



COUNCIL MEETING

**7.30 pm Wednesday, 23 November 2022
At Council Chamber - Town Hall**

Members of the Council of the London Borough of Havering are advised that a meeting of the Council is scheduled to take place on the date and time shown above. An indication of the business to be dealt with is given below. The final agenda, which forms the official summons for the meeting, will be published in due course, in accordance with the meeting timetable.



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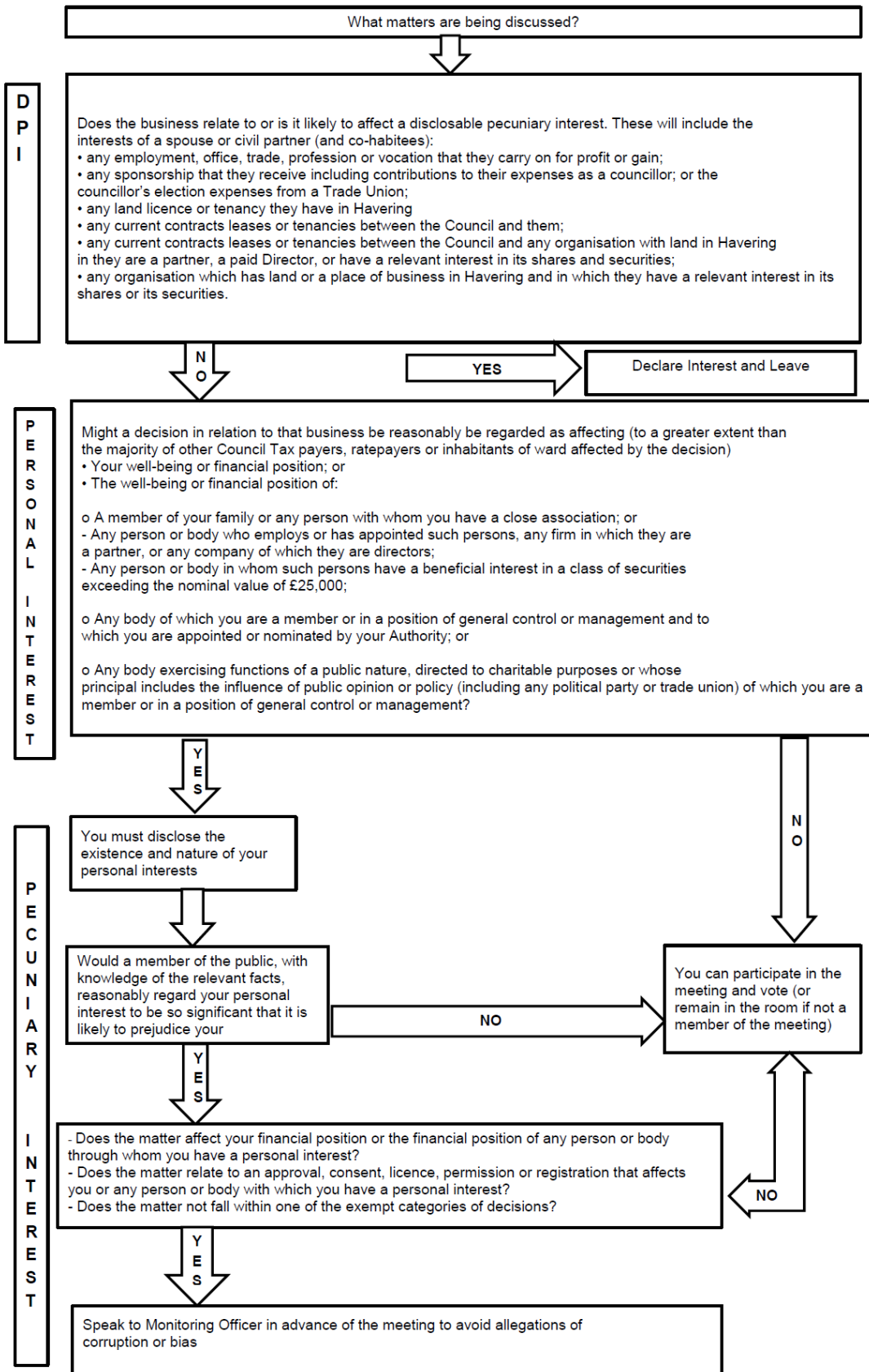
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AGENDA

1 PRAYERS

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence (if any).

3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 20)

To sign as a true record the minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 7 September and 22 September 2022 (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

Notice of intention to present a petition has been received from Councillors David Taylor, Susan Ospreay, Judith Holt (three petitions) Dilip Patel and Jane Keane.

7 VICE-CHAIR OF LICENSING COMMITTEE

To consider motions regarding the appointment of the Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee.

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

That Councillor Philippa Crowder be elected Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee.

8 2022/23 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT (Pages 21 - 38)

NOTE: The deadline for amendments is to reports published with the final agenda is midnight, Monday 21 November 2022.

Report of Audit Committee attached.

9 ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL (Pages 39 - 46)

Report of Chief Executive attached.

10 EXEMPTIONS FROM CALL-IN DECISIONS (Pages 47 - 50)

Report of Chief Executive attached.

11 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (Pages 51 - 52)

Report of Governance Committee attached.

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (Pages 53 - 56)

Attached.

13 MOTIONS FOR DEBATE (Pages 57 - 58)

Attached.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING Council Chamber - Town Hall 7 September 2022 (7.30 pm - 10.25 pm)

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Trevor McKeever) in the Chair

Councillors Councillors Mandy Anderson, Robert Benham, Ray Best, Patricia Brown, Joshua Chapman, Keith Darvill, Osman Dervish, Sarah Edwards, Gillian Ford, Oscar Ford, Jason Frost, Laurance Garrard, James Glass, Martin Goode, Linda Hawthorn, Judith Holt, Jane Keane, Jacqueline McArdle, Paul McGeary, Paul Middleton, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, Stephanie Nunn, Gerry O'Sullivan, Sue Ospreay, Dilip Patel, Nisha Patel, Viddy Persaud, Keith Prince, Philip Ruck, Timothy Ryan, Carol Smith, Christine Smith, Matthew Stanton, Natasha Summers, David Taylor, Katharine Tumilty, John Tyler, Christine Vickery, Bryan Vincent, Frankie Walker, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Julie Wilkes, Christopher Wilkins, Graham Williamson, Darren Wise and John Wood

Approximately 20 Members' guests and members of the public and two representatives of the press were also present.

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

Rabbi Lee Sunderland of Romford Synagogue opened the meeting with prayers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (agenda item 2)**

Apologies were received from Councillors John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Brian Eagling, David Godwin and Damian White.

27 **MINUTES (agenda item 3)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

28 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (agenda item 4)**

There were no disclosures of interest.

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

Tributes were paid to former Councillor Eamonn Mahon who had sadly passed away recently.

The Mayor gave details of his forthcoming Civic Service and his charity function at Queen's Theatre. Details were also given of the forthcoming 775th anniversary events in Romford Market.

The Leader of the Council thanked the emergency services, Council staff and the Havering Voluntary Centre for their response to the recent Wennington fires.

30 **PETITIONS (agenda item 6)**

Petitions were received from Councillor Vickery re a request for resurfacing in Amery Gardens and from Councillor Stanton re the introduction of road safety measures in Christchurch Avenue.

31 **ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2021/22 (agenda item 7)**

A report of the Audit Committee summarised progress in delivering the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement in 2021/22. The report was presented to Council as required under the Treasury Management code of the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy.

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

That the Annual Treasury Management Report 2021/22 be noted.

32 **REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION (agenda item 8)**

A report of the Governance Committee detailed a number of proposed changes to the Constitution. Some of these, as shown in appendix 2 of the report, required the approval of full Council.

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

That the proposed changes to the Constitution as shown in appendix 2 of the report be agreed.

33 **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (agenda item 8A)**

Councillors Philip Ruck, David Taylor and Kathy Tumilty were appointed as Member representatives on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education, without division.

34 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (agenda item 9)**

Fifteen questions were asked and responded to at the meeting. A summary, including of the supplementary questions and answers given is attached as appendix 1 to the minutes.

35 **FREE PARKING (agenda item 10A)**

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council acknowledges the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and calls on the administration to commit to maintaining the 1 hr free parking period for on-street parking as introduced during the pandemic.

Amendment on behalf of the East Havering Residents' Group

To remove the words 'as introduced during the pandemic' and add the words 'and will ensure that the 20% discount and incentive for the RingGo App users is maintained'.

For clarity, the amended motion would read as follows:

This Council acknowledges the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and calls on the administration to commit to maintaining the 1 hr free parking period for on-street parking and will ensure that the 20% Discount and incentive for the RingGo App users is maintained.

Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

Council notes that this Administration acknowledges the impact of the current high rate of inflation and the impact that this is having on the budgets of residents, businesses and a variety of other organisations, including Local Authorities, and will be carrying out a comprehensive review of its parking facilities and charges in this new post pandemic environment and with next year's budget in mind.

Following debate, the amendment by the East Havering Residents Group was **NOT CARRIED** by 31 votes to 18 with 0 abstentions (see division 1); the amendment by the Havering Residents Association Group was **AGREED** by 31 votes to 18 with 0 abstentions (see division 2) and **AGREED** as the substantive motion by 31 votes to 18 with 0 abstentions (see division 3).

RESOLVED:

Council notes that this Administration acknowledges the impact of the current high rate of inflation and the impact that this is having on the budgets of residents, businesses and a variety of other organisations, including Local Authorities, and will be carrying out a comprehensive review of its parking facilities and charges in this new post pandemic environment and with next year's budget in mind.

36 **CASHLESS SOCIETY (agenda item 10B)**

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

Given the increasing rise of cashlessness, and the dangers of digital exclusion, Havering Council commits to protecting and promoting access to cash including ensuring cash payments are accepted for all council provided services.

Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

Council notes that this Administration will ensure that during its modernisation of how this Council operates, it will ensure that any proposed change has a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

Following debate, the amendment by the Havering Residents Association Group was **AGREED** by 31 votes to 18 with 0 abstentions (see division 4) and **AGREED** as the substantive motion, without division.

RESOLVED:

Council notes that this Administration will ensure that during its modernisation of how this Council operates, it will ensure that any proposed change has a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

37 **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT (agenda item 10C)**

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

Following the receipt of £684,900 in government funding for the Energy Rebate Scheme, Havering Council will revisit the recent decision to cap support at £150 per home and to provide 24,056 homes with a £17 payment. Instead ensuring that Havering's poorest homes receive a greater level of financial support. Council therefore calls on Cabinet agrees to review the rebate system going forward to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable members of Havering are provided with the greatest level of financial assistance.

Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

Council notes that should the new Government provide a new Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme, this Administration will continue to consider the most practical and cost efficient way of ensuring that payments are made in the most fair and equitable way possible.

The amendment by the Havering Residents Association Group was **AGREED** by 31 votes to 16 with 2 abstentions (see division 5) and **AGREED** as the substantive motion, without division.

RESOLVED:

Council notes that should the new Government provide a new Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme, this Administration will continue to consider the most practical and cost efficient way of ensuring that payments are made in the most fair and equitable way possible.

38 **VOTING RECORD**

The record of voting decisions is attached as appendix 2 to these minutes.

Mayor

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Appendix 1

FULL COUNCIL, Wednesday 7th September 2022

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Overview & Scrutiny

- 1) **To the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan)**
From Councillor Tim Ryan

At of the 5th July meeting, the Overview and Scrutiny board voted to establish a series of task and finish working group as soon as possible, as of yet, not one has been convened. Considering the financial pressure that the Council is under, when will the Chairman set a date for the financial working party to meet?

Answer

As the Overview and Scrutiny Board Members are aware, as detailed in the Councils Statutory Corporate Forward Plan, there is an update on the Council's financial position for 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-2027 going to the 28th September Cabinet. This is a key report that will directly help inform the scrutiny focus and subsequent scope of the future related task and finish group.

As Chair I have moved the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting to the 13th October to enable the Board sufficient time to consider the Cabinet update report, and determine their thinking for future scrutiny of this important area.

Given the new membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, there is training arranged on the 26th and 27th September that will cover Overview and Scrutiny methods, techniques, scoping etc. This will be delivered by a trainer from the independent Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. This will enable and support an effective scrutiny function and inform the scoping of the future work programme and associated task and finish groups.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board will hold informal meetings to review and prioritise the work programme list including the scheduling of items.

(No supplementary question asked).

Traffic Calming Measures, Harold Wood Area

**2) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Darren Wise**

Please could the cabinet member confirm what actions and assurances will the Council give to residents of Harold Wood that traffic calming measures will be implemented in order to reduce speeding in the Warley Road, Nags Head Lane, Hall Lane, Shepherds Hill Junction as there have been a number of accidents in this location over recent years. This has been raised with the Council a number of times and so far there has been a distinct lack of action.

Answer

We are all aware of a fatal collision that took place at the junction of Shepherds Hill and Hall Lane on 4th August, and our thoughts are with those affected.

Following the accident, Officers attended a meeting with the Police and TFL to discuss possible measures to improve safety in this area.

Furthermore, the Council is aware of other accidents in this area. The Council is actively in dialogue with TFL with a view to submitting a funding bid to implement road safety measures.

A supplementary question asked for details of the timescale for action on this matter. The Cabinet Member responded that this depended on Transport for London funding and further investigations would be needed before a final decision on a solution was reached.

Parking Proposals in Havering

**3) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Osman Dervish**

Will the Cabinet member make a statement on the proposals to withdraw 1-hour free parking on street across Havering, as well as the removal of the pay by app discount, referencing any public consultation that has taken place and outlining the impact assessment that has taken place on Havering shops and businesses. Do they believe that removing these measures will have a positive impact on our town centres?

Answer

As you are aware, the provision for one hour on-street free parking, alongside the 20% discount in car parks for anyone using the virtual parking app, were introduced during the Covid19 pandemic, as measures to support our residents, businesses, visitors and key workers.

We are now looking at reviewing parking charges across the borough, and a report is due before Cabinet this year.

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A supplementary question asked if the parking policy was in the best interests of local High Streets. The Cabinet Member accepted that there were financial constraints but emphasised that the Administration would do what was right for the Borough.

Climate Change

4) To the Cabinet Member for Climate Change (Councillor Keith Darvill) From Councillor Martin Goode

In 2019, there was a motion by your cabinet colleagues to call for a climate emergency which got defeated though other measures were considered and in particular we welcome the green forum that was introduced by the last administration. Now with the recent extreme temperatures and devastating fires locally, nationally and globally and ongoing warnings and issues with our climate, will the cabinet member and administration now call for and support a climate emergency to be declared in Havering.

Answer

Firstly let me say to all Havering residents and households who have been affected by the recent effects of climate change that the Council's sympathies and support are with you.

I welcome your question and I call for commitment from all Members of the Council to work together to take action to tackle climate change. I welcome the opportunity to work with all parties on this threat to our local Havering and global environment. I also want to work with regional and national bodies to secure the funding to act.

Certainly one of the matters we will be considering is the benefits, at this time, of declaring a climate emergency and framing a declaration we collectively support. In coming months we are looking to strengthen our climate change plans in a planned and measured way within the financial resources available. I will seek views as widely as possible on these plans.

I expect all officers to factor into their actions and decision making measures to tackle climate change. I hope that all Members will contribute to the short, medium and long term commitment of the Council to address the causes and effects of climate change and have a positive impact on the lives of Havering residents.

A supplementary question asked what other measures were being taken to combat climate change. The Cabinet Member responded that consultation was regularly held with action groups in Havering and bids had been made for funding to retrofit homes. Outreach work was in progress with schools and improvements made to recycling. A question and answer session had also been

held recently with a local cycling group. Climate change work was a main platform of the Administration's programme.

Cost of Transportation to Social Day Care Centres

5) To the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health (Councillor Gillian Ford) From Councillor Jason Frost

In a cost-of-living crisis, will the cabinet member justify the recent decision to increase transport costs for some of the most needy in Havering to attend their social care day care centres by up to 50% and would the cabinet explain why a full Equalities and Health Impact Assessment has not been undertaken before the decision was taken.

Answer

The decision by officers was to increase transport charges for our clients, from £10 to £15, for a return journey to a day centre. The cost to adult social care is actually £20, and the charges have been static since 2011. Services are moving towards full cost recovery where possible, due to budget pressures, therefore we are making this decision to bring charges more in line with actual costs.

Prior to enacting the decision, officers contacted all those who will be impacted last week, so that there is time to source alternative methods of getting to the centre if they prefer. A full Equalities Impact Assessment is not considered by officers as necessary, because the impact is on a low number of people – initially thought to be 17, but this has reduced to 15 following work with the individuals – out of a total of nearly 100 regular users of the service.

In addition there is no equalities or financial impact on users who have been assessed to pay a client contribution (with many users assessed as nil charge in any case). Day services are chargeable, and adult social care undertakes a financial assessment of all user's means to pay, therefore only those individuals who have more than £23,250 (the current capital threshold, above which an individual pays the full cost of their care) will be affected. For those under this threshold (which the vast majority of users are), there will be no impact on those who contribute towards their costs, as client contributions will remain the same regardless of any fluctuations in care package cost.

