



Havering
L O N D O N B O R O U G H

COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm Wednesday, 21 November 2018
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

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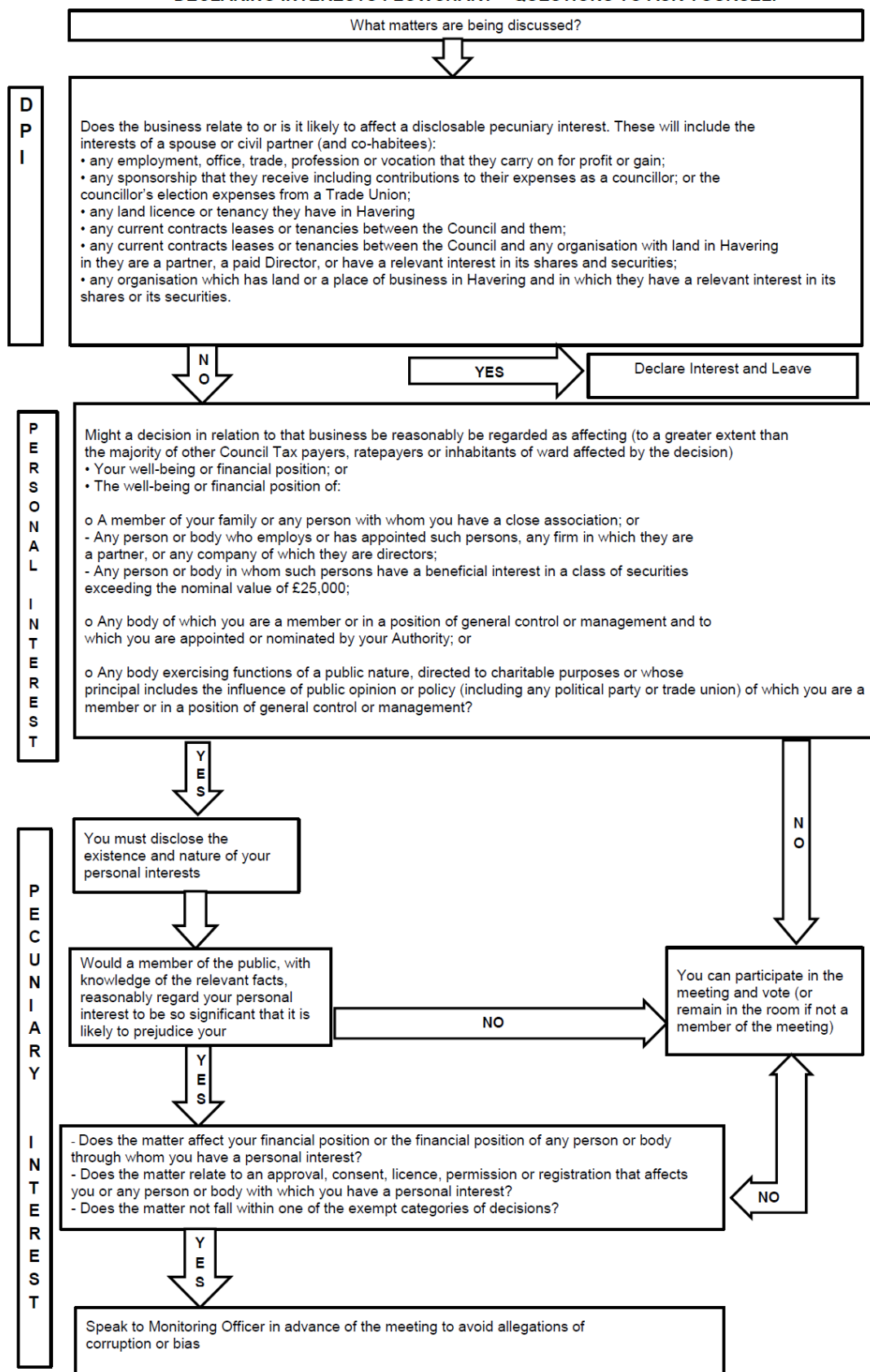
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AGENDA

1 PRAYERS

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence (if any).

3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 22)

To sign as a true record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 September 2018 (attached).

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

Members may still disclose any 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

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

Councillor Tucker has given notice of intention to present a petition.

7 EXCEPTIONS TO THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE (Pages 23 - 26)

Note: the deadline for receipt of amendments to all reports published with the final agenda is midnight, Monday 19 November.

To receive a report of the Chief Executive on Exceptions to the Call-in Procedure (attached).

8 UPDATE TO THE 2018/19 CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Pages 27 - 30)

To receive a report of the Section 151 officer on an Update to the 2018/19 Capital Programme (attached).

9 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (Pages 31 - 34)

Attached.

10 MOTIONS FOR DEBATE (Pages 35 - 44)

Attached.

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING
Council Chamber - Town Hall
12 September 2018 (7.30 - 10.26 pm)**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Dilip Patel) in the Chair

Councillors Councillors Clarence Barrett, Robert Benham, Carole Beth, Michael Deon Burton, Joshua Chapman, John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Keith Darvill, Osman Dervish, Nic Dodin, David Durant, Tony Durdin, Brian Eagling, Gillian Ford, Jason Frost, Martin Goode, Linda Hawthorn, Judith Holt, Tele Lawal, Paul McGeary, Paul Middleton, Sally Miller, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone+, John Mylod, Stephanie Nunn, Denis O'Flynn, Gerry O'Sullivan, Nisha Patel, Bob Perry, Viddy Persaud, Roger Ramsey, Timothy Ryan, Jan Sargent, Carol Smith, Christine Smith, Natasha Summers, Matt Sutton, Jeffrey Tucker, John Tyler, Christine Vickery, Melvin Wallace, Ciaran White, Damian White, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Christopher Wilkins, Graham Williamson and Darren Wise.

+ part of meeting

4 Members' guests and a representative of the press were also present.

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Ray Best, Ron Ower and Maggie Themistocli.

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

Reverend David Hague, Vicar, Church of the Good Shepherd, Collier Row and Area Dean of Havering, opened the meeting with prayers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

28 MINUTES (agenda item 3)

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 July 2018 were before the Council for approval.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 July 2018 be approved as a correct record.

29 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (agenda item 4)

There were no disclosures of interest.

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

The Mayor reported on the following events he had attended or was planning:

- Queen's Garden Party
- Langton's Summer Concert
- Visit of Duke of Kent
- London Youth Games
- Emergency Services Day
- Great River Race
- Mayor's Charity Film Show

The text of the announcements made by the Leader of the Council is attached as appendix 1 to these minutes.

