

London Borough of Havering – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 16 October 2013

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Part A – Items considered in public

1	Business Rates Retention Pooling Option	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the potential benefits of entering a pooling arrangement and to grant formal authority for officers to enter into discussions in forming a pool and prepare draft documentation for governance of the pooling arrangement. 2. Delegated to the Group Director Resources, in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Member for Value, and Chief Executive, authority to finalise details of any formal submission to DCLG. 3. Noted that a further report would be brought before Cabinet, should approval be given to the creation of a pool.
2	Housing Strategy 2013-2016	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the draft Housing Strategy and in particular the proposed key priorities for tackling homelessness, promoting new affordable housing development, meeting older people’s housing needs, promoting quality in the private housing sector, and providing more supported housing to meet identified need – detailed in section 4 of this report –subject to further consultation within the Council, and with partner organisations and residents. 2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Housing to consider all of the consultation responses and to make amendments to the key priorities and/or the content of the Housing Strategy, unless any amendment has financial implications in which case further recommendations will be made to Cabinet.
3	Approval to convert 6000 sodium street lights in residential roads across the borough to more energy	<p>Cabinet Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To proceed to tender for the purchase of 6,000 LED lanterns and the conversion of

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	efficient LED lights	<p>6000 sodium street lights, in residential roads.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. In principle, to apply for the maximum interest free loan available under the Salix Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (SEELS) of £770,000 to part fund this project. 3. To add the funding of the scheme as set out in Appendix A to the Capital Budget 13/14, and to refer this recommendation to full Council. 4. To delegate award(s) of the contract(s) set out at (a) above to the Group Director of Culture, Community and Economic Development.
4	Development of New Affordable Housing	<p>Cabinet Agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That an allocation of £1,001,863 from the proceeds of right-to-buy council property sales accruing between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013 be agreed for this new build programme with onward referral to Council for approval. 2. That an allocation of £3,399,936 resources from the HRA Business Plan, including £353,000 already approved for Hidden Homes works, be agreed for this new build programme with onward referral to Council for approval. 3. That an allocation of £311,891 of section 106 commuted sums be agreed for this new build programme with onward referral to Council for approval. 4. That an allocation of £110,000 from the Adult Social Care capital budget, from Department of Health grant, to enable the addition of assistive technology to a scheme specifically for Adult Social Care clients be agreed for this new build programme with onward referral to Council for approval. 5. That a virement of £655,949 from unallocated capital resources held in the

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		<p>Housing General Fund previously earmarked to support vulnerable and/or disabled residents be agreed for this new build programme with onward referral to Council for approval.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. That the specific financial allocations from all sources be applied to the constituent schemes as detailed in an exempt appendix to the report. 7. That authority to make variations to any of the schemes covered in this report deemed desirable following resident consultation and/or identified as a planning requirement is delegated to the Cabinet Member for Housing unless the variations would incur additional capital investment by the Council in which case Cabinet's approval would be sought. 8. That the estimated £1,300,000 proceeds from sale of the shared ownership element of this new build programme be earmarked for future shared ownership and/or affordable rented developments on sites such as the former Diana Princess of Wales hostel. 9. That approval be given to commence the process of procuring the main contractors to deliver the schemes.
5	Open Government Member Project	Cabinet noted the outcomes delivered by the Open Government project