

**London Borough of Havering  
Record of Decisions at the meeting of  
Cabinet on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

1. **TITLE: Adoption of the Havering Local Plan**

2. **DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet**

3. **DECISION:**

**Cabinet:**

1. **Noted** the content of the Inspector's Report into the soundness of the Havering Local Plan (refer to annex 1)

2. **Endorsed and make the following recommendations to full Council:**

That full Council:

(i) Agree to adopt the Local Plan 2016-2031 including:

a. the main modifications to the Submission Local Plan that are set out in the appendix to the Inspector's report (refer to annex 2)

b. The minor modifications as set out in annex 3.

(ii) Agree to revoke the Council's current adopted Core Strategy and Development Control Policies Development Plan Document 2008 and the Romford Area Action Plan 2008 (excluding Site Specific Allocations) from the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (following the statutory six week legal challenge period from Local Plan adoption).

3. **Authorised** the Assistant Director of Planning to prepare and publish an Adoption Statement and Sustainability Appraisal Report in accordance with S26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

4. **Authorised** the Assistant Director of Planning to make typographical amendments to the plan prior to its publication to improve cross-referencing (e.g. paragraph numbering, page re-numbering) and typographical errors.

5. **Authorised** the Assistant Director of Planning to prepare and publish an updated Policies Map, reflecting the proposed changes previously consulted on.

6. **Revoked** the following Supplementary Planning Documents:

- i. Sustainable Design and Construction 2009
- ii. Shopfront Design 2013
- iii. Residential Design 2010
- iv. Protection of Trees During Development 2009
- v. Protecting and Enhancing the Boroughs Biodiversity 2009
- vi. Landscaping 2011
- vii. Designing Safer Places 2010

7. **Approved** the publication of an updated Local Development Scheme (as set out in Annex 4)

8. **Approved** the publication of an updated Statement of Community Involvement (as set out in Annex 5).

9. **Agreed** that an All Member Briefing would be organised

#### 4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Following the preparation, submission and examination of the Havering Local Plan the Council has now received the Inspector's final report. The report concludes that the Local Plan is sound, subject to the inclusion of a number of main modifications.

To come into force the Local Plan has to be adopted by resolution of Full Council.

An adopted Local Plan will better enable the Council to maintain effective local control over planning in Havering to ensure that development is in the best interests of Havering

Having an up to date Plan will also enable the Council to:

- i. bring forward other linked pieces of work such as Masterplans and other supplementary planning documents
- ii. support other planning and regeneration programmes
- iii. assist the Council in the infrastructure planning necessary to support change and growth in Havering

#### 5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The option of not adopting the Havering Local Plan was rejected because:

- a) It is a statutory requirement for boroughs to have up to date Local Plans.
- b) In the absence of an up to date and adopted Havering Local Plan, planning decisions would be taken with reference to the Government's National Planning Policy Framework and the London Plan. These strategies do not reflect local circumstances as well as a Local Plan prepared specifically for Havering.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Cabinet Report - Local Plan Adoption  
Annex 1 - Inspectors Report

Annex 2 - Schedule of Main Modifications  
Annex 3 - Schedule of Minor Modifications  
Annex 4 - Local Development Scheme  
Annex 5- Statement of Community Involvement

1. **TITLE: Havering Climate Change Action Plan**

2. **DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet**

3. **DECISION:**

**Cabinet:**

1. **Noted** the work already being undertaken to address Climate Change both within the Council and the local community
2. **Approved** the establishment of two permanent posts to support the ongoing work of the Climate Change Action Plan
3. **Committed** to Havering Council being an organisation becoming carbon neutral by 2040 or sooner
4. **Agreed** that Cabinet receive a report every six months setting out the progress of the implementation and the impact of the Havering Climate Change Action Plan
5. **Approved** the themed action plans set out in Appendix A
6. **Agreed** that officers publish emissions data for both the Council as an organisation and for the borough on an annual basis
7. **Agreed** that officers design a carbon zero route map for the Council as an organisation
8. **Agreed** that officers develop a branding for the Climate Change Action Plan and incorporate this in a Communications Plan for the wider community
9. **Agreed** to adopt the principles of the Amazon Climate Pledge.

These are:

- A. Regular reporting - Measure and report greenhouse gas emissions on a regular basis
- B. Carbon elimination - Implement decarbonisation strategies in line with the Paris Agreement through real business changes and innovations, including efficiency improvements, renewable energy, materials reductions, and other carbon emission elimination strategies

- C. Credible offsets - Neutralise any remaining emissions with additional, quantifiable, real, permanent, and socially-beneficial offsets to achieve net-zero annual carbon emissions by 2040

10. **To recommend** to Full Council that it endorses the content of the report and associated action plans.

