

COUNCIL MEETING

**7.30pm WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2011
AT HAVERING TOWN HALL
MAIN ROAD, ROMFORD**

Members of the Council of the London Borough of Havering are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council at the time and place indicated for the transaction of the following business



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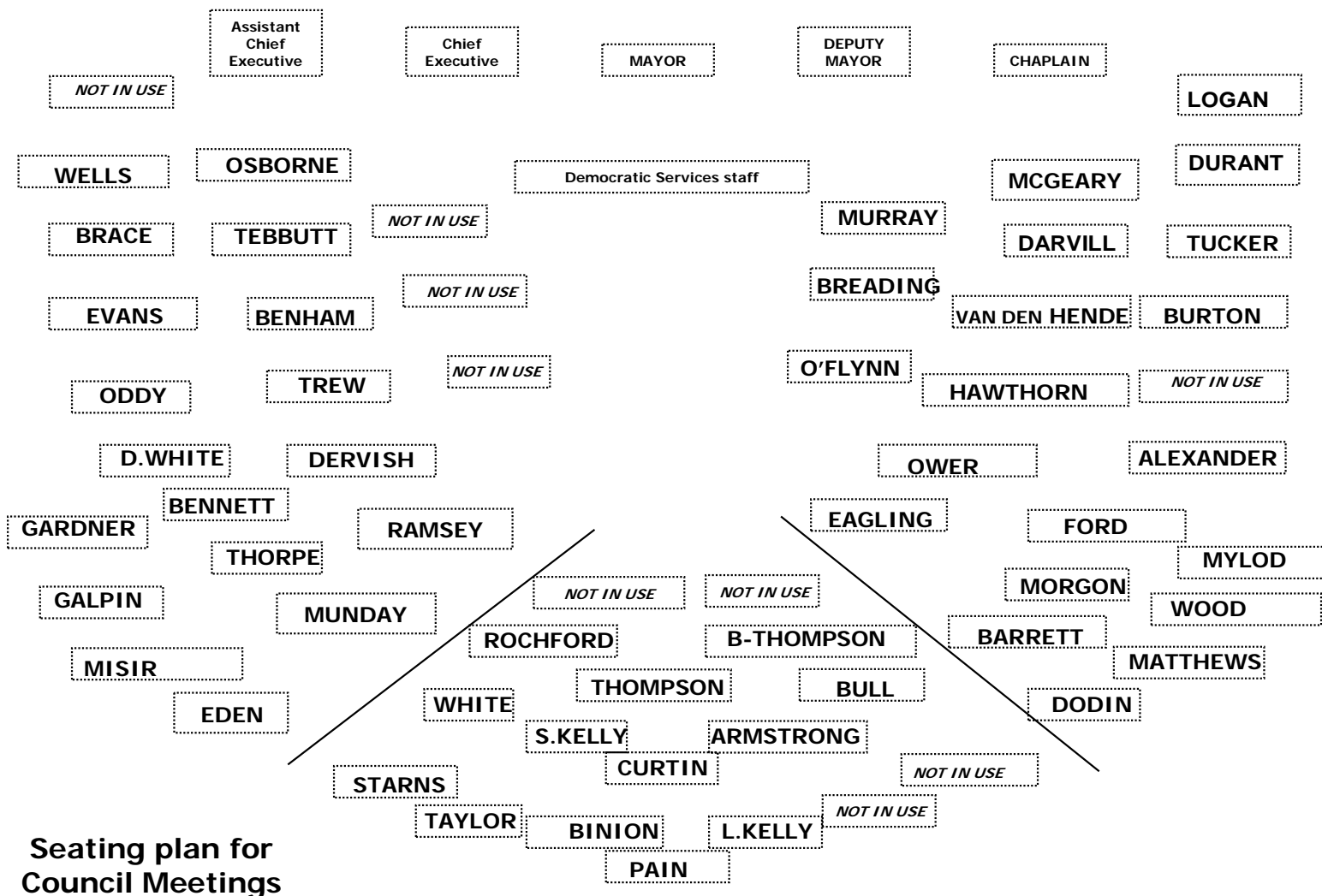
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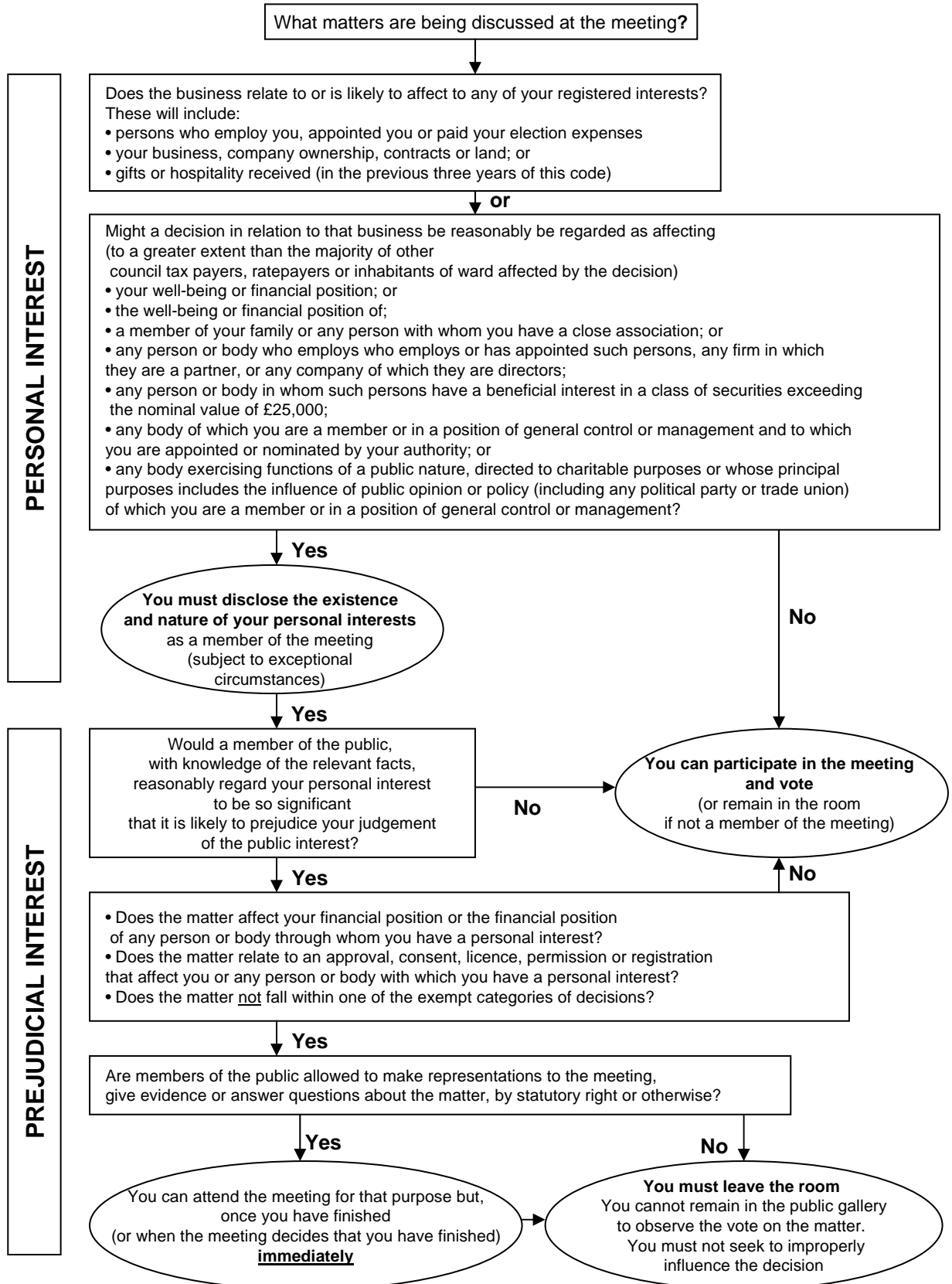
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AGENDA

INITIAL BUSINESS

1 **PRAYERS**

2 To receive apologies for absence (if any)

3 **MINUTES**

To sign as a true record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2010

4 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR, BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

6 **PETITIONS**

Councillor Mark Logan has given notice of an intention to present a petition.

