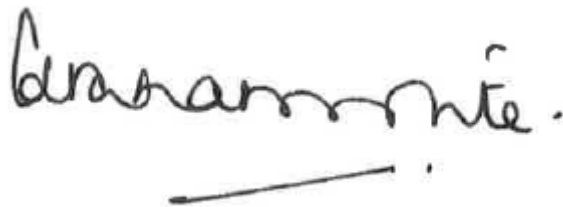




COUNCIL MEETING

**7.30 pm Wednesday, 10 June 2015
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



**Graham White
Monitoring Officer**

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- using any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later; or
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Members of the public are asked to remain seated throughout the meeting as standing up and walking around could distract from the business in hand.

AGENDA

1 PRAYERS

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillor David Johnson.

To receive any other apologies for absence.

3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 24)

To sign as a true record the minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 20 May 2015 (attached).

4 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members are invited to disclose any pecuniary interest in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting.

Members may still disclose any pecuniary 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

Councillors Keith Roberts, David Durant, Dilip Patel and Jeffrey Tucker have given notice of an intention to present a petition.

To receive any other petition presented pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 23.

7 CHANGES TO THE CALL-IN PROCESS FOR REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE (Pages 25 - 32)

To consider a report of the Governance Committee on changes to the call-in process for Regulatory Services Committee (attached).

Note: The deadline for amendments is midnight, Monday 8 June 2015.

8 CHANGES TO DELEGATED POWERS - REGULATORY SERVICES (Pages 33 - 34)

To consider a report of the Governance Committee on Changes to Delegated Powers – Regulatory Services (attached).

Note: the deadline for amendments is midnight, Monday 8 June 2015.

9 APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE - ONESOURCE

To consider a report of the Chief Executive on the appointment of a Director of Legal and Governance – oneSource (to follow pending confirmation of appointment).

10 REVISION TO THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 35 - 36)

To consider a report of the Group Director of Communities & Resources on an amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy (attached).

Note: The deadline for amendments is midnight, Monday 8 June 2015.

11 DEBATE ON STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Deemed motion by the Conservative Group

That the statement given by the Leader of the Council at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 20 May 2015 be received.

Amendment by the Residents' Group

In light of the Leader's statement at Annual Council that the council is set for some challenging times ahead, this council agrees that a comprehensive review is undertaken to ensure that the management of this council is the most effective and efficient that it can be. Although not an exhaustive list, this will include looking at targets set, how individual output and training is measured and monitored, quality of work checked, procedures reviewed, documented and technology used to ensure that this council is the most streamlined and cost effective.

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (Pages 37 - 40)

Attached.

13 MOTIONS FOR DEBATE (Pages 41 - 42)

Motions paper attached.



**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING
Havering Town Hall, Romford
20 May 2015 (7.30pm – 7.47pm)**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Linda Trew) in the Chair.

Councillors June Alexander, Clarence Barrett, Robert Benham, Wendy Brice-Thompson, Michael Deon Burton, Joshua Chapman, John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Keith Darvill, Meg Davis, Osman Dervish, Ian De Wulverton, Nic Dodin, Alex Donald, David Durant, Brian Eagling, Gillian Ford, Jason Frost, Jody Ganly, John Glanville, Linda Hawthorn, David Johnson, Steven Kelly, Phil Martin, Barbara Matthews, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, John Mylod, Stephanie Nunn, Ron Ower, Garry Pain, Dilip Patel, Viddy Persaud, Roger Ramsey, Keith Roberts, Patricia Rumble, Carol Smith, Frederick Thompson, Jeffrey Tucker, Linda Van den Hende, Melvin Wallace, Lawrence Webb, Roger Westwood, Damian White, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Julie Wilkes, Graham Williamson, Darren Wise and John Wood.

Approximately fifty Members' guests and members of the public were also present.

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Ray Best, and Philip Hyde.

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

The meeting opened with prayers by Reverend David Hague, Area Dean of Havering.

105 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR (agenda item 3)

Council stood for a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Cyril Field who had recently died. The Leader of the Council and several other Members paid tribute to former Councillor Field and the work he had undertaken whilst a member of the Council.

The Mayor thanked her Chaplain, the Deputy Mayor and her husband for their invaluable support throughout the Mayoral year. Thanks were also

recorded to the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and the Mayoral Support team. The Mayor announced that approximately £25,600 had been raised for the Mayoral charities and this was greeted with warm applause on all sides of the Chamber.

106 **ROLL OF HONOUR (agenda item 4)**

A report of the Governance Committee invited Council to agree that a roll of honour be created in recognition of two local servicemen – Lance Corporal Kirk Redpath and Warrant Officer Class 2 Ian Fisher, both of whom had died on active service. The roll of honour would also commemorate any other members of the armed forces who died on active duty during the period 1 April 1965 to 1 April 2015.

The report was **AGREED** without division and it was **RESOLVED** that:

As part of the 50th anniversary commemorations, a roll of honour be created in recognition of Lance Corporal Kirk Redpath and Warrant Officer Class 2 Ian Fisher, both of whom died on active service between 1 April 1965 and 1 April 2015, and any other members of the armed forces from this Borough who died on active duty during that period.

107 **PRESENTATION TO MAYOR'S CADET (agenda item 5)**

The Mayor made a presentation to the Mayor's Cadet 2014/15 – Corporal Harry Fant of Hornchurch and Upminster Sea Cadet Unit and thanked him for his assistance during the year.

Mayor
10 June 2015



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING
Havering Town Hall, Romford
20 May 2015 (7.48pm – 8.45pm)**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Brian Eagling) in the Chair.

