



MINUTES OF A CABINET MEETING
Council Chamber - Town Hall
Wednesday, 14 June 2023
(19:30 to 20:10)

Present:

Councillor Ray Morgon (Leader of the Council), Chairman

Cabinet Member responsibility:

Councillor Keith Darvill

Lead Member for Climate Change

Councillor Gillian Ford

Lead Member for Adults and Health

Councillor Oscar Ford

Lead Member for Children and
Young People

Councillor Paul McGeary

Lead Member for Housing

Councillor Paul Middleton

Lead Member for Corporate, Culture
and Leisure Services

Councillor Barry Mugglestone

Lead Member for Environment

Councillor Christopher Wilkins

Lead Member for Finance and
Transformation

Councillor Graham Williamson

Lead Member for Development and
Regeneration

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors .

86 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were advised of the Fire Safety procedure in the Chamber.

87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

88 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

89 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on **3rd May 2023**, were agreed as a correct record and the Chair signed them.

90 **PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROGRAMME (PAP)**

Cabinet was presented with the **Private Property Acquisition Programme (PPAP)**.

Report was introduced by Councillor Paul McGeary, Cabinet Member for Housing

The report describes the principles and structure of the proposed contractual arrangement with the REIT and MLH for the acquisition and letting of properties, together with the reasoning for supporting its implementation, and sets out specific Housing Services property requirements associated rental rates.

The proposed course of action is part of wider strategic response to ensure sufficient accommodation for the residents of the borough. The current proposal is to seek to acquire up to 150 properties, any increase in the number of properties should be considered as part of a wider strategic approach.

Cabinet **noted** the principles and structure of the proposed contractual arrangement for the acquisition and letting of properties, together with the reasoning supporting its implementation, as described in the report;

Cabinet **agreed** to delegate to the Director of Housing in consultation with the Lead Portfolio Holder for Housing, the authority to negotiate the detailed terms of, and the authority to agree that the Council enters into, an Agreement for Lease (or a broadly equivalent contractual instrument with the same commercial effect) with the REIT (and any necessary ancillary agreements);

Cabinet **agreed** to delegate to Service Director Housing in consultation with the Section 151 officer, the Lead Portfolio Holder for Housing, the authority to negotiate the detailed terms of, and the authority to agree that the Council enters into, an Agreement for underlease (or a broadly equivalent contractual instrument with the same commercial effect) with MLH (and any necessary ancillary agreements).

91 **LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 2023/2025**

Cabinet was presented with the **Approval to extend the Looked After Children (LAC) Residential Contract report**

Report was introduced by **Councillor Oscar Ford, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People**

This report seeks approval to extend the Looked After Children (LAC) Residential Contract for a period of 2 years and to at the same time vary the detail of banding system within the contract to increase granularity and reflect the profile of the services commissioned over the initial term. This contract was commissioned on behalf of the North East London Commissioning Partnership with Havering acting as the lead authority.

The Cabinet

1. **Agreed** to extend the Looked After Children Residential Contract with Woodford Children's Home Limited for a period of two years from 28 October 2023; and vary the contract as set out in this report.
2. **Delegated** the decision to further extend the contract for the final contracted extension period (for a period of 2 years from 28 October 2025) to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Lead Member of Children's Services subject to:
 - 2.1 the performance of the contract continuing to be satisfactory;
 - 2.2 the contract representing best value for the London Borough of Havering; and
 - 2.3 the agreement of all members of the North East London Commissioning Partnership to the extension.

92 **HAVERING CLIMATE CHANGE ANNUAL REPORT INCORPORATING CARBON EMISSIONS DATA**

Cabinet was presented with the **Havering Climate Change Annual Report incorporating Carbon Emissions Data report**

Report was introduced by **Councillor Keith Darvill, Cabinet Member for Climate Change**

In the Havering Climate Change Action Plan (HCCAP) November 2021, Havering Council set ambitious targets to reduce carbon emissions. The Council also declared a Climate Emergency on March 21st 2023. The priority for the Council now is to deliver against these targets. This shift in focus, from ambition to delivery, will be the rationale for the Monitoring Framework, which will track progress against milestones and how they contribute to delivering the Council's climate ambitions.

The Cabinet **noted** the Havering Climate Change Annual Report incorporating Carbon Emissions Data.

93 **EARLY HELP STRATEGY 2022 - 2024**

Cabinet was presented with the **Early Help Strategy 2022 – 2024**

Report was introduced by **Councillor Oscar Ford, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People**

This report describes the Early Help Strategy which has been drawn up in Partnership with multi-agency partners working with children, young people and families across Havering.

It is recommended that Cabinet **approves** the early help strategy as detailed in this report.

94 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET FROM PEOPLE OSSC ON THE POLICE**

Cabinet was presented with the ***Recommendations from People Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee relating to Town Centre Police Provisions***

Report was introduced by **Councillor Barry Mugglestone, Cabinet Member for Environment**

At a special meeting of the People Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee (OSSC) on 16th March 2023, colleagues from the Police gave an update on the borough-wide situation following a number of stabbing incidents. This resulted in several recommendations to Cabinet as detailed below.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board recommends that Cabinet should:

- 1) To commend the Police's work regarding the recent stabbing incidents in Romford
- 2) Request the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review Town Centre provisions in consultation with the Police and relevant Council Officers, considering specifically toilet facilities for officer use and available private spaces for taking statements and speaking to residents away from public areas; it was confirmed during a meeting the cabinet member for environment that this point was no longer an issue as the police
- 3) Request that the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee bring back a Report to Cabinet after they have completed their review with any recommendations they consider appropriate.

The Cabinet are happy **commend** the polices recent responses to the stabbing incidents in Romford

The Cabinet Member for Environment confirmed that during a meeting with the Borough Commander, it was clarified that officer welfare was now in hand, with facilities available in The Hub and The Bid with a pop-up due to open in The Liberty shortly.

The Cabinet Member, would welcome that the Overview & Scrutiny Board to look into this area to ensure the Met Police have the facilities they require to carry out their duties.

The Leader thanked the Overview & Scrutiny Board for their work in this area.

The Cabinet **noted** Recommendations to Cabinet from People OSSC on the Police

Chairman