A supplementary question asked if the Cabinet Member had challenged the view that an Equalities Impact Assessment was not necessary. The Cabinet Member confirmed that this was not necessary at this stage but would be undertaken as the numbers of people impacted increased,

Moving Traffic Conventions

**6) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Osman Dervish**

Will the cabinet member provide a statement on phase two of the moving traffic convention programme, including locations, expected income generation from PCNs and an update on the phase 1.

Answer

Phase 2 of the Moving Traffic Contravention Programme is currently in progress. At present Officers are developing the programme for site selection based on collision data, road classification and the type of contravention.

After a list of new sites has been compiled Officers will work with operators to locate cameras in the most appropriate places according to the criteria on each of the sites.

To date the Council has 43 sites with cameras, with an additional 15 sites due to be in operation this month.

At this stage it is difficult to determine the income from new sites, however they will be implemented to improve safety and generally there is improved compliance reducing the number of PCNs issued over time.

All sites have and will have contravention signs in place.

A supplementary question asked for details of the income generated. The Cabinet Member responded that the 50 sites generated an average yearly income of around £17,000 per site.

Housing Targets

**7) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)
From Councillor David Taylor**

It has been reported that the Leader of the Council has recently said that his administration is looking at going out rather than up to meet the housing needs targets of Havering, will he confirm that Havering's greenbelt is safe under the Labour-HRA joint administration and that his administration will fight against any reallocation of the borough's greenbelt.

Answer

The Havering Local Plan which was adopted last year, provides the policy basis for consideration of developments within the Green Belt, alongside the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

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Havering is one of London's greenest boroughs with extensive open spaces and with more than half of the borough designated as Metropolitan Green Belt. The spatial strategy of the local plan is to optimise brownfield development with suitable brownfield sites being developed first.

The latter is a key feature of the Local Plan Spatial Strategy. The Local Plan is up to date and will continue to guide development in the Borough.

As instructed by the Inspector who examined the Local Plan, the Local Plan will be reviewed and work on this is under way with a draft Local Plan Review document due in 2023. National policy is that once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified, through the preparation or updating of plans.

A supplementary question asked if the Administration shared the view expressed by the Upminster and Cranham Residents Association that it would fight to keep the Green Belt. The Leader of the Council responded that large housing targets had been imposed on the Council since 2015 and that all options would be considered including building up.

Timetable for Council-wide Review

**8) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)
From Councillor Michael White**

Will the Leader of the Council provide a timetable for the systemic root and branch review of council and when will the findings be brought forward

Answer

I refer Councillor White to the answer that was given at Council on 13th July 2022.

A supplementary question asked if the original question could be answered. The Leader of the Council responded a comprehensive review of all Council departments would be carried out in order to bring out as many efficiencies and cost savings as possible.

Energy Rebate Scheme

**9) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)
From Councillor David Taylor**

Considering the cost-of-living crisis, will the administration provide a statement on why they have opted to provide £17 of financial support to multi-millionaires

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rather than providing increased support to the borough's poorest through the energy rebate scheme?

Answer

The Energy Rebate Scheme has already given £150 to over 68,000 families in Council Tax band A to D at a cost of £10.2 million.

The Energy Rebate Discretionary scheme is funded by a much smaller pot of money £684,900 which Government proposed to be used to assist households needing support in Council Tax bands E to H. The amount allocated was in fact determined by the local authority's band E to H property base. Government gave the authority discretion to assist households based on their knowledge of their community although this was not part of the original guidance.

In designing its discretionary scheme, Havering considered the main Council Tax A to D Energy Rebate scheme and that households received a payment of £150 regardless of their financial situation. While there was insufficient funding to pay every household in Council Tax bands E to H £150, it was fair to consider designing a scheme that also supported every household in Council Tax band E to H as they too experienced unexpected increases in their energy bills.

There was enough funding to award households on benefits, in receipt of a disabled band reduction, receiving free adult social care or in receipt of a severe mental impairment exemption with £150 . With the left over funds, the Council was able to distribute £17 to the remaining households in Council Tax band E to H.

Any household who has received the £150 Energy Rebate payment and is still struggling can make an application to the Emergency Assistance scheme or contact their energy supplier to discuss arrangements for payment

A supplementary question asked why assistance was being offered to those in top bands when this could have been used to top up funds to the poorest. The Leader of the Council responded that a review had been undertaken of what other Councils were doing with the rebate scheme and a scheme had been chosen that best fitted Havering's situation.

Environmental Enforcement Trial

**10) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Michael White**

Will the administration make a statement on the new enforcement trial that they have launched, which is expected to raise £750,000 from PCNs and a further £100,000 from internal savings?

Answer

In response to the significant increase in littering across the Borough, we are introducing a trial, to bring in an external littering enforcement company to increase our Borough-wide resources. We will soon be inviting bids from private companies to undertake this work for a pilot period of 18 months, starting in April 2023.

The anticipated revenue to be raised from the pilot is expected to be around £75,000 per annum and not £750,000 as stated in the report, as unfortunately, this was a misprint. This sum will be an agreed percentage of the total income from the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for criminal offences such as littering, dog fouling, spitting and other environmental offences across the whole borough.

The revenue savings associated with this pilot will be made from outsourcing the locking of Havering Parks to the respective company.

A supplementary question asked how much the consultancy had cost. The Cabinet Member replied that he had not made any reference to consultancy in his answer.

Refuse Collections

11) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone) From Councillor David Taylor

Will the administration make a statement on the weekly refuse collection and whether this will be maintained over the next four years for both domestic waste and recycling.

Answer

As you are aware, the Council is currently undertaking a procurement exercise for the provision of waste and recycling collections across the Borough, which include discussion on how best to provide a service that meets the need of our residents as well as meeting our Climate Change agenda.

A supplementary question asked if weekly bin collections would continue. The Cabinet Member replied that the financial position of the borough would have to be looked at but that any option chosen would give the best value for residents.

Kerbside Glass Recycling

12) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone) From Councillor Jason Frost

Can the coalition administration confirm that they intend to introduce kerbside glass recycling across Havering?

Answer

The kerbside collection of glass from households is expected to be introduced when the new waste and recycling collection contract commences in 2023.

(No supplementary question).

Appointments to Senior Posts

**13) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)
From Councillor Joshua Chapman**

The Council is currently recruiting for two new senior roles at grade 11 and grade 12, within the advert, it states that the successful applicant will be expected to attend the Town Hall for meetings 1 or 2 days per month – considering this, will the administration make a statement on home working and if they feel that a manager on £77,000 a year should only attend the Town Hall twice a month?

Answer

The Council is recruiting for two new roles within the Transformation team. This is to reduce the administration's reliance on expensive consultants and contractors and to build stronger project delivery capability internally.

The advert itself makes reference to the Council's existing flexible working policy which was introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and has enabled the council to continue to operate during unprecedented circumstances.

The advert also makes clear what is more important than attending a fixed location is the individual's "ability, drive and commitment to get the job done." Feedback from the recruitment market is that potential candidates now consider flexible working, and an organisation's approach to it, more important than pay and other benefits.

The reference to "1 or 2 days per month in the office" was added to clarify candidate's expectations for the role and to encourage the widest possible pool of high quality candidates to apply.

Feedback from the recruitment exercise indicates we have a strong list of suitable candidates who have applied for the roles.

A supplementary question asked what was the Leader's view on extended home working and if he felt the Senior Leadership Team was spending enough time in the borough. The Leader of the Council responded that the People Strategy and working practices in the Council were constantly under review.

Voluntary Redundancy Scheme

**14) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)
From Councillor Joshua Chapman**

Can the administration confirm how many voluntary and non-voluntary redundancies were made as a result of the recent redundancy programme and were any redundancies made at senior leadership level?

Answer

As part of the recent Voluntary Release project 51 members of staff will be leaving the organisation. Of these, 3 employees are senior leaders within the organisation, that being Head of Service (Grade 12) or above. There have been no compulsory redundancies as part of this project, it was solely focused on employees coming forward for Voluntary Release.

A supplementary question asked what the Leader was doing to support staff and in any further redundancies were planned. The Leader responded that the Council was currently in the middle of the budget review process and that all options were currently under review.

Redundancy Scheme Savings

**15) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)
From Councillor David Taylor**

Can the administration confirm the total annual savings made as a result of the redundancy programme?

Answer

The savings resulting from the Voluntary Release project have not yet been finalised as there are a small number of staff who have not agreed their leaving date.

Some employees have been asked to stay on beyond the expected leaving date of the 30th September to ensure key services remain unaffected and to allow time for these services to map out how their operating models will look moving forward.

The final figures for savings will be available in the next few weeks.

(No supplementary question).

