



MINUTES OF A CABINET MEETING
Council Chamber - Town Hall
Wednesday, 13 June 2018
(7.30 pm)

Present:

Councillor Damian White (Leader of the Council), Chairman

	Cabinet Member responsibility:
Councillor Robert Benham	Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Families
Councillor Osman Dervish	Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor Joshua Chapman	Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Jason Frost	Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Care Services
Councillor Roger Ramsey	Cabinet Member for Finance & Property
Councillor Viddy Persaud	Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety

There were no apologies.

1 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 11 April, 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3 PUBLICATION AND ADOPTION OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING'S AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

Councillor Viddy Persaud, Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety, presented the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) report to Cabinet. This detailed the final Air Quality Action Plan for Havering, 2018-2023.

The Cabinet Member stated that the key pollutants to be reduced are nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter which are primarily produced by road

traffic in highly congested areas. Greater London is currently failing to meet the required standards for these pollutants and compliance is not expected until 2025.

The AQAP is a key Council document setting out what the Council is going to do to improve local air quality. The Action Plan will ensure that:

- There is focus on the “hotspots” in the Borough, i.e. Roneo Corner, Romford Ring Road.
- Havering continues to be a greener Borough
- There is focus on reduction of regional pollution sources which will include a reduction in polluting buses
- Havering Council leads by example exploring the use of our parks and public spaces as alternative safe routes for walking and cycling
- Strategic ambitions for better transport links across the Borough including lobbying to improve the North to South connectivity; and
- Residents are empowered to take action and protect themselves on high pollution days.

A ten week consultation had been held following Cabinet’s approval to the AQAP in December, 2017. 94 responses were received. 84 of these were from members of the public showing a strong awareness of air pollution within the local community.

The GLA who must approve the AQAP also submitted comments which have been incorporated into the final AQAP. The majority of these were minor.

The actions set out within the AQAP are grouped into four action policies:

1. Air Quality Monitoring and Modelling
2. Public Health and Awareness Raising to encourage Smarter Travel
3. Reducing Emissions from Buildings and Developments; and
4. Reducing Emissions from Transport

Cllr V Persaud recommended the AQAP to Cabinet.

Cabinet:

APPROVED and adopted the final Air Quality Action Plan as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

4 ANNUAL CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT (2017/18) - QUARTER 4

Councillor Roger Ramsey, Cabinet Member for Finance and Property detailed the Annual Corporate Performance report to Cabinet. The Annual Summary of Corporate Performance Indicators (PIs) and

Perception/Engagement Indicators was set out in the report demonstrating that of those PIs classified as either on track or off track, 28 (68%) of the CPIs had a green, on track status and 14 (33%) had a red, off track status. This represented a slight improvement in performance compared with the position at the end of Q3, 2017/18.

6 (75%) of the reported perception/engagement indicators had a green, on track status and 2 (25%) had a red, off track status. In respect of these indicators there is a slight decline in performance against Q3, 2017/18.

Current levels of performance had to be interpreted in the context of increased demand on services across the Authority. This is shown in Appendix 2 of the report which sets out the Demand Pressure Dashboard, indicating the demands on Council services and the context of performance levels.

Performance is split across the four Havering Priorities with both highlights and improvements required, set out throughout.

Communities Making Havering had seen a mixed performance with 56% of indicators rated green, on track. There was an improvement in the proportion of people aged 65 or more who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital. This is significant given the demographic of the Borough. In addition, the number of Looked After Children who cease to be looked after following permanency (Adoption/ Special Guardianship Order) was above target for 2017/18 and significantly higher than the previous year. In 2017/18, 31 children ceased to be looked after in these circumstances.

The number of volunteers supporting Council services had also increased; had been exceeded by the end of Q2; and continued to improve thereafter. There was also a significant reduction of permanent admissions to nursing care which in number terms shows that 81 fewer admissions had been made.

