

London Borough of Havering
COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2005
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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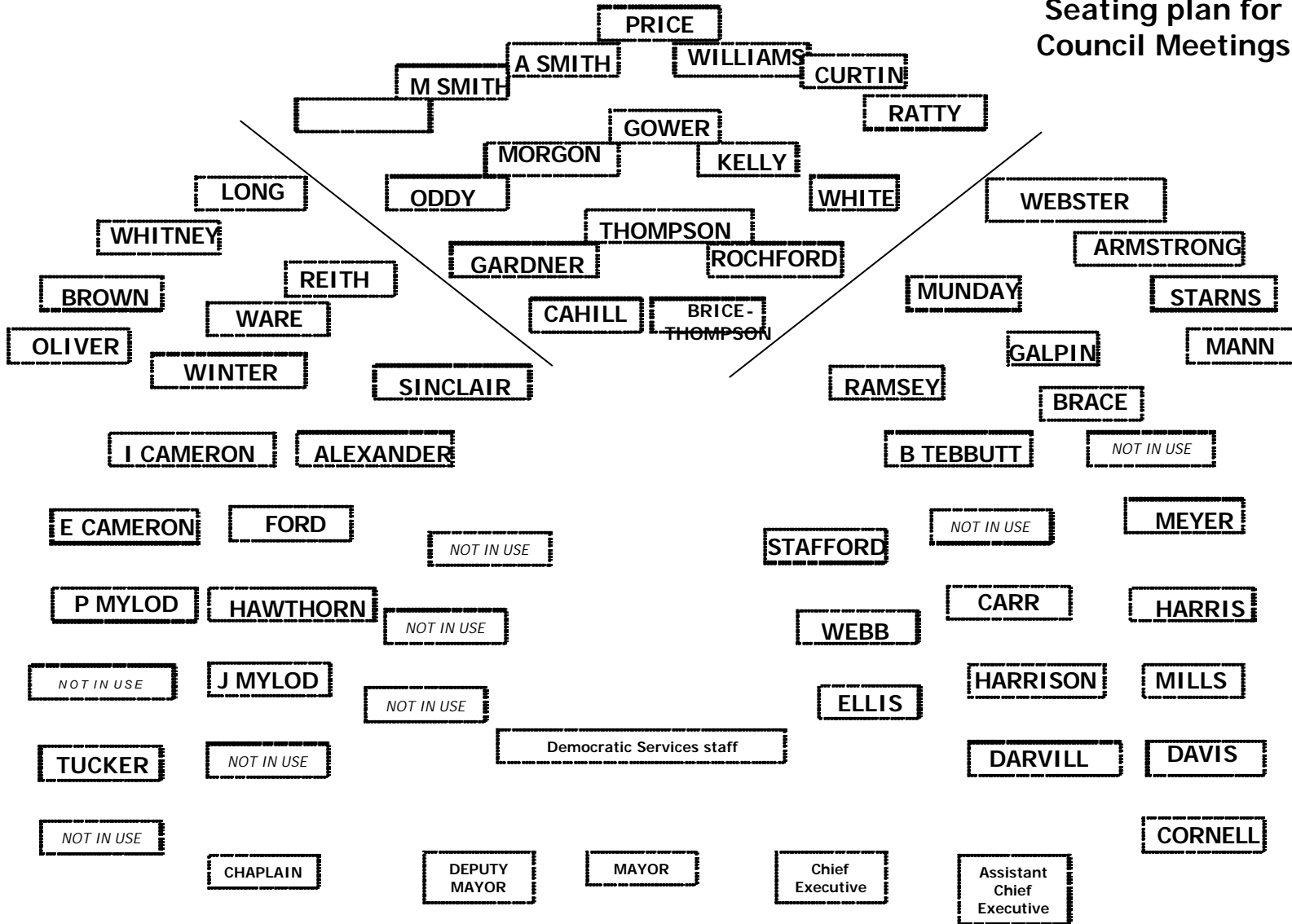
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- 1 **PRAYERS** will be said by Captain Richard Borrett of the Salvation Army

- 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 13 July 2005 (attached)

- 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.

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

- 6 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

To consider a recommendation of the Governance Committee relating to a change to the Constitution (report attached)

- 7 **BUDGET FRAMEWORK PROCEDURE RULES: URGENT DECISION OUTSIDE THE BUDGET – Corporate Office Property Strategy – report of Chief Executive (attached)**

- 8 **YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2005/6**

To consider the recommendation of the Cabinet (report attached).

- 9 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (attached)**

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This Council notes the response from the Leader of the Council on 13 July regarding community development. It also notes that it is more than 3 years since the administration commenced a review of Area Committees with no outcome to date. Given the importance attached to community development by the Comprehensive Performance Assessment this Council formally reprimands the Administration for its failure to address this issue with the expedition it clearly requires.

10A Amendment by the Administration**Amend to read:**

This Council notes that following a lengthy, in-depth and far reaching review of Area Committees by an All Party Working Group proposals have been considered by the Administration and a draft report will, after discussions between Group Leaders, be brought forward for consideration by the Council as a whole.

11 LICENSING APPLICATIONS – NOTIFYING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**Motion on behalf of the Residents Group**

This Council will introduce a more efficient way of notifying a local community of any licensing applications in their locality.

11A Amendment by the Administration**Amend to read:**

This Council requests the Chief Executive to submit a report to the Licensing Committee and to Cabinet as to the notification of local communities of any licensing applications in the localities, such report to include a full explanation of the difficulties caused to local councils by the legislation imposed upon us by the present Government.

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11B Amendment by the Labour Group

Add at the end:

, in particular, given the extensive criticism which the Administration made of the enabling legislation, the need to remedy the failure to harness effectively the additional powers given to local residents to influence the outcome of such applications.

[**Note** – the motion would then read:

This Council will introduce a more efficient way of notifying a local community of any licensing applications in their locality, in particular, given the extensive criticism which the Administration made of the enabling legislation, the need to remedy the failure to harness effectively the additional powers given to local residents to influence the outcome of such applications.]

12 GREEN BAG GARDEN REFUSE COLLECTION

Motion on behalf of the Residents Group

This Council instigates a general review of the green bag scheme, in particular costs, charges and possible grants.