**RECOMMENDATIONS,
REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

7 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

There are no reports to be considered at this meeting

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

8 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Attached

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

9 BUDGETARY MONITORING INFORMATION

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

In order to ensure a greater degree of transparency and accountability and in accordance with the Constitution (Part 4, Financial Procedure Rules, Section 5 – Budget Management) which states – Responsible Officers must monitor and control expenditure against budget allocations and report to Cabinet on the overall position on a regular basis:

- a) This Council agrees to present detailed Quarterly Budget Monitoring Reports to Cabinet for appropriate action and/or noting
- b) In addition, and in order to strengthen financial monitoring processes, this Council agrees that detailed Quarterly Budget Monitoring Reports are presented to each Overview and Scrutiny Committee, appertaining to the functions of that Committee, for appropriate action and/or noting

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9A Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read:

This Council, noting that Officers are acting in accordance with the Constitution in budget management and that the Cabinet has currently under review the financial variance reporting, agrees:-

- (a) To support the provision of more extensive information for members and the public on the Intranet and the Internet
- (b) To note that each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will select for examination the topics appertaining to the functions of that Committee.

10 HEALTH SERVICES IN HAVERING AND REDBRIDGE

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

This Council agrees to:

- (a) support the campaign to retain Accident & Emergency and maternity facilities at King George Hospital, Ilford; and
- (b) support the retention of breast cancer care services at Queens Hospital.

10A Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read:

This Council agrees to oppose the withdrawal of services from King George's Hospital to the detriment of health care of the residents of Havering, to protect and improve services at the Queen's Hospital, and requests Cabinet to examine the implications of these proposals.

10B Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group

Add the following:-

- (c) send a delegation of Members of the Council consisting of at least one representative of each Political Group to meet with the all party group of Councillors of the London Borough of Redbridge to work with them in support of the objectives set out in (a) and (b) above.

Note 1: the motion as originally proposed would then read:

This Council agrees to:

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- (a) support the campaign to retain Accident & Emergency and maternity facilities at King George Hospital, Ilford; and
- (b) support the retention of breast cancer care services at Queens Hospital.
- (c) send a delegation of Members of the Council consisting of at least one representative of each Political Group to meet with the all party group of Councillors of the London Borough of Redbridge to work with them in support of the objectives set out in (a) and (b) above.

Note 2: if the Administration amendment is carried, the motion would then read:

This Council agrees to oppose the withdrawal of services from King George's Hospital to the detriment of health care of the residents of Havering, to protect and improve services at the Queen's Hospital, and requests Cabinet to examine the implications of these proposals and to send a delegation of Members of the Council consisting of at least one representative of each Political Group to meet with the all party group of Councillors of the London Borough of Redbridge to work with them.

11 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

This Council affirms its support for Safer Neighbourhood policing and opposes any cuts in the GLA policing budget that is detrimental to the size and future of ward based Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

11A Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read

This Council affirms its support for Safer Neighbourhood policing.



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING
Havering Town Hall, Romford
8 December 2010 (7.30pm – 10.50pm)**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Pam Light) in the Chair

Councillors: Councillors June Alexander, Robert Benham, Becky Bennett, Sandra Binion, Jeff Brace, Denis Breading, Wendy Brice-Thompson, Dennis Bull, Michael Deon Burton, Andrew Curtin*, Keith Darvill, Osman Dervish, Nic Dodin, David Durant, Brian Eagling, Ted Eden*, Roger Evans, Georgina Galpin, Peter Gardner, Linda Hawthorn, Lesley Kelly, Steven Kelly, Barbara Matthews, Paul McGeary, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Eric Munday, John Mylod, Pat Murray, Barry Oddy, Denis O'Flynn, Fred Osborne, Ron Ower, Gary Pain, Roger Ramsey, Paul Rochford, Geoffrey Starns, Billy Taylor, Barry Tebbutt, Frederick Thompson, Lynden Thorpe, Linda Trew, Jeffery Tucker, Keith Wells, Linda Van den Hende, Melvin Wallace, Damian White, Michael White and John Wood

* For part of the meeting

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Michael Armstrong, Clarence Barrett, Gillian Ford and Mark Logan.

The Mayor advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Town Hall becoming necessary.

Father Sean Shiels, of Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row, opened the meeting with prayers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

39 MINUTES (agenda item 3)

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 20 October 2010 be signed as a true record.

40 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (agenda item 4)**

Councillors Jeff Brace, Robby Misir and Barry Tebbutt each made a personal declaration of interest in relation to several Members' Questions as owners of privately-rented properties in the borough.

41 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR (agenda item 5)**

The Mayor's Announcements are attached as **Appendix 1 to these minutes**.

42 **PETITIONS (agenda item 6)**

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 23, a petition containing 1,405 signatures was presented to the Mayor by Councillor David Durant from the operators of Damyns Hall Aerodrome, seeking support for the aerodrome remaining open.

It was noted that the petition would be passed to Democratic Services for attention in accordance with the Petitions Scheme.

Councillor Mark Logan had given notice of an intention to present a petition but, as he was absent from the meeting, it was agreed that he should have opportunity to do so at the next meeting.

43 **PETITIONS SCHEME (agenda item 7)**

The Governance Committee reported that, with effect from 15 December, the Council was obliged by law to provide a facility for the submission of petitions electronically through the internet ("ePetitioning"). A contract had now been entered into for that facility (on an interim basis), funded from money provided by the government.

The Committee now recommended that Council adopt an amendment to the Council's statutory Petition Scheme to make provision in it for ePetitioning.

The report was adopted without division and it was **RESOLVED:**

That the following be added at the end of the Petition Scheme:

Petitions raised and submitted electronically ("ePetitions")

The Council's website contains a dedicated area that enables petitions to be raised and submitted electronically. Such petitions are referred to as ePetitions.

An ePetition may be raised by going to the Council's website at www.havering.gov.uk/petitions and following the guidance given there.

Any ePetition raised on the website will be assigned a closing date. Once the closing date is reached, no further signatures may be added to it and its processing in accordance with this Petition Scheme will begin.

ePetitions will be treated in exactly the same manner as petitions submitted using more traditional methods. An ePetition may be submitted in place of, or in addition to, a petition on paper (but any individual may sign only an ePetition or a paper petition, not both).

It will be necessary for those signing a petition electronically to confirm that they are qualified to do so, by providing a postal address in Havering where they live, work or study.

All ePetitions raised on the Council's website will be moderated to ensure that they comply with the requirements of this Petition Scheme. The Council reserves the right to refuse to place on the website any ePetition that does not comply with the Scheme.