Councillors June Alexander, Clarence Barrett, Robert Benham, Wendy Brice-Thompson, Michael Deon Burton, Joshua Chapman, John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Keith Darvill, Meg Davis, Osman Dervish, Ian De Wulverton, Nic Dodin, Alex Donald, David Durant, Gillian Ford, Jason Frost, Jody Ganly, John Glanville, Linda Hawthorn, David Johnson, Steven Kelly, Phil Martin, Barbara Matthews, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, John Mylod, Stephanie Nunn, Ron Ower, Garry Pain, Dilip Patel, Viddy Persaud, Roger Ramsey, Keith Roberts, Patricia Rumble, Carol Smith, Frederick Thompson, Linda Trew, Jeffrey Tucker, Linda Van den Hende, Melvin Wallace, Lawrence Webb, Roger Westwood, Damian White, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Julie Wilkes, Graham Williamson, Darren Wise and John Wood.

*- part of meeting. Councillor Linda Trew took the Chair at the start of the meeting.

Approximately fifty Members' guests and members of the public were present. One representative of the press was also present.

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Ray Best and Philip Hyde.

The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem.

1 **MAYORALTY 2015/16 (agenda Item 1)**

Motion on behalf of the East Havering Residents' Group

That Councillor Brian Eagling be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

That Councillor Barbara Matthews be elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

Following proposing speeches by the candidates' respective Group Leaders, Councillor Bran Eagling was **ELECTED** as Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/16 by 28 votes to 15 (see division 1).

Councillor Brian Eagling, 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 him. The Mayor indicated that his consort would be **Bunny Eagling**.

The Cabinet Member for Culture & Community Engagement and other Members expressed the thanks of the Council to Councillor Linda Trew for her services during 2014/15. Councillor Trew suitably replied.

2 **DEPUTY MAYOR – Appointment**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor signified in writing his appointment of **Councillor Philippa Crowder** 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 Crowder made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly. The Mayor indicated that the Deputy Mayor's Consort for the year would be **Councillor John Crowder**.

3 **MINUTES (agenda item 2)**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 March 2015 were before the Council for approval.

It was **AGREED**, without division, that the minutes be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 March 2015, be signed as a correct record.

4 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS (agenda item 3)

The Members present named in minutes 1 and 7 (the Mayoralty and various Committee Chairmanships) who were candidates for offices attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance, each declared a personal interest under the Members' Code of Conduct as, if elected, they would benefit from the Members' Allowance Scheme 2015-16.

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (agenda item 4)

The Mayor congratulated Paul Freedman MBE – a local charity campaigner who had been the oldest runner to compete in the London Marathon. A civic award would be presented to Mr Freedman at a later date.

6 APPOINTING THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 5)

There was before the Council a report of the Monitoring Officer concerning the appointment of the Committees of the Council, and advising on political balance issues.

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

- (1) That, so far as necessary to enable any changes proposed and agreed during this meeting to be carried in to effect, Council Procedure Rule 20.2 (proposals to amend the Constitution to be referred to Governance Committee without discussion) be suspended.**
- (2) That, subject to the Council's consideration of any motion or amendment to this report relating to changes in the Committee structure, the Committees listed in Appendix 1 of the report be appointed for the 2015/16 Municipal Year and that:**
 - (a) As required by statute, two voting co-optees representing the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church and three parent governor co-optees selected in accordance with the appropriate Regulations, be appointed to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee.**
 - (b) The other non-elected member "appointments" and invitations to attend shown in the Appendix (and particularly its annexes) of the report be confirmed.**

- (3) Those Committees be appointed with:
 (a) the membership sizes and
 (b) the political balance
 indicated in Appendix 2 to these minutes.

7 **APPOINTING THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES (agenda item 6)**

Under Council Procedure Rule 11.10 (b) the consent of Council was **GRANTED**, without division, to the amending of the Conservative Group nomination for Vice-Chair of the Regulatory Services Committee from Councillor Ray Best to Councillor Melvin Wallace.

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2.
Audit		
Governance		
Highways Advisory		
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. Keith Roberts 2. 3.
Pensions		
Regulatory Services		
Rainham and Wennington and South Hornchurch Working Party (No Vice-Chairmen)	Michael Deon Burton	-----
Overview and Scrutiny Board		

Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee	David Durant	
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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Motion on behalf of the East Havering Residents' Group

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2.
Audit		
Governance		
Highways Advisory		Cllr Darren Wise
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Cllr Linda Van den Hende	1. 2. 3.
Pensions		
Regulatory Services		

Rainham & Wennington and South Hornchurch Working Party (No Vice-Chairman)		
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Cllr Gillian Ford	
Children & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Cllr Gillian Ford	
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee		
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee		Cllr Alex Donald
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee		Cllr Linda Hawthorn

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		Cllr Clarence Barrett
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Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Garry Pain	1. Roger Westwood 2.
Audit	Viddy Persaud	
Governance	Joshua Chapman	Melvin Wallace
Highways Advisory	Jason Frost	
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. Frederick Thompson 2. Linda Trew 3.

Pensions	John Crowder	
Regulatory Services	Robby Misir	Melvin Wallace
Rainham and Wennington and South Hornchurch Working Party (No Vice-Chairmen)		-----
Overview and Scrutiny Board		
Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		Carol Smith
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee		
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		Dilip Patel
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	Roger Ramsey	
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Motion on behalf of the UK Independence Party Group

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2.

Audit		
Governance		
Highways Advisory		
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2. 3.
Pensions		Cllr David Johnson
Regulatory Services		
Rainham and Wennington and South Hornchurch Working Party (No Vice- Chairman)		-----
Overview and Scrutiny Board		Cllr Lawrence Webb
Children & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Crime & Disorder Sub- Committee	Cllr Ian de Wulverton	
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Sub- Committee		
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub- Committee		
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny Sub- Committee		Cllr Phillip Hyde
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny Sub- Committee	Cllr Lawrence Webb	

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed –

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		1.Cllr John Mylod 2.
Audit		Cllr Julie Wilkes
Governance		
Highways Advisory		
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2. 3.
Pensions		
Regulatory Services		
Rainham and Wennington and South Hornchurch Working Party (No Vice-Chairman)		-----
Overview and Scrutiny Board		
Children & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee		
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Cllr Barbara Matthews	
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Cllr Nic Dodin	
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Cllr June Alexander	

Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
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Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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The motions above, except insofar as concerning the appointment of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee specifically referred to below, were then **AGREED** without division.