12A Amendment by the Administration

Amend to read:

This Council welcomes the review that the Administration has completed in relation to the collection of green waste and notes that proposals will be put forward shortly detailing the scheme planned to start in early 2006.

Note:

The deadline for receipt of any amendments to the reports first published with this final Agenda is **midnight, Monday 10 October 2005**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING
Havering Town Hall, Romford
13 July 2005 (7.30 p.m. – 9.02 p.m.)**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor John Mylod) in the Chair at the start of the meeting

Councillors June Alexander, Mike Armstrong, Jeffrey Brace, Wendy Brice-Thompson, Edward Cahill, Eileen Cameron, Ivor Cameron, Graham Carr, Yve Cornell, Andrew Curtin, Keith Darvill, Jan Davis, Tony Ellis, Gillian Ford, Georgina Galpin, Peter Gardner, Jean Gower, Ray Harris, Bill Harrison, Linda Hawthorn, Steven Kelly, Len Long, Andrew Mann, Nigel Meyer, Wilf Mills, Raymond Morgon, Eric Munday, Pat Mylod, Barry Oddy, Denis O'Flynn, Chris Oliver, Graham Price, Roger Ramsey, Natasha Ratty, Barbara Reith, Paul Rochford, Louise Sinclair, Alex Smith, Martin Smith, Geoffrey Starns, Jeff Stafford, Alby Tebbutt, Barry Tebbutt, Frederick Thompson, Jeffery Tucker, Owen Ware, Harry Webb, Joseph Webster, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Daryl Williams and Mike Winter

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Malvin Brown.

Fifteen guests, members of public and press also attended.

The Reverend John Hayes of St Mary's Roman Catholic School, Hornchurch opened the meeting with prayers.

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

18 STATEMENT FROM LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (Agenda Item 5)

The Mayor announced that he had altered the order of the agenda to allow agenda item 5 to be taken first.

The Leader of the Council made a statement on the events of Thursday 7 July (the other Group Leaders associated themselves with his remarks) and on other matters. The text of the statements is set out at **Appendix A to these minutes**.

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19 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 5)

The Mayor's announcements are set out at **Appendix B to these minutes**.

20 MINUTES (Agenda Item 3)

It was **RESOLVED** –

That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 25 May and 27 June 2005 be signed as a true record.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 4)

Councillor Barry Tebbutt and Councillor Alby Tebbutt declared prejudicial interests under paragraph 10 of the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of Agenda Item 14, Use of Council-provided mobile telephone by Councillor Alby Tebbutt.

22 PETITIONS (Agenda Item 6)

Under paragraph 22 of the Council Procedure Rules three Members presented petitions.

Councillor Linda Hawthorn presented a petition of 57 residents calling upon the Council to provide the green plastic sacks for use for garden refuse, free of charge, if only for a limited period of time in the year.

Councillor Stafford presented a petition of 120 residents in Whitchurch Road and the surrounding area calling upon the Council to take action to deal with traffic volumes and speed in Whitchurch Road.

Councillor Wilf Mills presented a petition of 61 names received in the form of letters, by means of a list and via e-mail, objecting to the Council selling land at Roneo Corner for development purposes.

The Mayor reported that the petitions would be passed on to the appropriate Heads of Service for attention or report to Members.

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23 REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL - EXERCISE OF REGULATORY FUNCTIONS (Agenda item 7)

Council considered the report of the Governance Committee which recommended that the revised delegated powers of the Head of Planning appended to the report be adopted, and the Constitution amended accordingly.

As set out in the Second Supplementary Agenda, the Administration indicated it wished to move an amendment to the proposal as follows -

In paragraph 5 of the Appendix to the report, delete the words "who requests it" at the end of line1/beginning of line2 and the final sentence; and insert after "in writing" in line 4, "or orally".

The recommendation as amended was **AGREED** without going to a vote and it was **RESOLVED**

That, subject to an amendment to paragraph 5 of the list in the appendix to read –

Notification may be by a list of applications sent to each member; the deadline date shown on the list will not be less than seven days after the notification. A request from a member must be made in writing or orally to either the Head of Planning or the Planning Control Manager personally,

the revised delegated powers of the Head of Planning appended to the report be adopted, and the Constitution amended accordingly.

24 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT (AGENDA ITEM 8)

Council received the annual reports of the six Overview and Scrutiny Committees for 2004/05 presented by the Committees' Chairmen. The receipt of each of the reports was **AGREED** without going to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** -

- 1 That the annual report of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed.**
- 2 That the annual report of the Culture and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed.**

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- 3 That the annual report of the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed.
- 4 That the annual report of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed.
- 5 That the annual report of the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed.
- 6 That the annual report of the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee be agreed.

25 MEMBER CHAMPIONS: ANNUAL REPORTS (Agenda Item 9)

The Council received a report of the Chief Executive which recommended that the Council received reports of the four Champions appointed by the Council. Each Champion presented their report. The recommendation in the Chief Executive's Report was **AGREED** without going to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** -

- 1 That the Council received the report of the Diversity Champion.
- 2 That the Council received the report of the Elderly Person's Champion.
- 3 That the Council received the report of the Historic Environment Champion.
- 4 That the Council received the report of the Younger Person's Champion.

26 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN (Agenda Item 10)

Council received the report of Cabinet on this plan which recommended that the Council endorses the plan as finally published on 30 June 2005. The recommendation in the report was **AGREED** without going to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** -

That Council endorses the plan as finally published on 30 June 2005.

27 CORPORATE PLANNING PROCESS (Agenda Item 11)

Council considered the report of Cabinet submitted with the concurrence of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee which recommended that the Plan approach, the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Performance Report be adopted by Council.

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The recommendation was **AGREED** without going to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** -

That the Corporate Development Plan approach, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Performance Report be adopted by Council.

28 COMMUNITY STRATEGY (Agenda item 12)

Council considered the report of Cabinet on the update which recommended that Council endorsed the content of the 2005/06 Community Strategy Update.

The recommendation was **AGREED** as normal without going to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** -

That Council endorses the content of the 2005/06 Community Strategy Update.