31 PETITIONS (agenda item 6)

A petition was presented by Councillor Tucker re keeping open Chafford Sports Centre.

32 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (agenda item 7)

The annual report of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education was accepted by Council, without division.

33 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (agenda item 8)

Fifteen questions were asked and replies given. The text of all questions submitted, together with their answers, is shown as appendix 2 to these minutes.

34 REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONSTITUTION (agenda item 9A)

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

In order to ensure that this council operates in a fair, equitable and modern way, this council calls for a comprehensive cross party review of the

constitution with the initial emphasis on the committee structure, in particular its functions and responsibilities.

Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

(amended wording shown in bold).

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Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council notes that the Governance Committee is charged with recommending amendments to the constitution to full council and further notes that no amendments to the current structure were proposed for consideration at the annual council after the local elections.

During the course of debate, a motion that Councillor Tucker not be heard further was moved and seconded. Councillor Tucker however resumed his seat of his own accord.

Following debate, the amendment by the Independent Residents' group was **NOT CARRIED** by 28 votes to 22 (see division 11); the amendment by the Conservative Group was **CARRIED** by 27 votes to 23 (see division 2) and **AGREED** as the substantive motion by 27 votes to 22 (see division 3).

RESOLVED:

This Council notes that the Governance Committee is charged with recommending amendments to the constitution to full council and further notes that no amendments to the current structure were proposed for consideration at the annual council after the local elections.

35 **HAROLD WOOD POLYCLINIC (agenda item 9B)**

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council calls upon the Executive to urge the Clinical Commissioning Group to support the continuation of the health services provided at the Harold Wood Polyclinic and urges all members of the Council to participate in the current public consultation by supporting Option 1 to retain the Polyclinic.

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council calls on the Havering Clinical Commissioning Group to undertake a comprehensive review of the provision of GP services throughout the borough, with particular focus upon maintaining services that assist in relieving pressure on the Queen's A&E, and requests that an all member briefing be held to update all members on this.

The amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group was withdrawn prior to the start of the debate.

Following debate, the motion on behalf of the Labour Group was **AGREED** unanimously by 49 votes to 0 (see division 4).

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36 USE OF BUS LANES BY MOTOR CYCLES (agenda item 9C)**Motion on behalf of the Upminster and Cranham Residents Associations Group**

While motorcyclists make up 1% of traffic volume across London, they account for 27% of all killed and seriously injured casualties, with 33 fatalities over the last year.

Permitted use of bus lanes across London is inconsistent with some councils allowing motorcyclists to use the lanes, some not (Havering do not), and some partially.

Allowing motorcyclists to use bus lanes would not only improve the safety of motorcyclists and other road users but would add clarity over the potential to receive a £160 fine for entering a bus lane which may change from one borough to the next.

While this would ideally be a London wide aspiration, this Council calls upon the Executive to undertake measures, including the necessary consultations, to allow motorcyclists to use bus lanes in Havering.

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

Amend motion to read:

This Council calls upon the Mayor of London to bring forward guidance on the use of bus lanes by non-bus traffic as to create a consistent approach across the capital.

This motion was withdrawn by the Upminster and Cranham Residents Associations Group and resubmitted to the next meeting of Council.

37 VOTING RECORD

The record of voting decisions is attached as appendix 3 to these minutes.

Mayor

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Appendix 1

Leader's statement

Mr Mayor,

I would like to take this opportunity to update the Council on some matters of importance to our community.

As some colleagues may have heard that over the last week there have been five knife-related incidents in the borough, which is deeply concerning for us all. I would like to take this occasion to remember the victims and families of those affected by these crimes, my thoughts are with them.

These incidents reach the core of our local communities, and we are absolutely committed to taking action and reducing the impact of serious youth violence in the borough.

A multi-agency group, including the Council and its partners, has been meeting over the summer to consider a joined-up approach to tackle this issue. A range of summer activities were co-ordinated to engage with young people and seek their views on what would make a difference. Further research is taking place to ensure any proposed solution is effective and based on evidence.

However, the factors that contribute to this rise in violent offending are extremely complex, and there is no simple solution.

The multi-agency group is drawing up an integrated response to this very serious issue, in order to offer targeted support to those young people who are most vulnerable of being affected, either as a victim or a perpetrator. The Council will do everything it can to mitigate against the impact of serious youth violence, and a business case setting out the proposed interventions will be considered over the coming weeks.

MOPAC

In light of that, colleagues may be interested to learn that after refusing to accept the London Mayor's Office for Police and Crime decision to close police access points in the south of the borough, the Council has successfully negotiated an agreement to acquire Hornchurch Police station.

Only by being willing to tackle the Mayor's plans to reduce operational bases within Havering, through the launch of a judicial review, were we able to negotiate an option on the site.

Residents have told us that they want to see more police officers on the streets in their neighbourhoods, and by stepping in and refusing to accept MOPAC's short-sighted decision, the Council has secured the future of the police station in Hornchurch.

The outcome of the original MOPAC decision would have meant residents in this part of Havering having to travel over an hour to their nearest police station, which would have been simply unacceptable. The result of our careful negotiations means we have protected a vital service and intend to enhance this overtime.

We are obviously continuing to work with the police to improve safety in the borough and I have requested that an all member briefing be arranged to update colleagues on this, and the Council's wider approach to supporting policing here, within Havering.

Budget Consultation

Mr Mayor, after launching in July, we are continuing to get the views of our residents for our Budget Consultation – seeking the widest possible variety of opinions before the cabinet come together to recommend a budget strategy.

We have four more consultation events taking place this month – in Collier Row, Hornchurch, Romford and Upminster. We invite residents to join myself, the Deputy Leader, Councillor Robert Benham, along with Andrew Blake-Herbert and Jane West to find out more about the proposals put forward in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and to ask any questions.

Without remedial action, the Council will be faced with a cumulative budget gap of more than £37 million over the next four years and I am determined that the Council will set a balanced budget for the next financial year and have a strategy in place for dealing with the gap that our Medium Term Financial Strategy has identified. We must ensure that every effort is taken to lessen the burden of the savings upon our residents, and so, I will be meeting with all three of Havering's Members of Parliament, to see if we are able to put your case directly to Ministers for additional support for our Borough.

Feedback from residents and businesses is fundamental for us in shaping how we tackle the challenges that we face as a Council and where we can focus the budget to offer value-for-money services that meet the needs and demands of our residents.