44 **REVIEW OF HAVERING'S STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY FOR THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (agenda item 8)**

Council was reminded that, under current legislation, the Council was obliged to prepare a Statement of Licensing Policy and to review it every three years. The existing Statement was about to expire and the Licensing Committee, following a consultation exercise, had carried out the triennial review. Council was now invited to approve a revised Statement, to come into effect on 7 January 2011.

The report was adopted without division and it was **RESOLVED:**

That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy be adopted.

45 **ADOPTION OF SECTION 16 OF THE LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON ACT 2003 (agenda item 9)**

Section 16 of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003 empowered the Council to serve Notices on residents who drove across a footway or verge without due authority requiring them to stop doing so. If a resident were to ignore such a Notice, the Council would then have power to carry out works to prevent mechanically-propelled vehicles from being taken across the footway or verge

The Act enabled the Council to recover its reasonable costs of carrying out such work. The installation of bollards at a small number of premises and the associated publicity was expected to encourage residents either to stop crossing the footway without an authorised vehicle crossover or to submit an application to have one constructed in the proper form.

The report was adopted without division and it was **RESOLVED:**

That the powers conferred by Section 16 of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003 be brought into force in the borough with effect from 1 April 2011.

46 **REPORT OF THE MEMBER CHAMPION FOR YOUNGER PERSONS (agenda item 10)**

Councillor Garry Pain, the Member Champion for Younger Persons, gave an oral report on his activities to date (the text of which is set out in **Appendix 2 to these minutes**).

The Council **RECEIVED** the report.

47 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (agenda item 11)**

12 questions were asked and replies given.

The texts of those questions and their answers, together with those not asked orally, are set to in **Appendix 3 to these minutes**.

48 **HOUSING POLICIES (agenda items 12/12A/12B)**

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

Council notes:

That everyone is entitled to a secure, affordable, decent home in a safe community;

That the capping of housing benefit payments and its linking to the Consumer Price Index rather than the Retail Price Index will lead to thousands of residents in Havering losing an average of £1000 a year;

That these cuts will hit vulnerable residents in private rented accommodation hardest and will cause a shortfall in the budgets of thousands of families, forcing many to become homeless and ultimately increasing the cost to local government;

That every social tenant has a reasonable expectation of a home with a working central heating system, fitted windows and doors and a safe kitchen;

That completing the Decent Homes Programme would create or support hundreds of jobs in Havering with 17 jobs being created for every £1million of refurbishment investment;

That the security and stability of a home, be it privately rented or socially rent, is one of the most important anchors in a family's life and that security of tenure is one of the principle protections provided by social housing; and

That the end of the promise of security of tenure for social tenants will see thousands of Londoners living on shorter, insecure tenancies, constantly in fear of being moved on at the whim of the council into private accommodation they cannot afford.

Council resolves:

To write directly to the Housing Minister urging him to cancel the steps the Government has taken to deny families the prospect of a secure, affordable decent home.

To call on the Members of Parliament representing Havering to condemn the stigmatisation of social and private sector rented tenants.

12A Amendment on behalf of the Independent Rainham Residents' Group

Add the following:

[Council resolves] To write to the Prime Minister David Cameron and ask him not to punish poorer members of society for the financial crisis and housing shortage by hiking rents and removing security of tenure from council and social housing tenants.

12B Amendment on behalf of the Administration

Amend to read:

This Council notes and condemns the damage done to current housing finance through the spending decisions of the previous Labour Government and deplors the historic failure to provide adequate funding for Havering.

The Labour Group motion was debated. At the conclusion of the debate, the amendment by the Independent Residents' Group was **LOST** by 5 votes to 32 (see voting division 1). The amendment by the Administration was then **CARRIED** by 39 votes to 8 (see voting division 2) and adopted as the substantive motion without division.

RESOLVED THAT:

This Council notes and condemns the damage done to current housing finance through the spending decisions of the previous Labour Government and deplores the historic failure to provide adequate funding for Havering.

49 MOTION WITHDRAWN

With the consent of the Council, the following motion on behalf of the Residents' Group was withdrawn:

13 BUDGETARY MONITORING INFORMATION

50 DARTFORD TOLL INCREASE (agenda item 14)

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

This Council registers its opposition to proposals to increase the Dartford Crossing toll from £1.50 to £2.00 in 2011 and to £2.50 in 2012. As part of the forthcoming consultation process, this Council also agrees to reiterate the approved motion at Full Council on 22 October 2008 to oppose any charges for the use of the Dartford Crossing and that the government should recognise the construction costs have been met and that any future charging is unjust.

The motion was considered without debate and agreed without division.

RESOLVED THAT:

This Council registers its opposition to proposals to increase the Dartford Crossing toll from £1.50 to £2.00 in 2011 and to £2.50 in 2012. As part of the forthcoming consultation process, this Council also agrees to reiterate the approved motion at Full Council on 22 October 2008 to oppose any charges for the use of the Dartford Crossing and that the government should recognise the construction costs have been met and that any future charging is unjust.

Mayor
2 February 2011

Note: the record of voting see voting divisions is attached as
Appendix 4 to these minutes.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

First, I would like to say thank you to our Council staff who worked hard during the recent severe weather conditions to keep Havering moving and to ensure our essential services were delivered.

I am personally looking forward to a very special date on Friday – our Older Person's Christmas Party at the YMCA. The party means so much to our elderly residents, for many it is their only opportunity to celebrate Christmas. May I say that I am very proud that we are continuing to stage this event.

I am proud to say that we are continuing to attract national recognition for ground breaking initiatives and great inspection results.

I am extremely pleased to tell you tonight, before it is officially announced tomorrow, that our Children's Services has been assessed as 'performs excellently' in the Ofsted Annual Children's Services Assessment.

In addition to this The Care Quality Commission has judged us to be are performing 'well' in the social care we provide for adults.

We have also gained Equality Framework for Local Government Achieving Status for demonstrating consistent improvement of performance in equality, and reflecting this in everything we do.

It is also great news that our Commissioning Adult and Children's Services has been shortlisted for an LGC Award in the Health and Social Care category. This is for introducing a new system which gives vulnerable people in need of care more choice and control over their own support.

I would now like to say well done to the pupils, staff and Governors at Ardleigh Green Infants School for an excellent Ofsted inspection. The Ofsted inspectors said it is an 'outstanding school' where pupils make excellent progress in all aspects of their development.

Speaking of our children's development – I attended the official launch of a unique international partnership between schools in London and New York.

For the past couple of months pupils at Scargill Infants School have been video conferencing with their counterparts at an elementary school in New York as part of the first City – State V Partnership and learning just how similar their lives are.

This month I have attended the Jack Petchy Pathfinder and Achievement Awards, The Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and a concert by the Havering Music School's High Achievers. I have also attended countless prize giving ceremonies across the borough for children of all ages. I cannot stress enough how extremely fortunate we are to have such enterprising and talented young people in the borough. They really are a credit to us.

May I say how impressed I was by The Safe Drive Stay Alive show, organised by our Road Safety team and supported by the emergency services. Its hard hitting message left our teenagers in no doubt about the consequences of reckless driving.

I also attended the world record breaking car polishing event at St George's Hospital. It was incredible to watch the determined effort by some 85 people squeezed around a car to break the world record and raise £500 for Children in Need.

