

# **COUNCIL, 16 JULY 2014**

## MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

#### A SHARED SERVICES

### Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

This Council regrets: the pre-election decision to merge all Havering's backoffice administrative services with Newham [rather than await the outcome of
the elections], the failure of the former council leader to announce his intention
to resign when giving the shared services presentation [before rather than after
the vote], the misrepresentation of the figures [which gave gross rather than
net forecast savings] and the lack of consultation with local residents before the
vote was taken [merger plans not included in the Have Your Say consultation]!

# **A1: Amendment by the Administration:**

This Council notes that following its decision passed by an overwhelming majority to proceed with the merger of back office services with Newham the oneSource joint service has been created to provide these services to the two councils and other council wishing to participate and that the savings arising from this will be an important part of the budget measures needed to meet the severe challenge arising from reduction in central government funding in the next two years and will help preserve more of the front line services which would otherwise be under threat. This Council further appreciates the high level of cooperation shown by its partner council and the considerable interest in participation being shown by other councils.

#### B BUILDING OF SCHOOLS

### Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

This Council will make representations to our local MPs, the Local Government Association and the Secretary of State for Education to seek an urgent change in the law to allow councils to build schools where they are needed to enable

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councils to fulfil their statutory duty of providing sufficient school places to meet local need.

# **B1: Amendment by the Administration**

This Council supports the devolution of powers to local authorities but recognises the need for government capital funding for the provision of additional school places whether by expanding existing schools or building new ones.

#### C 20 MINUTES FREE PARKING

### Motion on behalf of the United Kingdom Independence Party Group

Havering council should introduce 20 minutes free parking across the borough where it is practical to do so.

# C1: Amendment by the Administration

This Council will review the charges for parking across the borough as part of the forthcoming process of considering the budget changes required to address the reduction in funding by central government over the next two years.