The findings of the consultation will be included in a paper that will be presented to the Cabinet at its November meeting, which will also be subjected to an all Members briefing.

Havering Show

Also over recent months, we have had the hottest summer on record. But unfortunately, the weather wasn't so kind on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Mr Mayor, may I offer my warmest congratulations to yourself for being willing to fly the flag for our Borough on the Sunday by escorting a group of dignities around.

Despite the wet and windy conditions, however, many people still braved the rain, determined to have a good time, at the Havering Show. On Bank Holiday Monday, more than 20,000 people attended to mark the show's 40th anniversary.

On behalf of Members, I would like to thank all of the organisers and staff who worked over the long weekend to make it another very successful show, and of course, all of our sponsors and supporters.

GCSEs and A level results

The summer also brought with it another great year of school exam results and I would like to give my congratulations to students across the borough who have again done exceptionally well in their GCSE and A-level results.

Our A-level students received an outstanding 98.6% pass rate, which was slightly above the national average, while our GCSE students received a 72.4 per cent pass rate, with 45 per

cent receiving an outstanding grade seven or above. Six of our students achieved a perfect score of 90 across their eight subjects, so well done to them and everyone staying on in education or taking up apprenticeships and jobs.

Ofsted

The Council's Children's service received some good news from Ofsted, who told us that our work with young people had improved substantially since their last visit in 2016.

They said we had shown this through our innovation, co-production with young people, and vision to deliver the best outcomes for children and families.

The inspectors said the determination of leaders in Havering to strive for improvement and their willingness to learn had been 'pivotal in driving service improvements'. They also commended our social workers for being tenacious in the work that they do with children. So, well done to them.

Ofsted described The Cocoon, our innovative care leavers hub, in Romford Town Centre as 'highly impressive' during their visit. This leads me to say how delighted I was to learn that The Cocoon was last month nominated for an award in the national Children and Young People Now Awards. The centre was developed by children's services, alongside young people, and offers education, health, housing and life skills support for young people in care and leaving care. We're excited to hear the outcome, but will have to wait until November to find out if we have won.

I am sure that we all would like to offer our heart-felt congratulations to the staff in the department. They have delivered a truly remarkable result for our residents, and on behalf of the Council, may I say thank you.

Emergency Services Day flag raising

Last week, it was my honour to be able to pay tribute to our emergency services.

The Council joined the country to mark Emergency Services Day with a flag raising ceremony outside the Town Hall. It is important to highlight the fantastic work of our local partner agencies and as Leader of the Council, I was proud to be able to give recognition to the people who put their lives on the line on a daily basis to keep us all safe.

Remembrance Sunday

Havering will mark Remembrance Sunday on 11th November with services and parades held at war memorials and churches across the borough.

No one plays a greater role in keeping us safe than our Armed Forces and these services will give us a chance to remember these servicemen and women, past and present. We should all be proud to stand as a community to mark this significant occasion each November, which highlights the sacrifices our Armed Forces have made.

To make the event even more poignant this year, the 100th anniversary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War, we will be supporting a campaign called "There But Not There" that will see a large six foot high silhouette of a British soldier from the First World War placed at locations all across the borough, including at the Coronation Gardens war memorial in Romford.

The campaign is designed to commemorate those who died in the First World War, to educate all generations, particularly today's younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel and to help heal today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising substantial funds for charities caring for servicemen and women through sales of miniature versions of these Tommy silhouettes.

We are also proud to be supporting 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute' by lighting a beacon on the green at Havering Atte Bower at 7pm on 11 November. Over a thousand Beacons of Light will be lit across the country symbolising an end to the darkness of war and a return to the light of peace.

Walk of Fame

I was excited to welcome plans to establish an Essex Walk of Fame in Romford. Havering is well known for its talent and diversity and the establishment of the walk of Fame will help attract more visitors to Romford and the wider borough. We will be working closely with the project organisers to ensure that any plans create an inclusive memorable experience for everyone.



Appendix 2

FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 12 September 2018

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Overview & Scrutiny Board, 5th July 2018

- 1) **To the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board (Councillor Darren Wise)**
From Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Board advise why he cancelled the meeting of the Board scheduled for July 2018 without good reason?

Answer

As mentioned in my email of 21 June 2018, to which the Member asking this question received, following discussions with the relevant officer there were only key performance indicators on the agenda to discuss. There were no other agenda items and it was felt that there was little point in taking valuable time away from officers and Councillors to discuss KPI's which could easily be circulated by email and any questions raised directly with the officers.

Bearing in mind that the other scrutiny committees were also scheduled to commence around the same time, there would not have been any of their reports or feedback to consider.

It was also thought that member suggestions as to the work programme agenda could be collated by the officer of the committee and circulated before the September meeting. Members could then agree upon a work programme and officers could then go away and present upon at forthcoming meetings. I understand that there were only 2 replies from Councillors on the work programme agenda, one of which was on the financial strategy and a topic group has subsequently been created.

(No supplementary question).

Ferry Lane, Rainham

- 2) To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection & Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)
From Councillor Jeffrey Tucker**

Please provide an update regarding police/council action to minimise the impact of “drifters” using Ferry Lane, Rainham and confirm whether Veolia offered to fund changes to road layout to help resolve matters

Answer

There is an ongoing programme of work to address this issue.

There have been a number of nights of action to tackle this in the past year. In addition, Police regularly monitor CCTV to identify vehicles involved with this activity.

Over the last twelve months the police have served warning notices on over 90 individuals for involvement in this activity, warning them that they will be prosecuted if they return to the area. None of these vehicles have since come to notice. In addition, there have been 28 prosecutions for a variety of driving related issues. This has resulted in an 85% reduction in these issues according to police statistics. Further night time operations are planned

With regard to Veolia Trust and the alleged offer to fund changes to road layout, we made contact with Veolia on the 22nd of August and they have confirmed that unfortunately this will not be a project they will be able to fund.

A police drone operation took place on the 1st of August to identify vehicles and further disrupt activity. The presence of the drone proved to be a successful tactic. Posters had been put up in the area warning the drifters that they may be on camera. A few did turn up and they spent their time driving around the area to establish where the drone was being flown from.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member felt it would not be appropriate to comment on whether it was preferable for ‘drifting’ to take place in the Ferry Lane area rather than in town centres.

Housing Application Form

**3) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Tele Lawal**

When was the Housing Application Form last revised?