It was accordingly **RESOLVED**:

That the following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be appointed:

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Garry Pain (Cons)	1. Roger Westwood (Cons) 2. John Mylod (RG)
Audit	Viddy Persaud (Cons)	Julie Wilkes (RG)
Governance	Joshua Chapman (Cons)	Melvin Wallace (Cons)
Highways Advisory	Jason Frost (Cons)	Darren Wise (EHRG)
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Linda van den Hende (EHRG)	1. Keith Roberts (IRG) 2. Fredrick Thompson (Cons) 3. Linda Trew (Cons)
Pensions	John Crowder (Cons)	David Johnson (UKIP)
Regulatory Services	Robby Misir (Cons)	Melvin Wallace (Cons)
Rainham & Wennington and South Hornchurch Working Party (No Vice-Chairman)	Michael Deon Burton (IRG)	-----

Overview and Scrutiny Board	Gillian Ford (EHRG)	Lawrence Webb (UKIP)
Children & Learning Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Gillian Ford (EHRG)	Carol Smith (Cons)
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Barbara Matthews (RG)	Alex Donald (EHRG)
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Nic Dodin (RG)	Dilip Patel (Cons)
Individuals Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	June Alexander (RG)	Philip Hyde (UKIP)
Towns and Communities Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Lawrence Webb (UKIP)	Linda Hawthorn (EHRG)

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	Roger Ramsey (Cons)	Clarence Barrett (EHRG)
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The Independent Residents' Group and United Kingdom Independence Party Group nominations for the Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee were then put to the vote as follows:

Chairman, Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee

Nomination by:	Councillor	Votes cast (see division 2)
Independent Residents' Group	David Durant	15
United Kingdom Independence Group	Ian de Wulverton	34

Councillor Ian de Wulverton was declared **ELECTED**.

It was **AGREED** without division that Councillor David Durant be elected as Vice-Chair of the Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee.

8 **APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER CHAMPIONS (agenda item 7)**

Motion on behalf of the East Havering Residents' Group

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces –

For the Equalities and Diversity -

For the Historic Environment – Councillor Linda Hawthorn

For the Over 50's – Councillor Linda Van den Hende

For the Voluntary Sector Compact -

For Younger Persons –

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces – Councillor John Crowder

For the Equalities and Diversity -

For the Historic Environment –

For the Over 50's –

For the Voluntary Sector Compact - Councillor Viddy Persaud

For Younger Persons – Councillor Joshua Chapman

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces – Councillor Barry Mugglestone

For Equalities and Diversity – Councillor Stephanie Nunn

For the Historic Environment –

For the Over 50s –

For the Voluntary Sector Compact –

For Younger Persons –

The motions above, except insofar as concerning the Member Champion for the armed forces, were **AGREED** without division.

It was accordingly **RESOLVED**:

That the following Member Champions be appointed as indicated:

For the Equalities and Diversity - Councillor Stephanie Nunn

For the Historic Environment – Councillor Linda Hawthorn

For the Over 50's – Councillor Linda Van den Hende

For the Voluntary Sector Compact – Councillor Viddy Persaud

For Younger Persons – Councillor Joshua Chapman

The Conservative Group and Residents' Group nominations were then put to the vote as follows:

Member Champion for the Armed Forces

Nomination by:	Councillor	Votes cast (see division 3)
Conservative Group	John Crowder	29
Residents' Group	Barry Mugglestone	23

Councillor John Crowder was declared **ELECTED**.

9 **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 8)**

The text of the statement given by the Leader of the Council is shown at appendix 3 to these minutes.

10 **VOTING RECORD**

The records of voting divisions are attached as **appendices 1 and 4**.

Mayor
10 June 2015

VOTING RECORD

<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	1
The Mayor [Cllr. Linda Trew]	O
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Barbara Matthews]	X
<u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</u>	
Cllr Roger Ramsey	✓
Cllr Robert Benham	✓
Cllr Ray Best	A
Cllr Wendy Brice-Thompson	✓
Cllr Joshua Chapman	✓
Cllr John Crowder	✓
Cllr Phillipa Crowder	✓
Cllr Meg Davis	✓
Cllr Osman Dervish	✓
Cllr Jason Frost	✓
Cllr Steven Kelly	✓
Cllr Robby Misir	✓
Cllr Garry Pain	✓
Cllr Dilip Patel	✓
Cllr Viddy Persaud	✓
Cllr Carol Smith	✓
Cllr Frederick Thompson	✓
Cllr Melvin Wallace	✓
Cllr Roger Westwood	✓
Cllr Damian White	✓
Cllr Michael White	✓
<u>RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>	
Cllr Ray Morgon	X
Cllr June Alexander	X
Cllr Nic Dodin	X
Cllr Jody Ganly	X
Cllr Barry Mugglestone	X
Cllr John Mylod	X
Cllr Stephanie Nunn	X
Cllr Reg Whitney	X
Cllr Julie Wilkes	X
Cllr John Wood	X
<u>EAST HAVERING RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>	
Cllr Clarence Barrett	✓
Cllr Alex Donald	✓
Cllr Brian Eagling	✓
Cllr Gillian Ford	✓
Cllr Linda Hawthorn	✓
Cllr Ron Ower	✓
Cllr Linda Van den Hende	✓
Cllr Darren Wise	✓
<u>UK Independence Party</u>	
Cllr Lawrence Webb	O
Cllr Ian De Wulverton	O
Cllr John Glanville	O
Cllr Phillip Hyde	A
Cllr David Johnson	O
Cllr Phil Martin	O
Cllr Patricia Rumble	O
<u>INDEPENDENT LOCAL RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>	
Cllr Jeffrey Tucker	X
Cllr Michael Deon Burton	O
Cllr David Durant	X
Cllr Keith Roberts	X
Cllr Graham Williamson	O
<u>Labour</u>	
Cllr Keith Darvill	X
<u>TOTALS</u>	
✓ = YES	28
X = NO	15
O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	9
ID = INTEREST DISCLOSED/NO VOTE	0
A = ABSENT FROM MEETING	2
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APPENDIX 2: RECOMMENDED SEAT ALLOCATION

Having regard to the principles of political balance and of seat allocation referred to in Appendix 1, the following allocation of seats is recommended on the basis that, taking all factors into account, it shows a “reasonably practicable” allocation of seats and is therefore the default position.