29 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (Agenda Item 13)

Twelve questions were listed to be asked under the Council procedure rules. The questions and answers are set out in emboldened and underlined in **Appendix C to these minutes.**

30 PROCEDURE

It was noted that the Group Leaders had agreed that the remaining items on the agenda should be dealt with on a vote only basis and Council **AGREED** that the remaining items be dealt with by vote only.

31 USE OF COUNCIL-PROVIDED MOBILE TELEPHONE BY COUNCILLOR ALBY TEBBUTT (Agenda Item 14)

Having earlier declared a pecuniary interest Councillors Alby Tebbutt and Barry Tebbutt left the room and took no part in this item.

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

Given the reports in the press regarding the extortionate mobile phone bills incurred by Councillor Tebbutt whilst on holiday in Hawaii and given the failure of the member to identify the nature of Council business which led to these bills, this Council agrees to refer the matter to the Standards Committee for investigation.

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The Standards Committee should be asked to investigate, inter alia, the following issues:

1. On what and whose authority Councillor Tebbutt had a Council mobile telephone at that time, given that he had ceased to be a member of the Cabinet;
2. The nature of the Council business (as Chair of Regulatory Services) that required the degree of contact he deemed necessary and which incurred such high costs;
3. Why the Council business concerned could not be managed by professional officers and the Vice Chair of the Committee;
4. On what basis the decision was made to require only 50% of the bill to be re-imbursed and the basis on which personal and business caller use was determined.

The Standards Committee should be asked to report urgently and by no later than the Autumn.

Amendment by the Administration (Agenda Item 14A)

Amend to read:

This Council notes that the mobile phone bills incurred by Councillor Tebbutt are the subject of scrutiny by the Chairman of the Audit Committee with a view to a report to that Committee in due course.

Alteration by Labour Group (Agenda Item 14B)

The Labour Group sought consent to alter their motion as follows:

Add "and/or Audit Committee" after "Standards Committee"

Add "and/or Audit Committee as appropriate" after "Standards Committee" in line 5

Add "and/or Audit Committee as appropriate" after "Standards Committee" in the penultimate line

Council gave consent to the alteration to the Labour Group's motion without going to a vote. The Administration amendment (14A) was **LOST** 24 votes to 26 (see division 1). The Labour Group motion, as altered, was **CARRIED** 25 votes to nil (see division 2) and it was **RESOLVED** -

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Given the reports in the press regarding the extortionate mobile phone bills incurred by Councillor Tebbutt whilst on holiday in Hawaii and given the failure of the member to identify the nature of Council business which led to these bills, this Council agrees to refer the matter to the Standards Committee and/or Audit Committee for investigation.

The Standards Committee and/or Audit Committee as appropriate are asked to investigate, inter alia, the following issues:

1. On what and whose authority Councillor Tebbutt had a Council mobile telephone at that time, given that he had ceased to be a member of the Cabinet;
2. The nature of the Council business (as Chair of Regulatory Services) that required the degree of contact he deemed necessary and which incurred such high costs;
3. Why the Council business concerned could not be managed by professional officers and the Vice Chair of the Committee;
4. On what basis the decision was made to require only 50% of the bill to be re-imbursed and the basis on which personal and business caller use was determined.

The Standards Committee and/or Audit Committee as appropriate are asked to report urgently and by no later than the Autumn.

(Councillors Alby Tebbutt and Barry Tebbutt were recalled to the room)

32 COUNCIL TAX – PAYMENTS BY INSTALMENT (Agenda Item 15)

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

This Council agrees to review the due date, i.e. first of the month, for those paying Council Tax by monthly instalments.

Amendment by the Administration (Agenda Item 15A)

Amend to read:

This Council notes that the Administration is undertaking a review of the due date, ie first of the month, for those paying Council Tax by monthly instalments and that the matter will be considered as part of the budget process

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The mover of the motion indicated acceptance of the amendment. The motion as amended was **AGREED** without going to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** –

This Council notes that the administration is undertaking a review of the due date, ie first of the month, for those paying Council Tax by monthly instalments and that the matter will be considered as part of the budget process.

33 “LIVING IN HAVERING” MAGAZINE (Agenda Item 16)

Motion on behalf of the Residents’ Group

This Council agrees to review and revise the style and content of Living Magazine.

Amendment by the Administration (Agenda Item 16A)

Delete the words “and revise” so that the motion would now read:

This Council agrees to review the style and contents of Living Magazine.

The mover of the motion indicated acceptance of the amendment. The motion, as amended was **AGREED** without going to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** –

This Council agrees to review the style and contents of Living Magazine.

34 CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: VICE-CHAIRMAN (Agenda Item 17)

The Mayor indicated that this motion had been accepted in accordance with paragraph 11.2 of the Council Procedure Rules as he was satisfied that it qualified as an “emergency motion”.

Motion on behalf of the Residents’ Group

That Cllr Linda Hawthorn be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee in succession to Cllr Barbara Reith.

The motion was **AGREED** without going to the vote and it was **RESOLVED** –

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That Councillor Linda Hawthorn be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in succession to Councillor Barbara Reith.

(Note the voting divisions are set out in Appendix 4 to these minutes)

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**Appendix 1
(see minute 18)**

**Statement of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Michael White
Councillor Barbara Reith and Councillor Ray Harris and statements of the
Opposition Group Leaders**

Mr Mayor, on behalf of the Council, I wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who have lost lives and those who have been injured, in Thursday's London bombing outrage

Last year, I proposed to Council a simple and unequivocal statement of commitment on equalities and diversity, which was fully supported by my colleague Group Leaders.

This statement noted:

"I believe that to maintain the vibrancy of the Borough, to ensure its continuing economic vitality and to sustain it at a desirable pace in which to live and work, the Council must ensure that it operates in support of inclusivity.

Together, we as Councillors have a responsibility to govern on behalf of all the people in the Borough."

This statement is even more pertinent following last Thursday's tragic and horrific events. I want to clearly reaffirm my commitment to diversity.

Those who sought to bring discord to our city will discover that London's diversity is its strength and that it will not be shaken.

Our message is that bigotry, racism or religious intolerance has no place in London. We are united as one World City in that cause.

