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LONDON BOROUGH

# COUNCIL MEETING

**7.30 pm Wednesday, 13 June 2012  
At Council Chamber - Town Hall**

**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**

**Acting Assistant  
Chief Executive**

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which is not in camera range.**

## AGENDA

**1 PRAYERS**

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence (if any)

**3 MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 30)

To sign as true records the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting and of the Annual Meeting of the Council, both held on 23 May 2012 (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**

To receive announcements (if any)

**6 PETITIONS** (Pages 31 - 32)

See attached notice of petition.

**7 DEBATE ON LEADER'S STATEMENT** (Pages 33 - 46)

The text of the statement is set out in Appendix 2 of the minutes of the Annual Meeting on 23 May 2012.

**8 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT** (Pages 47 - 48)

To consider a report of the Governance Committee (the Mayor has agreed to the late submission of this report as the Committee will not meet until after the publication of this agenda)(attached)

**Note: amendments to this report may be submitted at any time prior to debate at the meeting**

**9 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

To consider a report of the Governance Committee (the Mayor has agreed to the late submission of this report as the Committee will not meet until after the publication of this agenda)(attached)

**Note: amendments to this report may be submitted at any time prior to debate at the meeting**

**10 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RULES – EXCEPTIONS TO THE CALL-IN (REQUISITION) PROCEDURE (Pages 49 - 52)**

To consider the Chief Executive's report (attached)

**11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (Pages 53 - 58)**

See attached paper

**12 MOTIONS FOR DEBATE (Pages 59 - 60)**

See attached paper

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## MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING

Havering Town Hall, Romford  
23 May 2012 (7.30 p.m. – 7.50p.m.)

**Present:** The Mayor (Councillor Melvin Wallace) in the Chair

Councillors June Alexander, Michael Armstrong, Clarence Barrett, 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, Roger Evans, Gillian Ford, Georgina Galpin, Peter Gardner, Linda Hawthorn, Lesley Kelly, Steven Kelly, Pam Light, Barbara Matthews, 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, Linda Van den Hende, Melvin Wallace, Keith Wells, Damien White, Michael White and John Wood

Colonel Markham Bryant DL, Hon. Aldermen Ivor Cameron (accompanied by Eileen Cameron), Graham Price and Louise Sinclair, former Mayors John Clark (accompanied by Pat Clark) and Maisie Whitelock, Major Martin Melia of the Royal Anglian Regiment and approximately 40 Civic and Members' guests, members of public and press also attended.

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Ted Eden, Mark Logan, Paul McGeary, Fred Osborne and Keith Wells.

The Reverend David Marshall, Area Dean of Havering, 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.

### 98 **AWARDS FOR EMINENT SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White) proposed that the Honorary Freedom of the borough be conferred upon David King, of the Royal British Legion, Hornchurch Branch, in recognition of his service to the community and, in particular to former servicemen and servicewomen.

Councillor John Mylod seconded the proposal, which was also supported by Councillors Georgina Galpin and Jeffrey Tucker, and greeted with general applause.

The proposal was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** , by 49 votes to 0 (see voting division 1) and it was **RESOLVED**:

**To confer upon Mr David King the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.**

The Mayor then congratulated Mr King, and presented to him the Badge and Grant of the Freedom.

Councillor Keith Darvill proposed that the Honorary Freedom of the borough be conferred upon Mr Paul Binder, Band Director of the Romford Drum & Trumpet Corps, in recognition of his service to the borough through the Corps, which had an international profile.

Councillor Dennis O'Flynn seconded the proposal, which was also supported by Councillors Jeffrey Tucker, Osman Dervish, Georgina Galpin, Clarence Barrett, Pam Light, John Mylod and Michael White, Leader of the Council.

The proposal was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** , by 49 votes to 0 (see division 2) and it was **RESOLVED**:

**To confer upon Mr Paul Binder the Honorary Freedom of the Borough.**

The Mayor then congratulated Mr Binder and, to Members' applause, presented to him the Badge and Grant of the Freedom.

## 99 **PRESENTATION TO MAYOR'S CADET**

The Mayor made a presentation to the third Mayor's Cadet of Havering, Cadet Corporal James Roomes, of 452 (Hornchurch) Squadron, Air Training Corps, and thanked him for his services during the Mayoralty.

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**Mayor**  
**13 June 2012**

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

<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>The Mayor [Cllr. Melvin Wallace]</b>	✓	✓
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Lynden Thorpe]	✓	✓
<b><u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</u></b>		
Cllr. Michael White	✓	✓
Cllr. Michael Armstrong	✓	✓
Cllr. Robert Benham	✓	✓
Cllr. Becky Bennett	✓	✓
Cllr. Sandra Binion	✓	✓
Cllr. Jeff Brace	✓	✓
Cllr. Wendy Brice-Thompson	✓	✓
Cllr. Dennis Bull	✓	✓
Cllr. Andrew Curtin	✓	✓
Cllr. Osman Dervish	✓	✓
Cllr. Ted Eden	A	A
Cllr. Roger Evans	✓	✓
Cllr. Georgina Galpin	✓	✓
Cllr. Peter Gardner	✓	✓
Cllr. Lesley Kelly	✓	✓
Cllr. Steven Kelly	✓	✓
Cllr. Pam Light	✓	✓
Cllr. Robby Misir	✓	✓
Cllr. Eric Munday+A56	✓	✓
Cllr. Barry Oddy	✓	✓
Cllr. Frederick Osborne	A	A
Cllr. Gary Pain	✓	✓
Cllr. Roger Ramsey	✓	✓
Cllr. Paul Rochford	✓	✓
Cllr. Geoffrey Starns	✓	✓
Cllr. Billy Taylor	✓	✓
Cllr. Barry Tebbutt	✓	✓
Cllr. Frederick Thompson	✓	✓
Cllr. Linda Trew	✓	✓
Cllr. Keith Wells	A	A
Cllr. Damian White	✓	✓
<b><u>RESIDENTS' GROUP</u></b>		
Cllr. Clarence Barrett	✓	✓
Cllr. June Alexander	✓	✓
Cllr. Nic Dodin	✓	✓
Cllr. Brian Eagling	✓	✓
Cllr. Gillian Ford	✓	✓
Cllr. Linda Hawthorn	✓	✓
Cllr. Barbara Matthews	✓	✓
Cllr. Ray Morgon	✓	✓
Cllr. John Mylod	✓	✓
Cllr. Ron Ower	✓	✓
Cllr. Linda Van den Hende	✓	✓
Cllr. John Wood	✓	✓
<b><u>LABOUR GROUP</u></b>		
Cllr. Keith Darvill	✓	✓
Cllr. Denis Breading	✓	✓
Cllr. Paul McGeary	A	A
Cllr. Pat Murray	✓	✓
Cllr. Denis O'Flynn	✓	✓
<b><u>INDEPENDENT LOCAL RESIDENTS' GROUP</u></b>		
Cllr. Jeffery Tucker	✓	✓
Cllr. Michael Deon Burton	✓	✓
Cllr. David Durant	✓	✓
Cllr. Mark Logan	A	A
<b>TOTALS</b>		
✓ = YES	49	49
X = NO	0	0
O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	0	0
ID = DECLARATION OF INTEREST/NO VOTE	0	0
A = ABSENT FROM MEETING	5	5
	54	54







