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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 meetings held on 12th November 2025 , were agreed as a correct record and the Chair signed them
A5	Implementation of a 30 place Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Unit at Royal Liberty School for pupils with Communication & Interaction (C&I) needs	<p>Report Title: Implementation of a 30 place Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Unit at Royal Liberty School for pupils with Communication & Interaction (C&I) need</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Oscar Ford – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>Agreed the release of funding up to a total value of £2.7m to SFAET LTD to proceed with build works for the SEND Unit at The Royal Liberty School through a funding agreement – Appendix 3</p>
A6	Permission to Procure a Havering Short Breaks Open Framework	<p>Report Title: Proposal to procure an Open Flexible Framework and interim arrangements for Havering’s Children’s with Disabilities Statutory Short Breaks.</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Oscar Ford – Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to procure a Havering Short Breaks open framework commencing on 01 October 2026 for a term of five-years at an estimated value to the Council of £13.136m, noting the price: quality evaluation ratio to be used of 30:70. Agreed to extend the current two Havering Short Breaks contracts with Family Information Group (FIG) and Disablement Association of Barking & Dagenham (DABD)

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		<p>for six months from 01 April 2026 until 30 September 2026 to support the interim arrangements.</p> <p>3. Agreed to extend the arrangements for provision of Short Breaks via Individual Placement Agreements (IPAs) with existing providers and if required with new providers until the commencement of the new Short Breaks' framework on 30 September 2026.</p> <p>4. Delegated authority to the Director of Starting Well to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. enter all arrangements and documentation necessary to give effect to 2 and 3 above b. establish the Short Breaks Framework and award initial framework contracts; and open the framework and award framework contracts as required throughout the term of the framework. c. set the fee for access to the Short Breaks Framework and enter into access agreements as required <p>5. Noted that call off contracts throughout the term of the framework will be awarded in line with the Council's financial scheme of delegation</p>
A7	Permission to extend the Adults Drug & Alcohol Contract for 3 years and approval for an uplift	<p>Report Title: Permission to extend the Adults Drug & Alcohol Contract for 3 years and approval for an uplift to the contract value</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Gillian Ford, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care Services</p> <p>Cabinet agreed:</p> <p>A) To enact the 3-year extension option within the contract with Change, Grow,</p>

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		<p>Live Services Limited for the Adults Drugs & Alcohol Service for years 26/27 27/28 28/29 with a total value over the 3-year period of £4,474,904 commencing on 1st April 2026 and,</p> <p>B) Approved an uplift in cost over the 3 years totalling £501,206 (as compared to the base contract), to be funded from the Public Health grant.</p>
A8	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Scheme. New designations for Additional Licensing for Housing of Multiple Occupation & Selective Licensing.	<p>Report Title: Private Sector Housing Enforcement Scheme. New designations for Additional Licensing for Housing of Multiple Occupation and Selective Licensing</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Ray Morgon, Leader of the Council obo Councillor Barry Mugglestone, Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>2.1 Considered and noted the evidence supporting the implementation of Additional HMO and Selective Licensing schemes as detailed in the Scheme Implementation Evidence Report (Appendix 1).</p> <p>2.2 Considered the outcome of the consultation process detailed in the Consultation Report (Appendix 2), the representations received and the Council's consideration and response to these representations (Appendix 3).</p> <p>2.3 Noted that the document to support undertaking this public consultation (consultation evidence pack) (Appendix 4) and Housing Conditions and Stressors Report (Appendix 5) highlight the scale of problems arising from poorly managed private rented properties, identifies the objectives that the proposed licensing schemes would help the Council achieve and alternatives to licensing which have been considered.</p>

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		<p>2.4 Upon consideration of the matters at (2.1) and (2.2) and using its powers under s.56 Housing Act 2004, agreed to designate a new Additional Licensing area of the whole of the London Borough of Havering from 18/03/2026 as delineated and edged in red on the map in the draft designation in Appendix 6 for a five-year period. (The designation will be finalised ahead of publication).</p> <p>2.5 Upon consideration of the matters at (2.1) and (2.2) and using its powers under s.80 Housing Act 2004, agreed to designate a new Selective Licensing area in the seven ward areas of Beam Park, Harold Wood, Rainham & Wennington, Rush Green & Crowlands, Squirrels Heath, St Albans and St Edwards and from 18/03/2026 as delineated and shaded in red on the map in the draft designation in Appendix 7 for a five-year period. (The designation will be finalised ahead of publication).</p> <p>2.6 Agreed to the proposed licensing scheme objectives as set out in Appendix 8.</p> <p>2.7 Agreed the proposed additional HMO licensing conditions that would accompany any granted HMO licence as set out in Appendix 9.</p> <p>2.8 Agreed the proposed selective licence conditions that would accompany any granted selective licence as set out in Appendix 10.</p> <p>2.9 Agreed that the proposed fee structure for licence applications made under the additional and selective licensing schemes at Appendix 11.</p> <p>2.10 Considered and noted the result of the Equality and Health Impact Assessment in Appendix 12.</p> <p>2.11 Subject to the agreement of recommendations 2.4 and 2.5 above, delegated to the</p>

