

London Borough of Havering – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 24 September 2014

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Part A – Items considered in public

A1	Minutes	
A2	THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STRATEGY	<p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the final schedule of proposals, set out in Appendix A to the report. 2. Reviewed the alternative proposals submitted and accepted by the Chief Finance Officer and agreed their inclusion or omission within the consultation process. 3. Agreed that officers should commence consultation on those proposals. 4. Noted the specific consultation questions being asked in the consultation documents, set out in Appendices J, K, L and M to the report. 5. Agreed the draft strategies for libraries and parking, set out in Appendices C and D to the report, as part of the consultation process. 6. Noted the final outturn position for 2013/14 and the initial forecast for 2014/15. 7. Noted the proposed timetable for reviewing the outcome of the consultation process and the remainder of the budget cycle.
A3	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHASE 2 PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPANSION PROPOSALS - RAINHAM	<p>Cabinet upheld the decision of the Lead Member made on 15th May 2014 in respect of the expansion of Parsonage Farm Primary School.</p> <p>NOTE: This decision by Cabinet is NOT subject to call-in as that process has already taken place.</p>

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A4	Approval to convert 10600 street lights in roads across the borough to more energy efficient LED lights.	<p>Cabinet agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Service proceeded to tender for the purchase of 10,600 LED lanterns and the conversion of 10,600 existing street lights across the borough. 2. In principle, to apply for the maximum interest-free loan available under the Salix Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme (SEELS) of £1.4 million to part fund the project. 3. The addition of a capital scheme to the value of £2.7m to the Council's Capital Budget for 2015/16, as detailed in the Financial Implications, paragraph 7 of the report and to refer this recommendation to full Council. 4. To delegate award(s) of the contract(s) set out at (1) above to the Group Director of Culture, Community and Economic Development. 5. To the undertaking of small-scale trials of dimming street lights during hours of low movement on selected roads to assess the suitability and benefit of adopting a dimming regime.
A5	Beam Park Housing Zone Proposal	<p>Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the submission of a Rainham and Beam Park Housing Zone bid to the Greater London Authority no later than 30 September 2014. 2. Approved the Economic Development and Regulatory Services initiating work on a Planning Strategy Document to strengthen the Council's position on planning applications coming forward in the area.

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Approved the commencement of work on the feasibility of establishing a Council-owned company to develop private housing for rent and sale with recommendations brought to a future Cabinet meeting for consideration. 4. Delegated to the Chief Executive after consultation with the Leader of the Council, authority to finalise the bid document.
A6	THE FUTURE OF THE COUNCILS COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE	<p>Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the sale of the Council’s commercial waste collection service to Supplier A as identified in Appendix A of, the confidential section of the report 2. Authorised the Group Director of Resources and the Head of StreetCare to negotiate with Supplier A to conclude the sales process, including the date of the transfer of the business, in the best interests of the Council.
A7	Council Housing New Build Programme	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Authorised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The making of the London Borough of Havering (Briar Road) Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO/the Order) 2014 under Section 17 and Part XVII of the Housing Act 1985, and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 to acquire all leasehold interests with the block 9-35 Briar Road, Harold Hill to develop new residential flats and houses. The premises detailed for acquisition were shown on the plan in Appendix 2 to the report. 2. The Director of Legal and Governance to alter the CPO boundary as shown on

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		<p>the plan in Appendix 2 to the report so as to exclude any land/interests acquired prior to the sealing of the Order.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The Director of Legal and Governance to seal the Order and take all necessary steps, including the publication of all statutory notices, to secure confirmation of the Order (with or without modifications). 4. The Director of Legal and Governance (in the event that the Secretary of State notifying the Council that it had been given the power to confirm the Compulsory Purchase Order, to confirm the Order and take all steps necessary to secure possession of the property, including the making of a General Vesting Declaration if he or she was satisfied that it was appropriate to do so. 5. The Head of Homes and Housing and/or the Property Services Manager both in advance of and after the making and confirmation of the Order, to arrange for negotiations to proceed with the owners of leaseholders interests and rights in the land with a view to acquiring those interests and rights by agreement if possible but thereafter by determination, and to pay such compensation for the acquisition of the interests and rights as may be proper and reasonable <p>Approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. An allocation of £495,000 from Right-to-Buy receipts should be agreed for this new build programme. 7. The entering into a funding agreement with the GLA to enable the Council to receive grant. 8. The commencement of the process of procuring the main contractor/s to deliver

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		<p>the schemes.</p> <p>9. The appropriation of the proposed development site at Ongar way into the HRA should this be necessary.</p> <p>Noted:</p> <p>10. That the specific financial allocations from all sources were applied to the constituent schemes as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report and noted that the requested increase to the capital budget was £22,756,000 inclusive of the externally funded grant from the GLA of £3,192,000 and that the increase be agreed and will be referred to Council for final approval.</p> <p>11. That the proceeds of the shared ownership home sales should be spent on housing and/or regeneration projects.</p> <p>12. That properties at Diana Princess of Wales House, Ongar Way, Kilmartin Way and Dewsbury Road previously agreed by Cabinet for disposal in the open market were now being retained for direct housing development and that earlier Cabinet decisions regarding those sales were superseded by this report.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>13. That an allocation of £19,069,000 resources from the HRA Business Plan should be agreed across the whole of new build programme (whether in addition to GLA or RTB funds), for expenditure across 2015/16 to 2017/18.</p> <p>Delegated</p> <p>14. Authority to the Lead Member for Housing to make variations to any of the</p>

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		schemes covered in the report, including virement between schemes, deemed desirable following scheme review, resident consultation and/or identified as a planning requirement unless the variations would incur additional capital investment by the Council in which case the approval of Cabinet and Council would be sought.