If we look at the names and pictures of those who are missing following last Thursday outrage then London's diversity is clear to us all.

Those affected came from all nations, from all faiths and from none.

This is London's strength. It is a great World City, which will deliver a wonderful Olympics precisely because of its diversity.

I would like to pay tribute to everyone in the Borough who worked together last week to ensure we responded effectively and efficiently to the crisis.

We were able to provide support to the rest of London and ensure our services were working normally as soon as possible.

Special arrangements were made to ensure that all school children and Social Services' clients got home safely, our own emergency services operated as normal, switchboard provision was extended to answer residents' concerns and stand-by facilities were made available for displaced and injured people (mercifully these were not called-upon).

Terrorism will not succeed.

Over the coming months we will need to be even more mindful of the threat that faces us but by standing shoulder to shoulder with all of London's communities, Havering's residents, businesses, faith groups, voluntary organisations and public services will show the world, that those who seek our destruction will fail.

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Statement by Councillor Barbara Reith, Leader of the Opposition

Firstly, I would like to say how much I agree wholeheartedly and endorse every word that the Leader has just said and I speak tonight myself as a Londoner born and bred. I am extremely proud of and I delight in London's diversity. Our multi-faceted community shared the euphoria of the news last Wednesday just as it shared the pain and horror of events the following morning. I doubt we will ever know the real truth behind Thursday's bombings because throughout the years terrorists all over the world have claimed their cruel acts are either in support of their culture or religion. Neither is true they represent only their vicious selves. Their communities are ashamed of them and I am sure that each atrocity appals their particular god.

London is described as a rich tapestry, the best and the brightest in the world. As a biased Londoner I wholeheartedly agree. Its diversity is its strength. It always was, it is and always will be. So here am I a Londoner with friends living across London, a sister of a family spread throughout London and the mother of a son and daughter-in-law who work in the heart of the City. Am I concerned about their safety, yes? Will I allow myself to get paranoid, no? More importantly do I look at any of my fellow Londoners with fear and suspicion, absolutely not?

Now I would like to address those who threaten us whether they are involved in terrorism or using these tragic events to further their vile and bigoted and often political ends. Listen now to London's message. Sometimes we don't like each other and sometimes we don't agree with each other but you will not divide us because we are strong and we are one so bring it on.

Statement by Councillor Ray Harris, Leader of the Labour Group

I have obviously listened to what my colleagues have said and agree with everything that they said. The Labour Group would obviously want to be associated with the sentiments expressed regarding the abominable acts on Thursday and our thoughts and wishes go out to the families and friends of those who were injured or killed in that abominable act.

The sad thing about last Thursday's event, its always wrong and its always sad when people die in whatever set of circumstances but the circumstances in which the events took place last Thursday were that many people who were ordinary working people on their way to work had no political purpose about them whatsoever, and had no real interest probably in whatever political cause the perpetrators represented. They found themselves in a horrific situation and many of them subsequently were dead. The fact that the extent of the victims stretched across all cultures is sadly in one sense a sign of our healthy multi-cultural society so in a sense the fact that that occurred in that way meant that at least the press treated the situation responsibly and they didn't seek to try and highlight particular elements of our society or community as being implicit in any actions that had taken place. I think it's a sign of our strength that the following day London was back to business as usual, I think that demonstrates the strength of our community I think it demonstrates the strength of our democracy and I think we should pay tribute to that.

I also want to pay tribute to the emergency services and the excellent way in which they responded to the crisis that then ensued and dealt with the tragedy that unfolded before them so Mr Mayor as I say I would like to be associated with those comments made by my colleagues, I think that we ought to be tomorrow supporting those commemorative acts that are taking place across London and as part of that I think what we should do is at least from this take comfort from the fact that we are part of a multi-cultural and democratic society which is very strong and will not be bowed by the events of last Thursday and long may it remain so. Thank you Mr Mayor.

Statement of the Leader of the Council (continued)

Mr Mayor the tragedy of Thursday followed the announcement by the IOC that London had been selected to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games. The impact of the Games for London, including Havering will be tremendous. Havering is 12 minutes from The Olympic zone within the Thames Gateway and is well placed to take advantage of the tourism, culture, and the regeneration that will come from having the games within the Gateway.

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The Games will provide opportunities for local businesses that operate in sectors relevant to the Games and for Havering to build on its sports and cultural economy. This will be in both the lead up to the games, during and after. The voyage of the Olympic Friendship will also inspire and reinforce a number of educational initiatives

In Havering there are opportunities to use the Games to promote education, Fair Play, Respect and learning new physical skills. There are also opportunities to promote and encourage healthy lifestyles linked to the Games.

It is anticipated that there will be a massive surge of interest in sport amongst young people, leading to increased demands for opportunities to participate in a range of activities, or to train more seriously and develop as athletes. This has impact not only for the Council and the facilities it provides but for a wide range of voluntary clubs and associations.

Mr Mayor I hope that the decision to bring the games to London will inspire the youth of Havering into action. Who knows there could be in our community right now a new Seb Coe or Dalley Thompson. The challenge for us is to ensure that Havering maximises the potential it could gain from the games and therefore I have decided to set-up a small working group, of senior officers and executives, chaired by myself to co-ordinate the opportunities that Havering could gain from the games.

Mr Mayor, This Administration has a proud record of delivering on its promises. Across a wide range of policy initiatives we have kept our promises and made them a reality. The one exception to this record has been any proposals around Romford swimming pool. Over the past year both the current and previous cabinet members for culture have been working hard with senior officers to work up proposals for the new Romford pool.

I understand from my colleague that he has now had a form A to sign that starts the process of establishing a pool for Romford.

Therefore I can announce this evening that it is this Administration's intention to establish a new swimming pool and ice rink for Romford on the current ice rink site at Oldchurch Park.

The new ice rink will be a direct replacement for the existing rink and alongside it will be a new 8 lane 25 metre swimming pool.

The next stage in the process is for a more detail proposal to be worked through, and a report to be presented to Cabinet, before public consultation can take place. Like the Olympics this is good news for Havering and great news for our residents.