**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF  
HAVERING**

**Havering Town Hall, Romford  
23 May 2012 (7.50 p.m. – 9.50p.m.)**

**Present:** The Mayor (Councillor Melvin Wallace) in the Chair at the beginning of the meeting

Councillors June Alexander, Michael Armstrong, Clarence Barrett, 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, Roger Evans, Gillian Ford, Georgina Galpin, Peter Gardner, Linda Hawthorn, Lesley Kelly, Steven Kelly, Pam Light, Barbara Matthews, 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, Linda Van den Hende, Melvin Wallace, Keith Wells, Damien White, Michael White and John Wood

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Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Ted Eden, Mark Logan, Paul McGeary, Fred Osborne and Keith Wells.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## **1 MAYORAL TY**

### **Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

That Councillor Lynden Thorpe be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2012/13.

The Conservative Group proposal was **AGREED** without a vote. It was, therefore, duly **RESOLVED**:

**That Councillor Lynden Thorpe be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2011/2012**

**Councillor Lynden Thorpe**, having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor as required by the Local Government Act 1972, then took the Chair and thanked the Council for the honour conferred upon her. The Mayor indicated that her Consort would be **David Thorpe**.

The Leader of the Council and other Members expressed the thanks of the Council to Councillor Melvin Wallace for his services in 2011/12. Councillor Wallace suitably replied.

**2 DEPUTY MAYOR - Appointment**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor signified in writing his appointment of **Councillor Eric Munday** as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year and to carry out the duties of the Mayor in case of the Mayor's illness or absence.

Councillor Munday made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly. The Mayor indicated that the Deputy Mayoress for the year would be **Peggy Munday**.

**3 MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 March 2012 be signed as a true record.**

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Members present named in minutes 3, 4 and 10 (the Mayoralty and various Committee Chairmanships) who were candidates for offices attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance, each declared a personal interest under paragraph 8 of the Members' Code of Conduct as, if elected, they would benefit from the Members' Allowance Scheme 2012.

**5 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

May I take the opportunity to thank the Council for conferring on me the great honour of being Mayor Havering?

I look forward to my year in office and to serving the Council and the people of the borough and I will wear my Badge of Office with immense pride, as my father and my grandfather have done before me in 1951 and 1931 respectively.

My charities for the coming year will be St Francis Hospice, helping to establish the Havering Autism Centre and the work of the Havering Theatre Trust.

There were no announcements by the Chief Executive on this occasion.

## 6 APPOINTING THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

There was before Council a report of the Chief Executive concerning the appointment of the Committees of the Council, and advising upon political balance issues. The report referred in particular to the consequences of the repeal of the legislation requiring appointment of a Standards Committee.

The report was **AGREED** without debate or division and it was **RESOLVED**:

**That:**

- (1) The Committees listed in Appendix 1 be appointed for the 2011/12 Municipal Year.
- (2) Those Committees be appointed with:
  - (a) the membership sizes and
  - (b) the political balanceindicated in Appendix 1
- (3) The voting co-optees, the two representing Church of England and Roman Catholic interests and the three parent governor co-optees selected in accordance with the appropriate Regulations, be appointed to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (4) The other non-elected member "appointments" and invitations to attend shown in Appendix 1 of the report submitted be confirmed.
- (5) The Standards Committee (including the three Independent Members appointed to it [Jack Knowles, Tracey Moran and Kevin Madden], notwithstanding the expiration of their original terms of office) continue in existence beyond 30 June 2012 for so long only as is necessary to deal with any investigation then incomplete and

- (a) that the current Chairman (Jack Knowles) and Vice-Chairman (Tracey Moran), both Independent Members, continue in office until its abolition is effected and
- (b) that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to take all steps necessary to complete its abolition once all outstanding cases within its jurisdiction have been disposed of.

