

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE  
Appointment Centre Rooms 10 & 11  
16 March 2023 (7.00 - 8.00 pm)**

**Present:**

**COUNCILLORS**

<b>Conservative Group</b>	Ray Best, Jason Frost (Chairman), Christine Smith and David Taylor
<b>Havering Residents' Group</b>	Laurance Garrard, Jacqueline McArdle and Julie Wilkes
<b>Labour Group</b>	Patricia Brown and Frankie Walker (Vice-Chair)

The Chairman reminded Members of the action to be taken in an emergency.

**36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Lamb, Bryan Vincent and Darren Wise.

**37 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interests.

**38 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reminded members of the actions to be taken in case of an emergency.

**39 POLICE RESPONSE FOLLOWING RECENT STABBINGS**

The Sub-Committee held a Q&A session with MET Police staff regarding the recent stabbing incidents in the Borough, specifically Romford Town Centre.

It was explained to members that the Police had recently been held to account at a recent Safer Neighbourhood meeting with Officers explaining that the majority of issues had come mainly from youngsters from further inside London. No life threatening or changing and 5 arrests had been made so far but could not comment on the suspects at the meeting.

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The officers explained to members they felt there were not enough town centre provisions (for example toilets and interview rooms). This prompted the Sub-Committee to agree for a report to be presented to Cabinet to further scrutinise the town centre provisions for police.

The Sub-Committee noted the report.

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**Chairman**