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**APPENDIX 2
(See minute 18)**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are a number of announcements I am pleased to be making tonight.

This has been an extremely busy time for the council and for the Mayoress and I.

In the past few weeks we have attended numerous events where we have met our young citizens and our veterans, both of whom we can be proud.

The remembrance service and parade that was held as part of the 60th anniversary to celebrate the end of World War II, was unforgettable.

This was superbly organised to the same high standard of other council events we have attended, especially the 40th anniversary celebrations of the union of Romford and Hornchurch and 540 years of the Liberty of Havering.

I would like to thank all the staff involved in making the events such as the Civic Dinner, Party in the Park, and Langtons concert such a success for everyone to enjoy.

We are looking forward to attending the Havering Show during the August bank holiday weekend and hope to see you there.

As I said this has been a busy time for the council. We have played host to visitors from the Beijing Civil Affairs Bureau, Tim O'Toole, London Underground's Managing Director and Sir Digby Jones, the Director General of the Confederation of Business and Industry.

We have also received the results of two rigorous inspections that have found that our services in Housing and Children's Social Services are improving.

The Commission of Social Care awarded a two star rating to Children's Social Services and the Audit Commission gave the housing service a one star rating. Well done to all the staff concerned.

We have also had the privilege of attending events where our young people played a major part.

The Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards again highlighted the success of our students.

At the London Youth Games Havering came a very creditable fifth and our young athletes conducted themselves admirably.

It was the same story at the North East London Scouts AGM, which was attended by representatives from East London Boroughs. I am proud to say that Havering's scouts guides and scout leaders swept the board of awards.

It was an honour to meet such fine young ambassadors and I am extending that opportunity to you this evening. I have invited four representatives of the youth of Havering who were at Sports Aid London Excellence and Achievement Awards to come here tonight.

I would like to ask each of them to come up to receive their certificate.

Robert Clark has studied karate since the age of six and has competed since 1999, winning many trophies and medals.

Chloe Van Wulven is an athlete and has represented England, both nationally and internationally.

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Mitchell Keil achieved black belt grading at nine years of age.

(Robert, Chloe and Mitchell were all presented with certificates by the Mayor to the applause of Council)

Unfortunately Alex Sell cannot be here as he is competing in an international karate competition I hope you will join me in wishing them the best of luck for their future careers and hopefully for the Olympics - London 2012.

I have also invited Jamie Smith to join us this evening. Jamie saved the life of angler, Albert Key at the River Roding. I would like to present Jamie with this pen as a token of the council's admiration for his action.

(To the applause of Council Jamie was presented with a pen by the Mayor to mark this)

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**APPENDIX 3
(See Minute 29)**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. LIBRARIES REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME

To the Cabinet Member for Client Services (Councillor Joe Webster)

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

I think that everyone agrees that one of the positive features which has come from the Upminster Library refurbishment is the magnificent mural, which covers the History of Upminster from St Cedd to Ian Drury.

I have noted with pleasure that funding has been found for a mural at the Gidea Park Library from the money decided for the 40th Anniversary.

Can I please ask if this will be about the history of Gidea Park, and if so will local historians be asked for their help and if this theme could continue throughout our whole library refurbishment programme. With each library having its own mural showing the history of the area which it covers?

Response

I am pleased to say that work is well underway to produce a mural at Gidea Park Library to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the borough. The mural is being produced by Terry Fyffes who was also responsible for the very popular mural at Upminster Library.

The mural will feature the history of Gidea Park and in particular the establishment of the borough forty years ago. A range of local people are involved in producing the mural including local historians and the Council's Conservation Officer and the Local Studies Librarian. The Gidea Park Library Customer Panel are also involved in the project as well as pupils from St Mary Hare Park School.

Public art plays an important role in the community and the mural in Upminster Library has proved to be very successful. If funding is available for public art in libraries and space is available then consideration will be given to incorporating it in future library refurbishments. However this is dependent on funding, and the theme of that art may or may not be local history depending on local circumstance.

2. UPMINSTER TITHE BARN

To the Member Champion for the Historic Environment (Councillor Andrew Curtin)

By Councillor Linda Hawthorn

I understand that repairs are to be undertaken on the Upminster Tithe Barn, which is of course welcome. Can I please have your opinion, as historic Champion for Havering, on the work which is to be undertaken?

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Response

The work proposed at Uppminster Barn seems to be of high quality and to reflect good conservation practice. Significant funding sources exist to support more far reaching work on facilities such as the Barn, and so it is important for the Council to corporately focus greater attention on attracting inward investment into the community to advance these projects, in addition to making its own extra investment In Culture in the context of the priorities of local society, the excellent opportunities offered to us because we are a major part of our Olympic city and by the welcome demands of the new CPA.

3. DUMPING OF SUPERMARKET TROLLEYS

To the Cabinet Member for StreetCare (Councillor Andrew Mann)

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

Can you assist with a solution to the serious on-going problem of Tesco trolleys being dumped at many locations throughout Rainham and Wennington.

Tesco are ignoring their responsibility to collect the trolleys, after repeated requests. There are currently 13 in Rainham Creek alone – but the true figure, in Rainham & Wennington Ward, would be in the 100's. This is not an exaggeration, more likely an understatement.

I understand that StreetCare continue to remove trolleys, but this is not only too costly, it stops them from doing other necessary jobs throughout the Borough. What can be done?

Response

I note Councillor Tucker's concerns with regard to shopping trolleys which are said to be owned by the local Tesco store. It would appear that these trolleys are being illegally taken from the store. We have, on occasions previously removed these at residents' requests following complaints. With regard to the land in the vicinity of Rainham Creek, this is owned by the Council and I will ask officers to liaise with the relevant department to clear these.

StreetCare staff will further liaise with Tesco in order to see what action they could take to discourage further unauthorised removal of trolleys from the store and on what can be done to support any clean up.

4. DISPOSAL OF PARKING FINE RECEIPTS

To the Cabinet Member for Resources (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Mike Winter

Recently another authority showed to be lax in how they disposed of copy receipts showing pin numbers etc for those paying parking fines. Could you briefly outline our procedures and give an assurance that Havering's disposal procedures are far more secure?