7 **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

**A. Motion on behalf of the Administration**

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman Councillor</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman Councillor</b>
Audit	Georgina Galpin	Fred Osborne
Governance	Frederick Thompson	Rebecca Bennett
Pensions	Melvin Wallace	Rebecca Bennett
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Peter Gardner	1. Linda Trew 2. Fred Osborne 3. Melvin Wallace
Regulatory Services	Barry Oddy	Barry Tebbutt
Highways	Garry Pain	Billy Taylor
Children's & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Learning	Sandra Binion	
Environment Overview & Scrutiny	Jeff Brace	
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny	Wendy Brice-Thompson	
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny	Damien White	
Value Overview & Scrutiny	Robby Misir	
Crime & Disorder	Osman Dervish	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman Councillor</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman Councillor</b>
Health Overview & Scrutiny	Pam Light	

**Sub-Committees of the Governance Committee:**

Adjudication & Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Ted Eden	1 Rebecca Bennett
Appointments	Rebecca Bennett	Michael White

**B. Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group**

That the following Chairmen be appointed –

Highways	David Durant
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny	Michael Deon Burton

**Sub-Committees of the Governance Committee:**

Adjudication & Review	Michael Deon Burton
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**C. Amendment on behalf of the Residents' Group**

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. Linda Van den Hende ( <i>in place of Linda Trew</i> )
Highways	Billy Taylor <b>(see note following)</b>	Brian Eagling
Children's & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Learning		Gillian Ford
Environment Overview & Scrutiny		John Mylod

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman Councillor</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman Councillor</b>
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny		June Alexander
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny	Linda Hawthorn	Linda Hawthorn
Value Overview & Scrutiny		Ray Morgon
Crime & Disorder	John Wood	John Wood
Health Overview & Scrutiny		Nic Dodin

**Sub-Committees of the Governance Committee:**

Adjudication & Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		2 Barbara Matthews
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The Council noted that Councillor Billy Taylor had declined to be nominated by the Residents' Group for appointment as Chairman of the Highways Advisory Committee; and, with the consent of the Council, the Residents' Group nomination of Councillor Linda Van den Hende as a Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee was withdrawn.

The Administration motion (A above), except insofar as concerning the appointment of the Chairmen of the Committees specifically referred to below, was then **AGREED** without division.

The remaining proposed appointments set out in the Residents' Group amendment (C above), other than those of Chairmen of the Crime & Disorder Committee and the Towns & Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee, were **AGREED** without division.

The Administration, Independent Residents' Group and Residents' Group nominations for Chairmen of the following Committees were then put to the vote, as follows:

**Crime & Disorder Committee:**

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 1)</b>
Administration	Osman Dervish	27
Residents' Group	John Wood	19

Councillor Osman Dervish was declared **ELECTED**

Adjudication & Review Sub-Committee:

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 2)</b>
Administration	Ted Eden	27
Independent Residents' Group	Michael Deon Burton	16

Councillor Ted Eden was declared **ELECTED**

Highways Advisory Committee:

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 3)</b>
Administration	Garry Pain	29
Independent Residents' Group	David Durant	15

Councillor Garry Pain was declared **ELECTED**

Towns & Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

<b>Nomination by:</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Votes cast (see division 4)</b>
Administration	Damien White	28
Independent Residents' Group	Michael Deon Burton	3
Residents' Group	Linda Hawthorn	16

Councillor Damien White was declared **ELECTED**

**Note:** the record of voting divisions is attached as **Appendix 3 to these minutes.**

It was accordingly **RESOLVED:**

- 1 That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman Councillor</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman Councillor</b>
<b>Audit</b>	<b>Georgina Galpin</b>	<b>Fred Osborne</b>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman Councillor</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman Councillor</b>
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Governance	Frederick Thompson	Rebecca Bennett
Pensions	Melvin Wallace	Rebecca Bennett
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Peter Gardner	1. Linda Trew 2. Fred Osborne 3. Melvin Wallace
Regulatory Services	Barry Oddy	Barry Tebbutt
Highways	Garry Pain	Billy Taylor
Children's & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Learning	Sandra Binion	Gillian Ford
Environment Overview & Scrutiny	Jeff Brace	John Mylod
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny	Wendy Brice- Thompson	June Alexander
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny	Damien White	Linda Hawthorn
Value Overview & Scrutiny	Robby Misir	Ray Morgon
Crime & Disorder	Osman Dervish	John Wood
Health Overview & Scrutiny	Pam Light	Nic Dodin

**Sub-Committees of the Governance Committee:**

Adjudication & Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Ted Eden	1 Rebecca Bennett 2 <i>Opposition Nomination</i>
Appointments	Rebecca Bennett	Michael White

**8 APPOINTMENT OF THE STATUTORY LEAD MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**Motion on behalf of the Administration**

That the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning be appointed Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services and Champion for the new Diploma Scheme.  
The motion was **AGREED** without division, and it was **RESOLVED**:



**That the Cabinet Member for Children & Learning be appointed Statutory Lead Member for Children's Services and Champion for the new Diploma Scheme.**

**9 APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

**Motion on behalf of Administration**

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For Diversity	Councillor Robby Misir
For the Over Fifties	Councillor Pam Light
For the Historic Environment	Councillor Andrew Curtin
For Standards	Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson
For the Voluntary Sector Compact	Councillor Andrew Curtin
For Younger Persons	Councillor Rebecca Bennett

The motion was **AGREED** without division, and it was **RESOLVED**:

**That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:**

<b>For Diversity</b>	<b>Councillor Robby Misir</b>
<b>For the Over Fifties</b>	<b>Councillor Pam Light</b>
<b>For the Historic Environment</b>	<b>Councillor Andrew Curtin</b>
<b>For Standards</b>	<b>Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson</b>
<b>For the Voluntary Sector Compact</b>	<b>Councillor Andrew Curtin</b>
<b>For Younger Persons</b>	<b>Councillor Rebecca Bennett</b>

**10 STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Council received a Statement by the Leader of the Council (attached as **Appendix 2** to these minutes).

