LOAD OF PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Following the recent announcement by the Leader of the Council that Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be abolished at the end of the municipal year, the report invited the Committee to consider adding to their work programmes items that were due to be considered in the future by the Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The following item was outlined for addition to the work programme:

- Havering Strategic Partnership

The Committee **noted** the report but **decided** to defer the decision to the next Committee that would be in place at the next meeting.

24. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee received its draft Annual Report for the Council year 2010-11 which summarised the activities throughout the period.

The Committee had met on seven occasions during the year (including one special meeting).

It was planned for the report to stand as a public record of achievement for the year and enable Members and others to compare performance year to year.

The Committee **noted** the report and agreed that it should be presented to full Council.

Chairman
7 July 2011