Answer

The housing register application form was last reviewed in June 2016 following changes to the Housing Allocation policy which was implemented from July 2016.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member confirmed that the format of documents such as this would be kept under review. There was also a lot of support already available to people with housing issues.

Parking Appeals and Cancellations

**4) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Clarence Barrett**

Over the last year (2017/18), how many parking appeals were successfully contested and subsequently cancelled as a result of formal or informal challenge?

Answer

Out of the 28,253 challenges and representations that were received in 2017/18, 7,731 were cancelled. This represents a cancellation rate of 27%.

Reasons for cancellation vary but include instances where the driver submits evidence as part of their appeal demonstrating that they had a valid pay & display ticket or visitor voucher at the time of the offence but it may have slipped from their dashboard and therefore not on display. Officers do take a common sense approach and will also cancel PCNs and issue warnings where genuine mistakes are shown to be made such as a driver mistyping licence plate details at the P&D machine. There are also instances where mitigating circumstances - such as medical reasons or a vehicle breaking down - has led to a PCN being cancelled.

The criteria by which officers assess appeals and some useful advice is available on the Council's website.

In terms of London comparator statistics, statistics on all PCN cancellations for the reasons about which Cllr Barrett is asking are not collected in the same way across London so direct comparisons are not possible.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member stated that he was happy to look at specific instances where parking tickets had been issued incorrectly and would ask officers to respond directly to Councillor Barrett on these issues.

Redevelopment of the 12 Estates

**5) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Tony Durdin**

The private partnership redevelopment of 12 Council estates will result in more housing. Please provide figures for the existing and forecast increase in housing numbers on these sites and a break down of the different types of ownership and rented accommodation planned?

Answer

There are currently 846 properties on the 12 council estates. It is not possible to provide precise numbers for the additional housing planned as the forecasts cannot be finalised until planning permission is granted. However, the business plan, as set out in the Cabinet report, states that there will be 2719 new units built over a 15-year period. This number is made up of 794 rented homes and 1925 low cost homes/open market homes. Our aim is to double the amount of affordable housing on the sites.

There will be a mix of housing tenures including social rent and affordable rent, low cost home ownership and open market sales to meet the needs of the Borough.

This is the first such Council Housing Revenue Account/Private Joint Venture in the country and this is a true partnership. Instead of selling off land, the Council is regenerating estates and retaining ownership in the long term as well as continuing to be the owner and manager of the social housing that is provided. This partnership is aimed at increasing the amount of truly affordable homes that are truly affordable for local people, therefore creating a lasting legacy for future generations.

(No supplementary question).

Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Act 2018

**6) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Stephanie Nunn**

In light of the recent amendments to the Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Act 2018, would the Cabinet Member confirm what steps are being taken to give secure tenancies to Havering residents who meet the criteria and who are currently in PSL properties?

Answer

The Secure tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Act only applies to individuals who are already council or Housing Association tenants.

It means that any victim of domestic violence fleeing their Council or Housing Association accommodation as a result of domestic abuse should be made a secure tenant of alternative council accommodation, or an assured tenant of a housing association property. The Act does not apply to homelessness accommodation provided under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996.

We have put in place a process to comply with the Act until the relevant policy is amended to reflect the change.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member confirmed he would be happy to look at any cases of residents in this situation contacting the Council and not receiving a response, if Councillor Nunn could supply the details.

New Zealand Way, Rainham

**7) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Natasha Summers**

Following the Strategic Planning Committee's approval for outline permission to build on land by New Zealand Way, Rainham will the Executive now follow due process called "appropriation of land for planning purposes", requiring a Public Notice inviting objections to the change to be considered by Cabinet, before any more specific plans are put before the committee to consider?

Answer

The land is currently designated as highways grass verge and the Council will follow any statutory appropriation process that relates to this.

In response to a supplementary question, the Leader of the Council stated that the site would provide 30 affordable homes for people on the Housing Register and that this was a great achievement of the Council.

CCTV on Council Housing Estates

8) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman) From Councillor Paul McGear

What is the current annual cost of providing CCTV to the Council's Housing Estates?

Answer

The total annual cost of CCTV is £863k. This includes the cost of staff, the running costs of technical equipment, and ongoing maintenance and repairs.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member agreed that value for money should always be sought for tenants and that the existing review of the CCTV service could also cover value for money.

Landlord Licensing

9) To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud) From Councillor Chris Wilkins

Since the additional Licensing Scheme came into effect on 1st March 2018, how many licenses have been issued?

Answer

Since the 1st March 2018 114 final licences have been issued.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member added that work was ongoing to improve the number of licenses issued. Since the scheme had commenced, 67 financial penalties had been issued, recovering a total of £223,000 and 8 notices had been served to landlords.

Use of Letting Agencies

10) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman) From Councillor Jan Sargent

The Council Leader has apologised for mishandling the initial review of PSL housing and I welcome that, but how far had contracts been progressed with letting agencies and what are the extra administration costs from using letting agencies to house tenants outside Havering?

Answer

The Council has given a commitment to carry out a review, which is in progress. This will give us up-to-date knowledge of the housing and support needs of every resident.

Contracts have not been progressed with letting agencies and therefore no administration costs have been incurred.

However, the demand for settled accommodation arises not only from existing tenants of temporary accommodation but also new homeless households.

The properties are procured on an individual need basis and are not part of a contractual arrangement.

(No supplementary question).

Private Sector Leasing

11) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan

Would the Leader of the Council set out in detail the business case for the proposed discontinuance of PSLs and why this has not previously been set out in a Cabinet report or Executive Decision?

Answer

The details of the PSL review were outlined in the All Member Briefing, which took place on 15 August 2018. There is an options appraisal currently underway to address the increase in housing demand in the borough, of which, PSL is only one part of our current supply. The Council is looking at a range of options to tackle increased homelessness and reduce the ongoing budgetary pressures created by housing demand. The outcome of the review will be reported to Cabinet with recommendations for sustainable longer-term housing solutions for our residents.

In response to a supplementary question, the Leader of the Council added that an all Member briefing had been held on this subject. The Leader had apologised for the initial handling of this matter by the Council but a review of PSLs was definitely needed.

Romford Leisure Centre and Morrison's Supermarket

12) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor David Durant

The Strategic Planning meeting approved plans for a new Romford leisure centre in Western Road and a Morrisons supermarket, petrol station and 71 houses/flats on the old ice rink site i.e. the "asset swap"!