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**Mayor**  
**13 June 2012**

APPENDIX 1  
(Minute 6)

COMMITTEES AND SEAT ALLOCATIONS

COMMITTEES	CONSERVATIVE	RESIDENTS	LABOUR	IND LOCAL RESIDENTS
Governance	13	2	2	1
Licensing	11	2	1	1
Regulatory Services	11	2	1	1
Highways Advisory	9	2	1	1
Standards (until abolished)	9	2	1	1
Pensions	7	1	1	1
Audit	6	1	1	0
Children's OSC	9	2	1	0
Crime & Disorder OSC	9	2	1	1
Towns & Communities OSC	9	2	1	1
Environment OSC	7	2	0	1
Health OSC	6	2	0	0
Individuals OSC	6	2	0	0
Value OSC	6	2	0	0
<b>Total seats allocated</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Groups are represented on the Governance, Highways Advisory, Licensing, Regulatory Services and Standards Committees, and on the Children's Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee and the Crime &amp; Disorder Committee.</li> <li>Committee seats are allocated, and each Committee is balanced, as "reasonably practicably" as possible</li> </ul>				
<b>SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>	<b>RESIDENTS</b>	<b>LABOUR</b>	<b>IND LOCAL RESIDENTS</b>
Adjudication & Review	10	2	1	1
Appointments	7	2	1	0

**APPENDIX 2  
(Minute ?)**

**LEADER'S STATEMENT**

I would like to begin, Madam Mayor, by congratulating you on becoming First Citizen of the borough. You must feel very proud to follow in the footsteps of your father, Councillor John Raymond Poel who was Mayor of Romford in 1951.

I know I speak for all of us, when I say that our best wishes go with you for your term of office. I have no doubt that you will represent Havering with great style and do us all proud wherever you travel in the Jubilee and Olympic year.

Madam Mayor, fellow councillors, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen.

In life, change is inevitable. What matters to us is how we react to that change whether we are frightened of it or whether we actually see it as positive and something that needs to happen for us to evolve. Whether it is business, political or personal change, I have always thought it to be necessary and therefore in no way a commentary on the past but a gateway to a possible future.

Two years ago, this Administration embarked on a difficult journey, across shifting sands, towards an uncertain destination.

The economic situation was bleak; the determination of Government was clear and the future for all public services was challenging - to say the least.

I'm very proud of Havering Council's response over the last two years. I think we have shown our mettle.

Faced with an unprecedented scale of challenge, we set a clear course and we've steered along that course ever since. We identified how we would save money - and we've steadily delivered those savings.

And though it's not a race, I do take comfort that our plans are further advanced than some of our contemporaries. In so many ways, Havering leads London in developing innovative solutions to the problems that all councils face.

There are a number of factors that have helped us in this effort.

One of these is determination. We have not shirked the tough decisions and we have stayed the course. That's why we remain on target to achieve our savings.

Another factor is just as important and that is having a clear guiding principle – a statement of intent, around which we base our decisions, and in the light of which we judge our choices.

And that principle is this:

If we are here to serve local people and provide them with a better quality of life, we must be on the side of local people.

It's easy to understand sometimes, why some residents view us as a regulator and enforcer:

- the people who tell them what they can and can't build
- where they can and can't park
- what they can and can't sell
- and what they can and can't do.

Now we have to do these things – if we didn't, the Borough wouldn't work and nobody would thank us for that.

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But they are our *functions*, not our *principles*; they are things we do - but they are not why we're here.

Now more than ever – when times are tough and hard choices are being made - we need to remind local people that we are on their side.

That must be the driving principle of the remaining two years of this Administration. We must *think* it when we take decisions and we must *show* it when we implement those decisions.

### **We are on the side of residents.**

We've shown that by listening to their concerns and focusing on their priorities.

We've shown that by undertaking the Spring Clean survey to give us an unprecedented picture of how clean and tidy Havering is – not based on our own statistics and assessments, but based on the personal feelings of more than 8,000 residents who took part.

It's a credit to our staff, and to Cllr Barry Tebbutt, that around three quarters of our residents think their local streets, parks and shopping arcades are clean and tidy, but the survey shows us where we can make improvements and more importantly, how we can meet the aspirations of local people - by doing the little things that make a big difference.

That's why we've set aside a quarter of a million pounds to fund the clean-up days, the new bins, the new seats and the education campaigns that local people are asking for. We're on their side.

And we're on the side of residents who want a better future for their communities. That's why we've invested in the facilities and spaces that bring communities together and open up new opportunities for local people – from libraries, to sports facilities; from community centres to parks.

It's our determination to be on the side of local communities that has brought the superb MyPlace centre to Harold Hill



and the extraordinary elevated walkway in Rainham.

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It's what secured investment in our town centres from the Mayor of London to help revitalise our high streets and it's what has led us to replace run-down, depressing garage sites with new homes - giving new hope to local people.



And I would commend the work of Councillors Andrew Curtin, Steven Kelly, Robert Benham and Mike Armstrong, among others, in driving these improvements in communities across Havering.

Madam Mayor two weeks ago Havering went to the polls to vote in the London elections. Boris Johnson Mayor of London has been a great friend to Havering therefore I'm extremely pleased that Havering residents voted to keep Roger Evans as our GLA member and Boris Johnson as the Mayor of London

**Annual Council, 23 May 2012**

The summer of 2012 will live long in the memory, and in this most incredible year, we're on the side of local people who want to celebrate together.



We've shown that, by granting permission for nearly 100 street parties across Havering to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

And we're pulling out the stops to deliver three weeks of celebrations across the Borough.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, we will hold the biggest of these celebrations - the Diamond Jubilee Romfest in the Market Place - in front of one of the largest Union Flags anywhere in the country.



