

## **COUNCIL, 24 January 2018**

### **A HARE LODGE DEMOLITION**

#### **Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group**

Council regrets the Executive decision not to appeal the Inspector's decision to demolish Hare Lodge without first making public the external legal opinion on which the decision was reputedly based and now calls on the Executive to belatedly make this legal opinion public.

#### **Amendment by the Conservative Group**

This Council notes the Executive decision taken following the consideration of specialist legal advice not to proceed with a judicial review application to the High Court in respect of the Inspector's decision to allow the appeal against the refusal by the Regulatory Services Committee of the application to demolish Hare Lodge and notes further that a synopsis of the advice has already been given.

### **B CHAFFORD SPORTS COMPLEX**

#### **Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group**

Council calls on the Executive to reach agreement with Harris Academy, Rainham, and SLM to keep Chafford Sports Complex open until a new leisure centre is built in the south of the borough.

#### **Amendment by the Conservative Group**

This Council notes that its officers are currently examining with Harris Academy Rainham and SLM the legal and financial arrangements required to maintain for public use the Chafford Sports Complex following the acquisition of title to it by the School through a Land Adjudication Tribunal ruling.

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## **C LONDON PLAN HOUSING TARGET**

### **Motion on behalf of the Conservative and East Havering Residents' Groups**

This Council notes with grave concern the proposals contained in the draft London Plan recently published by the Mayor of London which proposes a housing target of 1,875 new homes per annum for Havering over the next ten years, which represents a 60% increase on the figure included in the draft Havering Local Plan (1,170). This Council further considers the target as totally unacceptable, unachievable and unsustainable to the point of changing the unique and open character of our borough for the worse. This Council therefore agrees to recommend to the Executive to respond to the consultation, which ends on 1st March 2018, in the strongest possible terms.

### **Amendment by the Independent Residents' Group**

Council calls on the Executive to defend our high value green spaces and Conservation and Special Character Areas from the existing housing target within the Local Plan and further calls on the Executive to respond to the consultation on the new London Plan in the strongest terms to defend the Special Character of Havering from the new target proposed by the London Mayor which threatens to change our borough for the worse.

## **D USE OF PLASTICS**

### **Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group**

This council recognises the serious problems caused by the large use of plastics and calls on the Executive to:

- a) Reduce the Council's own use of plastics
- b) Encourage businesses and residents to reduce their use and
- c) Provide clarity to residents on what plastics can be recycled

### **Amendment by the Independent Residents' Group**

*Replace the first sentence with the following sentence.*

Council agrees the recycling regime promoted by climate change legislation has made waste disposal very expensive and led to an epidemic of fly-tipping resulting in our rivers and oceans being polluted by plastic. And further agrees the solution is the incineration of waste, reduced landfill taxes and promotion of alternatives to non-

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biodegradable plastic and calls on the Executive to consider the following measures to reduce the problem in a small way:-

### **Amendment by the Conservative Group**

This Council recognises the serious ecological problems resulting from the excessive and unnecessary use of plastic and also the need to reduce the volume of all household waste generally including recycling items as a result of increasing waste disposal costs. Further it notes that officers have been reviewing the steps which can be taken to address these issues and will be reporting to the Executive once this process has been completed.