

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford RM1 3BD
5 December 2024 (7.00 - 7.40 pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS **6**

Conservative Group Ray Best

**Havering Residents’
Group** Reg Whitney (Chairman), John Crowder and
+Robby Misir

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillors Jane Keane, Timothy Ryan and Bryan Vincent. + Councillor Robby Misir substituted for Councillor Vincent.

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

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

5 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6 DEVELOPER PRESENTATION - VEOLIA LANDFILL, COLDHARBOUR LANE, RAINHAM.

The Committee received a presentation for an extension to the operational life of the landfill and composting facilities, retention of all landfill buildings and infrastructure required for these operations before completion of the restoration of the site.

The development was presented to enable Members of the Committee view the proposal before a planning application is submitted and to comment upon it.

As set out in the committee rules, the Developer was given 20 minutes to speak. Members received the presentation from Belinder Gill, Planning Agent and Veolia Representative Alistair Hoyle.

The Committee was not required to make any decisions with respect to the developer briefing.

The Committee noted the presentation and the following considerations were summarised as the points raised by Members at the meeting by the Director of Planning & Public Protection:

- To have confidence in any submission that Veolia is able to complete the landfill development in the timeframe.
- Question around public consultation. That this is part of the planning application.
- It was noted that it was very likely that the application will be submitted shortly, because of the time frame until the expiry of the current consent. The engaging with residents is going to be engagement post submission.
- Question around negative effects of not completing landfill development. It was expected that the application would detail out such information.
- Reassurance about calculation, Members sought reassurance that this period of five years would be sufficient to complete landfill development.

Members were informed that any further comments and questions be sent to planning officers within the next week.

Chairman