DIVISION NUMBER:	1	2	3	4	5
The Mayor (Councillor Trevor McKeever)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Deputy Mayor [Councillor Stephanie Nunn]	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
CONSERVATIVE GROUP					
Cllr Robert Benham	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr Ray Best	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Joshua Chapman	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr John Crowder	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr Philippa Crowder	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr Osman Dervish	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Jason Frost	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Judith Holt	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Robby Misir	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Dilip Patel	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Nisha Patel	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Viddy Persaud	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Keith Prince	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Timothy Ryan	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Carol Smith	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Christine Smith	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr David Taylor	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Christine Vickery	✓	X	X	X	X
Cllr Damian White	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr Michael White	✓	X	X	X	X
RESIDENTS' GROUP					
Cllr Sarah Edwards	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Gillian Ford	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Oscar Ford	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Laurance Garrard	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr James Glass	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr David Godwin	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr Linda Hawthorn	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Jackie McArdle	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Paul Middleton	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Raymond Morgon	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Barry Mugglestone	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Sue Ospreay	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Gerry O'Sullivan	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Phillip Ruck	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Natasha Summers	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Bryan Vincent	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Reg Whitney	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Julie Wilkes	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Christopher Wilkins	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Graham Williamson	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr John Wood	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
LABOUR GROUP					
Cllr Mandy Anderson	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Patricia Brown	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Keith Darvill	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Jane Keane	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Paul McGeary	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Matthew Stanton	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Katharine Tumilty	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Frankie Walker	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
EAST HAVERING RESIDENTS' GROUP					
Cllr Brian Eagling	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr Martin Goode	✓	X	X	X	O
Cllr Darren Wise	✓	X	X	X	O
INDEPENDENT					
Cllr John Tyler	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
TOTALS					
✓ = YES	18	31	31	31	31
X = NO	31	18	18	18	16
O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE	0	0	0	0	2
ID = INTEREST DISCLOSED/NO VOTE	0	0	0	0	0
A = ABSENT FROM MEETING	6	6	6	6	6
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MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING Council Chamber - Town Hall 22 September 2022 (7.30 - 8.40 pm)

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Trevor McKeever) in the Chair

Councillors Councillors Patricia Brown, Joshua Chapman, Keith Darvill, Osman Dervish, Gillian Ford, James Glass, David Godwin, Martin Goode, Linda Hawthorn, Judith Holt, Jacqueline McArdle, Paul McGeary, Paul Middleton, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, Stephanie Nunn, Gerry O'Sullivan, Dilip Patel, Nisha Patel, Viddy Persaud, Keith Prince, Timothy Ryan, Carol Smith, Christine Smith, Matthew Stanton, David Taylor, Katharine Tumilty, Christine Vickery, Bryan Vincent, Frankie Walker, Damian White, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Julie Wilkes, Christopher Wilkins, Graham Williamson and Darren Wise

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

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

Father Roderick Hingley, of the Church of St Alban, Protomartyr, Romford opened the meeting with prayers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

39 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (agenda item 2)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mandy Anderson, Ray Best, Robert Benham, John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Brian Eagling, Sarah Edwards, Oscar Ford, Jason Frost, Laurance Garrard, Jane Keane, Robby Misir, Sue Ospreay, Phil Ruck, Natasha Summers John Tyler and John Wood.

40 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (agenda item 3)**

There were no disclosures of interest.

41 **TRIBUTES ON THE PASSING OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
(agenda item 4)**

The Mayor and Members on all sides of the Chamber paid tribute on the recent sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Members recalled with affection previous visits to Havering by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mayor

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Full Council: 23 NOVEMBER 2022

2022/23 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT

At its meeting on 19 October 2022, the Audit Committee received a mid-year report on Treasury Management 2022/23 (attached). In line with the Code of Practice on Treasury Management 2017, this report is presented to Council for noting.

The report covers activity on Treasury Management investments and borrowings and the associated monitoring and control of risk.

The key highlights of the Mid-Year report are as follows:

- At the end of August 2022 the investment portfolio return was 1.00%
- Net interest outturn is expected to be within budget.
- There was no breach of the Authority's prudential indicators and treasury indicators.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the treasury management activities to August 2022 as detailed in the report.

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Audit Committee

19th October 2022

Subject Heading:

**2022/23 Treasury Management
Mid-Year Report.**

SLT Lead:

Dave McNamara
**(Section 151 officer and Chief
Operating Officer)**

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Policy context:

**The code of practice on treasury
management 2017 requires that the
Authority be provided with a Mid-year
report on treasury activities**

Financial summary:

**There are no direct Financial
implications from the report**

Is this a Key Decision?

NO

When should this matter be reviewed?

Bi-Annually

Reviewing OSC:

Overview and Scrutiny Board

**The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council
Objectives**

Communities making Havering
Places making Havering
Opportunities making Havering
Connections making Havering

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SUMMARY

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Treasury Management Code ("TM Code") require authorities to produce a mid-year report on their treasury management activities.

The Authority's Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) for 2022/23 was approved at the Cabinet meeting on 16th February 2022 and at Full Council on the 2nd March 2022.

The Authority has borrowed and invested substantial sums of money and is therefore exposed to financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the revenue effect of changing interest rates. This report covers activity on treasury managed investments and borrowings and the associated monitoring and control of risk.

The key highlights of the Mid-Year report are as follows:

- At the end of August 2022 the investment portfolio return was 1.00%
- Net interest outturn is expected to be within budget.
- There was no breach of the Authority's prudential indicators and treasury indicators.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To note the treasury management activities to August 2022 are detailed in the report.
- To note LIBOR ceased to be supported and published by the banks from the 31st December 2021, being replaced by SONIA - this will be Treasury's benchmark reference rate from the 1st January 2022.

REPORT DETAIL

Background

1.0 Treasury management

- 1.1 The authority operates a balanced budget, which broadly means cash raised during the year will meet its cash expenditure. Part of the treasury management operation is to ensure this cash flow is adequately planned, with surplus monies being invested in low risk counterparties, providing adequate liquidity initially before considering optimising investment return.
- 1.2 The other main function of authority's treasury management operation is to help fund its capital plans. These capital plans provide a guide to the borrowing need of the authority, essentially the longer term cash flow planning required to meet its capital spending operations. This management of longer term cash may involve arranging long or short term loans, or using longer term cash flow surpluses, and on occasion any debt previously drawn may be restructured to meet the Authority's risk or cost objectives.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 This report has been written in accordance with the requirements of the CIPFA TM Code.
- 2.2 This is the Mid-Year Review Report required by the TM Code and covers the following:
- Economic update for the first part of the 2022/23 financial year.
 - Treasury Management Summary to the end of August 2022.
 - Review of the authority's borrowing strategy for 2022/23
 - Review of the authority's investment portfolio for 2022/23
 - Review of compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits for 2022/23.

3.0 Economics and interest rates

3.1 Economics update

The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) increased Bank Rate to 2.25% from 1.75% on the 22nd of September. The increase reflected a split vote – five members voting for a 50 basis points increase, three for 75 basis points and one for 25 basis points. The MPC continues to grapple with getting inflation back on track over a three-year horizon. The Government has announced that the OBR will scrutinise their spending plans on 23rd November, whilst the Bank of England held off from making an emergency

Bank Rate increase and instead confirmed that it would do everything necessary to ensure headline inflation, on the CPI measure, drops back to 2% over a three-year timeframe. Furthermore, there is every chance that the on-going steep rises in gas, electricity and food inflation, when added to significant increases in fixed rate mortgages and rents, may see the UK head into recession despite the Government's best intention to prevent this occurrence. Markets will be looking closely at the upcoming inflation, employment and growth numbers for early signs as to how the new policies are performing, accepting that many of the announcements (outside of the support for caps on household and energy costs) have yet to be implemented.

3.2 Interest rate forecasts

The authority's treasury advisor, Link Asset Services (LAS), has provided the following updated interest rate forecast for base rate and medium term PWLB issuance in **Appendix A**:

4.0 Treasury Management Summary

4.1 The mid year treasury management position is shown in table 1 below.

Table 1: Treasury Management Summary as at 31st August 2022

	01.04.22	Movement	31.08.22	Weighted Average Rate
Investments	£m	£m	£m	%
Fixed Deposit	133.0	-6.0	127.0	1.03
Money Market Funds	0	0	0	0
Call Account	20.0	-20.0	0	0.64
Total investments	153.0	-26.0	127.0	1.00
Loans				
PWLB	307.1	0	307.1	2.89
Banks (LOBO)	7.0	0	7.0	3.60
Temporary Borrowing	0	0	0	0
Other L/T borrowings	0.8	0	0.8	0.38
Total Loans	314.9	0	314.9	2.89

4.2 The Authority's treasury investments as at 31st August 2022 totalled **£127m** and comprised of **£15m** deposited with local authorities, **£70m** with banks, **£42m** with the Government's Debt Management Office (DMO).