		CONSERVATIVE	RESIDENTS	EHRG
Governance	13	5	3	2
Licensing	11	5	3	1
Regulatory Services	11	5	2	2
Highways Advisory	11	5	2	2
Adjudication	10	4	2	2
Pensions	7	3	2	1
Audit	6	2	1	1
Rainham & Sth HX WP	6	2	1	1
O&S Board	16	7	3	2
Children's	9	4	2	1
Crime & Disorder	6	2	1	1
Towns & Communities	9	4	2	1
Environment	7	2	2	1
Health	6	2	1	1
Individuals	6	3	1	1
Total seats allocated	134	55	28	20

- Committee seats are allocated, and each Committee is balanced, as “reasonably practicably” as possible

LEADER'S SPEECH TO ANNUAL COUNCIL – 20TH May 2015

Councillor Roger Ramsey

Mr Mayor, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen.

I would like to start this evening with congratulations.

Congratulations to Havering's three Members of Parliament, who were all returned to represent their constituencies in Westminster – Andrew Rosindell here in Romford, Dame Angela Watkinson in Hornchurch & Upminster and Jon Cruddas in Dagenham & Rainham.

And of course, I would like to congratulate you Mr Mayor on your elevation to First Citizen of this Borough. I hope you enjoy your year of office and I'm sure you will carry out your duties with aplomb over the forthcoming twelve months.

With the congratulations over, there are now some people to thank.

I would like to thank colleagues on all sides of the chamber for their support through the budget process. It's been a challenging time for all concerned, but the process has been made slightly easier thanks to the mature way in which all groups have responded to the budget deliberations.

I think we have all recognised that none of us want to be in the position of making cuts in services or of making large numbers of our staff redundant. Unfortunately, such measures are sometimes unavoidable and so need to be handled sensibly and sensitively.

My thanks are of course extended to our staff. Council staff continue to work tirelessly on behalf of our residents, even with the insecurity that funding cuts bring to their workplace. Their commitment continues to improve lives and make the Borough a place to be proud of and we should recognise that.

And it's worth reflecting on the fact that, while we may have made our decisions in February, the impact of those decisions is only now starting to reverberate through the organisation - and the wider Borough.

The changes to services that we agreed three months ago will be implemented in the main, this year and next. Further consultations will be needed, for instance on the youth service - starting in the next week, and changes to staff structures will be an ongoing reality in this place for many months to come.

We in this chamber should not allow ourselves to think that making the tough decisions was the hard part. We must continue to explain to local people why tough

decisions were needed, how we reached those decisions and what we are doing to protect the services that are most important to our Borough and its residents.

Over the years, we have become accustomed to Leader's speeches at Annual Council summarising achievements and making promises. I am aware that this speech is somewhat different in tone. I certainly don't wish to appear downcast on a civic occasion such as this, but I do want to be realistic – and I do want to be honest.

Because we're not out of the woods yet.

In February, when we considered the budget, the bulk of the savings plans we set in place covered the first two years of the four year cycle.

We were satisfied that those savings plans would go a long way to closing the overall funding gap that we were projecting for the entire four year period.

We started with a £60 million pound gap. That was the combined effect of Government funding cuts, the rising costs of caring for an ageing population – together with new responsibilities such as the Care Act and further inflationary pressures on our budget.

We challenged the assumptions that lay behind that figure. We looked at the pressures of demographic change in particular and it looked like demand would not be as challenging as first thought.

So we reduced the projected gap from £60 million to £45 million – making it clear that there were significant risks that the projection could change again – and we set to work on our proposals.

The decisions we took – including both savings and an unfortunate but necessary increase in the Council Tax, reduced the gap considerably.

But we knew that there would be further gap to close in the second half of the four year term - which we hoped would not be too challenging, based on what we knew then.

Our belief now is that the final gap for us to close will be larger than anticipated.

That's due to a number of factors.

The first is demographic change here in Havering. We already had London's largest proportion of older people - and the growing pressure of our ageing population certainly isn't going away. But we now also have one of London's fastest growing populations of children – which wasn't expected.

With more families moving to Havering, we have rapidly increasing pressure on schools and children's services – in effect meaning we're now being squeezed at both ends of the age spectrum in a way we haven't seen before. That means we

need to look again at how much provision there is in the budget to cover this growing and changing population.

The other issue – and one which is yet to become fully clear – is how the new Government will deal with local authority funding in the forthcoming special budget this July.

As the Government tries to restore balance to Britain's public finances it seems clear that reductions in funding will not be any easier. In fact they could well be worse than previously expected. That will make our challenge in the short term somewhat more pressing.

But we're well used to challenges in Havering – and we generally meet those challenges head on, and effectively.

Unlike many councils, we have agreed, and are now implementing, a robust plan. We have been bold and truly transformative. We have adopted new technology and embraced new partnerships that are now the model for other councils to follow. We have not shied away from difficult decisions, or ploughed ahead with only dwindling reserves keeping services afloat.

Those councils that have done that, hoping the winds of change would blow through Parliament, are now left in the doldrums – facing the reality of tens of millions of pounds of cuts to make, in a painfully short period of time.

But our fast start does not mean we can rest on our laurels here. We must now begin the work of finding new ways to further reduce our costs. Once again, we need to look for efficiencies and for the truly transformational changes that can make a huge difference. And here I give an assurance and make a plea:

As we did last year, we in the Administration will once again share what we know with all Members of this Council. We will consult and where we can, collaborate with other groups to find solutions. That is my assurance.

So here is my plea:

If you have questions, raise them; if you have ideas, share them; and if you have proposals, make them.

Whatever our political differences, we can all agree that the people of this borough would be best served by a collegiate council, pooling its expertise to reduce costs without savaging services.