Response

The Council has noted with concern the difficulties with disposal arrangements with copy receipts elsewhere.

In accordance with audit requirements the Council does keep a paper record of the payments received by debit card and credit card. These are kept in secure premises. After a minimum period these papers are then shredded before being safely disposed of through the Council's arrangements for confidential waste.

Neither the paper records maintained nor the receipts issued provide any details about pin numbers.

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5. COMPLETION OF OUTSTANDING LEASES

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)
By Councillor Barbara Reith

There appears to be a delay in finalizing a number of significant leases. Could you explain why and outline what steps are being taken to expedite them?

Response

The grant of a lease is a process requiring the agreement of both parties, often involving issues that are subject to negotiation, and/or in the case of the lessee often being run in tandem with fundraising activities and other approvals.

There is not considered to be any delay on the processing of the issue of leases although there may be outstanding issues that mean one party is not ready - or able - to proceed as quickly as the other.

6. TRAVELLERS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Planning (Councillor Eric Munday)
By Councillor Keith Darvill

When will the Travellers Needs Assessment be completed and published?

Response

The report has been prepared by the University of Birmingham and I am considering its implications with a view to a report being presented to Cabinet in the autumn.

7. DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT

To the Cabinet Member for Resources (Councillor Roger Ramsey)
By Councillor Keith Darvill

What progress is being made in the preparation of the Council's Action Plans under the Disability Discrimination Act?

Response

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 requires that a service provider must ensure there are no physical barriers or customer service procedures that may discriminate against an individual when accessing council services.

Strategic Property Services' involvement has been in respect of the October 2004 requirement of the Act which is to make reasonable adjustments to remove physical barriers that may affect the delivery of service. A strategy for implementing the recommendations of the Consultants was agreed by the Cabinet Member in April 2004. There is a £700,000 programme of works across service areas already in hand and works amounting to over £400,000 have now been completed. Further works will continue during this year and these are following the main programme as they relate to works that had other issues such as where a long lead in period is involved or because the works have been coordinated with a refurbishment programme.

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The works carried out by the Council have concentrated on the public areas of buildings. For a building or part of a building to be 'open to the public' individual residents must be able to choose on a day-to-day basis whether to use the services provided within the building.

Access Audits were carried out by external Access Consultants and the programme of works recommended by the access auditors included,

1. Improved accessibility to the buildings by improving car parking facilities to increase and improve accessible parking bays
2. Providing or improving ramps for access.
3. Improvements to lifts
4. Handrails to steps and colour contrasting external handrails, bollards etc.
5. Induction loops have been fitted or portable induction loops made available.

At the Council's two main administrative centres in Romford new accessible public toilets have been provided on the first floor of the Town Hall and the seventh floor of Mercury House. Also work is currently in hand to replace the existing front doors at Mercury House with automatic doors.

8. AREA COMMITTEE REVIEW

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Ray Harris

In the light of the 2 year delay in publishing the review of Area Committees Council agreed last year to conclude a review by December 2004. This timetable was extended by agreement in the light of the encouraging cross-Party work on the need for a community development programme. Despite the passage of some months and the passing of the third anniversary of the original review no proposals have been forthcoming. Could the Leader explain when these are likely to be forthcoming and the reason for the continuing delay?

Response

The way in which the Council interacts with the community is one of the most important ways in which we, as councillors, demonstrate leadership. Whilst I acknowledge that the process of the review of area committees has taken longer than anticipated, I believe that getting the process right is more important than the length of time it takes to establish that process. The cross-party work that has been undertaken by all groups on this Council has been worthwhile and the debate we had in this chamber was excellent. I understand that a draft paper will now be forthcoming within the next couple of months

9. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor Ray Harris

In your recent speech to Council you attached great importance to the application for approval of the Havering Local Area Agreement. There are 15 London boroughs among the 66 which were successful. These were:

- Barking & Dagenham
- Brent
- Camden
- Croydon
- Enfield

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Harrow
Hounslow
Islington
Kensington & Chelsea
Kingston
Lewisham
Redbridge
Tower Hamlets
Waltham Forest
Westminster

In fact in addition to the 2 pilots in Greenwich and Hammersmith over half of London boroughs are now among those successful. What went wrong in our case?

Response

Nothing! We made an extremely strong bid which had the full endorsement of the Havering Strategic Partnership.

Of the 30 London Boroughs eligible to apply 25 submitted an expression of interest. In the light of that interest Government Office for London (GoL) decided to programme the process over two years – 2006/07 and 2007/08.

In deciding how to programme LAAs over those two years GoL wanted to ensure they had a spread of councils of different political control, geographical location, CPA score and whether the council was a Neighbourhood Renewal Area or not. In the light of those criteria Havering has been selected for year two – along incidentally with Newham and Hackney from East London.

There was no criticism of our bid at all in deciding this phased timetable. Indeed GoL have commented that the bid was robust. We will also be invited to all relevant phase 1 negotiations to ensure we are up to speed.

Havering's submission therefore was a strong one and was supported by the partners of the Havering Strategic Partnership. We stand ready to build a strong local approach with partners when our turn comes to agree an LAA in 2007.

10. LAND RESTORATION, ADJOINING HORNCHURCH COUNTRY PARK

To the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Planning (Councillor Eric Munday)
By Councillor Graham Carr

When will the land restoration programme on land adjacent to Hornchurch Country Park be completed?

Response

About 60% of the restoration work has already been completed and the land is due to be handed over to the Forestry Commission as soon as formal agreement is reached. The developer has stated that he anticipates completing the remainder of the works by summer 2006.

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11. MOTOR CYCLING IN HORNCHURCH COUNTRY PARK

To the Cabinet Member for Culture & ICT (Councillor Ray Morgon)
By Councillor Graham Carr

What measures will be taken to stop the riding of motorcycles in Hornchurch Country Park?

Response

Illegal riding of motorcycles in parks and open spaces throughout the borough including Hornchurch Country Park is being taken very seriously. The Hornchurch Country Park Rangers patrol the park regularly to deter motorcyclists and call the police or the council's Mobile Patrol Service for assistance as necessary. The police now have powers under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 to seize and remove a motorcycle following a first warning.