The signing of the 2011 Census Local Partnership Plan between Havering and the Office for National Statistics took place at the Town Hall. This is extremely important for Havering as the

future of our services depends on the accuracy of the Census, and we should all encourage everyone to take part.

On a more solemn note, The Armistice Day Service, Service of Remembrance (in Havering and at City Hall) that I attended were extremely moving. My prayers and thoughts go out to our brave servicemen and women serving in Afghanistan and their families.

The lighting up of Romford in the market place and Elm Park was a great success. The latter emphasising the wonderful community spirit which prevails in that part of the borough. Talking of community spirit, although many events were cancelled due to the extreme weather the Rainham Festival was not. A group of dedicated people were up at the crack of dawn to clear the streets, stallholders and many local people showed their support by turning up with family and friends.

And finally, may I wish everyone here, our staff and our residents a very Merry Christmas and New Year.

**Appendix 2
(Minute 46)**

ORAL REPORT BY COUNCILLOR GARRY PAIN, MEMBER CHAMPION FOR YOUNGER PERSONS

Thank you Madam Mayor for calling me on this occasion to make my maiden speech.

As the Champion for younger persons, I have the privilege, not only to serve the people of St Andrews Ward but to represent all the young people of our Borough.

This great honour has not only shown me what a fantastic job this council and all the voluntary and youth groups do for our young people, but reinforce the commitment that this Conservative administration continues to show when it comes to investing in our future.

Over the past few months Madam Mayor I have visited Youth Groups to Theatre Groups, Sports Centres to Art Clubs, Church Groups to Play Centres the list goes on and on.

The variety of activities that our young people have to choose from is staggering and I see it as my job as The Champion for Younger persons to support as many of these activities as possible.

I recently had the honour of attending and meeting with 6th formers at the Robert Beard Youth House, for those of you that don't know about the work they do I would like to take a few moments to tell you about their work.

The Robert Beard Youth House provides a venue for young people in my ward of St Andrews, to run various youth groups as well as catering for young people with special needs in Havering.

Over many years they have provided a fantastic service and support to young Havering residents, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the team and to congratulate them on their successes.

This of course is just one of many groups and organisations that we are lucky to have here in this borough.

I know you will all be familiar with the Queens Theatre and would have attended one of their first class professional productions, but are you aware of their schools programme which runs through the year providing educational plays to all Havering schools.

The summer workshops they run for 7 to 19 year olds led by theatre professionals, Technical theatre workshops, the youth dance platform, writing courses again the list goes on and on.

This fantastic resource provides so much to our community and should be recognised for its achievements.

I know that although financially things are tough at the moment, this administration wants to improve the education levels and opportunities for all young people and is planning more day care and play places so that even more children are provided with the best chances for a better education.

Finally Madam Mayor, in my role as Champion, I am very impressed with the importance our Council gives to our young people, and I would like to thank all the Officers, volunteers and organisers who deliver these services, for all their hard work, dedication and service.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Note: Questions 1 to 12 were answered at the meeting. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.6(a), the remainder were treated as if put for written answer

1 FAIRER CHARGING POLICY: CONSULTATION**To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)**

By Councillor Linda Van den Hende

Given that consultation on the Fairer Charging Policy appears to have been delayed, can the Cabinet Member confirm that the proposed charges will not be implemented on 1 January 2011 as originally proposed in the Cabinet report of 14 July 2010?

Answer:

Following the consultation, and the final decisions regarding which of the proposals will or will not be implemented, a reasonable and fair timetable for implementation will be agreed. The Council will contact any people affected and advising them of any change in their charges. It is likely this will be nearer the 4th of April than the 1st of January, but this will be dependent on the number of people affected and the extent of the changes to fairer charging that are agreed.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member undertook to ensure that details of the Equalities Impact Assessment were provided in writing to the questioner but stated that, as all consultees were already known to the Council, there had been no special need to identify their specific requirements.

2 STANDARDS COMPLAINT: COUNCILLOR LOGAN**To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Councillor Geoff Starns)**

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

The Government has announced plans to abolish the Standards Board of England by 2012. This is because the Members Code of Conduct has been abused by councillors to wage political vendettas against political opponents, at taxpayers' expense, which brings local government into disrepute.

How much, as an estimate, did the complaint by former Councillor Mark Gadd, against Cllr Mark Logan cost in Council time and money?

Answer:

The abolition of the Standards Board for England is a matter for the government. However, in this case, the decision of the Council's Standards Committee, which resulted in a suspension of Councillor Logan was upheld by the First Tier Tribunal. It can hardly be said, therefore that this was an abuse of process.

The Council's Standards Initial Assessment Sub-Committee concluded that the complaint was sufficient to be investigated. The Consideration Sub-Committee accepted the Deputy Monitoring Officer's recommendations. The complaints made by Councillor Mark Gadd against Councillor Mark Logan were substantiated. Councillor Logan was found to have breached Paragraphs 3 (1) and 5 of the Council's Code of Conduct.

At the Standards Sub-Committee on 19 January 2010, the Sub-Committee not only found those breaches but imposed a sanction of suspension for a period of one month, a requirement that he undertake relevant training and provided that no members allowance be paid to him for the period

of suspension. That decision was upheld by the First-tier Tribunal following Councillor Logan's appeal, judgement being given on 16 August 2010. Councillor Logan sought permission to appeal against that decision which was refused by the First-tier Tribunal.

The Tribunal have indicated that they plan to make a decision on the costs of the proceedings although that has not yet been made. It is therefore possible that there may be some recovery of the costs of the appeal from Councillor Logan. This was clearly an unmerited appeal.

The cost of the internal investigation in notional fees was £3,936.80. It should be emphasised that this is internal time recording information only and is not related to any payment of monies.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member reminded Members that elected Councillors should always be open, transparent and accountable in their dealings with the public and with each other

3 SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS: WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT

To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (Councillor Paul Rochford)

By Councillor Keith Darvill

What will be the impact on Havering Schools and Colleges of the Coalition Governments decision to withdraw support from the hugely successful School Sports Partnerships?

Answer:

The local authority is actively working with the two schools who are involved in running Havering's School Sports Partnership. Both schools are committed, as is the LA, to finding a way to continue this very successful support for sport in schools across the authority.

The authority has already established some "centres and clusters of excellence" in a number of areas and we are discussing with these two schools as to whether this would be a helpful way forward for them. There is a reduced level of LA funding for these partnerships but they would enable the schools to be supported via the structures and systems that are being developed as part of our work for these centres of excellence.

As the funding to support schools now sits within schools budgets, eventually the success of programmes like this will rest on decisions that schools individually and collectively would take themselves. What the authority is working on is to provide a framework and Quality Assurance system to support this.

In the light of recent press coverage should the funding situation change the LA would work collaboratively with schools to support any developments they may wish to see in place

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member stated that the Council shared with the government a desire to see children increasing their participation in sports activities.

4 HOUSING BENEFIT CHANGES: MOVEMENT OUT OF CENTRAL LONDON

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

As a result of the overhaul of housing benefit payments, would the Cabinet Member confirm what, if any, arrangements the Council has put in place to deal with the anticipated influx of residents moving out of Central London into Havering?