Improvements are required in the number of care leavers in education, employment or training which remains below target. This is against a deliberately stretching local target. However, it was noted that Havering performs well in this area against the national average and other London Boroughs. The impact of the Cocoon facility is starting to bear fruit.

Connections Making Havering- this theme of the Corporate Plan has seen strong performance with 67% of indicators rated green and on track. There has been a reduction in avoidable customer contact meaning that the outturn for that indicator was considerably better than target. This means fewer customers are seeking clarification in correspondence and applications.

The design stage for Beam Park Station has now been completed and circulated to stakeholders and is progressing. Improvements are needed in the works at Harold Wood Station where the works have slipped. This is

outside the direct control of the Council and it has been agreed with TfL that the funding will be carried over to facilitate the full spend and complete delivery of the full improvement works.

Opportunities Making Havering- progress for this theme of the Corporate Plan has been positive. There had been an exceptional number of investment enquiries to the Borough resulting in new business or expansion which was well above target at 96 against 50.

The numbers of learners at risk of being NEET (not in education, employment or training) was well below target (where lower is better). The Planning application for Hornchurch Sports Centre has now been approved. The new Sapphire Ice and Leisure Centre opened in February, 2018 and was a great success in the opening month welcoming over 60,000 visits.

Improvements required were highlighted and include the requirement for improvement in approved planning applications providing at least 100 sq. ft. of new or extended commercial floor space. This was well below target at 12 against a target of 75. It was noted that this is a new PI and trends will continue to be monitored. In addition the number of businesses expressing interest in relocating to the Borough, with a turnover of £10 million plus or with international recognition was well below target. The Economic Development Strategy and Master Planning for Romford Town Centre will seek to address this.

The final priority, **Places Making Havering** showed a very strong performance for Q4 with 90% of indicators being green, on track. There has been a reduction in non-domestic violence and Anti-Social Behaviour offences.

The Local plan has now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and advice regarding Examination is awaited.

In addition, the proportion of Council homes meeting the decent homes standard has increased during Q4 correlating with the completion of the Capital Investment Programme for the Year.

However, the number of burglary offences committed has significantly increased. This remains above target and is higher than last year. Residential burglary has increased by 37%. It is hoped that operation "Mexico" will have an impact. There will be a detailed report in respect of this going to the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Sub Committee in the near future.

Cabinet:

1. **REVIEWED** the performance set out in **Appendix 1** of the report and the corrective action that is being taken.
2. **NOTED** the content of the Demand Pressures Dashboard attached as **Appendix 2** of the report.

5 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was not necessary to exclude the press or public and no resolution was made.

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6 **MAIN INSURANCE CONTRACT AWARD**

Councillor Roger Ramsey presented the report detailing the retender of the Council's Main Insurance contract to Cabinet.

A joint exercise was carried out with Bexley Council and was split into four lots. Bids were assessed on price and quality. One tender was successful in respect of three of the four lots and a separate tender for the final lot. In addition there was a separate tender for terrorism cover.

The contract price represents some enhanced cover provision as well as reductions in deductible levels which will reduce the amount the Council pays towards claims. The contract is for a 6 year period with an option to renew (to a maximum 9 year period), this represents a reduction over the full possible cover term of £1.4 million in premium spend.

Cabinet:

1. **AGREED** the award of Lot 1) Property (excluding terrorism), Lot 2) Casualty & FG and Lot 3) Motor, to Bidder B on the basis set out in the report detail.
 2. **AGREED** the award of Lot 4) PA Group Travel to Bidder A on the basis set out in the report detail
 3. **AGREED** the award of the terrorism element of Lot 1 Property to the supplier providing the alternative Quote 1, as set out in the detail of the report. This exercises the right reserved in the Invitation to Tender not to award to the successful bidder under Lot 1.
 4. **NOTED** the contract award Notices will need to be issued and the Insurance Team will need to mobilise to ensure a smooth transition where the award of a Lot is to a new insurer. New insurance schedules and certificates will need to be received and notification sent to relevant parties, including schools.
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Chairman