

# EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

22 October 2014

**5 MOVING TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS** (Pages 1 - 2)

Report of the Governance Committee.

Amendment by the Independent Residents' Group

The adoption of powers to enforce 'moving traffic offences' is a response to changes in government 'parking' legislation that will reduce forecast council income by over £1 million. But [for limited financial gain] these new powers could easily result in a severe public relations disaster for the Council if robust enforcement is perceived to be a money making exercise.

To avoid the accusation from residents that 'you're making cuts, raising council tax **and now robbing us**' the report should be rejected.

**6 REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY** (Pages 3 - 6)

Report of the Governance Committee.

Amendment by the Residents' Group

Scrutiny aims to ensure that residents of Havering receive high quality services and that the executive is rightly held to account. This council believes that in order to maximise the chances of both aims being achieved, and to adopt both the spirit of the Local Government Acts, as well as the Acts themselves, scrutiny should not be constrained or directed under any system by members of the administration.

Amendment by the Independent Residents' Group

The creation of a new committee will require a costly bureaucratic reorganisation during a period of cuts! Worse still the proposed reorganisation to 'establish a single O&S Board to undertake all call-in functions' [Page 3 – 1.6] will undermine the O&S process, because the new 16 member Board will have a Con/EHR majority.

Instead the proposed reorganisation should be rejected and the existing structure retained.

Nominations to the position of Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

By the East Havering Residents' Group – Councillor Gillian Ford

By the Residents' Group – Councillor Ray Morgon

Nominations to the position of Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

By the UKIP Group – Councillor Lawrence Webb

By the Residents' Group – Councillor Nic Dodin

**8 SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES** (Pages 7 - 16)

Report of the Governance Committee.

Amendment by the Residents' Group

This Council welcomes the proposals made by the administration to reduce Councillors Special Responsibility Allowances. However, this council recommends that they are further reduced to the levels set out in table A (overleaf) to ensure that they are more in line with what members of staff and residents of this borough would expect and to a level commensurate with the workload and responsibilities of the post.

Table A:

Basic Allowance - £10,208

Leader of the Council - £40,000

Deputy Leader of the Council - £23,000

Cabinet Members - £20,000

Leader of the Principal Opposition - £12,000

Deputy Leader of the Principal Opposition - £3,000

Leader of the Minority Opposition Groups - £3,000

Mayor - £12,000

Deputy Mayor - £4,000

Overview and Scrutiny Board Chairman - £10,000

Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee Chairmen - £7,650

Chairman of Regulatory Services - £14,418

Chairman of Licensing Committee - £7,650

Audit, Pensions, Highways and Governance Committee Chairman - £7,650

Reg Services and Licensing Vice Chairman – Fixed sum per meeting as agreed at Governance

Rainham & South Hornchurch Working Party Chairman - £7,650

Adjudication & Review Committee Chairman - £2,000

Amendment by the Independent Residents' Group

The proposed revisions to the Special Responsibility and Allowances Scheme to reduce the overall cost of the scheme is not equitable because they involve a range of reductions between 12% and 50% in which the more you get the less you lose and should be rejected.

Instead a revised scheme is required that increases the basic allowance by 1%, reduces all SRAs **above** £7650 by 25% and keeps all the remaining SRAs as proposed in the Governance report, the same.

This amendment would reduce the overall cost of allowances by 10% and for those with an interest will allow for the creation of new Cabinet positions and still retain an overall saving within budget of between 3 and 5%. Whereas the Administration proposal of a 5% overall reduction would not last the creation of 2 or 3 new Cabinet positions!

Council, 22 October 2014

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