

**COUNCIL, 14 September 2016**

## **MOTIONS FOR DEBATE**

### **A 'ROGUE' LANDLORDS**

#### **Motion on behalf of the Labour Group**

This Council reaffirms its decision to introduce an Article 4 Direction and an effective Licensing Scheme of Private Landlords as soon as it can and further agrees as a matter of priority to ensure that it takes action under the Housing Act 2004 when it has concerns about the quality of accommodation provided in residential property within the Borough and also to use both housing and planning powers simultaneously to take action against rogue Landlords.

#### **Amendment by the Conservative Group**

##### **Amend motion to read:**

This Council brought Article 4 Directions into force on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and reaffirms its decision to bring an effective Licensing Scheme of Private Landlords as soon as it can and further agrees as a matter of priority to ensure that it takes action under the Housing Act 2004 when it has concerns about the quality of accommodation provided in residential property within the Borough and to work with the Council's partners to use all available powers (including anti-social behaviour, housing and planning) to take action against rogue Landlords.

### **B ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW AND COUNCIL POLICIES**

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

Many residents complain about the lack of enforcement in Havering, so this council calls upon the Administration to set out a strategy backed up with clear procedures and the necessary resources to ensure that there is effective enforcement of the law and council policies in Havering.

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### **Amendment by the Conservative Group**

#### **Amend motion to read:**

In recognising residents' complaints about lack of enforcement THIS COUNCIL NOTES that a review with stakeholders has been undertaken with a main purpose of identifying a common approach to enforcement across the Borough optimising the use of resources and balancing the focus of key priorities. Following a restructure there is now in place a management platform to carry forward further reorganisation designed to concentrate on tackling effectively those matters that cause most harm within our community within available resources.

## **C DECISION ON VALIDITY OF COUNCIL MOTIONS**

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

This motion calls upon the Council to amend Council Procedure Rule 11.4 (b) so that the final say over the validity of motions rests with the Mayor rather than the Monitoring Officer.

(No amendments received).

## **D PARKING PROVISION IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS**

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

To meet housing targets the Mayor of London has relaxed planning rules to reduce parking provision in new developments and this is spun/based on a fallacy they're not needed if the development is situated near a station, bus stop and/or bike stand!

Promoting public transport and alternatives to cars is a good idea, but people still want to own a car to get around, go on trips and visit greener areas in their leisure time. In other words people may use their cars less, but they still want to own a car for quality of life reasons.

Thus this Council agrees reducing parking provision in new developments throughout Havering as "people no longer need cars" is poor planning and a big mistake, because it creates parking misery for many new residents and negative implications for existing ones.

### **Amendment by the Conservative Group**

#### **Amend motion to read:**

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This Council agrees reducing parking provision in new developments throughout Havering on the basis that “people no longer need cars” is short-sighted because it would create parking misery for many new residents and negative implications for existing ones.

This Council notes that the latest standards in the Mayor’s London Plan provide scope for outer London boroughs to develop their own parking standards to reflect their specific circumstances and this may include higher levels of provision. This Council will therefore use the opportunity in preparing its new local plan to consider the preparation and adoption of parking standards that are better suited to the circumstances in Havering.