## **Annual Council, 23 May 2012**

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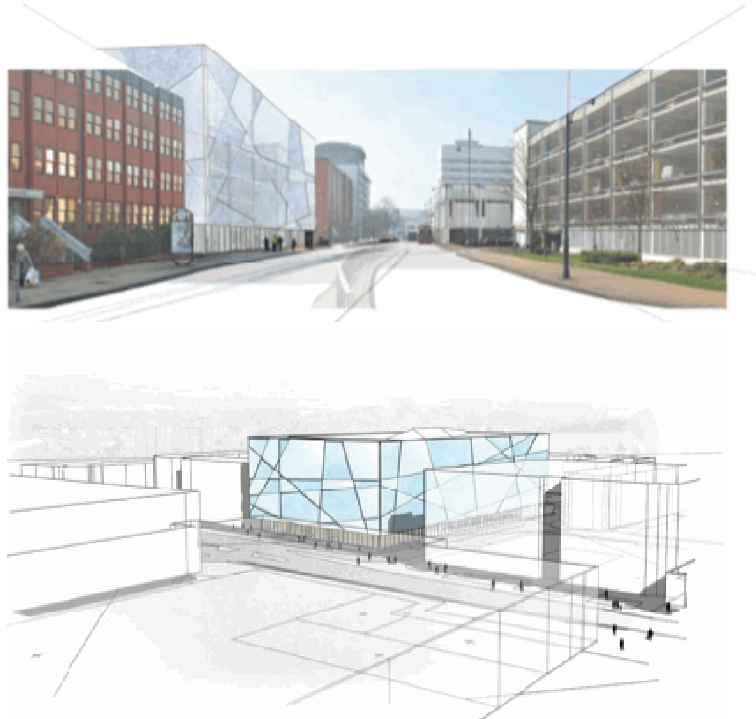
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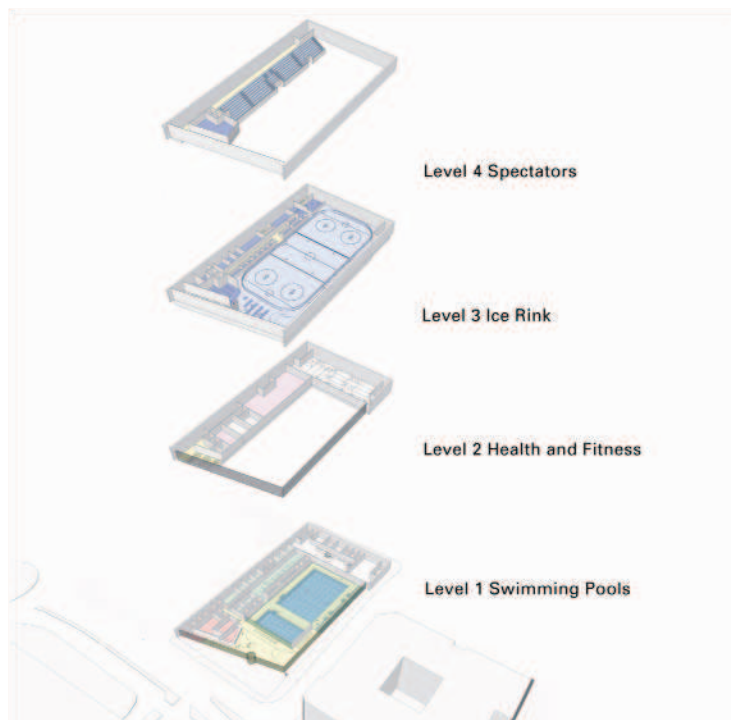
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Thank you.

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The Mayor [Cllr. Lynden Thorpe]	O	O	O	O
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Eric Munday]	O	O	O	O
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Cllr. Michael White	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Cllr. Melvin Wallace	O	O	✓	✓
Cllr. Keith Wells	A	A	A	A
Cllr. Damian White	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>RESIDENTS' GROUP</b>				
Cllr. Clarence Barrett	x	∅	∅	x
Cllr. June Alexander	x	∅	∅	x
Cllr. Nic Dodin	x	∅	∅	x
Cllr. Brian Eagling	x	∅	∅	x
Cllr. Gillian Ford	x	∅	∅	x
Cllr. Linda Hawthorn	x	∅	∅	x
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Cllr. John Wood	x	∅	∅	x
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Cllr. Denis Breading	x	O	O	x
Cllr. Paul McGeary	A	A	A	A
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Cllr. Denis O'Flynn	x	∅	✓	x
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Note: Councillor Billy Taylor reported that his voting buttons had malfunctioned and his voting record is accordingly based on his oral declaration of voting.				





### **Procedural motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group**

Amend the minutes of the Annual Council meeting to provide a true and accurate record and to encourage orderly conduct by Members.

Minute 7 (Appointment of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees)  
(Supplementary Agenda page 10)

**Amend** last paragraph on this page to read:

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## **PETITIONS**

The Mayor has acceded to a late request from Councillor David Durant that he be permitted to present a petition.

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## APPENDIX 2 (Minute 10)

### LEADER'S STATEMENT

I would like to begin, Madam Mayor, by congratulating you on becoming First Citizen of the borough. You must feel very proud to follow in the footsteps of your father, Councillor John Raymond Poel who was Mayor of Romford in 1951.

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Two years ago, this Administration embarked on a difficult journey, across shifting sands, towards an uncertain destination.

The economic situation was bleak; the determination of Government was clear and the future for all public services was challenging - to say the least.

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Faced with an unprecedented scale of challenge, we set a clear course and we've steered along that course ever since. We identified how we would save money - and we've steadily delivered those savings.

And though it's not a race, I do take comfort that our plans are further advanced than some of our contemporaries. In so many ways, Havering leads London in developing innovative solutions to the problems that all councils face.

There are a number of factors that have helped us in this effort.

One of these is determination. We have not shirked the tough decisions and we have stayed the course. That's why we remain on target to achieve our savings.

Another factor is just as important and that is having a clear guiding principle – a statement of intent, around which we base our decisions, and in the light of which we judge our choices.

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- where they can and can't park
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Now we have to do these things – if we didn't, the Borough wouldn't work and nobody would thank us for that.

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But they are our *functions*, not our *principles*; they are things we do - but they are not why we're here.