Answer:

I think it is unlikely that there will be an influx of such applicants to move into Havering because although we do have rents which are below the cap currently, this will change when the additional rule, originally planned to be introduced in October 2011, that Housing benefit can only be paid for rents which are in the lowest third of the market comes in. All 3,000 claimants on Housing benefit in Havering are on rents which are currently above the 30th percentile. So, as there is only a very small private rented market in Havering, and an even smaller market available for Housing benefit claimants, I think it is unlikely that new claimants coming into the Borough would be able to find private rented accommodation in Havering.

5 ELECTED POLICE COMMISSIONER FOR LONDON

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor David Durant

The Administration has said they are in favour of directly elected Police Commissioners. In London the GLA Mayor would fulfil this role.

GLA Mayor Boris Johnson has unfavourably compared the Government's housing benefit changes to the conflict in Kosovo!

Does the Administration believe Boris Johnson would make a good Police Commissioner?

Answer:

Yes

In response to a supplementary question, the Leader of the Council stated that he did not agree that elected commissioners would fetter the police service.

6 CARAVAN SITES ACT LICENCE AND MODEL STANDARDS 2008

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Paul McGeary

In view of the deteriorating condition of the communal facilities at Sunset Drive Park Home Site at Broxhill Road since its sale by the Council will the administration as a matter of priority exercise its powers to enforce Licence Conditions to ensure such communal facilities are maintained and improved for the benefit of residents?

Answer:

As set out in my answer on the Mobile Homes Model Licence Conditions at the last Council meeting, we do not have any intention of exercising our powers to enforce Licence Conditions at this stage. A review of the Caravan Sites is scheduled for the first quarter of 2011.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member invited the questioner to provide specific details of issues requiring enforcement for further investigation.

7 NOTIFYING RESIDENTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Brian Eagling

The Planning Department recently sent out a letter to the residents of Harold Wood on a 2nd class stamp with incorrect information. They then had to send another letter with the

correct information on it - this cost the residents of Havering £683. Would the Chairman confirm how thoroughly correspondence is checked/proof read before being sent out?

Answer:

The Head of Development and Building Control informs me that outgoing correspondence is routinely checked for accuracy. The extent of specific proof reading depends on the type and purpose of letter involved.

In the case referred to, the main elements of the letter were correct. The letter was sent by first class, not second class post. It contained information about the application reference, the date of Committee at which the application would be considered and information about how the public may seek to speak at Committee. However the letter also contained a development description which didn't include revisions made to the scheme. This technicality would not have been immediately evident to the administrative staff issuing the letters. On realising that there was an inaccuracy embedded within the letter a managerial decision was made to issue a follow up letter clarifying the position for residents and thereby avoiding any confusion for them or members. The Harold Wood proposal involved notification of lots of residents therefore reflecting the postage cost.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member stated that the incident in question had been the result of an honest mistake, which was a rare occurrence. Existing procedures were generally sufficient to ensure that correct information was circulated to residents.

8 TENANTS TRANSFERRED TO REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS – USE OF UTILITIES

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

In the absence of Councillor Mark Logan, the question was asked by Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Are all Council tenants who have had their council dwellings transferred to Registered Social Landlords, the beneficiary of full utilities - the same as what they had prior to transfer?

Councillor Burton clarified the meaning of the question before the Cabinet Member was invited to reply.

Answer:

The range of services supplied by a new landlord, including utility supplies, will depend of the Transfer Offer to tenants and the Transfer Agreement between the Council and the receiving Registered Social Landlord. The Transfer Offer itself will have been drawn up in consultation with residents and is distributed to all tenants prior to the transfer ballot.

To date, the only council tenants in Havering who have had their dwellings transferred to a Registered Social Landlord are those on the former Mardyke Estate, now known as Orchard Village, which the Council transferred to Old Ford Housing Association on 31 March 2008.

For those tenants whose homes have been retained and improved to the Decent Homes Standard by Old Ford, there has been no change to their utilities.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member agreed to provide the questioner with details of the procedure by which tenants who believed that their rights had been altered could seek redress.

9 **COMPACT PARTNERSHIPS****To the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment (Councillor Robert Benham)**

By Councillor Denis Breading

What proposals have the Administration to form 'Compact Partnerships' consistent with Coalition Government policies?

Answer:

Havering already has a well-established Compact Partnership, which is led by the voluntary and community sector and includes representatives of the Council, the NHS, and the Police. The Partnership produced Havering's first Compact agreement in 2004, and has since produced and promoted Good Practice Guides for Communication & Consultation, Funding, Volunteering, and Equalities & Diversity. Continuing support for the Compact is provided by the Compact Steering Group, chaired by the voluntary sector, and a Compact Annual General Meeting is held as part of the Havering Strategic Partnership's Voluntary Sector Conference each year.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member expressed confidence that the Regeneration Team would explore every avenue to ensure that Havering was able to obtain the maximum benefit from the wide range of grants available for voluntary sector activity..

10 **USE OF CONSULTANTS AND EXTERNAL ADVISERS****To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

In the absence of Councillor Clarence Barrett, the question was asked by Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Leader set out how much has been spent on consultants/external advisers and in which departments for 2009/10, 2010/11 to date and the projected figure for 2010/11?

Answer:

Directorate	Actual: 2009 - 2010	Actual: to Period 06 2010-11
CULTURE & COMMUNITY	737,732.53	67,683.17
SOCIAL CARE & LEARNING	405,139.95	229,195.25
FINANCE & COMMERCE	860,168.66	23,635.39
TOTAL	2,003,041.14	320,513.81

The majority of this spend relates to the implementation of the Council's Transformation Programme, and particularly where these costs were charged to revenue in 2009-10. This includes the corporate transformation team, and the specific programmes for customer services, internal shared services, and adult's services. The Transformation Programme is helping the Council achieve the £19.6m of savings agreed by Cabinet in July of this year as part of our budget strategy for meeting the anticipated cuts in Government funding.

The only other significant sums relate to the implementation of the Council's IT disaster recovery programme, which is designed to bring much needed resilience to our IT infrastructure, which is a key element supporting the Transformation Programme, and support to the Building Schools for the Future programme, which was supporting the Council's preparatory work.

In broad terms the level of spend is likely to be at least at the same level owing to the Transformation Programme, which is delivering major savings as well as transforming Havering's services. In Social Care & Learning, the overwhelming majority of this work is funded by grant from government.

In response to a supplementary question, the Leader of the Council confirmed that consultants were used for their expertise in areas where expertise was not available in-house.

11 LONDON THAMES GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: ABOLITION

To the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement (Councillor Robert Benham)

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

When the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation is abolished, how will that impact on the planning process in Havering and Rainham?

Answer:

Consistent with its localism agenda, the coalition government has signalled its intention that planning decision making powers should be returned to the Boroughs. Discussion between the Boroughs and the Department of Communities and Local Government have commenced based upon an anticipated return date of April 2011, although this requires legislative changes which DCLG are leading on.

Currently Havering acts as a consultee on applications to be determined by LTGDC, although Havering receives the application fee and manages the notification/consultation process. In taking over the whole of the planning application process, there would be additional work required, particularly in connection with pre-application discussions, negotiating on proposals, agreeing conditions and legal agreements and managing negotiations with statutory consultees. There would also be additional work for the Council in the handling of appeals. The resource implications for the Planning section are currently being assessed.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member confirmed that he expected the return of planning powers to the Council to lead to improvements.

12 DECENT HOME STANDARD FUNDING

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Denis O'Flynn

Will she make a statement about the prospects for a continuation of Decent Homes Standard Funding for the next 4 financial years and the number of properties in the Borough due to be improved as a result thereof?

