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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 18th February 2026 , were agreed as a correct record and the Chair signed them.
A5	Award of Contract to Construct the new Balgores Special School	<p>Report Title: Award of the Main Contract for the Construction of Balgores Special School</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Oscar Ford (Cabinet Member, Children’s Services)</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>1) Approved the award of a JCT Design and Build Contract (with LBH Amendments) to Galliford Try Ltd for the construction of the new special educational needs school on Balgores Field, Balgores Lane, Romford, for the value of £ 38,552,461, subject to grant of Planning Approvals as set out within this report; and</p> <p>2) Agreed to enter into all associated documentation.</p>
A6	Approval to proceed with Havering's Healthy Child Programme procurement and to delegate authority for deciding the procurement route	<p>Report Title: Approval to proceed with Havering’s Healthy Child Programme procurement and to delegate authority for deciding the procurement route</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Gillian Ford (Cabinet Member for Adults and Health Wellbeing)</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>1. Agreed with the procurement of the Havering Healthy Child Programme.</p> <p>2. Delegated authority on the decision regarding contract procurement route to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing, Strategic Director of Resources and with oversight from Procurement</p>

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		Gateway Review Group.
A7	Permission to Procure the Integrated Sexual Health Service	<p>Report Title: Permission to Direct Award under PSR Process C the Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service to BHRUT</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Gillian Ford (Cabinet Member, Adults and Health Wellbeing)</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>For reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the Direct Award under PSR Process C of the Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service to BHRUT for the period 1st October 2026 to 30th September 2033 at an estimated total cost of £9.1m. as set out in this report. 2. Delegated authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health Wellbeing to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) award the contract upon completion of the Direct Award Process C b) Agree any variations to baselines, tariffs, and work packages over the lifetime of the contract
A8	Inspired Solution- Build to rent at the Local Housing Allowance	<p>Report Title: Inspired Solution- Build to rent at the Local Housing Allowance</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Natasha Summers (Cabinet Member, Living Well Housing Demand)</p> <p>Cabinet:</p>

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		<p>5.1. Approved in principle the proposal to enter into an overarching nominations agreement with Inspired Solutions under which property-specific nominations agreements for the delivery of up to 600 build to rent properties across Havering can be agreed and further under which the Council will have the benefit of a 40 year 100% nominations agreement with Inspired Solutions upon practical completion of developments that meet the Council's assessed housing needs, regulatory requirements and relevant standards (the Overarching Nomination Agreement).</p> <p>5.2. Approved in principle the proposal to enter into the first property-specific nominations agreement in respect of up to 100 units under which the Council will provide rent guarantees up to current (2024) LHA for the forty year term and from the date of practical completion of those units in exchange for the unfettered right to nominate tenants from the Council's housing lists (the Property Nomination Agreement).</p> <p>5.3. Delegated authority to the Director of Living Well to negotiate and complete the Overarching Nomination Agreement with Inspired Solutions subject to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5.3.1. the Overarching Nomination Agreement containing satisfactory safeguards that ensure that the Council will only be required to enter into a Property Nomination Agreement in respect of properties:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5.3.2. that will make a material contribution to meeting the Council's assessed housing needs;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5.3.3. that benefit from all necessary consents, approvals and permissions; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5.3.4. That comply with standards published by the Regulator of Social Housing from time to time;</p>

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		<p>5.3.5. an assessment of any potential subsidies under the Subsidy Control Act 2022 through which assessment it is determined either that no subsidy will be provided to IS or that a subsidy can lawfully and transparently be provided to IS in accordance with the Act; and</p> <p>5.3.6. consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources and the Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>5.4. Delegated authority to the Director of Living Well to negotiate and complete the first Property Nomination Agreement for up to 100 units with Inspired Solutions subject to:</p> <p>5.4.1. the Council’s total estimated liabilities under the Property Nomination Agreement being no greater than the offset TA costings set out in this paper;</p> <p>5.4.2. the Director of Living Well in consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources being satisfied that there is provision within the Council’s existing budget for any costs that the Council is likely to incur in entering into the Property Nomination Agreement and that the decision is accordingly wholly in accordance with the Council’s Budget and Policy Framework;</p> <p>5.4.3. the Property Nomination Agreement containing safeguards that adequately mitigate the financial risk(s) to the Council (set out in section 30 of this report);</p> <p>5.4.4. the Director being satisfied that the properties are wholly in accordance with the Council’s assessed housing needs;</p> <p>5.4.5. the property units satisfying the standards prescribed by the Regulator of Social Housing;</p>