The leisure centre has been built, but Morrisons abandoned their own plans and now the site has planning approval for 620 flats. This planning approval increases the value of the asset swapped for the leisure centre because at an estimated average value of £200,000 x 620 flats = £124 million. Please confirm how much Morrisons paid towards the leisure centre and the estimated new value of the Council asset swapped and will the Council seek to claw back any lost profit from the swap?

Answer

Morrisons provided the Council with a new town centre site for the Sapphire Ice & Leisure Centre and in addition contributed a further £22m. The new Leisure Centre is now open and is proving to be a wonderful facility for the residents of Havering.

The Council has no further involvement with Morrisons and the old site, other than when it was openly marketed and sold by the Company it is known that this was at a very substantial loss on what it paid to the Council, not a profit. Indeed, the Council received substantially more from Morrisons than the value of the site and received a replacement site as well.

The question refers to suggested values, so I should make clear that the land value of the old Ice Rink site is not £124m, nor has any sale of the land resulted in any such figure.

(No supplementary question).

Briar Road Housing Development

**13) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Keith Darvill**

Will the Cabinet Lead for Housing make a statement about progress in completing the current Briar Road, Harold Hill affordable homes development?

Answer

The Briar Road project is a new-build development delivering 10 two and three bedroom houses for shared ownership, 36 one and two bedroom flats for affordable rent and two commercial shop units.

Work commenced in June 2017 with handover planned in two stages. The first stage is complete with the 10 Shared ownership houses handed over on 25 June 2018. The remaining flats are due to be completed and handed over by 12 April 2019.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member confirmed that he would write to Councillor Darvill with details of the commercial units at the development. The Cabinet Member was excited about the scheme which would be advertised in At The Heart Magazine.

Havering Emergency Assistance Scheme

**14) To the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property (Councillor Roger Ramsey)
From Councillor Gillian Ford**

Would the Cabinet Member set out how many applications were made to the Havering Emergency Assistance Scheme in each of the last three years?

Answer

Emergency Assistance Scheme Applications			
Year	Successful	Unsuccessful	Total
2013/14	630	409	1039
2014/15	300	376	676
2015/16	182	434	616
2016/17	157	354	511
2017/18	153	209	362
2018/19	19	57	76 (end July)

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member stated that people were told about the scheme if they were referred to voluntary agencies. The scheme was not intended to be a means of ongoing support and applicants had to meet a number of eligibility criteria. The Cabinet Member was happy to look at other ways of making the scheme more well known.

Public Space Protection Orders around Schools

15) To the Cabinet Member for Public Protection & Safety (Councillor Viddy Persaud)

From Councillor Reg Whitney

Given that the Council courted national publicity in relation to Public Space Protection Orders around schools, would the Cabinet Member explain why so few have actually been implemented?

Answer

The pilot PSPO programme launched successfully last year at four primary schools in Havering – Wykeham (now Harrow Lodge), Parsonage Farm, James Oglethorpe and Engayne.

These four schools were selected to be included in the pilot programme as all had reported issues with poor parental behaviour with regards to parking locally at the school, which compromised the safety of pupils.

Since the programme launched, all the schools have fed back positive results in terms of improved road safety in the immediate vicinity of the school.

The programme is currently being evaluated before any decision is taken to roll out the programme to further schools. The main consideration is the cost of the schemes and whether it is financially viable to implement a PSPO scheme as part of a school expansion programme, where pupil safety is raised as a concern, and who should meet the cost of implementation.

In response to a supplementary question, the Cabinet Member confirmed that an extension of the scheme to other primary schools was currently being considered. The decision on extending the scheme would be based on safety as the first priority but any further scheme would also have to be financially viable in order for it to be implemented.

VOTING RECORD

<i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
The Mayor [Cllr. Dilip Patel]	X	✓	✓	✓
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Michael Deon Burton]	X	✓	✓	✓
<u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP</u>				
Cllr Robert Benham	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Ray Best	A	A	A	A
Cllr Joshua Chapman	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr John Crowder	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Philippa Crowder	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Osman Dervish	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Jason Frost	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Judith Holt	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Robby Misir	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr John Mylod	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Nisha Patel	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Bob Perry	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Viddy Persaud	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Roger Ramsey	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Timothy Ryan	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Carol Smith	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Christine Smith	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Matt Sutton	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Maggie Themistocli	A	A	A	A
Cllr Christine Vickery	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Melvin Wallace	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Ciaran White	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Damian White	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Michael White	X	✓	✓	✓
<u>RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>				
Cllr Nic Dodin	X	X	X	✓
Cllr Paul Middleton	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Sally Miller	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Raymond Morgon	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Barry Mugglestone	A	A	A	A
Cllr Stephanie Nunn	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Gerry O'Sullivan	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Reg Whitney	✓	X	X	✓
<u>INDEPENDENT RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>				
Cllr David Durant	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Tony Durdin	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Jan Sargent	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Natasha Summers	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Jeffrey Tucker	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Graham Williamson	✓	X	X	✓
<u>UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>				
Cllr Clarence Barrett	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Gillian Ford	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Linda Hawthorn	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Ron Ower	A	A	A	A
Cllr John Tyler	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Christopher Wilkins	✓	X	X	✓
<u>LABOUR GROUP</u>				
Cllr Carole Beth	✓	X	O	✓
Cllr Keith Darvill	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Tele Lawal	✓	X	X	O
Cllr Paul McGeary	✓	X	X	✓
Cllr Denis O'Flynn	✓	X	X	✓
<u>NORTH HAVERING RESIDENTS' GROUP</u>				
Cllr Brian Eagling	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Martin Goode	X	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Darren Wise	X	✓	✓	✓
<i>TOTALS</i>				
✓ = YES	22	27	27	49
X = NO	28	23	22	0
O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	0	0	1	1
ID =INTEREST DISCLOSED/NO VOTE	0	0	0	0
A = ABSENT FROM MEETING	4	4	4	4
	54	54	54	54

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**SUBJECT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RULES – EXCEPTION 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 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) within the previous 3 months. However, on account of the Local Authority Elections, this report covers the period from May 2018.

This report deals with 5 such decisions:

- 1) Strategic Investment Pot Bids May 2018
- 2) The Budget Consultation Report to Cabinet, 25 July 2018
- 3) GLA Bids
- 4) Good Growth Fund Bid Submission
- 5) The Good Growth Fund

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

REPORT DETAIL

- 1 Rule 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure 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 under (a) above and avoid the call-in procedures after obtaining agreement from the Chairman of the Board that the decision be treated as urgent.**

- 2 **Strategic Investment Pot Bids, May 2018**

- 2.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Chief Operating Officer sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Leader of the Council to bid for funding to establish a creative industries cluster on the Bretons site.
 - 2.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:
 - 2.3 In order to ensure that the Council was in a position to make the bid to the City of London Corporation and meet the published deadline.