Park users are also encouraged to use the Anti-Social Behaviour Hotline telephone number 01708 779267 to report incidences of illegal motorcycling. This has been reinforced recently by the launch of the Havering Community Partnership's 'Respect' campaign.

In addition, several anti-motorcycle barriers along the Ingrebourne Valley Greenway leading into Hornchurch Country Park have been reinforced using capital provision.

12. BRITTONS PLAYING FIELD CHANGING ROOMS

To the Cabinet Member for Culture & ICT (Councillor Ray Morgon)
By Councillor Graham Carr

When will the changing rooms that were burnt down at Brittons Playing Field be rebuilt?

Response

Orders have been placed for the demolition of the pavilion. It is anticipated that demolition will be completed within the next month.

As regards replacement of the pavilion, this is one of a number of elements that the Council is working on with the 'Friends of Brittons Park' relative to securing improvements to the wider site.

VOTING RECORD

	<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	
	1	2
The Mayor [Cllr. John Mylod]	✕	○
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Jeff Stafford]	✕	✓
<u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</u>		
Cllr. Michael White	✓	○
Cllr. Mike Armstrong	✓	○
Cllr. Jeff Brace	✓	○
Cllr. Wendy Brice-Thompson	✓	○
Cllr. Eddy Cahill	✓	○
Cllr. Andrew Curtin	✓	○
Cllr. Georgina Galpin	✓	○
Cllr. Peter Gardner	✓	○
Cllr. Jean Gower	✓	○
Cllr. Steven Kelly	✓	○
Cllr. Andrew Mann	✓	○
Cllr. Raymond Morgon	✓	○
Cllr. Eric Munday	✓	○
Cllr. Barry Oddy	✓	○
Cllr. Graham Price	✓	○
Cllr. Roger Ramsey	✓	○
Cllr. Natasha Ratty	✓	○
Cllr. Paul Rochford	✓	○
Cllr. Alex Smith	✓	○
Cllr. Martin Smith	✓	○
Cllr. Geoffrey Starns	✓	○
Cllr. Alby Tebbutt	ID	ID
Cllr. Barry Tebbutt	ID	ID
Cllr. Frederick Thompson	✓	○
Cllr. Joe Webster	✓	○
Cllr. Daryl Williams	✓	○
<u>RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>		
Cllr. Barbara Reith	✕	✓
Cllr. June Alexander	✕	✓
Cllr. Malvin Brown	A	A
Cllr. Eileen Cameron	✕	✓
Cllr. Ivor Cameron	✕	✓
Cllr. Gillian Ford	✕	✓
Cllr. Linda Hawthorn	✕	✓
Cllr. Len Long	✕	✓
Cllr. Nigel Meyer	✕	✓
Cllr. Patricia Mylod	✕	✓
Cllr. Chris Oliver	✕	✓
Cllr. Louise Sinclair	✕	✓
Cllr. Owen Ware	✕	✓
Cllr. Reg Whitney	✕	✓
Cllr. Mike Winter	✕	✓
<u>LABOUR GROUP</u>		
Cllr. Ray Harris	✕	✓
Cllr. Graham Carr	✕	✓
Cllr. Yve Cornell	✕	✓
Cllr. Keith Darvill	✕	✓
Cllr. Jan Davis	✕	✓
Cllr. Tony Ellis	✕	✓
Cllr. Bill Harrison	✕	✓
Cllr. Wilf Mills	✕	✓
Cllr. Jeff Stafford	✕	✓
Cllr. Harry Webb	✕	✓
<u>Independent Member</u>		
Cllr. Jeffrey Tucker	○	○
TOTALS		
YES	24	25
NO	26	0
ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	1	26
DECLARATION OF INTEREST/NO VOTE	2	2
ABSENT FROM MEETING	1	1
	54	54

IN FAVOUR ✓

AGAINST ✕

NOT VOTING ○

ABSENT A

INTEREST DECLARED ID



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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20 SEPTEMBER 2005

REPORT TO COUNCIL

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

At its meeting in April 2003, the Committee had approved procedures for the appointment of LEA-nominated school governors, through a Governor Appointment Panel. In the light of experience, those arrangements had been reviewed and the Committee was invited to consider some suggested changes.

Hitherto, nominations agreed by the Panel had been presented to the Committee and duly appointed, in effect, doing no more than "rubber stamp" the nominations. Members had, on several past occasions, questioned the worth of this approach.

For the majority of appointments, the nominees are members of the public who are neither Members nor Council employees. Now that experience had been gained in the appointments process, it seemed unnecessary for the Committee to be involved in their appointment and, accordingly, it is recommended that the Executive Director, Education (or the Group Director, Children's Services when appointed) should make the appointment on behalf of this Committee.

For Members and those applicants who are employees, however, the appointment would continue to be made by the Committee in order to provide a measure of openness and to ensure that there is no appearance of impropriety.

Accordingly, the Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

That the functions delegated to the Executive Director, Education (Group Director, Children's Services) include:

- 3.8.1 On the nomination of the Governor Appointment Panel, to appoint on behalf of the Council LEA-nominated school governors (except where the nominee is a Member or employee of the Council).



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COUNCIL

12 October 2005

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BUDGET FRAMEWORK PROCEDURE RULES – Corporate Office Property Strategy

SUMMARY

Under paragraph 5 of these rules, any urgent decision outside the budget in certain circumstances needs the acceptance of the Chairman of the relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee. This report sets out details of the situation which needed action under this paragraph. Action under this paragraph needs to be reported to Council and this report fulfils that obligation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

REPORT DETAIL

- 1 Under paragraph 5 of the Budget Framework Procedure Rules –
 - (a) Having consulted with the Chief Finance Officer, the Cabinet and authorised members of staff may take a decision which is contrary to or not wholly in accordance with the budget if the decision is a matter of urgency. However, the decision may only be taken if:
 - (i) it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the Council, and