#### 4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The [Climate Change Act 2008](#)<sup>1</sup> is the basis for the UK's approach to tackling and responding to climate change. The Climate Change Act commits the UK government by law to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 100% of 1990 levels (net zero) by 2050. The 100% target was based on advice from the Climate Change Commission's 2019 report, '[Net Zero – The UK's contribution to stopping global warming](#)'<sup>2</sup>.

Actions in this strategy bring with them a host of benefits fundamental to the well-being and prosperity of our communities. Many of these offer significant positive feedback loops. Reducing air pollution, for instance, can improve life expectancy, allow people to be more active, reduce days missed from school and work through sickness, and relieve pressure on the NHS, freeing up budgets to be refocused on other needs. Some of the organisational benefits identified during the review are set out in Figure 3 below.



*Figure 1 Importance of Sustainability in Havering*

Action on the climate will also help the Council deliver on a number of other outcomes:

- Improving air quality, including through cycling, walking, electric vehicles, and removal of gas boilers
- Improving health and well-being, including through warm homes, cycling, access to green space, and sustainable diets

<sup>1</sup> [Climate Change Act 2008 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

- Reducing poverty and inequality, through energy efficient, fuel poverty-proof homes, reskilling for green sectors, and access to clean air and green space
- Creating green growth, skills and employment opportunities for local people
- Enhancing biodiversity, by increasing and improving green space

### **“Havering Acts”**

The Council has always valued the green heritage of the Borough and, through numerous strategies and action plans, has acted to tackle climate change, introducing three targeted Action Plans to reduce carbon emissions. These focus on carbon emissions and the green heritage and have led to a number of notable achievements, as set out in Appendix B.

The Council now has the opportunity to double down on actions and develop a culture which will embed environmental consciousness in all decision making.

However, not all London Boroughs are spatially similar and it is important that the local context of regional and national policies is incorporated in the design of local actions. This will take account of local borough circumstances and local priorities such as:

- age profile
- geographical size
- transport connectivity
- geography of the Borough
- regeneration ambitions
- protected equality characteristics

Full Council agreed to review its policies and actions in relation to climate change and the environment.

## **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

To maintain the current action plans within existing policies and strategies and not update them. This does not align with the decision of Full Council to lead on environmental policies, or the current government legislative ambition to be net carbon neutral by 2050.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Climate Action Plan Report Finalv3  
Appendix A - all action plans  
Appendix B - Havering achievements

1. **TITLE: Introduction of All Day Visitor Permit/Voucher**

2. **DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet**

3. **DECISION:**

**Cabinet:**

1. **Agreed** to the introduction of a new all-day visitor permit, at the cost of £39 for 10 visits, for use in controlled parking zone ROST which covers the following roads in Romford Town Ward:

- Cotleigh Road
- Honiton Road
- Stockland Road
- St Andrews Road – Upon completion of redevelopment
- Queens Street - Upon completion of redevelopment
- Waterloo Gardens - Upon completion of redevelopment
- Albion Close - Upon completion of redevelopment

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The new permit for CPZ ROST will enable visiting vehicles to park for 24 hours from the time they arrive. The visitor will need to activate the permit using MiPermit or validate the paper permit by scratching off the arrival date and time. Once this has been completed the visitor can stay for a maximum of 24 hours from the time and date they have arrived.

**DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** All day Visitor Permit Cabinet Report October 2021  
FINAL

1. **TITLE:** **Local Government Association (LGA), Independent Race, Equality, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion, (READI), Commissioned Review May 2021: Approval of Action Plan.**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** **Cabinet**

3. **DECISION:**

The action plan sets out a high level “what needs to be done”, and the timescales to achieve this.

**Cabinet:**

- **Agreed** the high level action plan in Appendix B
- **Agreed** the LGA’s READI report is published in its entirety
- **Will review progress** against the action plan on a six monthly basis
- **Agreed** this report goes to Full Council for their endorsement
- **Urged** all Members to support the READI Programme
- **Will request** the Overview and Scrutiny Board to consider progress against the action plan on a six month basis in line with the Scrutiny function
- **Agreed** this review and subsequent programme, informs the borough-“Phase two”, Borough wide READI review planning.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The purpose of having the LGA READI review was to gain an external independent view of

priority and practical recommendations to assist the Council's progress against its ambitions and achieving its promise of zero tolerance to racism and discrimination and avoiding complacency in undertaking its Public Sector Equalities Duty.

**5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

This option was adopted given the LGA is the body responsible for the Excellence Framework for Local Government Standard and could provide suitably experienced review team.

- 6. DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** FINAL Cabinet report INDEPENDENT LGA READI  
REVIEW With sign off  
READI review Havering May 2021 - Final  
READI Appendix v3