We as an Administration will take all suggestions seriously, because these are serious times.

The Chief Executive has just launched a summer-long ideas drive for her staff, to encourage members of staff at all levels within the organisation to come up with

ideas and work together with colleagues to develop them, ready to present to Members in the Autumn.

As the elected representatives of our residents, we should do the same. Let's set aside the politics of division and work inclusively in the interests of those residents who put us here.

And, as we do so, let's not forget that there is quite a bit of sunlight amongst the shadows.

Even facing significant financial constraints, there is still much we can do to improve the quality of life for our residents.

When we set the budget, I alluded to our new vision and said we would set out to deliver our residents' most keenly-felt priorities - a clean borough, where local people are safe and where residents are proud to live.

Both now and in the future, we strive to maintain the resources to ensure that Havering remains clean, safe and proud.

We'll continue to develop new leisure facilities, better parks and cleaner streets.

We'll continue to protect the most vulnerable people who live here – working in close partnership with the health service and the police.

With Crossrail around the corner, we will continue to encourage enterprise and investment in the Borough, making Havering not just a great place to raise a family, but also an ideal place to do business.

And we will continue to capitalise on our enviable position, looking in to the energy of the city and out to the appeal of the countryside.

Mr Mayor, I have no doubt that Havering can and will continue to be a place to live, grow and prosper.

And it is our role and our privilege to cultivate and sustain this community's success through the years to come.

VOTING RECORD

<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	2	3
The Mayor [Cllr. Brian Eagling]	✓	✓
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Philippa Crowder]	✗	✓
<u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</u>		
Cllr Roger Ramsey	✗	✓
Cllr Robert Benham	✗	✓
Cllr Ray Best	A	A
Cllr Wendy Brice-Thompson	✗	✓
Cllr Joshua Chapman	✗	✓
Cllr John Crowder	✗	✓
Cllr Meg Davis	✗	✓
Cllr Osman Dervish	✗	✓
Cllr Jason Frost	✗	✓
Cllr Steven Kelly	✗	✓
Cllr Robby Misir	✗	✓
Cllr Garry Pain	✗	✓
Cllr Dilip Patel	✗	✓
Cllr Viddy Persaud	✗	✓
Cllr Carol Smith	✗	✓
Cllr Frederick Thompson	✗	✓
Cllr Linda Trew	✗	✓
Cllr Melvin Wallace	✗	✓
Cllr Roger Westwood	✗	✓
Cllr Damian White	✗	✓
Cllr Michael White	✗	✓
<u>RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>		
Cllr Ray Morgon	✓	✗
Cllr June Alexander	O	✗
Cllr Nic Dodin	✓	✗
Cllr Jody Ganly	O	✗
Cllr Barbara Matthews	✓	✗
Cllr Barry Mugglestone	✓	✗
Cllr John Mylod	✓	✗
Cllr Stephanie Nunn	✓	✗
Cllr Reg Whitney	✓	✗
Cllr Julie Wilkes	✓	✗
Cllr John Wood	✓	✗
<u>EAST HAVERING RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>		
Cllr Clarence Barrett	✗	✓
Cllr Alex Donald	✗	✓
Cllr Gillian Ford	✗	✓
Cllr Linda Hawthorn	✗	✓
Cllr Ron Ower	✗	✓
Cllr Linda Van den Hende	✗	✓
Cllr Darren Wise	✗	✓
<u>UK Independence Party</u>		
Cllr Lawrence Webb	✗	✗
Cllr Ian De Wulverton	✗	✗
Cllr John Glanville	✗	✗
Cllr Phillip Hyde	A	A
Cllr David Johnson	✗	✗
Cllr Phil Martin	✗	✗
Cllr Patricia Rumble	✗	✗
<u>INDEPENDENT LOCAL RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>		
Cllr Jeffrey Tucker	✓	✗
Cllr Michael Deon Burton	✓	✗
Cllr David Durant	✓	✗
Cllr Keith Roberts	✓	✗
Cllr Graham Williamson	✓	✗
<u>Labour</u>		
Cllr Keith Darvill	O	✗
<u>TOTALS</u>		
✓ = YES	15	29
✗ = NO	34	23
O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	3	0
ID = INTEREST DISCLOSED/NO VOTE	0	0
A = ABSENT FROM MEETING	2	2
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COUNCIL, 10 JUNE 2015

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

REVISION TO THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE

At its meeting on 11 March 2015 a report was presented which set out proposed changes to the call-in procedure for planning applications brought before the Regulatory Services Committee. At that meeting, Members deferred making a decision so that further thought could be given to the proposed revisions.

As a consequence, a further report was presented to the Committee on 30 April 2015. This revised report retained the proposal for the call-in of a planning application to be restricted to the Councillors for the ward in which the planning application site was located. It was recognised however that there might be exceptional circumstances whereby non-ward councillors felt it was necessary for an application to be brought for the consideration of the Regulatory Services Committee. In such exceptional circumstances, approval had to be sought in writing, setting out detailed reasons for the call-in which had to be related solely to matters of material planning concern, and obtained from the Head of Regulatory Services for the application to be brought before the committee.

Officers provided details of the call-in arrangements for all London boroughs (as shown in appendix A of the attached report to Governance Committee). The research showed that out of the remaining 31 London boroughs, 21 had some form of restriction on their call-in arrangements, with variations depending upon local preferences.

A consistent theme throughout the various local arrangements was the need for material planning considerations to be stated when the request for call-in was made. That provision currently existed within Havering's Committee procedure rules.

The Governance Committee accordingly recommends to Council that:

1. Committee Procedure Rule 13(e) of the Council's Constitution be revised the read the following:
 - (e) *Only a Councillor representing the ward in which the planning application is located, or in exceptional circumstances any member of the Council, may call-in an application before the Regulatory Services Committee. Any such request for call-in must be received by the Head of Regulatory Services in writing (to include email and facsimile) and*

must set out detailed reasons for the call in which must be related solely to matters of material planning concern. Any Member of the planning committee calling in a matter must take care to express themselves in a manner which would not amount to bias or pre-determination should they intend to take part in the meeting.