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- (ii) if the Chairman (or in his or her absence the Deputy Chairman) of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee accepts that the decision is a matter of urgency.
- (b) The reasons why it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the Council and the consent of the relevant Chairman of overview and scrutiny committee must be noted on the record of the decision and reported to the next available Council meeting along with a full report explaining:
- the decision
 - the reasons for the decision
 - why the decision was treated as a matter of urgency
- 2 In respect of the Corporate Office Property Strategy it became necessary to make a decision not wholly in accordance with the budget.
- 3 **The decision and the reasons for the decision.**
- 3.1 The report to Cabinet of 18th July 2005 included recommendations to Council in respect of the proposal to commit future capital receipts. Specifically, set out below is recommendations 2 and 3 from the report:
- 2. That the Council agree the revenue and capital proposals together with the funding as set out in the report and note the action already taken.
 - 3. That the Executive Director Housing and Regeneration and Assistant Chief Executive Human Resources be authorised to fully implement the Corporate Office Property Strategy on the basis of the details and costs shown in this report.
- 3.2 The Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer considered that Council approval is needed having regard to the Budget Framework Rules as:
- a) The Corporate Office Property Strategy involves agreeing the use of future receipts to
 - fund the capital requirements of the Strategy;
 - hold for interest purposes and for this interest to be used to fund the revenue consequences.
 - b) The decision to commit future capital receipts for the commitments within the Corporate Office Property Strategy are outside the approved budget.

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4 Why the decision was treated as a matter of urgency

4.1 In accordance with paragraph 5 of the above-mentioned rules

- the Executive Director, Housing and Regeneration certified that he was satisfied that the matter should be treated as urgent and it was not practical to convene a quorate meeting of the Council for the following reasons –

Decisions cannot wait until after recess or the ordinary meeting on 12th October because the implementation of the Corporate Office Property Strategy relies on three commercial leasing transactions that are collectively essential in delivering the project. A delay would seriously jeopardise the prospect of concluding the transactions, especially in one case where time is of the essence both for commercial reasons and to meet the operational requirements of the party we will be leasing from (para 5(a)(i)).

4.2 The Executive Director, Finance and Planning, certified that she had been consulted and was similarly satisfied (para 5 (a) (i)).

4.3 The Chairman of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Wilf Mills accepted that the decision needed to be taken as a matter of urgency (para 5(a)(ii)).

4.4 Once action under paragraph 5 was completed, officers proceeded to the next stage, ie taking the decision, and this action was taken.

5 Financial Implications and risks:

None arising directly from this report. The report to Cabinet sets out the full financial implications. The receipts would not be available for other purposes because they are released only when vacated/sold and staff moved to the new accommodation available.

6 Legal Implications and risks:

There are none directly associated with this report to Council.

7 Human Resources Implications and risks:

There are none directly associated with this report to Council.

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8 Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications:

There are none directly associated with this report to Council.

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Chief Executive

Background Papers List

Note of decision taken by the Executive Director, Housing and Regeneration; the Executive Director, Finance and Planning; and Councillor Wilf Mills dated 19, 20 and 20 July respectively.



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REPORT OF CABINET

YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2005/06

Cabinet member - Councillor Geoff Starns, Children's Services

The Youth Justice Board for England & Wales has agreed the Youth Justice Plan. At its meeting in September, the Cabinet endorsed the Plan.

The report to Cabinet was circulated to all members with the agenda for that meeting and was available to the public with the agenda at that time.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Youth Justice Plan 2005/06 be approved.



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QUESTIONS

1. SPECIFIC AND REVENUE SUPPORT GRANTS, 2005/06

To the Cabinet Member for Resources (Councillor Roger Ramsey)
By Councillor Wilf Mills

Now that we have reached the midway point in the financial year could you advise me

- (1) The total amount of specific grants awarded to Havering for 2005/6;
- (2) The Total amount of revenue support grant and specific grants for Havering in 2005/6;
- (3) How this compares with 2004/5 and 2003/4; and
- (4) What adjustments, if any, have been made to the funding of budgets contained in the 2005/6 Annual Budget statements to reflect any changes in specific grant and with what effect on the current year's budget forecasts?

2. ELM PARK LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

To the Cabinet Member for Client Services (Councillor Joe Webster)
By Councillor Graham Carr

In the light of the Cabinet's decision on 21 September 2005 to develop further the proposals for Elm Park Library, can the Cabinet Member give a timetable for when work on building a new library will commence?

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3. LIBRARIES REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME

To the Cabinet Member for Client Services (Councillor Joe Webster)

By Councillor Jan Davis

Given the Cabinet's decision to allocate an additional £1 millions on top of £610,000 already committed for improvements to Romford Library, can the Cabinet Member explain why no money is being allocated to improvements to South Hornchurch and Rainham Libraries?

4. LIBRARIES REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME

To the Cabinet Member for Client Services (Councillor Joe Webster)

By Councillor Denis O'Flynn

Given the Cabinet's decision to allocate an additional £1 millions on top of £610,00 already committed for improvements to Romford Library, can the Cabinet Member explain why no money is being allocated to improvements to Harold Hill and Harold Wood Libraries?

5. TOWN HALL FRONT GREEN

To the Cabinet Member for Client Services (Councillor Joe Webster)

By Councillor Bill Harrison

Can you advise the Council on the reasons for the uprooting of trees on the green outside the Town Hall to create a walkway? Can you also advise how much this is costing? Can you also provide the cost of providing a green verge (which had to be replaced because it died off) and flowerbeds, as well as the planters in front of the Town Hall?

6. COUNCIL WEBSITE

To the Cabinet Member for CULTURE & ICT (Councillor Ray Morgon)

By Councillor Keith Darvill

When will the Council update its website?

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7. EMERGENCY PLANNING – USE OF RAYNET

To the Cabinet Member for Crime & Safety (Councillor Georgina Galpin)

By Councillor Jeff Stafford

In the Council's Emergency Planning Strategy, has provision been made for the involvement of RAYNET (Radio Amateur Network), to support the Emergency Services and the Council in the event of a major incident when communication is of paramount importance?

8. PAVEMENT CROSSOVERS

To the Cabinet Member for StreetCare (Councillor Andrew Mann)

By Councillor Mike Winter

There are numerous examples across the Borough of people who have had vehicular crossings installed, yet the depth of their front gardens is such that any vehicle parked on it is overhanging the footway. Are there any steps the Council can take to prevent this happening?

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