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		<p>Director of Planning and Public Protection in consultation with the Portfolio Lead Member for Environment and where appropriate the Deputy Director of Legal and Governance, to:</p> <p>a. Agree any minor changes to the proposed implementation and delivery of the schemes including administration and changes to licence fees and conditions where necessary</p> <p>b. ensure all statutory notifications are carried out in the prescribed manner for the licensing designation</p> <p>2.12 Agreed to delegate to the Director of Planning and Public Protection in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer to approve the carry forward of any surplus or deficits to the established ring-fenced trading account each financial year for both schemes as and when necessary.</p>
A9	Bridge Close Regeneration - Making of the Compulsory Purchase Order	<p>Report Title: Bridge Close – Proposed Making of the Planning Compulsory Purchase Order</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Graham Williamson, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>1. Agreed to the Council making Compulsory Purchase Order(s) (CPO) pursuant to the statutory powers contained in section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), and section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and all other necessary powers to facilitate acquisition of all property and other proprietary interests on the land, including where appropriate new rights, located within the outline on the</p>

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		<p>CPO Order Plan at Appendix B, for the purpose of securing the comprehensive regeneration of Bridge Close, Romford (“Order Land”).</p> <p>2. Agreed that the Strategic Director of Place after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Strategic Director of Resources and Deputy Director of Legal Services be authorised to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Make the CPO to enable the acquisition of land, interest and rights within the CPO Map of the Order Land as attached to this report at Appendix B; b) Appoint surveyors, barristers and any other professionals required to promote the CPO and to facilitate the vacant possession of interests located within the CPO Order Plan; c) Settle the final form and content of the CPO and associated documentation to include the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Map of the Order Land, see Appendix B <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Schedule Freehold and Leasehold Interests, see Appendix C <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Statement of Reasons, see Appendix D <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Equalities Impact Assessment, see Appendix E <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Statement of Community Involvement, see Appendix F d) Take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the CPO, including issuing notices on land owners and stakeholders with a view to obtaining information to facilitate deduction of title under section 16 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, publication and service of CPO notices, addressing any objections to the CPO, presentation of the Council’s case at Public Inquiry, or Court should such representation be necessary and entering into agreements with objectors/stakeholders; e) Take such actions so as to facilitate Bridge Close LLP acquiring properties and proprietary interests within the CPO Map of the Order Land by agreement, such actions

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		<p>to include; the relocation of businesses, residents and statutory undertakers apparatus or Communication Code Operators; and any other interests and setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the CPO; and</p> <p>f) Amend the number of properties and leasehold acquisitions within the CPO Map of the Order Land at Appendix B and including the extension and revision of the blue line, should such amendments be required to deliver the overall comprehensive regeneration of Bridge Close.</p> <p>g) Undertake any further actions and matters incidental to progressing the CPO and facilitating the acquisition of the Order Land.</p> <p>3. Agreed that the Strategic Director of Place after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Strategic Director of Resources and Deputy Director Legal Services be authorised following the confirmation of the CPO by the Secretary of State to secure vacant possession of all properties and proprietary interests located within the confirmed CPO Blue Line land to include:</p> <p>a) to take all necessary actions to secure the making and service of a General Vesting Declaration (GVD) or multiple GVD's under the Compulsory Purchase and (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 and /or to serve Notices to Treat and Entry (if required); and</p> <p>b) to appropriate to planning / or housing purposes any parcel of land within the CPO Order Plan; and</p> <p>c) to; transfer, or grant a license over, all properties and proprietary interests acquired pursuant to the CPO to the relevant development or contractor partner; and</p> <p>d) if necessary, make representation of the Council's case such as at the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) or court should such representation be necessary.</p> <p>4. Agreed that in the event that the Cabinet approves recommendations 2 and 3 above, and upon the Deputy Director of Legal Services being satisfied that further information and all the Equalities Impact Assessment recommendations have been considered to not require reference back to Cabinet, that the Deputy Director of Legal Services be authorised to affix the</p>

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		common Seal of the Council to the CPO, GVD(s), maps and elsewhere and to take all steps as necessary, such as to issue notices and sign certificates to attain the resolutions above.
A10	Future Proposals for Former Library Premises	<p>Report Title: Future proposals for former library premises</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Graham Williamson, Cabinet Member for Development & Regeneration</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>Approved in principle the re-purposing of the former Gidea Park Library site for the development of a 6-person accommodation facility for children with disabilities, subject to a separate business case being submitted by the Director of Starting Well.</p> <p>Endorsed a request for capital expenditure in the sum of £120,000 and approve the submission of any related planning application for the demolition of the former library building at Gidea Park, to provide a cleared site.</p> <p>Noted the ongoing evaluation of the proposal received from the Harold Wood Foundation in respect of use of the former Harold Wood library premises.</p> <p>Agreed to the disposal of the former South Hornchurch library site, as identified in Appendix A, at a value representing the best consideration reasonably obtainable to the Council.</p> <p>Endorsed a request for capital expenditure in the sum of £110,000 and approve the submission of any related planning application for the demolition of the former library building at South Hornchurch – the final decision to demolish will be subject to the evaluation of offers received following marketing of the site and premises.</p>

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		<p>Delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping, 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. This delegation to include any appropriation of the assets for planning purposes.</p>
A11	Corporate Plan - Q2 Performance Report (2025/26)	<p>Report Title: Corporate Plan Q2 Performance Report: (2025/26)</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Ray Morgon – Leader of the Council</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>Members noted all indicators (especially the red indicators highlighted within the body of this report) and note the levels of performance set out in the power-bi report.</p>