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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING Council Chamber - Town Hall 15 May 2019 (7.30 – 9.15 pm)

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Dilip Patel at start of meeting, Councillor Michael Deon Burton thereafter) in the Chair.

Councillors Robert Benham, Ray Best, Carole Beth, Joshua Chapman, John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Keith Darvill, Osman Dervish, Nic Dodin, David Durant, Tony Durdin, Brian Eagling, Gillian Ford, Jason Frost, Martin Goode, Linda Hawthorn, Judith Holt, Tele Lawal, Paul McGeary, Paul Middleton, Sally Miller, Robby Misir, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, John Mylod, Stephanie Nunn, Denis O'Flynn, Gerry O'Sullivan, Ron Ower, Nisha Patel, Bob Perry, Viddy Persaud, Roger Ramsey, Timothy Ryan, Jan Sargent, Carol Smith, Christine Smith, Natasha Summers, Matt Sutton, Maggie Themistocli, Jeffrey Tucker, John Tyler, Linda Van den Hende, Christine Vickery, Melvin Wallace, Ciaran White, Damian White, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Christopher Wilkins, Graham Williamson and Darren Wise

Approximately 60 Members' guests and members of the public and a representative of the press were also present.

There were no apologies for absence.

The Mayor advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Town Hall becoming necessary.

Father Roderick Hingley, of the Church of St Alban, Protomartyr, Romford opened the meeting with prayers.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

1 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (agenda item 3)**

The following interests were disclosed:

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Bob Perry, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Brian Eagling, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Carol Smith, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Christine Smith, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Christine Vickery, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Darren Wise, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Dilip Patel, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor John Crowder, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Judith Holt, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Maggie Themistocli, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Martin Goode, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Matt Sutton, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Michael White, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

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Councillor Nisha Patel, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance...

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Councillor Philippa Crowder, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Ray Best, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Robby Misir, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Timothy Ryan, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

Agenda item 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Timothy Ryan, Personal, Nominated for a position attracting a special responsibility allowance.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR, THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (agenda item 4)

A minute's silence was held in memory of the victims of the Christchurch and Sri Lanka terrorist attacks and also in memory of former Councillor John Stevart who had passed away recently. Tributes to former Councillor Stevart were paid from all sides of the Chamber.

The outgoing Mayor summarised highlights of his year in office including a number of business receptions and welcoming the British-Irish parliamentary reception to Havering. In excess of £80,000 had been raised during the year for the Mayor's charities – Havering MIND, the Lennox Children's Cancer Fund and the Rainbow Trust.

3 MAYORALTY 2019/20 (agenda item 5)

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

That Councillor Michael Deon Burton be elected to the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2019/20.

Motion on behalf of the Residents' Group

That Councillor Barry Mugglestone be elected to the office of Mayor for the municipal year 2019/20.

The motion on behalf of the Conservative Group was **AGREED** by 29 votes to 24 (see division 1) and Councillor Michael Deon Burton was therefore **ELECTED** as Mayor for the municipal year 2019/20.

Councillor Michael Deon Burton, having made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor as required by the Local Government act 1972, then took the Chair and thanked the Council for the honour bestowed upon them.

Council Deon Burton expressed the thanks of the Council to the outgoing Mayor – Councillor Dilip Patel for his services during 2018/19. Councillor Patel suitably replied.

4 **DEPUTY MAYOR**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor signified in writing his appointment of **Councillor John Mylod** as Deputy Mayor for the coming year and to carry out the duties of the Mayor in case of the Mayor's illness or absence.

Councillor Mylod made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office accordingly. The Mayor indicated that the Deputy Mayor's Consort for the year would be **former Councillor Pat Mylod**.

5 **MINUTES (agenda item 6)**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 March 2019 were before the council for approval.

It was noted that the petition presented at the meeting by the Independent Residents' Group related to removal of double yellow lines in Roding Way, Rainham rather than as stated in the minutes.

RESOLVED:

Having noted the correction shown above, that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20 March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

6 **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE INCOMING MAYOR (agenda item 7)**

The incoming Mayor – Councillor Michael Deon Burton thanked the Council for his appointment. The Mayor thanked the outgoing Deputy Mayor's consort – Councillor Christine Vickery for her help and support and the outgoing Mayor – Councillor Dilip Patel for his achievements. The Mayor also welcomed back to the Chamber Councillor Linda Van den Hende following her recent victory in a by-election.