- 3 **The Budget Consultation**

- 3.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Chief Operating Officer sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Cabinet to consult with the public on the budget options.

- 3.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:

- 3.3 In order to avoid potential delay to any public consultation having an impact on the budget proposals later in the process.

4 GLA Bids

- 4.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Chief Operating Officer sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Cabinet to bid for £5million to assist with the proposed regeneration of Bretons Manor House and associated buildings.

- 4.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:

- 4.3 To ensure that the Council was in a position to make the bid within the published timescales.

5 Good Growth Fund Bid Submission

- 5.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Director of Neighbourhoods sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Cabinet to submit a bid to the GLA Growth Fund for up to £1.25million, to establish innovation hubs and improve public realm access to the Rainham Employment Strategic Industrial Area.

- 5.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:

- 5.3 To ensure that the Council was in a position to make the bid within the published timescales.

6 The Good Growth Fund

- 6.1 On behalf of Cabinet, the Director of Housing Services sought agreement from the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board to exempt from call-in a Key decision by the Cabinet to submit a bid to the GLA Growth Fund for up to £1.7million, to establish innovation

hubs and improve public realm access to the Rainham Employment Strategic Industrial Area.

- 6.2 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board, Councillor Darren Wise, gave his agreement to the exemption from call-in for the following reason:
- 6.3 To ensure that the Council was in a position to make the bid within the published timescales.

Financial Implications and Risks:

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

Legal Implications and Risks:

There are no immediate legal implications directly associated with this report.

Human Resource Implications and Risks:

There are none directly associated with this report.

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks:

There are none directly associated with this report.

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Background paper List

None

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REPORT OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER

UPDATE TO THE 2018/19 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

The Chief Financial Officer recommends to Council for approval 2 adjustments to the 2018/19 Capital Programme previously agreed by full Council as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process:

- 1) Included within the 2018/19 capital programme are £1.2m of capital receipts allocated from contingency to finance capital expenditure associated with the regeneration programme. Following a detailed review of these costs in 2018/19 it was concluded that these costs were predominantly revenue and alternative funding has been utilised. This has led to surplus budget of £1.2m which it is now proposed be used to increase the budget for highways infrastructure.
- 2) To allow greater flexibility in the purchase and subsequent transfer of assets between the Authority and Mercury Land Holdings it is proposed to create a £3m contingency for asset purchases. These purchases will be funded from capital receipts which will be replenished as and when transfers are made and assets sold.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is asked to approve the following 2 Chief Financial Officer recommendations:

1. **Approve** the virement of £1.2m from the regeneration programme to the highways infrastructure investment programme.
2. **Approve** the allocation of £3m capital receipts in the capital programme to finance property investments in the capital programme.

REPORT DETAIL

The Chief Financial Officer recommends to Council for approval 2 adjustments to the 2018/19 Capital Programme previously agreed by full Council as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process:

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IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial Implications and Risks

The financial implications are set out in the report. There are no additional financial implications to consider

Legal Implications and Risks

The Budget and Policy Framework set out in the Council's Constitution provide that both these decisions are matters for Full Council.

Human Resource Implications and Risks

There appear to be no HR implications or risks arising directly that impact on the Council's workforce.

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications and Risks

The Equality Act 2010 Public Sector Equality Duty will be applied in any decision making on the use of these funds.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Vision for Havering

1) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)

From Councillor Ray Morgon

Would the Leader of the Council set out his vision for Havering and what are the key priorities that he will be focussing on over the next 12 -24 months.

Chafford Sports Complex

2) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)

From Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

The Council contract with Sports and Leisure Management Ltd to manage Chafford Sports Complex ends in December. The statutory consultation on the future of Chafford ends on December 10th with a Cabinet decision on the outcome expected in early 2019. Will the Council Leader provide assurances that the Complex will remain open until a Cabinet decision about its future is made?

Strategic Development

3) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)

From Councillor Linda Hawthorn

Where new developments are being built, for example in the 'Rainham and Beam Park' and 'Romford' Strategic Development Areas, what measures are being applied to ensure that the expansion of each area is cohesive, avoiding uncoordinated piece-meal development, and takes special regard to green and natural features, such as the planting of trees and opening up the Rivers Beam and Rom?

Fly Tipping

4) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)

From Councillor Tele Lawal

What is the criteria for deciding when to use Council resources to clean up fly tipped material on Council Land, Green Spaces, and Commercial/Business Premises?

Community Hubs and Library Centres

**5) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Martin Goode**

What is the Council's vision of the operating module for the proposed Community Hubs and what extra facilities will they generally provide for the public. In particular, where existing Library buildings and their services may be impacted.

Housing Targets and the London Plan

**6) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Ray Morgan**

In the new draft London Plan from the Mayor of London he intends to raise his housing target to 60,000 homes per year and no doubt Havering will have to take its share of this increased target. Would the Leader of the Council agree that this much higher housing target threatens "Keeping Havering Special?"

Affordable Homes in the Borough

**7) To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Joshua Chapman)
From Councillor Graham Williamson**

Given the growing number of properties in Havering, what is, and will, the Council be doing to ensure that developers and Housing Associations will market homes for sale, and ensure affordable homes go to Havering residents to at least ensure our housing waiting lists are cleared.

Cost of Romford Market

**8) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Clarence Barrett**

How much Council funding (excluding TfL) has been spent on the Romford Market over each of the last three years in each of the following two categories?

	Capital/Investment/One-off	Revenue (day to day)
	£'000	£'000
2017/18		
2016/17		
2015/16		

Council Powers over Unauthorised Vehicle Trading

**9) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Keith Darvill**

What powers of investigation does the Council have, if any, to obtain evidence from the DVLA and HMRC to enable prompt enforcement where residential dwellings are being used unlawfully by occupiers for vehicle trading?

Preparations for Road Safety for the Forthcoming Winter Months

**10) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Brian Eagling**

Is the Council organised and prepared for the winter weather conditions regarding roads and shopping areas in our Borough for 2018/19?

Councillor Surgeries

**11) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Stephanie Nunn**

The Leader of the Council recently held a "Councillor Surgery" in Elm Park Library. Would the Leader of the Council confirm who paid for the hire of the room and will a member of Democratic Services be available to any Councillor wishing to hold a "Councillor Surgery"?