4.3 Appendix B shows the breakdown of the authority's investments.

5.0 Borrowing Strategy

5.1 *Detail*

Due to the volatility in long term borrowing rates and the uncertainty around inflation over the medium term, the strategy is to borrow < 5 years primarily via the PWLB, and via short term borrowing < 1 year from local authorities and banks, although other sources of finance will be considered. The Authority's cash balances remain high due to capital slippage which has limited the need for further long term debt and will be used in part to fund the 2022/23 borrowing requirement in the capital programme. PWLB debt remained the most economical source of long term capital finance, although officers constantly evaluate other sources of finance.

5.2 *Debt Rescheduling*

The possibility of debt rescheduling is regularly discussed with our treasury adviser. However opportunities have been almost non-existent in the current economic climate. The current PWLB rules on redemption are prohibitive and costly.

5.3 *LOBO's*

The Authority holds a £7m LOBO loan with Danske Bank at 3.60% that has the option to propose an increase in the interest rate at set dates, while the Authority has the option to either accept the new rate or to repay the loan at no additional cost. LAS stated there is a high probability that the lender will propose an increase in the rate in November 2022. If called, this will be financed from current cash balances, officers will continue to monitor and discuss with Danske Bank going forward.

6.0 Budgeted Income and Return

6.1 The Authority measures the financial performance of its treasury management activities both in terms of its impact on the revenue budget and its relationship to benchmark interest rates, as shown in table 2 below:

Table 2: 2021-22 Treasury Investment Performance to 31st August 2022

Period	Benchmark Average 3 month SONIA compounded, looking back	Budget Rate %	Actual Rate %
1/4/22 to 31/08/22	1.14	0.25	1.00

- 6.2 The authority underperformed its benchmark during the period. This was due in part to the steepness of the yield curve, and the need to keep a proportion of our funds in near dated liquid investments to meet cash calls as they fall due and the rapid increase in bank rate during the period. The strategy of keeping investments in short term maturities leaves our portfolio able to reinvest at high rates as rates are forecast to increase further during 2022-23.
- 6.3 It is expected that the average 3 month SONIA rate will rise significantly by financial year end as the bank of England continues to fight inflationary pressures and offset the fiscal expansion announced in the recent mini budget. Accordingly investments are being kept in shorter maturities < 6 months for the remainder of the financial year.
- 6.4 The continued delays to capital expenditure has meant investment balances are running higher than planned earlier in the year. Both investment income and borrowing cost are expected to be within the budget forecast.
- 6.5 Since the 1st January 2022 LIBOR ceased to be supported and published by the banks being replaced by SONIA, see explanation in **appendix D**. Accordingly treasury will use SONIA going forward to benchmark activities and performance.

7.0 Current Investment Opportunities

- 7.1 The Authority is occasionally made aware of long term investment opportunities within OneSource, brokers or investment advisers. By extending the number of regulated brokerage firms it provided more competition and resulted in deals being agreed that best meets the authority's requirements.
- 7.2 Cabinet on the 26th February 2021 approved changes to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) which facilitate investment in a wider range of products.

8.0 Changes in risk appetite

- 8.1 The 2017 CIPFA Codes and guidance notes have placed enhanced importance on risk management. Where an authority changes its risk appetite e.g. for moving surplus cash into or out of certain types of investment funds or other types of investment instruments, this change in risk appetite and policy will be brought to members' attention in treasury management update reports.

9.0 Compliance with Prudential and Treasury Indicators

- 9.1 It is a statutory duty for the Authority to determine and keep under review the affordable borrowing limits. The Authority's approved 2022/23 Treasury and

Prudential Indicators (affordability limits) were included and approved by Full Council as part of the TMSS 2nd March 2022.

- 9.2 During the period, the Authority has operated within the treasury limits and Prudential Indicators set out in the authority TMSS and in compliance with the authority's Treasury Management Practices. An update on indicators and limits are reported in **Appendix C** of this report.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

Year to date treasury activity is in accordance with the Authority's approved TMSS. There have been no breach in the Authority's treasury indicators and prudential indicators set out in the TMSS.

It is expected that the authority's net interest costs will be within budget in 2022/23 and any new borrowing undertaken for the capital programme for remainder of 2022/23 will be in accordance with the Authority's treasury limits and prudential indicators.

Legal implications and risks:

Cabinet is required to have a full understanding of all financial risks and be satisfied that they are propitiate to its overall budget and that the Council is not exposed to any unacceptable, unnecessary or disproportional risk in the management of its financial affairs.

Members also need to feel assured that there has been no breach of the Authority's prudential indicators and treasury indicators.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no HR implications from this report

Equalities Implications and Risks:

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce.

Health and Wellbeing Implications and Risks:

The Council is committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering employees and residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants. There are no direct implications to the Council’s workforce and resident’s health and wellbeing as a result of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

Appendix A

Interest Rate Forecast

Provided by Link asset services (LAS)

Link Group Interest Rate View	27.09.22											
	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25
BANK RATE	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.75	3.25	3.00	2.75	2.75	2.50
3 month ave earnings	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.00	3.80	3.30	3.00	2.80	2.80	2.50
6 month ave earnings	4.70	5.20	5.10	5.00	4.60	4.10	3.90	3.40	3.10	3.00	2.90	2.60
12 month ave earnings	5.30	5.30	5.20	5.00	4.70	4.20	4.00	3.50	3.20	3.10	3.00	2.70
5 yr PWLB	5.00	4.90	4.70	4.50	4.20	3.90	3.70	3.50	3.40	3.30	3.20	3.20
10 yr PWLB	4.90	4.70	4.60	4.30	4.10	3.80	3.60	3.50	3.40	3.30	3.20	3.20
25 yr PWLB	5.10	4.90	4.80	4.50	4.30	4.10	3.90	3.70	3.60	3.60	3.50	3.40
50 yr PWLB	4.80	4.60	4.50	4.20	4.00	3.80	3.60	3.40	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.10

Appendix B

Table 1 breakdown of Investments as at 31st August 2022

Class	Start Date	Maturity Date	Counterparty	Profile	Rate	Principal O/S (£)
Deposit	31/08/22	01/09/22	DMADF (Debt Management Account Deposit Facility)	Maturity	1.55%	27,000,000
Deposit	25/08/22	07/09/22	Leeds City Council	Maturity	1.60%	5,000,000
Deposit	23/08/22	23/09/22	DMADF (Debt Management Account Deposit Facility)	Maturity	1.69%	15,000,000
Deposit	25/07/22	26/09/22	Gloucester City Council	Maturity	1.52%	5,000,000
Deposit	14/02/22	14/11/22	Fife Council	Maturity	0.85%	5,000,000
Deposit	20/07/22	30/12/22	Goldman Sachs International	Maturity	2.20%	15,000,000
Deposit	08/02/22	08/02/23	National Westminster Bank plc	Maturity	1.31%	25,000,000
Deposit	08/08/22	08/02/23	Goldman Sachs International	Maturity	2.46%	5,000,000
Deposit	22/08/22	22/02/23	Santander UK plc	Maturity	2.75%	25,000,000
Fixed Total					1.8413%	-127,000,000

Appendix C

Compliance Report

All treasury management activities undertaken during the period complied fully with the CIPFA Code of Practice and the authority's approved Treasury Management Strategy. Compliance with specific treasury limits is demonstrated in tables below.

1.1 Interest Rate Exposure

1.1.1 This indicator is set to limit and control the Authority's exposure to adverse movements in short term interest rates during the current financial year and over the forecasted period. The upper limit on fixed and variable rate interest rate exposures, expressed as the proportion of gross principal borrowed are as follows:

Table1: Interest rate exposure activity

	2022/23 Limit %	2022/23 Actual 31/08/22 %	2023/24 Limit %	2024/25 Limit %
Upper limit on fixed interest rate exposure	100	99.7	100	100
Upper limit on variable interest rate exposure	25	0.3	30	35

Fixed rate borrowings are those borrowings where the rate of interest is fixed for the whole financial year. Instruments that mature during the financial year are classed as variable rate.

- 1.1.2 Having larger amounts of fixed interest rate borrowing gives the Authority greater stability with regards to its interest payments and reduces the risk of higher interest costs should interest rates rise. Traditionally local authorities have taken advantage of fixing interest rates long term to reduce interest rate exposure. The table excludes Salix Finance loans as these are held at zero interest hence no interest rate exposure.