7 APPOINTING THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL AND THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION (agenda item 8)

A report in the supplementary agenda papers asked Council to agree some further changes to the allocation of places on Committees in light of the outcome of a change of Political Group by a Member. The report gave details of the appointment of the Committees of the Council and advised on political balance issues and the scheme of delegation.

The report was **AGREED** without division and it was **RESOLVED**:

That recommendation 3 in the substantive report be replaced to reflect an increase in the total number of seats on those committees referred to in recommendation 2 of the report to 135, with membership sizes and political balance indicated in Appendix 2 in this amended report.

Recommendations of substantive report:

- (1) That, so far as necessary to enable any changes proposed and agreed during this meeting to be carried in to effect, Council Procedure Rule 20.2 (proposals to amend the Constitution to be referred to Governance Committee without discussion) be suspended.**
- (2) That, subject to the Council's consideration of any motion or amendment to this report relating to changes in the Committee structure, the Committees listed in Appendix 1 be appointed for the 2019/20 Municipal Year and that:**
 - (a) As required by statute, two voting co-optees representing the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church and three parent governor co-optees selected in accordance with the appropriate Regulations, be appointed to the Children & Learning Services Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee.**
 - (b) The other non-elected member "appointments" and invitations to attend shown in the Appendix (and particularly its annexes) be confirmed.**
- (3) Those Committees be appointed with:**
 - (a) the membership sizes and**
 - (b) the political balance****indicated in Appendix 2**
- (4) That the delegation of non-executive functions (as defined by the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England)**

Regulations 2000 (amended) to officers be agreed as set out in the Council's Constitution.

- (5) To agree that all officers with delegated powers have power to further delegate those powers to other officers under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972 or as provided for by any other legislation and may agree a scheme of delegation to officers for their service areas.

8 APPOINTING THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES (agenda item 9)

Motion on behalf of the North Havering Residents Group

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2.
Audit	Martin Goode	
Governance		
Highways Advisory	Brian Eagling	
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2. 3.
Pensions		Martin Goode
Planning		
Strategic Planning		
Joint Venture Working Party		
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Darren Wise	
Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee		
Environment Overview and		

Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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Motion on behalf of the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Associations Group

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2.
Audit		
Governance	Linda Hawthorn	Linda Hawthorn (unless elected as Chairman)
Highways Advisory		
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2. 3.
Pensions		
Planning	John Tyler	John Tyler (unless elected as Chairman)
Strategic Planning		

Joint Venture Working Party	Ron Ower	
Overview and Scrutiny Board		
Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Gillian Ford	Gillian Ford (unless elected as Chairman)
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee		
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Chris Wilkins	Chris Wilkins (unless elected as Chairman)

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2.
Audit		
Governance		
Highways Advisory		

Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2. 3.
Pensions		
Planning		
Strategic Planning		Keith Darvill
Joint Venture Working Party		Paul McGeary
Overview and Scrutiny Board		Keith Darvill
Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub- Committee		
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee		
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub- Committee		
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub- Committee		
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub- Committee		
Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub- Committee	Keith Darvill	

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
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Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Matt Sutton	1. Timothy Ryan 2. Ray Best
Audit	Martin Goode (NHRA)	Viddy Persaud
Governance	Michael White	Robert Benham
Highways Advisory	Brian Eagling (NHRA)	John Mylod
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Philippa Crowder	1. Bob Perry 2. Christine Smith 3. Christine Vickery
Pensions	John Crowder	Martin Goode (NHRA)
Planning	Robby Misir	Carol Smith
Strategic Planning	Dilip Patel	Tim Ryan
Joint Venture Working Party	Ciaran White	John Crowder
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Darren Wise (NHRA)	Maggie Themosticli
Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Judith Holt	Christine Vickery
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee	Bob Perry	Matt Sutton
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Maggie Themistocli	John Mylod
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Nisha Patel	Ciaran White
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Christine Smith	Michael White
Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Ray Best	Robby Misir

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	Damian White	Robert Benham
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Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

One amendment to Conservative Group motion as shown in italics:

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	<i>Christine Vickery</i>	Robert Benham
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Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group