Leisure Contracts in the Borough

**12) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor David Durant**

The composite Council contribution to the very expensive £28.8m Romford Leisure Centre was £26.726m. This involved £21.950m from the "asset swap" and a further council contribution of £4.776m, with an additional £2.074m from Sports England. The old ice rink site now has planning permission for 620 flats which increases the value of the council asset swapped from £21.950m to 620 x the gross average value of a central Romford flat. Even a modest £200,000 delivers £124m.

In other words, rather than develop the old ice rink site ourselves to make a profit and funding stream to offset cuts in government funding, the Council sold an asset cheap to pay upfront for an overpriced leisure centre. In view of this does the Council Leader believe council taxpayers got a good deal from the "asset swap"?

Service Delivery in Neighbourhoods Directorate

**13) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Osman Dervish)
From Councillor Chris Wilkins**

Following our Group raising serious concerns with the Chief Executive and other officers over issues including Gerpins Lane, Hoppy Hall car park and the ladies public toilets in Upminster, can the Cabinet Member for Environment please give

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us assurances over what steps will be taken to improve the service delivery of the Neighbourhoods Directorate?

Council Budget

**14) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Paul McGeary**

The Chief Secretary to the Treasury (RH Liz Truss MP) stated on BBC TV's Newsnight Programme on 3rd October 2018 "we are not making cuts to local authorities" and the Prime Minister stated at the recent Conservative Party Conference that "austerity has ended". If these statements are accurate and not intended to be misleading why is the Council planning to save £38 million in its MTFS over the next 4 years?

Hornchurch Police Station

**15) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Damian White)
From Councillor Sally Miller**

In a recent Conservative leaflet in Elm Park Ward, it is stated that Hornchurch Police Station has been purchased by Havering Council. Would the Leader of the Council confirm the full details of the purchase

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MOTIONS

A. LIFTS AT HAROLD WOOD STATION

Motion on behalf of the North Havering Residents' Group

This council calls upon the Mayor of London to investigate and provide an adequate explanation to the ongoing delays to the completion of the ticket hall and lifts at Harold Wood (TFL) station as it is now over 2 years behind schedule.

Amendment in behalf of the Conservative Group

This council calls upon the Mayor of London to investigate and provide an adequate explanation to the ongoing delays to the completion of the ticket hall, lifts and other improvements at Harold Wood, Romford & Gidea Park (TFL) stations, as these are now over 2 years behind schedule.

B. LOWER THAMES CROSSING CONSULTATION

Motion on behalf of the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Associations Group

Following on from the initial consultation regarding the Lower Thames Crossing and the response from this Council (March 2016) which recognised the need for an additional river crossing but preferred the option which would have seen a new crossing alongside the existing Dartford Bridge. The government are now proposing, and consulting upon, a 14.5mile road, including a 2.4 mile tunnel, connecting the M2 near Rochester and the M25 by North Ockendon.

In responding to the current consultation (ends 20th December), this Council calls upon the Leader to reiterate its concerns in respect of:

- Adverse impact on residential amenity for homes in Havering in terms of noise, disturbance and vibration
- Loss of homes in the North Ockendon area
- Impact on conservation areas and heritage assets in the locality

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- Adverse impact of ongoing works and siting of works compound
- Should the Crossing go ahead as planned, that Havering residents are eligible to a toll discount scheme (on the same basis as received by residents of Thurrock and Dartford for the Dartford Crossing).

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council welcomes the proposed additional investment within transport infrastructure, from the Lower Thames Crossing to the proposed upgrading of the Gallows Corner interchange; and calls upon the Executive to continue to engage within any public consultations to highlight both the specific issues relating to each project but also the commutative affect that all projects will have upon Havering's transport network, and local residents.

C. ADOPTION OF IHRA DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

This council expresses alarm at the rise in antisemitism in recent years across the UK. This includes incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using antisemitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of antisemitism.

The Council therefore welcome the UK Government's announcement on December 11th 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines on antisemitism which define antisemitism thus:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

The guidelines highlight manifestations of antisemitism as including:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.

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- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.”

This Council welcomes cross-party support within the Council for combating antisemitism in all its manifestations. This Council hereby adopts the above definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and pledges to combat this pernicious form of racism.

Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

There are always 3 sides to an argument! The IHRA definition of “anti-Semitism” is itself “anti-Semitic” and a device along with hateful “Hate Crime” legislation, to protect the powerful by censoring free speech and honest debate on vital issues.

It's also a surprise the Conservatives are promoting this “Left-Wing, thought crime” motion as the previous administration changed the constitution to stop national, let alone international, issues being debated at Council.

Thus Council agrees that debating the motion is premature and reaffirms its support for free speech, tolerance and honest debate as essential British values

D. SIZE OF PLANNING COMMITTEES

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

The March 7th Governance meeting and subsequent March 21st Council approved a Governance report proposing changes to the council's planning regime. The report included a recommendation to create two planning committees, a Strategic Planning committee with 7 members and a Planning committee with 11 members, but did say the actual size of the committees (and all committees) would be a matter for Annual Council on May 23rd.

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At Annual Council it was proposed to create two size 8 planning committees as part of item 9 on the Council agenda. Item 9 was approved without debate following a procedural motion to go vote only. Following the meeting the Monitoring Officer advised the creation of size 8 committees was to “assist with proportionality”, except it doesn’t and neither does the Planning Advisory Service provide specific advice on size of committees.

Due to the quasi-judicial importance of planning committees, the overall creation of two new planning committee positions is welcome, however this motion calls upon Council to agree to change the size of the two planning committees from size 8 to size 7 (strategic) and 11 (planning) as recommended in the approved March 7th Governance Committee report, subsequently approved at March 21st Council.

Council is further asked to agree to increase the total number of seats on committee to 136 (from 134), and to ensure political balance rules are adhered to, agrees to the allocation of seats as set out in the appendix to this motion.

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council notes the decision taken by full council on 23rd May this year to establish the committees of the authority having regard to political balance.

E. PESTICIDE CONTROL

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council calls upon the Executive to prepare a plan of action to eliminate as a matter of priority the use of pesticides such as glyphosate in its Parks, Gardens, Open Green Space and Highways.

Amendment on behalf of the conservative Group

The Council calls upon the Executive to undertake a review of pesticides used by the authority and to bring a report to Cabinet.