Answer:

The Coalition Government issued a Consultation Paper on 11th November, which confirmed the continuation of the Decent Homes Programme. The Consultation Paper sets a deadline for Local Authorities who have more than 10% non decent stock, to bid for the resources that have been made available in this programme. There is £1.6bn available for 49 authorities including Havering, and the funding is designed to bring 150,000 properties back up to the Decent Homes Standard. Havering will be submitting a bid for funding by the deadline, which is 11th January 2011, with the aim of bring all the remaining 57% of our housing stock which is currently non decent, back up to the Decent Homes Standard. However, this is likely to be spread over a longer period of time, than the next four years. Once we have received our allocation in February/March 2011, I will be able to confirm how many properties can achieve the Decent Homes Standard in the next four years.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member agreed that she would consider how best to communicate to tenants progress with the Decent Homes Programme.

13 TREES OVERHANGING PRIVATE PROPERTIES

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member explain why he allows residents properties to sustain damage as a result of trees overhanging their properties?

Answer:

If StreetCare are made aware of issues of overhanging highway trees, they will be inspected to ascertain what pruning is required as appropriate.

14 VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATIONS: HOLDING OF PUBLIC INQUIRIES

To the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement (Councillor Robert Benham)

By Councillor David Durant

When will the Public Inquiries into the Abbs Cross, Ongar Way and Gooshays Village Green applications be held? And can you explain how the rules regarding the 'appropriation of land' could impact on these applications.

Answer:

The applications for registration of parcels of land at Ongar Way and Abbs Cross have been registered and advertised and dates are currently being sought for non-statutory public inquiries in respect of both sites in the New Year. The application for a parcel of land east of Gooshays Drive has not yet been registered and the applicant has been invited to correct a number of issues with the application which are holding up its registration and advertising.

Prospective developers of land are increasingly concerned about any issues that affect the title of the land that they are seeking to acquire and the appropriation of land for planning purposes would reduce these concerns. The effect of appropriation for planning purposes, in conjunction with Sections 237 and 241 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, is that if there were any restrictive covenants affecting the land these would be cleared and appropriation would take precedence over applications to register land as town or village greens.

15 HOUSING WAITING LISTS – OVERCROWDING

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Pat Murray

How many Havering families on the Councils Housing waiting list are currently living in overcrowded homes?

Answer:

At 1 December 2010, there were 1,186 overcrowded households on the Housing Register, living in Havering and requiring at least one extra bedroom to be regarded as adequately housed.

16 PUBLICATION OF ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Leader confirm that all items of expenditure over £500 will be made public from 1st January 2011?

Answer:

The Council firmly supports the principle of transparent government and will be publishing this information in accordance with the guidance issued by the Secretary of State. All payments over the £500 threshold will be published apart from those exempted on the grounds of the Freedom of Information Acts, The Data Protection Act and the Environmental Information regulations. All other payments will be published and any commercially sensitive or privately confidential information will be redacted or removed. The Council intends to fully comply with the requirements of the regulation from January.

17 WALKWAY BETWEEN VIKING WAY AND UPMINSTER ROAD SOUTH, RAINHAM**To the Cabinet Member for Community Engagement (Councillor Robert Benham)**

By Councillor Mark Logan

I welcome investment in the Rainham Walkway, but what was the total cost of, and who funded, the Walkway and folly between Viking Way and Upminster Road South.

Answer:

The Council secured significant external funding for this vital link between the car park and the Village centre, and the Walkway is being funded by the following agencies:

London Thames Gateway Development Corporation -	£402,000	
Design for London		£100,000
Veolia Havering Riverside Trust - dedicated funding for the artwork/folly		£50,000
<i>Total</i>		<u>£552,000</u>

Although open, final elements of the scheme are still being constructed and as Members are aware, the scheme has encountered significant problems, which has necessitated additional works by the contractor. The final cost of the scheme is, therefore, still under negotiation with the contractor to seek to ensure the capital cost of the works is kept within the overall budget available.

18 HOUSING BENEFIT PROPOSED CHANGES: IMPACT ON HAVERING**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Keith Darvill

What is the predicted impact on the Borough of Havering of the Coalition Government's proposals in respect of Housing Benefit?

Answer:

The Housing Benefit staff have done a detailed analysis of the impact of the proposed changes to Housing benefit, and they have been working with staff in the Housing Department to work together to deal with the proposed changes. Members will be aware that there are a number of changes which were proposed which included:

- A fixed cap in the amount of money that Housing benefit would pay, for different sized properties (the Local Housing Allowance Rate or LHA rate). This proposal was originally intended to come into effect on 1st April 2011
- A calculation of the LHA rate based on the 30th percentile – this was due to come into effect in October 2011
- The calculation of Housing Benefit for people on Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) at 90% of the rent, if they have been on benefit for 12 months. This was due to come into effect in April 2013

- All benefits are due to be uprated in line with Consumer Price Index from April 2013
- Claimants who are between the ages of 25 and 35, who currently are entitled to LHA for a one bed property, will in future only be entitled to a room in a shared housed or “the shared room rate”. This change is due to come into effect in October 2011.
- An increase in the non-dependant deduction rate effective from April 2011.

There has been a lot of concern expressed about the scale and speed of the changes, and I can say that clearly, the Government have listened and responded to some of those concerns. There have been some recent changes to the proposals announced, which have the effect of enabling claimants to have more time to prepare for the changes. The amendments to the proposals are:

- Only new claims will be capped, from April 2011
- The rule that the LHA rate will be calculated at the 30th percentile has been brought forward for new claimants to April 2011
- All existing claimants will not have their Housing benefit re-assessed until the date of their Housing benefit renewal and then they will be granted a 9 months transitional period to either negotiate a lower rent, or seek alternative accommodation. This phases in the cap until December 2012 when all LHA claimants will be subject to it.
- Housing Benefit can be paid directly to landlords, where landlords are reducing their rents in line with the new LHA or a level close to that.

Staff have calculated the number of residents affected by the changes based on current LHA caseloads.

- There are 149 households affected by the change in the Shared room rate. They will lose on average £82 per week
- Other claimants are all affected by the change to the 30th percentile. These are:
 - 260 households in shared accommodation who will lose £6 per week;
 - 789 households in one bed accommodation who will lose £5.75pw
 - 1365 households in two bed accommodation who will lose £10.35pw on average
 - 494 households in 3 bed accommodation who will lose £11.31pw
 - 120 households in 4 bedroom property who will lose around £34 per week and
 - 16 households in 5 bed accommodation who will be paid benefit only at the 4 bed rate in the future.

19 **UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL: FINING PARENTS**
To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (Councillor Paul Rochford)
 By Councillor John Wood

Over each of the last three years, would the Cabinet Member set out the number and value of fines imposed on parents as a result of children being taken out of school during term time?

Answer:

Academic Year	Number of Fines	Value of Fines
2007/8	93	£4,650
2008/9	116	£5,800
2009/10	234	£11,700

20 **BUS LANE ENFORCEMENT****To the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment (Councillor Robert Benham)**

By Councillor David Durant

Are bus lanes in Havering enforced by the Council or by anyone else?

Answer:

They are enforced by the Metropolitan Police.

21 **FLY TIPPING: FIXED PENALTIES****To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor Nic Dodin

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how many fixed penalty notices have been issued this year for fly-tipping?