2. That Section 3.6.6(d) be revised to read the following:

“Members of the Ward in which a proposal is situated may request that an application be referred to the Regulatory Services Committee for determination. Such request must be made in writing to the Head of Regulatory Services personally. If no such request is received by the deadline of that period the Head of Regulatory Services may determine the application.

If any Member considers there are exceptional circumstances warranting the calling in of a planning application which is not situated within their Ward then they must seek and obtain approval from the Head of Regulatory Services.”

3. That the Council’s Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary change to the Council’s Constitution, should the proposal be agreed by Council.



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT

30 April 2015

Subject Heading:

Revision to the call-in procedure for applications brought before the Regulatory Services Committee

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Policy context:

Council's Constitution

Financial summary:

None arising from this report

SUMMARY

A report was presented at the previous meeting of the Committee on 11 March 2015 setting out proposed changes to the call-in procedure for planning applications brought before the Regulatory Services Committee. At that meeting, Members deferred making a decision so that further thought could be given to the proposed revisions.

This revised report before Members retains the proposal for the call-in of a planning application to be restricted to the Councillors for the ward in which the planning application site is located. It is recognised however that there may be exceptional circumstances whereby non-ward councillors feel it is necessary for an application to be brought for the consideration of the Regulatory Services Committee. In such exceptional circumstances, approval must be sought in writing, setting out detailed reasons for the call in which must be related solely to matters of material planning concern, and obtained from the Head of Regulatory Services for the application to be brought before the committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended to Council:

1. That Committee Procedure Rule 13(e) of the Council's Constitution be revised to read the following:

(e) Only a Councillor representing the ward in which the planning application is located, or in exceptional circumstances any member of the Council, may call-in an application before the Regulatory Services Committee. Any such request for call-in must be received by the Head of Regulatory Services in writing (to include email and facsimile) and must set out detailed reasons for the call in which must be related solely to matters of material planning concern. Any Member of the planning committee calling in a matter must take care to express themselves in a manner which would not amount to bias or pre-determination should they intend to take part in the meeting.

2. That Section 3.6.6(d) be revised to read the following:

“Members of the Ward in which a proposal is situated may request that an application be referred to the Regulatory Services Committee for determination. Such request must be made in writing to either the Head of Regulatory Services personally. If no such request is received by the deadline of that period the Head of Regulatory Services may determine the application.

If any Member considers there are exceptional circumstances warranting the calling in of a planning application which is not situated within their Ward then they must seek and obtain approval from the Head of Regulatory Services.”

3. That the Council's Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary change to the Council's Constitution, should the proposal be agreed by Council.

REPORT DETAIL

1. Committee Procedure Rule 13(e) of the Council's Constitution sets out the provisions for the call-in of a planning application for consideration by the Regulatory Services Committee which would otherwise be determined by Council Officers in accordance with the delegated scheme of authority. It states:

“Any request for call-in by a Member must be received by the Head of Regulatory Services in writing (to include email and facsimile) and setting out detailed reasons for the call in which must be related solely to matters of material planning concern. Any Member of the planning committee calling in a matter must take care to express themselves in a manner which would not amount to bias or pre-determination should they intend to take part in the meeting.”

2. As previously reported, Members of the Regulatory Services Committee had proposed that a revision be made to the call-in procedure. The previous proposal was for the call-in of a planning application to be restricted specifically to the Councillors for the ward in which the planning application site was located. This would change the existing arrangement which permits any Member of the Council to call-in a planning application irrespective of whether he/she is the ward Councillor where the planning application site is located.
3. At the meeting of the Governance Committee on 11 March 2015 where the report on the matter was first considered, a number of Members expressed concern that the proposal was too restrictive in that there might be exceptional circumstances where non-ward councillors would want the matter to be brought before Members rather than through a delegated authority to Officers. Such exceptional circumstances could for example include proposals which are very close to a neighbouring Ward boundary and/or have a wider impact that affects more than the Ward concerned. As such, Members deferred making a decision to enable further discussion on what the appropriate procedure for the call-in should be.
4. To assist, Officers have provided details of the call-in arrangements for all London boroughs (attached as Appendix A). The research has shown that out of the remaining 31 London boroughs, 21 have some form of restriction on their call-in arrangements, with variations depending upon local preferences.
5. A consistent theme throughout the various local arrangements is the need for material planning considerations to be stated when the request for call-in is made. That provision currently exists within the Committee procedure rules. Should Members be minded to agree the proposals to restrict the call-in arrangements to Ward Councillors and, in exceptional circumstances to all members of the Council, it would continue that approval in writing must be submitted to and obtained from the Head of Regulatory Services. The reasons provided for the call-in will be included in the report before the Regulatory Services Committee and the Member(s) calling-in the application is/are expected to attend the relevant meeting to explain their reasons.
6. There is no right of appeal where the Head of Regulatory Services deems that the reasons for call-in do not relate to material planning considerations.
7. Should Members be minded to recommend this revised approach to Council, minor alterations would also be required to the delegations afforded to the

Head of Regulatory Services. Those revisions are detailed in recommendation 2 of this report.

8. It should be noted finally that any Member of the planning committee calling in a matter must continue to take care to express themselves in a manner which would not amount to bias or pre-determination should they intend to take part in the meeting.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There are no financial impacts resulting from the proposed revision to the Council's Constitution.

Legal implications and risks:

It is for Council to determine the procedures it shall follow for the calling in of planning applications before the Regulatory Services Committee.

Human Resources Implications and risks:

There will likely be a very minor reduction in the volume of work for staff as the proposal, if agreed, would result in fewer reports making their way onto the Regulatory Service Committee agenda for consideration.