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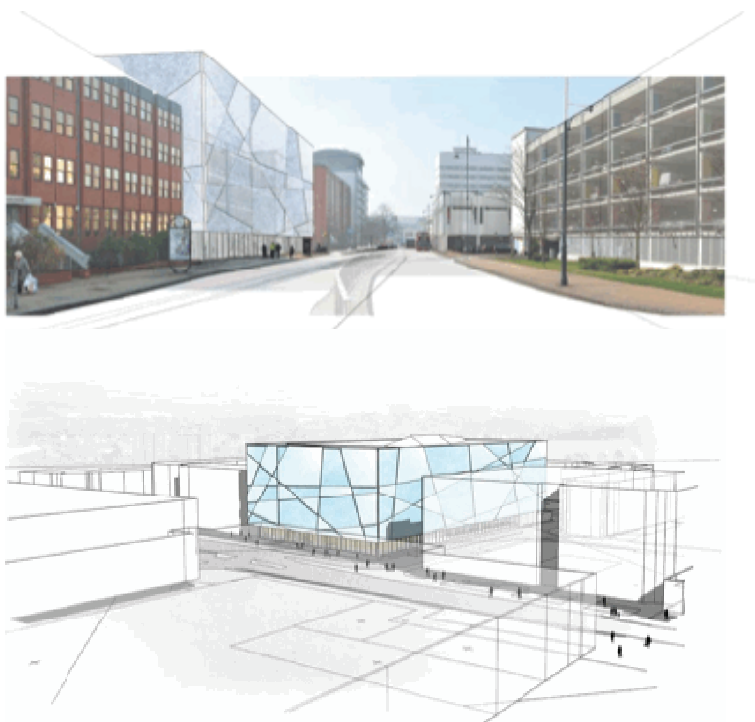
We promised to maintain weekly rubbish collections and we have.

We promised not to close libraries and they're all still open

And we promised to keep council tax stable and we've done that too.

**Annual Council, 23 May 2012**

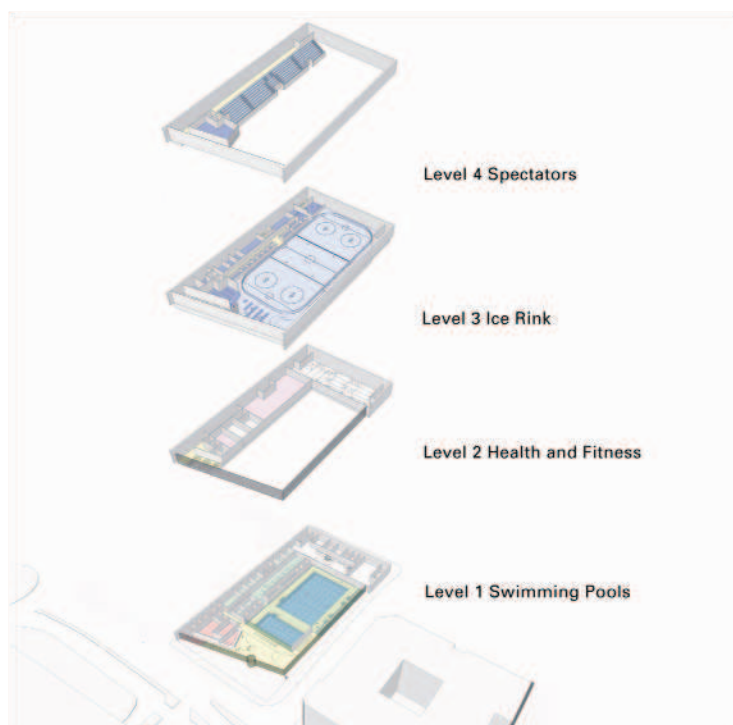
We also promised to deliver a brand new, state-of-the-art leisure centre in the heart of Romford.



Over recent weeks, I've read a number of comments in the press and heard mutterings from various quarters saying that this was one aspiration we would never achieve.

So it gives me great pleasure, Madam Mayor, to announce that today we have exchanged contracts to deliver that leisure centre in Romford.

The centre will have a competition ice rink, a competition swimming pool, a gym, fitness suite and a café.



**Annual Council, 23 May 2012**

The proposals that we will take forward for planning permission will see this landmark centre take shape on Mercury Gardens, while our partners, William Morrisons, develop a food store on the site of the current ice rink.

Best of all, the land-swap deal that we have negotiated with Morrisons means that this centre will be affordable – with minimal draw on Council funds.

It's a great result for local people and a great deal for taxpayers.

In fact, you might say it's the perfect balance between responsibility and aspiration.

There remain difficult times ahead, Madam Mayor, and tough choices to make.

But I hope my comments tonight show that our principles remain clear and unshaken:

We are on the side of local people and we will continue to work tirelessly in their interests.

Thank you.



## **DEBATE ON LEADER'S STATEMENT**

### **Procedure for the debate**

In exercise of her powers to control the conduct of business at the meeting, the Mayor has determined that, in the absence of amendments to the Statement, the procedure for the debate shall be as follows.

The Leader of the Council will have 10 minutes to move that the statement be noted.

As there are no amendments, there will follow a general debate but, in this instance, each Opposition Group Leader in turn (Residents', then Labour and then Independent Residents') will be given priority, followed by any other Member who wishes to contribute; all will have 5 minutes, as usual (there will be no limit on participants but obviously repetition will be discouraged).

At the conclusion of the debate, the Leader of the Council will have a five minute right of reply.

There will not be a vote at the end, as (in the absence of amendments) there is nothing in fact to vote on.

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## **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

That both the Members Code of Conduct and the Procedure for dealing with allegations be referred back to the Governance Committee for further consideration, because:

- The Members Code of Conduct reads like an Employee Code of conduct. For example: the sentence 'Members will be expected to comply with the Council's policies on Equality in Employment, Equality in Service Provision and Harassment and Bullying at Work' should not be in a Members Code of Conduct. This is because Members are elected Representatives of the People, not employees of the Council and should not be expected to comply with the Council's policies.
- The Procedure for dealing with allegations should include an appeals procedure.