1.2 **Maturity Structure of Borrowing**

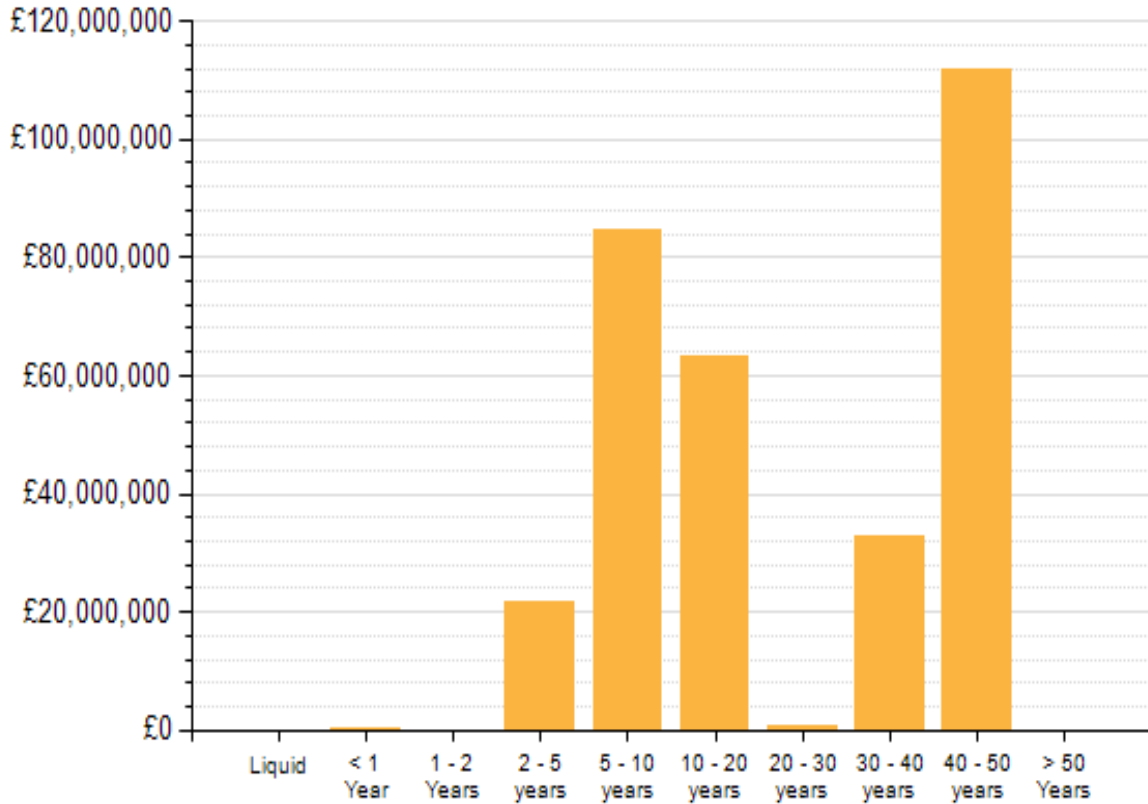
- 1.2.1 This indicator is set to control the Authority's exposure to refinancing risk. The upper and lower limits on the maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing are as follows:

Table 2: Loan maturity structure as at 31st August 2022

	Upper %	Lower %	Actual %
Under 12 months	40	0	0.03
12 months and within 24 months	60	0	0.00
24 months and within 5 years	80	0	6.84
5 years and within 10 years	100	0	26.86
10 years and above	100	0	66.27

Time periods start on the first day of each financial year. The maturity date of borrowing is the earliest date on which the lender can demand repayment.

Loans Maturities by Type



1.3 Principal Sums Invested for Periods Longer than 365 days

1.3.1 The purpose of this indicator is to control the authority's exposure to the risk of incurring losses by seeking early repayment of its investments.

1.3.2 The limits set in the 2022/23 treasury management strategy in comparison to the half year are set below. It is the authority's policy to classify available for sale investments with maturities exceeding one year as long term investments.

Table 3: Investments for periods longer than 365 days

	2022/23 Limit £m	2022/23 Actual 30.08.22 £m	2023/24 Limit £m
Limit on principal invested beyond year end	120	0	120

1.4 Gross Debt and the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)

1.4.1 In order to ensure that over the medium term debt will only be for a capital purpose, the Authority should ensure that debt does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of CFR in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional CFR for the current and next two financial years. This is a key indicator of prudence.

Table 4: Gross debt and the CFR

	31.03.22 Actual £m	31.03.23 Estimate £m	31.03.24 Estimate £m	31.03.25 Estimate £m
Long Term External Debt	314.9	314.9	314.9	314.9
CFR	468.9	672.6	905.6	1097.3
Internal Borrowing	154.0	357.7	590.7	782.4

1.4.2 Total debt is expected to remain below the CFR during the year. The actual debt levels are monitored against the Operational Boundary and authorised Limit for External Debt, below. Officers will replace internal borrowing with external borrowing when it is favourable to do so.

1.5 Operational Boundary for External Debt

1.5.1 The operational boundary is based on the authority's estimate of most likely, i.e. prudent, but not worst case scenario for external debt. The Authority long term debt as at 31.08.2022 is £314.9m and no limit has been exceeded.

Table 5: Operational Boundary

Operational Boundary	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Borrowing	696.3	770.7	852.5
Other long-term liabilities	10.0	10.0	10.0
Regeneration Programme	168.7	259.3	277.5
Total	875.0	1,040.0	1,140.0

1.6 Authorised Limit for External Debt

1.6.1 The authorised limit is the affordable borrowing limit determined in compliance with the Local Government Act 2003. It is the maximum amount of debt that the authority can legally owe. The authorised limit provides headroom over and above the operational boundary for unusual cash movements.

Table 6: Authorised limit for external debt

Authorised Limit	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Borrowing	805.0	853.0	903.0
Other long-term liabilities	10.0	10.0	10.0
Regeneration Programme	248.0	300.0	350.0
Total Debt	1,063.0	1,163.0	1,263.0
Long Term Debt	314.9	314.9	314.9
Headroom	748.1	848.1	948.1

Appendix D

Glossary of Terms

A bond is a debt instrument in which an investor lends money for a specified period of time at a fixed rate of interest. The issuing entity could be corporate, financial or government.

A floating rate note (FRN) is a money market instrument with a Floating/variable rate of interest, which re-fixes over a reference rate, for example 3 month LIBOR.

Bail in is rescuing a financial institution on the brink of failure by making its creditors and depositors take a loss on their holdings. A bail-in is the opposite of a bail-out, which involves the rescue of a financial institution by external parties, typically governments using taxpayer's money.

Certificates of deposit (CDs) are a negotiable form of fixed deposit, ranked pari passu with fixed deposits. The difference is that you are not obligated to hold the CD to maturity, you can realise the cash by selling in the secondary market.

Coupon is the total amount of interest a security will pay. The coupon period depends on the security. A CD will often pay interest at maturity, while a bond may pay semi-annually or annually and an FRN will most likely pay every 3 months.

Covered bond Covered bonds are conventional bonds (fixed or floating) issued by financial institutions, that are backed by a separate group of loans, usually prime residential mortgages. This lowers the creditor's exposure to default risk, enhancing the credit. This is why the issue is usually rated AAA, higher than the rating given to the issuer reduces exposure to bail-in risk.

Credit rating A measure of the credit worthiness of a borrower. A credit rating can be assigned to country, organisation or specific debt issue/ financial obligation. There are a number of credit ratings agencies but the main 3 are Standard & Poor's, Fitch or Moody's.

GDP the monetary value of all finished goods and services made within a country during a specific period.

MIFID is the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive. A European Union Directive.

Principal is the total amount being borrowed or lent.

Spread is the difference between the buy and sell price of a security. It can also be the gap, usually in basis points, between the yield of a security and the benchmark security.

Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is a committee of the [Bank of England](#), which meets for three and a half days, eight times a year, to decide the official [interest rate](#) in the [United Kingdom](#) (the [Bank of England Base Rate](#)).

CPIH (Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs) The new additional measure of consumer price inflation including a measure of owner occupiers' housing costs (OOH).

Treasury bills (T-bills) are UK government rated, short-dated form of Government debt, issued by the Debt Management Office (DMO) via a weekly tender. T-bills are normally issued for one, three or six month duration.

Borrowing Requirements The principal amount the Council requires to borrow to finance capital expenditure and loan redemptions.

Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) Capital Financing Requirement- a measure of the Council's underlying need to borrow to fund capital expenditure.

Counterparties Organisations or Institutions the Council lends money to e.g. Banks; Local Authorities and MMFs.

Credit Default Swap (CDS) A kind of protection that can be purchased by MMF companies from insurance companies (for their investment) in exchange for a payoff if the organisation they have invested in does not repay the loan i.e. they default.

Credit Watch A scoring system issued by credit rating agencies such as Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poors that indicate the financial strength and other factors of a bank or similar Institution.