Equalities implications and risks:

There are none arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

Appendix A - 2015
Survey
Member Call In - London
Boroughs
Restriction on Call-In
Ward Members Only
More Details and/or Other Restrictions
Responding Authority

Barking and Dagenham	Yes	No	Requests are subject to the agreement of the Chair and should be made within 21 days of validation but this can be waived.
Barnet	No		
Bexley	No		
Brent	Yes	No	Any three Members of the Council can request, in accordance with the Council's Planning Code of Practice, that a particular application be considered by the Planning Committee, rather than under Delegated powers. It doesn't need to be the Ward Councillors. Members have to explain why they have "called in" the application, it is then reported when the item goes before the Planning Committee.
Bromley	No		
Camden	Yes	See details	Where objections are received to an application from a residents/amenity group, a ward Councillor, or three or more respondents from different addresses a decision cannot be made by delegated powers without first bringing it to the attention of a Members' Briefing Panel (3 members). The panel will either:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> advise that they are satisfied with the proposed decision being made under delegated powers; or recommend to the Director, that the decision is made by the Development Control Committee instead
Croydon	Yes	Yes	
Ealing	Yes	Yes	A ward councillor may submit a written request to the Chair or nominated Vice Chair asking that this application be brought to Planning Committee for decision, giving reasons for the request. If the Chair or nominated Vice Chair agrees to the request, the committee agenda report will include a note of the request and reasons.
Enfield	Yes	No	The request must be made within 5 weeks of the application being received and the Councillors must give a reason for the request which then is included in the report.
Greenwich	No		
Hackney	Yes	See details	At Hackney 5 Members of the Planning Sub Committee or 10 Members of the Council may submit a written request to call an application into the Planning Sub Committee
Hammersmith & Fulham	Yes	No	Any Councillor can ask the Head of Service for a call-in to committee but must do so within 2 weeks of the application being included in the weekly list of applications, and they must give an "appropriate" reason for doing so.
Haringey	Yes	No	Members have to fill out a form requesting a call-in which must state the material considerations which warrant the call in. The forms are then discussed with the Planning Committee Chair who has the final say as to whether an item goes to committee.
Harrow	Yes	See details	Only the Chair or nominated member of the opposition party are able to call in an application. If other members want an application brought to committee, they have to ask one of these two members to request this.
Havering	No		
Hillingdon	Yes	Yes	
Hounslow	Yes	Yes	Ward members or the Chair of the Area Forum in which the application sits can refer to Local Area Forum (held bi-monthly). Local Area Forum can then either refer back to officers to decide under delegated authority, or refer to the next Planning Committee for decision.
Islington	Yes	No	A member needs a seconder (another member) to call in an application to committee, the 3 committee chairs and the executive member do NOT need a seconder and can call in individually
Kensington & Chelsea	No		
Kingston	Yes	No	Any Member can call in an application to the Neighbourhood Committee within 28 days of validation and must raise valid planning grounds for the application to be referred to the committee.
Lambeth	Yes	No	As per Haringey
Lewisham	No		
Merton	No		
Newham	Yes	No	Newham does not have a facility for Members to call in planning applications. However, an application that is scheduled to be determined by the Local Development Committee can instead be referred to the Strategic Development Committee for determination subject to prior agreement by the Divisional Director and the chair of both committees in the event that the application in question is considered to be of strategic importance.
Redbridge	Yes	No	Members can call in planning applications within the 21 day consultation period. Members are required to write to the Chief Planning and Regeneration Officer to request this and should detail the reasons for calling the application in.

Survey			
Member Call In - London Boroughs	Restriction on Call-In	Ward Members Only	More Details and/or Other Restrictions
Richmond	Yes	No	Request needs to within 14 days from appearing on the weekly list (circulated electronically every Friday) and that a planning reason has to be given too.
Southwark	Yes	No	A referral of an application needs a request to be made by any two members (no restriction as to ward or otherwise) and agreement of the request by the Chair of the planning committee
Tower Hamlets	Yes	No	Within four weeks of the date of a planning application first being publicised any four Members of the relevant Committee may request that the application be referred to the Committee for determination by completing and signing a Planning Application Referral Request which shall be delivered to the Service Head, Development Decisions.
Waltham Forest	No		
Wandsworth	Yes	No	Any councillor can request a call-in, although this should be in writing and give the 'planning grounds' for the request. This is made to the Chair who (officially in consultation with the Assistant Director) makes the decision on whether the application should be determined at committee.
Westminster	No		

COUNCIL, 10 June 2015

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

CHANGES TO DELEGATED POWERS – REGULATORY SERVICES

At its meeting on 28 January 2015, Council ratified changes to the Constitution concerning powers delegated to the Head of Regulatory Services. One of these changes concerned the service of notices against breaches of planning control.

Review of enforcement authority reports presented to Regulatory Services over the period January 2013 to date showed that in no instances did the Committee decline to authorise staff to initiate enforcement action. It was agreed that extending delegated powers to cover all types of enforcement case including Enforcement Notices and Listed Building Notices would speed up the timeframe within which notices may be created and served and the associated reduction in reports to Committee would create process efficiencies.

Council agreed that Section 3.6.6(p) be altered to:

"To issue Enforcement Notices, Stop Notices and Listed Building Enforcement Notices."

However, due to an oversight the wording of the altered text should have continued to say the following words brought forward from the existing Section 3.6.6(p):

"... and to take any action necessary to achieve compliance with a notice, including commencing proceedings for injunctions and demolishing buildings."

It is therefore requested that this additional wording be noted as a supplementary alteration to the previously agreed change to Section 3.6.6(p).

Recommendation:

That Section 3.6.6 (p) of the Council's Constitution be amended to include the following additional wording:

"... and to take any action necessary to achieve compliance with a notice, including commencing proceedings for injunctions and demolishing buildings."

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COUNCIL, 10 JUNE 2015
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES
REVISION TO THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Cabinet at its meeting of 13 May 2015 agreed to the establishment of a wholly owned arm's length company of the Council, the purpose of which is to develop a portfolio of homes for market rent (its prime focus) and sale.

The powers to make loans to such an entity are covered under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. However, The Council will need to make an amendment to its existing Treasury Management Strategy before such a loan could be approved.