Answer:

None have been issued. Fly-tipping is an offence for which there is no authority or power to issue a fixed penalty notice, and it is an offence which carries a maximum penalty of an unlimited fine and a term of imprisonment. It is an offence which must be heard by a Court.

22 **OUTLYING CAR PARKS: INCOME****To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor John Mylod

In respect of outlying car parks, would the Cabinet Member set out for each of the last two years and projected for 2010/11:

- a) Budgeted Income levels
- b) Actual Income received

Answer:

The budgetary income figure is for all Havering's Surface Car Parks as the budget is not apportioned to each car park. However, income is apportioned to each car park and that is detailed in the split figures below:-

2008/09

Budget for all Surface Car Parks	£647,850
Actual Income for all Surface Car Parks	£654,459

Actual Income split:

Actual Income for Outlying Car Parks	£281,161
Actual Income from Romford Car Parks	£373,278

2009/10

Budget for all Surface Car Parks	£664,510
Actual Income for all Surface Car Parks	£661,321

Actual Income split:

Actual Income for Outlying Car Parks	£286,927
Actual Income from Romford Car Parks	£374,394

2010/11 up to period 8

Full year Budget for all Surface Car Parks	£644,400
Actual Income for all Surface Car Parks	£445,872

Actual Income split:

Actual Income for Outlying Car Parks	£190,347
Actual Income from Romford Car Parks	£255,525

23 PRIMARY CARE TRUST: DEBT

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Ron Ower

Would the Cabinet Member advise the current level of debt owed to the council by the PCT?

Answer:

Officers of the LA and Havering PCT are in regular contact over debt. Clearly the position changes each time an additional invoice is raised but from the debtors list considered at a recent meeting with the PCT, less than £50,000 was outstanding. This is not considered to be a significant sum and is likely to reduce as queries are resolved.

24 BED BLOCKING: FINES PAYABLE TO NHS BODIES

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet member confirm that Havering Council has not been fined by the NHS for bed blocking over the past 4 years; and if there has been, the amount in each of the relevant years?

Answer:

The council has been fined over the past 4 years and this is outlined in the table below:

07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11 (as at end of October)
£120,240	£83,640	£99,720	£83,400

25 CAR ALLOWANCES

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Leader please set out how many staff members receive a car allowance and what is the total that has been paid in the each of the last three years and the current year up to 31st October 2010?

Answer:

The following numbers of staff receive a car allowance:

Year	Number of employees
2010/2011	210
2009/2010	219
2008/2009	215
2007/2008	216

The total that has been paid in each of the last three years and the current year up to 31st October 2010 is:

Year	Total Amount
2010/2011	£113,927
2009/2010	£189,667
2008/2009	£168,912
2007/2008	£163,598

26 STREET LIGHTING: USE OF SOLAR PANELS

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

Would the Cabinet Member advise if any consideration has been given to powering illuminated street signs by solar panels (similar to the vehicle activated 30 mph warning signs) as this may generate savings in energy costs and be more environmentally friendly?

Answer:

To convert to Solar power would be expensive and the return would not be seen for over 25 years.

However StreetCare staff along with colleagues in Finance & Commerce are currently exploring options to –

- de-illuminate any signs that do not need to be lit;
- put photocells in all signs so as to reduce burning hours from 24hrs to dawn-to-dusk, saving around 66% in energy; and
- replace the electrical equipment in the signs with LED which will save around 30% energy compared to a normal Fluorescent type.

27 QUEEN'S THEATRE: TICKET SALES

To the Cabinet Member for Towns & Communities (Councillor Andrew Curtin)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

During the last 12 months to the end of October 2010, would the Cabinet Member advise how many tickets were sold for all events and performances at the Queens Theatre?

Answer:

For the 12 months up to and including October 2010, 180,694 tickets were sold for all events and performances at the Queens Theatre.

28 **STREET LIGHTING: HOURS OF OPERATION**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that the Council will not reduce the hours of operations of Streetlights from current levels?

Answer:

I can confirm that the Council has no plans to reduce the hours of operation of street lights at present, but there is already in operation a photocell that saves 30mins per day by coming on 15mins later and going off 15mins earlier.

29 **MANDATORY COUNCIL SERVICES**

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Leader of the Council provide a list of all services that have to be provided by law?

Answer:

There is no definitive list and in order to complete this substantial piece of work resources would have to be re-directed from other parts of the organisation.

Just as an indication of the level of work, the Council's Constitution contains some statutory provisions which can be found in Part 3, Section 4. Councillor Morgon will see the difficulties here in that some of the powers are described as powers and some as duties and there are 53 of these just relating to functions which cannot be the responsibility of the Executive.

Given the wide range of legislation affecting local government each legislative provision would need to be considered to determine if it was a power, a function or a duty. In respect of those where there was a duty, consideration would then need to be given to the level of that duty and whether there was a discretionary element.

VOTING RECORD

<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	1	2
The Mayor [Cllr. Pam Light]	O	O
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Melvin Wallace]	X	✓
<u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</u>		
Cllr. Michael White	X	✓
Cllr. Michael Armstrong	A	A
Cllr. Robert Benham	X	✓
Cllr. Becky Bennett	X	✓
Cllr. Sandra Binion	X	✓
Cllr. Jeff Brace	X	✓
Cllr. Wendy Brice-Thompson	X	✓
Cllr. Dennis Bull	X	✓
Cllr. Andrew Curtin	A	A
Cllr. Osman Dervish	X	✓
Cllr. Ted Eden	A	A
Cllr. Roger Evans	X	✓
Cllr. Georgina Galpin	X	✓
Cllr. Peter Gardner	X	✓
Cllr. Lesley Kelly	X	✓
Cllr. Steven Kelly	X	✓
Cllr. Robby Misir	X	✓
Cllr. Eric Munday	X	✓
Cllr. Barry Oddy	X	✓
Cllr. Frederick Osborne	X	✓
Cllr. Gary Pain	X	✓
Cllr. Roger Ramsey	X	✓
Cllr. Paul Rochford	X	✓
Cllr. Geoffrey Starns	X	✓
Cllr. Billy Taylor	X	✓
Cllr. Barry Tebbutt	X	✓
Cllr. Frederick Thompson	X	✓
Cllr. Lynden Thorpe	X	✓
Cllr. Linda Trew	X	✓
Cllr. Keith Wells	X	✓
Cllr. Damian White	X	✓
<u>RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>		
Cllr. Clarence Barrett	A	A
Cllr. June Alexander	O	✓
Cllr. Nic Dodin	O	✓
Cllr. Brian Eagling	O	✓
Cllr. Gillian Ford	A	A
Cllr. Linda Hawthorn	O	✓
Cllr. Barbara Matthews	X	✓
Cllr. Ray Morgon	O	✓
Cllr. John Mylod	X	✓
Cllr. Ron Ower	O	✓
Cllr. Linda Van den Hende	O	✓
Cllr. John Wood	X	✓
<u>LABOUR GROUP</u>		
Cllr. Keith Darvill	✓	X
Cllr. Denis Breading	✓	X
Cllr. Paul McGeary	O	X
Cllr. Pat Murray	O	X
Cllr. Denis O'Flynn	O	X
<u>INDEPENDENT LOCAL RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>		
Cllr. Jeffery Tucker	✓	X
Cllr. Michael Deon Burton	✓	X
Cllr. David Durant	✓	X
Cllr. Mark Logan	A	A
TOTALS		
YES	5	39
NO	32	8
ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	11	1
DECLARATION OF INTEREST/NO VOTE	0	0
ABSENT FROM MEETING	6	6
	54	54

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INTEREST DECLARED ID



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QUESTIONS

1 BRANFIL SCHOOL: ACCOMMODATION ISSUES

To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (Councillor Paul Rochford)
By Councillor Gillian Ford

Branfil Primary School, Upminster, is in part constructed from concrete with asbestos roofs and demountables that are no longer fit for purpose. Would the Cabinet Member advise this Council what financial support will be given to Branfil Primary School to bring the school up to a suitable standard?