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## **COUNCIL, 13 JUNE 2012**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**SUBJECT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RULES – EXCEPTIONS TO  
THE CALL-IN (REQUISITION) PROCEDURE**

#### **SUMMARY**

Under paragraph 18e of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Leader of the Council is required to submit quarterly reports to Council on decisions taken by himself, Cabinet or individual Cabinet members, or key decision made by a member of staff in the circumstances set out in Rule 18 (exemption to the call-in (requisition) procedure) in the preceding three months.

This report deals with three such decisions:

- 1) The disposal of Pages Barn, Pages Lane, Harold Wood, Romford; and
- 2) Revision to the agreed Executive Decision of 9 August 2011 for the disposal of the existing Rainham Library and the acquisition of land for a new library at the junction of Ferry Lane and the Broadway, Rainham.
- 3) Use of Section 106 commuted sums for provision of affordable housing

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report be noted.

<b>REPORT DETAIL</b>
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- 1 Rule 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Rules provides that:
  - (a) **The call-in procedure shall not apply where a decision being taken by Cabinet or an individual Cabinet member, or a key decision made by a member of staff is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interests. The record of the decision and notice by which it is made shall state whether in the opinion of the decision making person or body, the decision is an urgent one, and therefore not subject to call-in.**
  - (b) **The decision making person or body can only take an urgent decision and avoid call-in procedures after obtaining agreement from the Chairman or in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee that the decision be treated as urgent.**
- 2 The disposal of Pages Barn, Pages Lane, Harold Wood, Romford
  - 2.1 On behalf of Cabinet, Andrew Blake-Herbert, Group Director Finance & Commerce sought the agreement of the Chairman of the Value Overview & Scrutiny Committee to exempt from call-in an Executive decision concerning the disposal of Pages Barn, Pages Lane, Harold Wood.
  - 2.2 The Chairman of the Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Robby Misir, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in so that the property could be included in the final auction of the 2011/12 financial year as the Council required the capital receipts from its sale.
- 3 Revision to the agreed Executive Decision of 9 August 2011 for the disposal of the existing Rainham Library and the acquisition of land for a new library at the junction of Ferry Lane and the Broadway, Rainham
  - 3.1 On behalf of Cabinet, Andrew Blake-Herbert, Group Director Finance & Commerce sought the agreement of the Chairman of the Value Overview & Scrutiny Committee to exempt from call-in an Executive decision concerning a revision to the agreed Executive Decision of 9 August 2011 for the disposal of the existing Rainham Library and the

acquisition of land for a new library at the junction of Ferry Lane and the Broadway, Rainham.

3.2 The Chairman of the Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Robby Misir, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in so as to meet a deadline set by the Greater London Authority for the exchange of contracts between the Council and a developer in relation to the redevelopment of Rainham Village which includes the provision of a new library.

4 Use of Section 106 commuted sums for provision of affordable housing

4.1 On behalf of Cabinet, Cynthia Griffin, Group Director Culture & Community sought the agreement of the Chairman of the Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee to exempt from call-in a Cabinet decision concerning the use of Section 106 commuted sums for provision of affordable housing.

4.2 The Chairman of the Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Fred Osborne, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in as it was necessary for the Council to spend unallocated capital resources received from a housing developer by no later than 4 July 2012 and 8 August 2012 respectively to avoid the risk of having to refund the monies to the developer.

4.3 In addition, Councillor Osborne also gave his agreement to the exemption of the item from inclusion on the Council's Forward Plan for the same reasons as detailed in the previous paragraph.

4.4 The Council is statutorily required to give notice of key decisions it intends to take through the monthly publication of a document known as the 'Forward Plan.' A decision is only 'key' if it meets the following criteria:

- i) a capital scheme in excess of £500k expenditure or
- ii) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority

**5. Financial Implications and Risks:**

While there were financial implications around the decisions described in this report, there are none directly associated with this report.

**6. Legal Implications and Risks:**

There are none directly associated with this report.

**7. Human Resource Implications and Risks:**

There are none directly associated with this report.

**7. Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks:**

There are none directly associated with this report.

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**Background paper List**

1. Executive Decision relating to the disposal of Pages Barn, Pages Lane, Harold Wood, Romford. Signed by Councillor Roger Ramsey, Cabinet Member for Value, dated 8 February 2012.
2. Executive Decision relating to the revision to the agreed Executive Decision of 9 August 2011 for the disposal of the existing Rainham Library and the acquisition of land for a new library at the junction of Ferry Lane and the Broadway, Rainham. Signed by Councillor Michael White, Leader of the Council, dated 13 April 2012. (Part-exempt from public disclosure)
3. Cabinet report, dated 16 May 2012 entitled, 'Use of s106 commuted sums for provision of affordable housing.'





## **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

### **1 DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME: SUPPORT**

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

By Councillor Gillian Ford

Due to this administrations withdrawal of support for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, could the Cabinet Member advise this Council when and where the young residents of the borough can complete their already started awards?

### **2 "SECTION 106" AGREEMENT RECEIPTS**

#### **To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor Keith Darvill

What is the total amount of unspent and/or unallocated Section 106 receipts currently held by the Council?

### **3 CCTV COVERAGE IN RAINHAM & WENNINGTON**

#### **To the Cabinet Member for Community Safety (Councillor Geoff Starns)**

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

Are CCTV cameras an effective tool in deterring crime and if yes, what progress has been made in extending CCTV coverage to Rainham and Wennington ward

### **4 PAVEMENT DEFECTS**

#### **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the top ten roads in Havering where most pavement defects were reported during 2011?

5 **ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY PLACES IN THE BOROUGH**

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

By Councillor Denis Breading

Will the Lead Member for Children & Learning make a statement about the allocation of primary school places in the Borough for the academic year commencing September 2012?