Interest Rate Exposures A measure of the proportion of money invested and what impact movements in the financial markets would have on them.

LIBOR London interbank offer rate, the average of a daily submission by various banks for where they offer funds in different maturities.

Market Loans Loans from banks available from the London Money Market including LOBOS (Lender Option, Borrowing Option) which enable the authority to take advantage of low fixed interest for a number of years before an agreed variable rate comes into force.

Money Market Fund (MMF) A 'pool' of different types of investments managed by a fund manager that invests in lightly liquid short term financial instruments with high credit rating.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) This is the amount which must be set aside from the revenue budget each year to cover future repayment of loans.

SONIA sterling overnight interest average rate, the average rate at which banks offer funds in the overnight sterling market.

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COUNCIL, 23 November 2022

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

- 1 On 7 September 2022, Councillors Sarah Edwards, Jacqueline McArdle and Sue Osprey ceased to be a members of the Conservative Group and became members of the Havering Residents Association Group.
- 2 This report seeks to address the change in the make-up of the Council by re-visiting the allocation of seats on Committees in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
- 3 A brief summary of the legal requirements on political balance and their impact on the present makeup of the Council is set out at Appendix 1. Greater detail is provided in Annex B.
- 4 There are no additional financial implications or risks arising from this report.
- 5 There are no legal, human resources or equalities and social inclusion implications or risks attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council agrees to the seat allocation for political balance as set out in Annex A.

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Background Papers List

None

POLITICAL BALANCE PRINCIPLES

The Council has a duty to make only such decisions as give effect, **so far as reasonably practicable**, to certain principles set out in the relevant legislation. The relevant principles are, in order of priority:

1. Not all of the seats on any Committee may be allocated to only one Group (note - the Cabinet is not a Committee).
2. The majority of seats on each Committee must be allocated to the Group having a majority of Members of the Council.
3. The total share of all the seats available for all Committees allocated to each political Group and to Members not in a Group must be proportionate to that Group's/Members' share of the total Council membership.
4. So far as can be done without conflicting with the other principles, the total number of seats on each Committee allocated to a political Group or to Members not in a Group must be proportionate to that Group's/those Members' share of total Council membership.

In practice, Committees are balanced against the overall total of Committee places and then, so far as that overall total allows, each Committee is balanced on its own. With the distribution of seats on the Council, it is inevitable (a) Groups/Members will not all be able to be represented on every Committee and (b) that one Group's representation on some Committees will be at the expense of another's.

The minimum number of councillors in a group for it to exist is two.

The Council may make arrangements different from those prescribed **provided that no Member of the Council votes against** those different arrangements.

To make such a decision each member of the Council must at least be sent an agenda indicating that the approval of alternative arrangements is to be considered. The supplementary agenda for this Council meeting meets this requirement. To accommodate this requirement this report should be treated as giving due notice so that there is no impediment to such a proposal being made.

Once the allocation of seats to Groups in accordance with the statutory procedure is undertaken, the Council is under a duty to make appointments to the Committee so as to give effect to the wishes expressed by that Group about who is to be appointed to their allocated seats.

The “wishes of the Group” may be communicated to the Proper Officer and will be implemented forthwith. Changes may be effected at any time by notice to the Proper Officer and will be notified to all Members in the next available edition of the weekly Calendar Brief.

It should be noted that the Constitution provides that the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees are appointed by Council and any change in membership affecting a Chairman or Vice-Chairman will therefore require consideration by Council.

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.

		CONS	HRA	LAB	EHRG
Governance	12	4	5	2	1
Licensing	7	3	3	1	0
Planning	7	3	3	1	0
Strat. Planning	7	3	3	1	0
Pensions	7	3	3	1	0
Audit	8	3	3	1	1
People OSSC	12	4	5	2	1
Places OSSC	12	4	5	2	1
O & S Board	12	4	5	2	1
Total seats allocated	84	31	35	13	5

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

POLITICAL BALANCE PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 In allocating seats on Committees to the Groups, the Council has a duty to make only such decisions as give effect, **so far as reasonably practicable**, to certain principles set out in the relevant legislation. The relevant principles are, in order of priority:
1. Not all of the seats on any Committee may be allocated to only one Group (note - the Cabinet is not a Committee).
 2. The majority of seats on each Committee must be allocated to the Group having a majority of Members of the Council.
 3. The total share of all the seats available for all of the Council main Committees allocated to each political Group must be proportionate to that Group's share of the total Council membership.
 4. So far as can be done without conflicting with the other principles, the total number of seats on each Committee allocated to a political Group must be proportionate to that Group's share of total Council membership.
- 1.2 Moreover, in determining entitlements to seats, any members who are not in a Group are disregarded, as they are not entitled to a seat on any Committee; but the proportions on which entitlements are calculated must relate to the total number of Councillors.
- 1.3 **In practice, Committees are balanced against the overall total of Committee places and then, so far as that overall total allows, each Committee is balanced on its own.** With the distribution of seats on the Council and recent changes in political make-up, it is inevitable (a) that the smaller Groups will not be able to be represented on every Committee, (b) that one Group's representation on some Committees will be at the expense of another's and (c) that, with calculations made as accurately as possible, one or more Groups may have actual seat numbers that differ from their entitlements.
- 1.4 The Council may make arrangements different from those prescribed **provided that no Member of the Council votes against** those different arrangements.
- 1.5 To make such a decision each member of the Council must at least be sent an agenda indicating that the approval of alternative arrangements is to be considered. The supplementary agenda for this Council meeting meets this requirement. To accommodate this requirement this report should be treated as giving due notice so that there is no impediment to such a proposal being made.
- 1.6 Once the allocation of seats to Groups in accordance with the statutory procedure is undertaken, the Council is under a duty to make appointments to each Committee so as to give effect to the wishes expressed by that Group about who is to be appointed to their allocated seats.

- 1.7 The “wishes of the Group” may be communicated to the Chief Executive (or the Head of Democratic Services (on his behalf) by notice in writing by the Group Leader (or on his/her behalf by a recognised deputy) and will be implemented forthwith. Changes may be effected at any time by notice to the Chief Executive (or Head of Democratic Services) and will be notified to all Members in the next available edition of the weekly Calendar Brief.
- 1.8 It should be noted that the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees were appointed by Council and any change in membership affecting a Chairman or Vice-Chairman would therefore require consideration by Council, and be dealt with by formal motion where necessary.
- 1.9 The Health and Wellbeing Board, while a Council Committee, is an executive Committee with separate statutory rules on membership. As with the Cabinet therefore, the Health and Wellbeing Board is not included in this seat allocation process.

PRINCIPLES FOR ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

- 2.1 The principles of seat allocation follow the requirements of the political balance principles, using a formula that takes account of the respective sizes of the Groups and the number of seats on Committees available for distribution among the Groups.

Basic allocation of seats

- 3.1 The Regulations specify that the minimum size of a Group is two Members. As seats are allocated on the basis of Groups, Members who do not belong to a Group do not have a right to be allocated any Committee seat.
- 3.2 The seat entitlements of the Groups are determined by a formula using the percentage of seats held by each Group, operating through a sequence of stages as follows:
 - **First**, the percentage of each Group’s membership of the Council is calculated.
 - **Next**, that percentage is then applied to the number of seats available on each Committee to determine each Group’s potential entitlement to seats on that Committee (rounded to the nearest whole number following the mathematical convention that numbers below 0.5 are rounded down, and those 0.5 or more are rounded up).

In some cases, a Group may be entitled to a seat even though, rounded down, its potential entitlement appears nil (i.e. less than 0.5), as there is a specific number of seats available on each Committee and no Group may have more seats on any Committee than its entitlement.

Those figures are then applied to the total number of seats available on each Committee, the seats being allocated in order, highest entitlement first, until all seats have been allocated.

- **Finally**, fine adjustment is required to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable, the total of seats allocated reflects the overall proportion of Council membership held by each Group and the numerical strength of its entitlement to seats on particular Committees. For that purpose, at this stage the seat allocation of particular Committees will be adjusted from the ideally-balanced number reached in earlier stages of the process. This can result in a group being allocated more seats than appears to be its strict entitlement: this is the inevitable result of tensions within the political balance rules, which require different balancing arrangements as between the overall number of seats available, and the number of seats on each Committee.

Specific allocations

- 4.1 For the allocation of seats on specific Committees, several permutations are possible. Although the Council's Constitution does specify particular numbers of seats to each Committee, it is expressed as being "or such other number as the Council may agree", so there is discretion as to Committee sizes.
- 4.2 Once the number of seats available on each Committee has been determined, the allocation of seats to the individual Groups would then need to be adjusted between the Groups to achieve, so far as possible and practicable, an allocation that gives each Group its proportionate share of seats overall while ensuring that each Committee is proportionately balanced. In practice, it will be impossible to achieve both aims without enlarging Committee memberships to an unworkable size, so a degree of compromise is required.

