

Havering Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Wednesday, 9 August 2023

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Note: this decision list is for guidance only. The text of the minutes, which may be different, is definitive.

Part A – Items considered in public

A4	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2023 , were agreed as a correct record and the Chair signed them.
A5	All Age Carers Strategy	Carer’s Strategy 2023-2026. The Cabinet approved the implementation of the Carer’s Strategy 2023-2026.
A6	Site Disposals under the Asset Disposal Programme 2022-2028	<p>Site Disposals under the Asset Disposal Programme 2022-2028</p> <p>Cabinet agreed the recommendations below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed authority to the Assistant Director Housing, Property and Assets to dispose the following assets having considered the outcome of a statutory consultation relating to the removal of the car parks from the Council’s off street parking, modification of Traffic Management Orders and pursuant to the Cabinet decision of 8 February 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Como Street Car Park, RM7 7DN ○ Keswick Avenue Car Park, RM11 1XR ○ Dorrington Gardens Car Park, RM12 4HX ○ Angel Way Multi-storey Car Park, RM1 1HR • Noted that the potential disposal of Slaney Road car park will be the subject of further appraisal to consider the potential retention of part of the existing site • Noted that in the exercise of delegated authority, any disposal to Mercury Land Holdings would be subject to the terms for any interim lease-back of operational assets and/or subsequent buy-back of assets not subsequently progressed by

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		<p>Mercury Land Holdings, as set out in the previous report to Cabinet on 8th February 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declared the following assets as surplus to the Council’s operational requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mercury House, 11 Western Rd, Romford, RM1 3RL ○ Gays Field, Jubilee Close, Romford, RM7 9LU ○ Land at Bedale Road/Tiverton Road, Harold Hill, RM3 9TU • Delegated authority to the Assistant Director Housing, Property and Assets in consultation with the Deputy Director of Legal and Democratic Services to appropriate the Group Homes at 79/ 81 Maybank Avenue, Hornchurch, RM12 5SH from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Act. Such appropriation to be exercised in the event that there is a requirement for the properties by the Council’s housing acquisition program. Otherwise, the properties are to be declared surplus to the Council’s operational requirements. • Agreed to the disposal of the assets identified within Appendix A at values representing the best consideration reasonably obtainable to the Council, subject to any required consultation relating to public open space • Delegated authority to the Assistant Director Housing, Property and Assets to decide upon the most appropriate disposal method for each asset and should that be considered to be auction, such authority to be exercised in consultation with the Lead Member for Development & Regeneration to agree appropriate reserve values for the properties.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated authority to the Assistant Director Housing, Property and Assets in consultation with the Deputy Director of Legal and Democratic Services to conduct all appropriate steps to progress and conclude the asset disposals in a manner that satisfies all legal/regulatory requirements. • Agreed, in principle, that the following sites should be appropriated (where necessary) for planning purposes with a view to their subsequent disposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Land at Bedale Road/Tiverton Road, Harold Hill, RM3 9TU ○ Gays Field, Jubilee Close, Romford, RM7 9LU ○ Como Street Car Park, RM7 7DN ○ Keswick Avenue Car Park, RM11 1XR ○ Dorrington Gardens Car Park, RM12 4HX ○ Angel Way Multi-storey Car Park, RM1 1HR • Delegated authority to the Assistant Director Housing, Property and Assets in consultation with the Deputy Director of Legal and Democratic Services, for the purposes set out above and in accordance with section 122(2A) Local Government Act 1972 and section 233(4) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that notices are placed in a local newspaper circulating in the area for two consecutive weeks expressing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) an intention to appropriate (where necessary) the above sites to planning purposes; and (ii) an intention to dispose of the above sites (where necessary) following its appropriation.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated authority to the Assistant Director Housing, Property and Assets in consultation with the Deputy Director of Legal and Democratic Services consider any objections to the intended appropriation and/or disposal before a decision to appropriate or dispose is made.
A7	The LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Report and Action Plan	<p>The LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Report and Action Plan</p> <p>Cabinet agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Action Plan • The Senior Leadership Team are collectively the “Lead Officers” for delivery • Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Board review progress against the Action Plan on a six monthly basis.
A8	The Race, Equality, Accessibility, Diversity, Inclusion (READI) Programme Review	<p>Race, Equality, Accessibility, Diversity and Inclusion (READI) Programme Review.</p> <p>The Cabinet agreed the recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet noted the READI Programme Review Progress update in <i>Appendix 1</i>. • All Members continue their support of the READI Programme (Members signed their commitment to the Havering pledge upon election). <p>The Cabinet approved the action plan.</p>