6 **NOTICE OF IMPENDING FOOTWAY REPAIRS**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor David Durant

When residents are informed by StreetCare of Footway Repair Works, they also receive a covering letter from the Council Leader informing them that StreetCare is about to undertake Footway Repair Works. The message from the Council Leader begins with, "I am pleased to inform you" etc.

I have no objection to this polite message from the Council Leader, but local ward councillors should be mentioned too!

Will the Council Leader now agree to change the wording to read, "I and your local ward councillors are pleased to inform you" etc?

7 **SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTORS PROVIDING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL**

**To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Given the wide range of council services which are carried out by contractors, would the Leader set out how works are quality checked and whether contractors are still paid for works not completed or below an agreed standard?

8 **NEW HOMES: GOOSHAYS, HEATON AND HAROLD WOOD WARDS**

**To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)**

By Councillor Denis O'Flynn

How many new homes are planned to be built in Gooshays, Heaton and Harold Wood Wards during the next 5 years?

9 **SHOPPING PARADES: SUPPORT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND PARKING SCHEMES**

**To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor Mark Logan

The shopping parades in Wennington Road and the northern part of Upminster Road South need road improvements and a parking regime that encourages rather than deters local trade.

Are these shopping parades eligible for help from the GLA outer-London fund and will the Administration support TfL funded road improvements and a Council parking regime that helps these local shops survive?

10 **LANGTONS JUNIOR SCHOOL**

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

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Last year, following a poor OFSTED report for Corbets Tey School, the Cabinet Member assured me that the Schools Inspection Team was on the case. The recent OFSTED inspection of Langtons Junior has placed them in special measures. Would the Cabinet Member explain why the Schools Inspection Team is not picking up under-performing schools before OFSTED do?

11 **FOOTBALL PITCHES, HAROLD HILL: REQUIREMENTS**

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

By Councillor Pat Murray

What are the requirements of Sport England in respect of the provision of football pitches required as a result of the proposal of the Council to sell the land to the rear of the Albermarle Youth Centre Gooshays Drive?

12 **COST OF FUTURE COUNCIL-TAX BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

**To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

As part of the 2010 spending review, councils will become wholly responsible for Council Tax support payments as from April 2013. Central government funding for the new scheme will only amount to approximately 90% of current expenditure. Would the

Cabinet Member set out how this council expects to discharge this responsibility and what are the implications for Council Tax?

**13 ENFORCEMENT OF CARAVAN SITE LICENCE CONDITIONS**

**To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)**

By Councillor Paul McGeary

Will the Council ensure that Caravan Site Licence conditions are enforced to ensure site owners comply with their obligations to Park Home Residents in the Borough

**14 EAST LONDON SOLUTIONS: BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Linda Van den Hende

Would the Leader quantify what material benefits have been gained by Havering by being a member of East London Solutions and how much has the Council contributed to the organisation since its inception?

**15 NEW HOMES: HAROLD HILL AND HAROLD WOOD - INFRASTRUCTURE**

**To the Cabinet Member for Individuals (Councillor Steven Kelly)**

By Councillor Paul McGeary

With the proposed future housing developments in the Harold Hill/Wood area increasing the households in the area by over 1500 in the next 3 to 5 years, will the Administration in co operation with their partners, outline how they will be addressing the impact on the future planning for the infrastructure such as police, health and school place provision in the area.

**16 PROCEEDS OF CRIME LEGISLATION: COUNCIL INCOME**

**To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how much money the Council has received each year as a result of the proceeds of crime legislation coming into force and where the income is contained within the Council's budgets?

17 **COST OF POT HOLE REPAIRS**

**To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the cost of repairing a pot hole in the road (by square metre)?

18 **LIMITING SUBSIDISED RENTS**

**To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)**

By Councillor John Wood

Would the Cabinet Member confirm whether any plans are being discussed to follow conservative Hammersmith and Fulham Council to limit subsidised rent to tenants who earn under a certain level of income?

19 **MONITORING OF ACADEMIES AND FREE SCHOOLS**

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

By Councillor Gillian Ford

Two Basildon academies were recently placed into special measures, with the authority stating it was "aware of the issues" but had limited powers to intervene. Could the Cabinet Member confirm what lobbying is being carried out with Ministers to address the growing concerns over the lack of external monitoring and the inability to intervene in Academy and Free school education?

20 **USE OF CCTV ENFORCEMENT CARS**

**To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)**

By Councillor Ray Morgon

According to Government guidance, CCTV Smart Cars should only be used where enforcement is difficult, sensitive or not practical in being carried out by a traffic warden. Would the Cabinet Member comment on this statement?

21 **EFFECTS OF PREVIOUS PRIMARY SCHOOL CLOSURES**

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

By Councillor Nic Dodin

Given the predicted shortfalls in primary school places, would the Cabinet Member explain the rationale for the closure of Dunningford and Ayloff primary schools in 2008?

22 **FUTURE OF STAFF SOCIAL CLUB BUILDING**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

Would the Leader advise if there are any plans for the Havering Staff Social Club building in Hornchurch and if it is to be retained in its current capacity?

23 **HIGH STREET INNOVATION SCHEME**

**To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)**

By Councillor John Mylod

Would the Leader confirm whether Havering Council applied for any funding made available from DCLGs High Street Innovation scheme?



## **COUNCIL, 13 JUNE 2012**

### **MOTIONS FOR DEBATE**

#### **A THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

##### **Motion on behalf the Labour Group**

That this Council review its constitutional arrangements to ensure that the commonly-held view that we have in the Borough an "elective dictatorship" is addressed and reversed.

#### **B THE RIGHT TO BUY: REVIEW**

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

This Council believes the Right to Buy legislation was promoted by successive governments to stop local councils from providing accountable and value for money Council housing for local people.

It therefore calls on the Local Government Minister to undertake a review of housing policy that includes the option of removing the Right to Buy on **new** council houses.

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