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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 decisions 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.

This report lists matters exempt from call-in between 2 March 2022 and 14 November 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted.

REPORT DETAIL

1. Rule 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules provides that:

- (b) 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.

(c) 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. A list of the Executive Decisions where exemption from call-in was granted between 24 February 2022 and 14 November 2022 appears below.

Decision		Decision Maker	Date	Reason for Special Urgency
1.	Acceptance of Grant Funding through the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund	Section 151 Officer, Jane West	24.02.222	Special Urgency was requested on account of the strict deadline of 28th February 2022 imposed by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for return of the signed Memorandum of Undertaking. Failure to meet the deadline would have resulted in the withdrawal of the grant award.
2.	Options for supporting those in need residents in Havering	Section 151 Officer, Dave McNamara	24.03.2022	It was essential to have the free school meals provision for half-term in May in place in order to communicate with vulnerable families as soon as possible. The rising cost of energy bills also meant that it was important to have agreement to the fund for the Emergency Assistance Scheme (EAS) in place.
3.	Havering Employment Brokerage Support General Exception- call-in Waived	Section 151 Officer, Dave McNamara	31.03.2022	It was imperative to accept ESF finance in order to continue the project seamlessly from 1 st April 2022.
4.	Approval to increase the hourly rate for providers on the Council's homecare framework for the financial year 2022 -2023	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care	31.03.2022	Made under Special Urgency Provisions – in order to provide clarity in the relationship with providers, for their planning purposes and for complex system changes within the local authority it was essential that the new rate was decided upon by the 31st March, prior to the start of the new financial year.

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5.	Approval for a 3 year Adults EDT Section 75 Agreement	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care	31.03.2022	Made under Special Urgency Provisions. It was important that the new Section 75 Agreement was decided upon by the 31st March, prior to the start of the new financial year and to maintain continuity of provision
6.	Settlement of Compensation Following a Property Acquisition for the Regeneration of Rainham and Beam Park	Director of Regeneration, Neil Stubbings	01.07.2022	To avoid legal action against the Council
7.	Agreement to bid for funding for Supported Housing at Aldwych Close form the DfE's Children's Home Capital Programme 2022-2025	Leader of the Council, Cllr Ray Morgon	25.08.2022	The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board gave permission to waive Call-in in order to allow a bid for funding to be submitted to the Department of Education by the deadline of 2 September 2022
8.	Application for grant funding under the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) Wave 2	Leader of the Council, Cllr Ray Morgon	10.11.2022	The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Board gave permission to waive Call-in in order to allow a bid for funding to be submitted to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy by the deadline of 18 November 2022

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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None

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Full Council: 23 NOVEMBER 2022

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS – STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, WENNINGTON COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE AND DURHAM ESTATE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION (DELTA)

At its meeting on 24 August 2022, the Governance Committee agreed to change the process for appointments to Outside Bodies and other Organisations.

An urgent requirement for nominations has arisen from the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). The Council is therefore asked to appoint up to two further Councillors as Member representatives on SACRE in order that this body may be quorate and can convene meetings. There is no requirement for the nominations to be politically balanced.

The Terms of Reference are attached for information and the organisation are particularly keen to appoint Members with an interest in education. Councillors Jacqueline McArdle and Laurance Garrard have expressed interest in the vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Full Council agrees the appointment of Councillors Jacqueline McArdle and Laurance Garrard to SACRE for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

A requirement has also arisen for a representative to be appointed to the Wennington Community Liaison Committee. This is to allow the Committee to be quorate and proceed with its meetings. It was agreed by Governance Committee on 24 August that the Council's representative on this organisation should be a Rainham & Wennington Ward Member. Councillors Jacqueline McArdle has expressed interest in the vacancy and has the support of her fellow Ward Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Full Council agrees the appointment of Councillors Jacqueline McArdle to the Wennington Community Liaison Committee until May 2026.

A requirement has also arisen for a representative to be appointed to the Durham Estate Tenants' Association to facilitate effective liaison with the Council. It was

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agreed by Governance Committee on 24 August that the Council's representative on this organisation should be a Squirrel's Heath Ward Member. Councillor Keith Prince has expressed interest in the vacancy and has the support of his fellow Ward Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Full Council agrees the appointment of Councillor Keith Prince to the Durham Estate Tenants' Association



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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

ULEZ

- 1) **To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)**
From Councillor Keith Prince

Will Havering co-operate with the installation of equipment for the expansion of ULEZ?

Planning Enforcement

- 2) **To the Cabinet Member for Development & Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)**
From Councillor Darren Wise

As reported in the Romford Recorder and confirmed by the Leader that 60% of the planning enforcement team has been reduced due to budget savings. Could the Cabinet Member confirm:

- how many current ongoing enforcement cases are open and;
- how many staff are dealing with enforcement cases and what is the ratio of cases to each enforcement officer

Greenbelt Statement

- 3) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgan)**
From Councillor John Tyler

In a recent radio interview you stated that you were "...not wedded to the Green Belt." Would you explain what you mean by that statement

"Plan for Patients"

- 4) **To the Cabinet Member for Adults & Health (Councillor Gillian Ford)**
From Councillor Jason Frost

Has the Borough received a funding allocation under the Government's 'Plan for Patients' to help support discharge into social care? If so, how much has the Borough received?

Parks Contract

5) To the Cabinet Member for Corporate, Culture & Leisure Services (Cllr Paul Middleton)

From Councillor Brian Eagling

Would the Cabinet Member provide full details of the tender for the locking and unlocking of park gates under the Parks contract including the number of tenderers being sought, the cost of the service, the times and frequency of visits planned, the number of anticipated fines likely to be given out (if the Council has such a by-law to implement fines) and whether these will apply to dog poo and litter dropping offenders?

Grass Verges

6) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Jason Frost

Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether they have taken a decision to reduce the frequency of grass verge cutting/maintenance across the Borough?

Gritting Supplies

7) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Dilip Patel

Can the Council confirm that they have adequate supplies of grit / salt to ensure that our roads and pavements will be safe for residents?

Household Waste Containers

8) To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Mugglestone)
From Councillor Jason Frost

Should the Administration choose to move to waste containerisation as part of their changes to refuse collection, what methodology will be used to determine the number of containers issued to each household?

East Havering Data Centre

9) To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)
From Councillor David Taylor

With the proposed Data Centre being described as a Joint Venture, can the Administration confirm if it will be providing capital towards the project and, if so, how much over what timescale?

Staff Working from Home

- 10) **To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Ray Morgon)**
From Councillor Judith Holt

Can the Administration confirm that there are adequate checks and balances in place, to ensure staff working from home are meeting service level agreements?

Enforcement in Parks

- 11) **To the Cabinet Member for Corporate, Culture & Leisure Services (Cllr Paul Middleton)**
From Councillor Viddy Persaud

Can the Administration confirm if their tender, for locking gates and litter enforcement in parks, is a standalone contract or part of wider contract for enforcement across the borough?

Tourism in the Borough

- 12) **To the Cabinet Member for Corporate, Culture & Leisure Services (Cllr Paul Middleton)**
From Councillor Damian White

With the completion of the Elizabeth Line, hotels are beginning to open across the Borough, in anticipation of increased tourist numbers.

Can the Council confirm if they will take steps to protect our tourism economy, by preventing the Home Office from block booking rooms?

Housing Waiting Lists and Housing Stock

- 13) **To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Paul McGeary)**
From Councillor David Taylor

Can the Council confirm the total number of residents on housing waiting lists in Havering and the total number of habitable, empty, homes in their stock?

Social Housing Planning

- 14) **To the Cabinet Member for Development & Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)**
From Councillor David Taylor

How many homes does the council intend to purchase, or complete construction of, over the next 4 years, to operate as social housing?

Community Infrastructure Levy Spend in Romford Town Centre

- 15) **To the Cabinet Member for Development & Regeneration (Councillor Graham Williamson)**

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From Councillor Nisha Patel

Can the Administration confirm the total amount of C.I.L money collected in the last 12 months and how much has been spent to improve Romford Town Centre?

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MOTIONS

BIN COLLECTION SERVICE

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council supports weekly bin collection and agrees that Cabinet should commit to retaining a weekly bin collection service, with plans for containerisation to be put to the public in a fully costed consultation.

Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

Council agrees that this Administration will carefully consider responses from residents in the current budget consultation and changes to the Council's financial position, together with any changes from the Environment Bill, before taking any final decision on the Integrated Waste Contract first proposed under the previous Administration.

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