2 COMMUNITY FOREST - PROPOSED PRIVATISATION

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)
By Councillor Keith Darvill

What is the Administration's response to the Government's consultation paper on the proposed privatisation of Community Forests and Forestry Commission land?

3 POLICE ALLOCATED TO HAVERING

To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Councillor Geoffrey Starns)
By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

How does Havering's allocation of police officers compare to other areas within the Greater London Authority?

4 **PARKING FACILITIES AT ROMFORD ICE RINK**

To the Cabinet Member for Towns & Communities (Councillor Andrew Curtin)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm why the Ice Rink operator has been allowed to set up parking meters on council land and be allowed to keep all car parking receipts, together with any parking fines income?

5 **IMPROVEMENTS TO AIR QUALITY IN THE BOROUGH**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Denis Breading

How will he ensure that those parts of the Borough especially badly affected by pollution emissions will improve their air quality in the next 12 months?"

6 **LAND AT ONGAR WAY AND ABBS CROSS LANE, GOOSHAYS DRIVE AND ONGAR WAY**

To the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment (Councillor Robert Benham)

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Over the Christmas period the Council issued a Public Notice announcing the appropriation of land for planning purposes at Ongar Way and Gooshays.

Is this to enable the land to be sold for development and/or to enable development to take place, before the Public Inquiries into the respective Village Green applications are held?

Does the Administration have any dates for when the Public Inquiries into the Ongar Way, Gooshays and Abbs Cross Village Green applications will be held?

7 **OYSTER CARDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (Councillor Paul Rochford)

By Councillor John Wood

The 'Earn Your Travel Back' initiative is aimed at 11-18 year olds who have had their Oyster card deactivated due to breaches of the Transport for London Behaviour Card. These young people have the chance to earn their card back by taking part in conservation schemes in the local area. Would the Cabinet Member advise how many of them in Havering have been involved in this worthwhile initiative?

8 **STREET LIGHTING - BRIAR ROAD ESTATE**

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Denis O'Flynn

When will the long awaited improvements to street lighting in the Briar Road Estate be implemented?

9 **MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL HOUSING**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Mark Logan

Will the London borough of Havering allow the transfer of all council housing ownership and management responsibilities to be passed over to a community form committee management group of council tenants.

10 **COST OF ANNUAL PARKING DISCS**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

Would the Cabinet Member explain the rationale behind increasing the cost of an annual parking disc from £13.20 to £36?

11 **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS - BIDDING PROCESS**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Pat Murray

What consideration is being given to revise the present bidding process which many residents find difficult to navigate?

12 **GOVERNMENT GRANT FORMULAS: JUDICIAL REVIEW**

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor David Durant

How much, as an estimate, would it cost Havering council to launch a Judicial Review of the biased grant formulas that have penalised Havering for over 20 years?

13 **THAMES CHASE COMMUNITY FOREST**

To the Cabinet Member for Towns & Communities (Councillor Andrew Curtin)

By Councillor Ron Ower

The Thames Chase Community Forest is an invaluable community asset that has received tremendous support over the years from this Council. Would the Cabinet Member please confirm that this Council will continue to support the work of Thames Chase?

14 **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF KING GEORGE HOSPITAL**

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Paul McGeary

What representations have been made by the Administration to the NHS about the proposed closure of Accident & Emergency and maternity facilities at King George Hospital, Ilford in view of the adverse impact on Queens Hospital Romford?

15 **PROMOTING ST GEORGE'S DAY**

To the Cabinet Member for Towns & Communities (Councillor Andrew Curtin)

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

Will the Administration be promoting St George's Day throughout Havering this year and encouraging voluntary groups to do the same?

16 **MISUSE OF DISABLED PARKING BAYS**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Gillian Ford

Would the Cabinet Member set out what measures are in place to tackle misuse of disabled parking bays across the borough?

17 **DEVELOPMENT IN ONGAR WAY**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Linda Michael Deon-Burton

Why is the Council trying to impose high-density, high-rise flats at Ongar Way, rather than a quality development, when so many of the existing flats and houses are empty and/or in need of refurbishment?

18 **BED BLOCKING**

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member explain why he has allowed an average of £100,000 of Council Tax-payers money to be wasted over each of the past 4 years in respect of fines for bed blocking?

19 **CHIEF OFFICERS' PAY**

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Mark Logan

Who are the top ten highest paid officers at the council and what are they paid?

20 **COMPENSATION FOR RESIDENTS' INJURIES SUSTAINED ON THE STREET**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how many claims have been submitted to the council in each of the past four years by residents who have sustained a loss and/or injury as a result of tripping on a defective road or pavement and how much compensation has been paid out in the respective periods?

21 **SOLAR PANELS ON TOWN HALL ROOF**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

How much electricity, as an estimate, was generated by the Town Hall roof solar panels between Nov 1st 2010 and Feb 1st 2011 and does this provide good value for money?

22 **PRIORITY FOR ROAD GRITTING**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

Would the Cabinet Member confirm if residential roads on steep inclines are given any specific priority in respect of gritting during spells of snow and ice?

23 **SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS – RECOVERING PAYMENTS**

To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Following the disclosure of unpaid 106 agreements, what measures are being taken to ensure these monies are paid, particularly when planning approval is often only granted because of these agreements.

24 **SCHOOL STAFF: CRB CHECKS**

To the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning (Councillor Paul Rochford)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that no member of staff is allowed to work in any Havering school until a CRB check has been submitted and the results of the check is in the possession of the respective Head Teacher?

25 **ACHIEVEING THE DECENT HOMES STANDARD**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Mark Logan

Are we on target to meet the decent homes standard?

26 **HAVERING CCTV CONTROL ROOM**

To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Councillor Geoffrey Starns)

By Councillor Michael Deon Burton

Is there a specific reason why, after years of demanding discretion and confidentiality about the location of the Havering CCTV Control Room (see report to Cabinet, Item 12 dated 17th March 2010), that the location of the Control Room has now been openly published?



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<p>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</p>
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6 PETITIONS

The Mayor has agreed that Councillor Keith Darvill may also present a petition.

Councillor Darvill had attempted to submit his request on time but an IT problem meant that his request was received after the deadline.

8 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 17 will be asked by Councillor Michael Deon Burton.

10 HEALTH SERVICES IN HAVERING AND REDBRIDGE

For the avoidance of doubt, please note that the Notes following item 10B Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group, are intended to illustrate:

In the case of Note 1, the position if the Administration's amendment is defeated but the Residents' Group motion and Labour Group amendment are both carried

In the case of Note2, the position if both amendments are carried (and thus the Residents' Group motion is defeated).

If the Administration amendment is carried but the Labour Group amendment is defeated, the text of the motion as carried will be that of the Administration amendment.