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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

A2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kevin Ayres, Petru Eugen Dinsorean, Diane Smith, Russell Smith, Geoff Starns, John Tyler, Lesley Tyler, Christine Vickery and Tom Vickery.
A3	MINUTES	Minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 th May 2026 agreed a as correct record without division.
A4	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS	There were no disclosures of interests.
A5	ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR, BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE	The Mayor announced her chosen charity as CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). The Leader gave details on the published 100 day plan. The Chief Executive gave thanks to members for accepting the change of date for the Council meeting, given it was held in the school holidays.
A6	PETITIONS	The following petitions were presented: From Councillor Julie Wilkes regarding a request for the introduction of CCTV on the intersection of Maybank Avenue and Lancaster Drive. From Councillor Stephanie Nunn regarding the introduction of a one-way system in Kilmartin Way. From Councillor Matthew Stanton regarding the introduction of traffic calming measures in Waldon Avenue and Queens Gardens.

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A7	RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS	<u>HAVERING YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2026–27</u> A report of the Chief Executive presented the Havering Youth Justice Plan 2026-27. The Labour Group submitted a question which was answered by the Cabinet Member for Children, The report AGREED without division and was RESOLVED: That Full Council approve the attached Havering Youth Justice Plan 2026–27 for publication, in order to meet the Council’s statutory duty to produce and submit an annual Youth Justice Plan to the Youth Justice Board, setting out how youth justice services will be delivered and governed locally.
A8	MEMBERS' QUESTIONS	Nine questions were asked and responded to. A summary, including of the supplementary questions and answers given, will be attached as appendix 1 to the minutes. The answers to the questions not asked were circulated following the meeting.
A9	MOTIONS FOR DEBATE	A. HORNCHURCH FOOTBALL CLUB <u>Motion on behalf of the Labour Group</u> That this Council congratulates Hornchurch Football Club on their promotion to the National League, recognising this outstanding achievement for both the Club and the borough, reflecting sustained commitment, strong community backing and on-pitch excellence; further recognises the vital role Hornchurch FC plays in bringing residents together, fostering local pride, and raising Havering’s profile on a national stage, and notes this as an achievement of significance for communities across the borough;

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		and requests that the Mayor writes to the Club to convey the Council's congratulations and that the Council continues its support for grassroots and semi-professional football across Havering. (Received 1/6/2026, 08:00) (No amendments received) Following debate, the motion by the Labour Group was AGREED without division. It was RESOLVED: That this Council congratulates Hornchurch Football Club on their promotion to the National League, recognising this outstanding achievement for both the Club and the borough, reflecting sustained commitment, strong community backing and on-pitch excellence; further recognises the vital role Hornchurch FC plays in bringing residents together, fostering local pride, and raising Havering's profile on a national stage, and notes this as an achievement of significance for communities across the borough; and requests that the Mayor writes to the Club to convey the Council's congratulations and that the Council continues its support for grassroots and semi-professional football across Havering.

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		B. MEMBER CHAMPION OF FAITH <u>Motion on behalf of the Reform UK Havering Group</u> That the Council establishes a Member Champion of Faith. (Received, 24/6/26, 08:15) (No amendments received) Following debate, the motion on behalf of the Reform UK Havering Group was AGREED by 32 votes to 0 with 13 abstentions. It was RESOLVED: That the Council establishes a Member Champion of Faith. The Reform UK Havering Group nominated Councillor Henry Williams. There were no other nominations. Councillor Williams was therefore appointed to the role of Member Champion of Faith. That the Council establishes a Member Champion of Faith. C. CLIMATE EMERGENCY <u>Motion on behalf of the Reform UK Havering Group</u> This Council notes that the previous administration declared a Climate Emergency. This Council recognises that environmental stewardship remains an important responsibility of