F. LEISURE CENTRES

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents’ Group

The Councils composite contribution to the new **£28.8m** Romford Leisure Centre was **£26.726m**. This involved **£21.950m** from Morrisons in exchange for the council owned ice rink site and a further **£4.776m** from council reserves. Sports England contributed an additional **£2.074m**.

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Please note, Council assets and reserves are owned by all the borough. In Havering there are 18 wards and if we count the 3 wards in the south as Rainham, it means Rainham's share of council assets is about **16%**. This means Rainham's contribution to the new Romford Leisure Centre was **16% of £26,726m = £4.277m**. (This figure excludes Rainham's 16% contribution towards whatever the council is spending on the other centres).

On the back of this contribution new centres and facilities have been opened in Romford, Hornchurch, Harold Hill and Noak Hill, with the council responsible for the capital funding and a new 'borough-wide' leisure contract signed with SLM. They are making a payment to council of **£1.1m** to manage the contract, but their own profit is undisclosed and the council has yet to trigger a profit share option.

The Executive claims, as Chafford requires a subsidy it may have to close. Ignoring the fact the Romford Centre was opened after receiving a de facto upfront council subsidy of **£26.726m**. In other words all the centres are receiving subsidy in one form or another and therefore they should all be included in the 'borough-wide' contract and cross subsidised.

In short, Rainham has contributed over **£4.277m** towards the Romford Leisure Centre and 'borough-wide' contract, but its own leisure centre is facing closure, allegedly, due to an unaffordable **£232,000** subsidy, when if Rainham's over **£4.277m** contribution towards the other Centres had been spent in Rainham, it's enough to keep Chafford open for over another **18 years**.

Thus Council agrees this disparity of funding within the new 'borough-wide' leisure contract is evidence of institutional bias against Rainham, contrary to the council's equality, diversity and community cohesion duty within the 2010 Equality Act and calls on the Executive to resume ownership of Chafford Sports Complex and keep it open until a new centre is built in the south of the borough.

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council congratulates the previous administration for delivering the new state of the art Sapphire Ice and Leisure Centre in Romford and welcomes the additional investment being made within sport provision across the Borough.

This Council further notes that due to the financial arrangements of the contract, there is no burden on the council tax payer and there will in fact attribute an on-going surplus for the Council, to reinvest in the Borough.

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Motion D – Size of Planning Committees

APPENDIX

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		CONSERVATIVE		RESIDENTS		UPM & CM		LAB		IRG		NTH HAV		Entitlement Checksum		
54	54	26		8		6		5		6		3				
Percentage		48.15%		14.81%		11.11%		9.26%		11.11%		5.56%				
Size of body	Seat:	Entitleme nt	Allocatio n	Entitleme nt	Allocatio n	Entitleme nt	Allocatio n	Entitleme nt	Allocatio n	Entitleme nt	Allocatio n	Entitleme nt	Allocatio n			
6	6	2.89	3	0.89	1	0.67	1	0.56	1	0.67	1	0.33	0	6	0	
7	7	3.37	3	1.04	1	0.78	1	0.65	1	0.78	1	0.39	0	7	0	
8	8	3.85	4	1.19	1	0.89	1	0.74	1	0.89	1	0.44	0	8	0	
9	9	4.33	4	1.33	1	1.00	1	0.83	1	1.00	1	0.50	1	9	0	
10	10	4.81	5	1.48	1	1.11	1	0.93	1	1.11	1	0.56	1	10	0	
11	11	5.30	5	1.63	2	1.22	1	1.02	1	1.22	1	0.61	1	11	0	
12	12	5.78	6	1.78	2	1.33	1	1.11	1	1.33	1	0.67	1	12	0	
13	13	6.26	6	1.93	2	1.44	1	1.20	1	1.44	1	0.72	1	13	0	
14	14	6.74	7	2.07	2	1.56	2	1.30	1	1.56	2	0.78	1	14	0	
15	15	7.22	7	2.22	2	1.67	2	1.39	1	1.67	2	0.83	1	15	0	
16	16	7.70	8	2.37	2	1.78	2	1.48	1	1.78	2	0.89	1	16	0	
54		26.00		8.00		6.00		5.00		6.00		3.00				
	Governance	11	5.30	5	1.63	2	1.22	1	1.02	1	1.22	1	0.61	1	11	0
	Licensing	11	5.30	5	1.63	2	1.22	1	1.02	1	1.22	1	0.61	1	11	0
	Planning	11	5.30	5	1.63	2	1.22	1	1.02	1	1.22	1	0.61	1	11	0
	Strat. Planning	7	3.37	3	1.04	1	0.78	1	0.65	1	0.78	1	0.39	0	7	0
	Adjudication	8	3.85	4	1.19	1	0.89	1	0.74	1	0.89	1	0.44	0	8	0
	Highways	8	3.85	4	1.19	1	0.89	1	0.74	0	0.89	1	0.44	1	8	0
	Pensions	7	3.37	3	1.04	1	0.78	1	0.65	1	0.78	0	0.39	1	7	0
	Audit	6	2.89	3	0.89	0	0.67	1	0.56	1	0.67	0	0.33	1	6	0
	Children's	9	4.33	4	1.33	2	1.00	1	0.83	1	1.00	1	0.50	0	9	0
	Crime	6	2.89	4	0.89	0	0.67	1	0.56	0	0.67	1	0.33	0	6	0
	Towns	9	4.33	4	1.33	2	1.00	1	0.83	1	1.00	1	0.50	0	9	0
	Environment	6	2.89	3	0.89	1	0.67	0	0.56	1	0.67	1	0.33	0	6	0
	Health	6	2.89	3	0.89	1	0.67	0	0.56	0	0.67	1	0.33	1	6	0
	Individuals	7	3.37	3	1.04	1	0.78	1	0.65	1	0.78	1	0.39	0	7	0
	Board (Value)	16	7.70	8	2.37	2	1.78	2	1.48	1	1.78	2	0.89	1	16	0

JV WP	8	3.85	4	1.19	1	0.89	1	0.74	1	0.89	1	0.44	0	8	0
Seats allocated	136.00		65.00		20.00		15.00		13.00		15		8		
Seats entitled to		65.48		20.15		15.11		12.59		15.11		7.56			
		65.48	65	20.15	20	15.11	15	12.59	13	15.11	15	7.56	8		
		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00			
Adjustment needed			0		0		0		0		0		0		0
Appointments S/C	6	2.89	3	0.89	1	0.67	1	0.56	1	0.67	0	0.33	0	#REF!	