- The Treasury Management Strategy Statement is approved at full Council in January of each year and any amendments to the strategy require Council approval.
- The list of approved counter parties to whom the Council is able to lend will need to be expanded to cover this type of arrangement.(The approved counter party list has been extracted from para 4.3 of the Treasury Strategy and included at appendix 1 for reference).
- The release of the loan to the newly created company remains subject to the approval of the company's Business plan in accordance with the Cabinet decision.
- The loan value has initially been set at £15m to meet the potential needs of the proposed development.
- A further review of the loan requirements will be carried out during the course of the year and any further revisions will be considered as part of the annual review of the strategy in January 2016.

The Director of Communities and Resources recommends to Council that it agrees:

The list of approved Counter parties (as set out in paragraph 4.3 Table 2) be expanded to include the following:

- **Approved Counterparty:**
Wholly owned subsidiary of the London Borough of Havering.
- **Loan Value : up to £15m**
- **Duration: Unlimited but subject to the approval of the Business plan**

Extract from Existing Treasury Management Strategy

Table 2: Approved Investment Counterparties

Credit Rating	Banks Unsecured*	Banks Secured*	Government	Corporates	Registered Providers
UK Govt	n/a	n/a	£ Unlimited 50 years	n/a	n/a
AAA	£10% 5 years	£10% 10 years	£10% 50 years	£5% 20 years	£5% 20 years
AA+	£10% 5 years	£10% 10 years	£10% 25 years	£5% 10 years	£5% 10 years
AA	£10% 4 years	£10% 4 years	£10% 15 years	£5% 5 years	£5% 10 years
AA-	£10% 3 years	£10% 4 years	£10% 10 years	£5% 4 years	£5% 10 years
A+	£10% 2 years	£10% 3 years	£5% 5 years	£5% 3 years	£5% 5 years
A	£10% 13 months	£10% 2 years	£5% 5 years	£5% 2 years	£5% 5 years
A-	£10% 6 months	£10% 13 months	N/A	£5% 13 months	£5% 5 years
BBB+	£5% 100 days	£5% 6 months	N/A	£2.5% 6 months	£2.5% 2 years
BBB or BBB-	£5% next day only	£5% 100 days	N/A	n/a	n/a
None	£1m 6 months	N/A	N/A	£50,000 5 years	£5% 5 years
Pooled funds	£10% per fund				



FULL COUNCIL, 10th JUNE 2015

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1. StreetCare enquiries

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

From Councillor B. Mugglestone

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the number of StreetCare enquiries on the CRM system that have not been closed down and the date of the oldest outstanding service request?

Sale of Council owned land (three questions, taken together)

To the Leader of the Council, Councillor R. Ramsey

From Councillor L. Webb

2. In the last five years how many parcels of the council owned land have been sold, with and without planning permission?
3. Of the parcels of land sold with planning approval, how many of them had a subsequent planning application made for more properties or indeed a property with a larger footprint?
4. Please provide a breakdown of the prices achieved for each of these parcels of land?
5. **Planning permission for gravel extraction and landfill**

To the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services & Community Safety, Councillor O. Dervish

From Councillor K. Roberts

There are a number of live and pending gravel extraction/landfill applications in the south of the borough that are being individually recommended for approval, but which would be rejected if they were all submitted as one application!

Does the Cabinet Member agree the planning department should consider and report on the cumulative impact of individual gravel extraction/landfill applications before recommending approval?

6. **Highways contract**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

From Councillor R. Morgon

Would the Cabinet Member advise how a Highways Maintenance Support Sub-Contractor (Miller Bros) has been able to operate for the Council without a contract since September 2009?

7. **Council Tax on empty properties**

To the Cabinet Member for Financial Management, Councillor C. Barrett

By Councillor L. Webb

Given the Council's recent decision to charge a higher Council Tax for those properties that have been empty for two years and are 'substantially unfurnished' can the Cabinet Member give a legal definition for the term 'substantially unfurnished'?

8. **Legal action against the Government**

To the Leader of the Council, Councillor R. Ramsey

From Councillor D. Durant

A Recorder (15/5/15) news item reports the Council Leader saying, "Havering will not join other boroughs in suing the Government over funding."

Can the Council Leader expand on this by naming the other boroughs, the action taken, costs involved and whether this 'group action' is a matter for the new North East London Strategic Alliance [includes Havering] to pursue?

9. **Public Realm**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor D. White

From Councillor B. Matthews

Given the difficulties that members have in distinguishing between Housing and StreetCare land, would the Cabinet Member agree that it is time to review whether the Council could operate a "one Public Realm" operation.

10. **Romford Leisure Development**

To the Leader of the Council, Councillor R. Ramsey

From Councillor J. Tucker

Just prior to the General Election the Council erected banners advertising the commencement of work on building the new Romford Leisure Centre. Please provide an update regarding this work and a date for when the Leisure Centre will be completed.

11. **CCTV for dog fouling**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

By Councillor J. Wilkes

Given the increasing number of reports of dog fouling, would the Cabinet Member agree to using covert CCTV to catch offenders in “hot spots” in the same way as they use CCTV to catch fly-tippers?

12. **New Plymouth and Napier Houses**

To the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor D. White

By Councillor M. Deon Burton

Please provide an update regarding the refurbishment of New Plymouth House and Napier House and whether the Council intends to proceed with the ‘Winter Gardens’ balconies?

13. **Fly-tipping**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

By Councillor J. Ganly

Would the Cabinet Member agree to bring forward a report to Cabinet by the Autumn to formalise the Council’s policy on the removal of fly-tips from private land?

14. **Recycling**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

By Councillor S. Nunn

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how StreetCare will reach its recycling target set by Government by 2020?

15. **Parking meters**

To the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor R. Benham

By Councillor R. Whitney

Would the Cabinet Member confirm why new parking meters have been installed so soon after previous parking meters have been put in place, what has happened to the old meters and when the new meters will accept new coinage?



COUNCIL, 10 JUNE 2015

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

A LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

The Council Leader was elected in a hung council on a promise to adopt a consensual approach and respect other groups, but this promise was wilfully broken at the Annual Council meeting. Thus this Council calls on the Council Leader to resign to allow a new contest for Council Leader to be held.

(No amendments received).

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