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		local government, particularly in relation to clean streets, green spaces, waste management, public realm and the responsible use of Council resources. However, this Council notes that the framing of local environmental policy through a Climate Emergency declaration can create a policy direction that is disproportionate, financially burdensome and insufficiently balanced against the Council's wider responsibilities, including affordability for residents, support for local businesses, value for money, statutory service delivery and the Council's overall financial resilience. This Council should not pursue environmental or net zero-related policies in a way that places unnecessary cost, restriction, or pressure on residents, motorists, businesses, or essential Council services. The Council therefore resolves: 1. To rescind the Council's previous Climate Emergency declaration. 2. To request that officers identify any Council strategies, plans, targets, reporting arrangements, decision-making frameworks, workstreams, or budgetary provisions that are directly dependent upon or materially shaped by the previous Climate Emergency declaration or any non-statutory net zero-related ambitions. 3. To ensure that future environmental activity is considered through a balanced framework based on affordability, value for money, statutory responsibility, deliverability, resident impact, and local environmental benefit. 4. To reaffirm that the Council may continue to pursue sensible and practical

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		environmental improvements where these are proportionate, evidence-based, financially responsible, and aligned with the needs and priorities of Havering residents. 5. To request that any required amendments to Council policy, strategy, reporting, or governance arrangements arising from this motion are brought forward through the appropriate constitutional and decision-making processes. (Received 6/7/26, 12:36) <u>Amendment on behalf of the Havering Aligned Residents' Associations Group</u> (Proposed additional or revised text underlined for clarity) This Council notes that the previous administration declared a Climate Emergency. This Council recognises that environmental stewardship remains an important responsibility of local government, particularly in relation to clean streets, green spaces, waste management, public realm, negating fuel poverty, energy efficiency and the responsible use of Council resources. This Council notes that the framing of local environmental policy through a Climate Emergency declaration can create a policy direction <u>that requires</u> affordability for residents, support for local businesses, value for money, statutory service delivery and the Council's overall financial resilience. <u>This Council should pursue environmental or net zero-related policies that take into consideration unnecessary costs, restriction, or pressure on residents, motorists, businesses,</u>

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		<u>or essential Council services. The Council therefore resolves:</u> 1. To <u>review</u> the Council's Climate Emergency Strategy. 2. <u>To ensure that future environmental activity is considered through a balanced framework based on affordability, value for money, statutory responsibility, deliverability, impact, and local environmental benefit.</u> 3. <u>To review all grant opportunities available to the Council for environmental improvements.</u> 4. To reaffirm that the Council will continue to pursue sensible and practical environmental improvements where these are proportionate, evidence-based, financially responsible, and aligned with the needs and priorities of Havering residents. 5. To request that any required amendments to Council policy, strategy, reporting, or governance arrangements arising from this motion are brought forward through the appropriate constitutional and decision-making processes. (Received 12/7/26, 20:39) Following debate, the amendment on behalf of the Havering Aligned Residents' Association Group was NOT AGREED by 32 votes to 13 with 1 abstention; the motion on behalf of the Reform UK Havering Group was AGREED as the substantive motion by 32 votes to 13 with 1 abstention. It was RESOLVED: This Council notes that the previous administration declared a Climate Emergency.

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		responsibility, deliverability, resident impact, and local environmental benefit. 4. To reaffirm that the Council may continue to pursue sensible and practical environmental improvements where these are proportionate, evidence-based, financially responsible, and aligned with the needs and priorities of Havering residents. 5. To request that any required amendments to Council policy, strategy, reporting, or governance arrangements arising from this motion are brought forward through the appropriate constitutional and decision-making processes. D. ULEZ ISSUES <u>Motion on behalf of the Reform UK Havering Group</u> This Council recognises the importance of improving air quality across London and supports evidence-based measures aimed at reducing harmful emissions and protecting public health. However, this Council further recognises that outer London boroughs such as Havering face unique transport challenges, including higher levels of car dependency, fewer public transport alternatives in certain areas, and greater reliance on vehicles by tradespeople, carers, small businesses, and working residents. This Council notes growing public concern regarding the lack of transparency surrounding:

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		1. the amount of ULEZ revenue generated from Havering residents; 2. the level of Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) revenue collected within Havering; 3. the proportion of ULEZ-related funding reinvested directly into Havering; and 4. the absence of publicly available borough-by-borough financial breakdowns. This Council therefore calls upon the Mayor of London and Transport for London to: 1. Provide greater transparency regarding ULEZ revenue collection, enforcement income, and borough-level reinvestment. 2. Publish a full breakdown of: • ULEZ revenue generated by Borough; • PCN revenue generated by Borough; • scrappage funding allocated by Borough; and • transport and environmental reinvestment by Borough. 3. Allocate a fairer share of ULEZ-related funding directly into Havering to support: • Local pollution reduction initiatives; • transport improvements; • electric vehicle infrastructure; • cleaner buses and community transport; • anti-idling measures near schools; • tree planting and green infrastructure; and • assistance for residents and businesses impacted by the scheme.

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		4. Work collaboratively with Havering Council to identify targeted local environmental projects that reflect the transport realities of outer London communities. (Received 6/7/26, 12:36) <u>Amendment on behalf of the Havering Aligned Residents' Association Group</u> (Proposed additional or revised text underlined for clarity) This Council recognises the importance of improving air quality across London and supports evidence-based measures aimed at reducing harmful emissions and protecting public health. However, this Council further recognises that outer London boroughs such as Havering face unique transport challenges, including higher levels of car dependency, fewer public transport alternatives in certain areas, and greater reliance on vehicles by tradespeople, carers, small businesses, and working residents. This Council notes growing public concern regarding the lack of transparency surrounding: 1. the amount of ULEZ revenue generated from Havering residents; 2. the level of Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) revenue collected within Havering; 3. the proportion of ULEZ-related funding reinvested directly into Havering; and 4. the absence of publicly available borough-by-borough financial breakdowns. 5. <u>the absence of publicly available borough-by-borough emissions data.</u> 6. <u>the absence of consideration given to the impact of the M25 and the A127 on Havering's air quality.</u>

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		(Received 12/7/26, 20:39) Following debate, the amendment on behalf of the Havering Aligned Residents' Association Group was NOT AGREED by 32 votes to 12 with 2 abstentions; the motion on behalf of the Reform UK Havering Group was AGREED as the substantive motion without division. It was RESOLVED: This Council recognises the importance of improving air quality across London and supports evidence-based measures aimed at reducing harmful emissions and protecting public health. However, this Council further recognises that outer London boroughs such as Havering face unique transport challenges, including higher levels of car dependency, fewer public transport alternatives in certain areas, and greater reliance on vehicles by tradespeople, carers, small businesses, and working residents. This Council notes growing public concern regarding the lack of transparency surrounding: 5. the amount of ULEZ revenue generated from Havering residents; 6. the level of Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) revenue collected within Havering; 7. the proportion of ULEZ-related funding reinvested directly into Havering; and 8. the absence of publicly available borough-by-borough financial breakdowns.

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		This Council therefore calls upon the Mayor of London and Transport for London to: 5. Provide greater transparency regarding ULEZ revenue collection, enforcement income, and borough-level reinvestment. 6. Publish a full breakdown of: • ULEZ revenue generated by Borough; • PCN revenue generated by Borough; • scrappage funding allocated by Borough; and • transport and environmental reinvestment by Borough. 7. Allocate a fairer share of ULEZ-related funding directly into Havering to support: • Local pollution reduction initiatives; • transport improvements; • electric vehicle infrastructure; • cleaner buses and community transport; • anti-idling measures near schools; • tree planting and green infrastructure; and • assistance for residents and businesses impacted by the scheme. 8. Work collaboratively with Havering Council to identify targeted local environmental projects that reflect the transport realities of outer London communities.