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		<p>5.4.6. the Property Nomination Agreement including positive covenants on Inspired Solutions to maintain the properties in accordance with those standards for the duration of the term;</p> <p>5.4.7. an assessment of any potential subsidies under the Subsidy Control Act 2022 through which assessment it is determined either that no subsidy will be provided to IS or that a subsidy can lawfully and transparently be provided to IS in accordance with the Act; and consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources and the Monitoring Officer.</p>
A9	Extension of Contract for Estate Improvements and Retrofit	<p>Report Title: Approval to increase the term and value of a contract for Estate Improvements and External Works</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Ray Morgon, Council Leader</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>Agreed to extend the contract with BTS Property Solutions Limited to deliver estate improvements and external works to HRA properties for a period of one year at a maximum value of £3 million.</p>
A10	Adoption of Flood Risk Management Plan and Surface Water Management Plan	<p>Report Title: Adoption of Flood Risk Management Strategy and Surface Water Management Plan</p> <p>Presented by: : Councillor Ray Morgon, Council Leader</p> <p>Cabinet:</p>

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		Agreed to adopt the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, Surface Water Management Plan & Action Plan. These are attached as Appendix A, B, C & D.
A11	Active Travel Strategy Adoption	<p>Report Title: Active Travel Strategy Adoption</p> <p>Presented by: : Councillor Ray Morgon, Council Leader</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the active travel principles and measures set out within the active travel strategy for implementation in Havering, throughout the period between 2026 and 2041. 2. Agreed to the adoption of the Active Travel Strategy
A12	Proposals for the Voluntary making of Four further Village Greens within Havering	<p>Report Title: Proposals for the voluntary making of four further Village Greens within Havering.</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Graham Williamson (Cabinet Member, Development and Regeneration)</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed to apply for the voluntary village green registration of the four pieces of open land considered in this report. 2. Instructed officers to carry out all necessary actions to achieve successful registration as agreed in recommendation 1 above. 3. Agreed the attached engagement and consultation process.
A13	DFE Capital Funding for Children's	Report Title: DFE Capital Funding for Children's Homes

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	Homes	<p>Presented by: Councillor Oscar Ford (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People)</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepted the £1.03m capital grant from the DfE and enter into the grant agreement with DfE. 2. Committed £0.515m in capital funding to the total capital requirement of £2.06m to purchase and develop the homes. 3. Delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Place to select and agree to the purchase of the two homes on behalf of the Council. 4. Agreed the procurement of a care provider via an open tendering process. 5. Agreed the waiver of the standard weightings of 70% price and 30% quality for the procurement of the care provider to 40% price and 60% quality (including social value) for the reasons set out below. 6. Delegated authority to the Lead Member of Children’s Services to make the decision to award the care contract to the successful bidder following the competitive tender process.
A14	Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2025/26.	<p>Report Title: Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2025/26.</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Chris Wilkins (Cabinet Member for Finance)</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Noted the improvements in the Council’s financial position that have mean that the forecast outturn position as at the end of P10 is an underspend on the Council’s General Fund of £17.4m (sections 4, 5 and 6) and an underspend on the HRA of £2.83m (Section 8)

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		<p>2.2 Noted the progress toward the delivery of savings as set out in the Council’s MTFS as at the end of December 2025 (quarter three of the financial year) as set out in section 7</p> <p>2.3 Noted the forecast overspend of £31.5m DSG budgets that will bring the overall DSG deficit to £67.7m (section 9). An update on the impact on the Council’s financial position following the announcement of the High Needs Stability Grant is given in the same section.</p> <p>2.4 Noted the update in section 10 on the position of the Council’s maintained schools.</p> <p>2.5 Noted the capital monitoring position of the Council as at the end of December 2025 (quarter three of the financial year) as set out in section 12</p> <p>2.6 Noted that £3,695,506.79 of irrecoverable Council Tax debt has been passed for approval to write-off.</p>
A15	Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Report	<p>Report Title: Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Report</p> <p>Presented by: Councillor Ray Morgon, Council Leader</p> <p>Cabinet:</p> <p>Considered all indicators (especially the red indicators highlighted within the body of this report) and noted the levels of performance set out in the power-bi report.</p>