All nominations as shown in Labour Group motion above with additional nominations shown in italics below:

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2.
Audit		
Governance		
Highways Advisory		
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)		1. 2. 3.
Pensions		
Planning		
Strategic Planning		

Joint Venture Working Party		
Overview and Scrutiny Board		
Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee	<i>Tele Lawal</i>	
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	<i>Carol Beth</i>	
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	<i>Denis O'Flynn</i>	
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	<i>Paul McGeary</i>	
Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee		

Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments		
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The following appointments were unopposed and were **AGREED** without division:

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Matt Sutton	1. Timothy Ryan 2. Ray Best
Audit	Martin Goode	Viddy Persaud
Governance	Position contested – see below.	Position contested – see below.
Highways Advisory	Brian Eagling	John Mylod
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Philippa Crowder	1. Bob Perry 2. Christine Smith 3. Christine Vickery
Pensions	John Crowder	Martin Goode
Planning	Position contested – see below.	Position contested – see below.
Strategic Planning	Dilip Patel	Position contested – see below.
Joint Venture Working Party	Position contested – see below.	Position contested – see below.
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Darren Wise	Position contested – see below.
Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Position contested – see below.	Position contested – see below.
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee	Position contested – see below.	Matt Sutton
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Position contested – see below.	John Mylod
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Position contested – see below.	Ciaran White
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Position contested – see below.	Michael White
Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Position contested – see below.	Position contested – see below.

Committee		
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Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	Christine Vickery	Robert Benham
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The following appointments were **AGREED** following votes:

Chairman of Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Chris Wilkins	Keith Darvill	Ray Best

Councillor Ray Best was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee by 29 votes to 20 for Councillor Wilkins and 5 for Councillor Darvill (see division 2).

Chairman of Governance Committee

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Linda Hawthorn	Michael White

Councillor Michael white was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Governance Committee by 30 votes to 24 (see division 3).

Vice-Chairman of Governance Committee

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Linda Hawthorn*	Robert Benham

*Unless elected as Chairman.

Councillor Robert Benham was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairman of the Governance Committee by 30 votes to 24 (see division 4).

Chairman of Planning Committee

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
John Tyler	Robby Misir

Councillor Robby Misir was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Planning Committee by 30 votes to 23 (see division 5)

Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
John Tyler*	Carol Smith

*Unless elected as Chairman.

Councillor Carol Smith was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee by 30 votes to 24 (see division 6).

Vice-Chairman of Strategic Planning Committee

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Keith Darvill	Tim Ryan

Councillor Tim Ryan was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee by 31 votes to 18 (see division 7).

Chairman of Joint Venture Working Party

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Ron Ower	Ciaran White

Councillor Ciaran White was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Joint Venture Working Party by 30 votes to 24 (see division 8).

Vice-Chairman of Joint Venture Working Party

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Paul McGeary	John Crowder

Councillor John Crowder was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairman of the Joint Venture Working Party by 30 votes to 15 (see division 9).

Vice-Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Board

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Keith Darvill	Maggie Themistocli

Councillor Maggie Themistocli was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board by 30 votes to 16 (see division 10).

Chairman of Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Gillian Ford	Judith Holt

Councillor Judith Holt was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee by 30 votes to 24 (see division 11).

Vice-Chairman of Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Gillian Ford*	Christine Vickery

*Unless elected as Chairman.

Councillor Christine Vickery was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairman of the Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee by 30 votes to 24 (see division 12).

Chairman of Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Tele Lawal	Bob Perry

Councillor Bob Perry was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Crime and Disorder Sub-Committee by 31 votes to 18 (see division 13).

Chairman of Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Carole Beth	Maggie Themistocli

Councillor Maggie Themistocli was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee by 30 votes to 15 (see division 14).

Chairman of Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Denis O'Flynn	Nisha Patel

Councillor Nisha Patel was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee by 32 votes to 14 (see division 15).

Chairman of Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Paul McGeary	Christine Smith

Councillor Christine Smith was **ELECTED** as Chairman of the Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee by 30 votes to 13 (see division 16).

Vice-Chairman of Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Upminster & Cranham Residents' Associations Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Chris Wilkins*	Robby Misir

*Unless elected as Chairman.

Councillor Robby Misir was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chairman of the Towns and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee by 30 votes to 24 (see division 17).

For ease of reference, a summary of Members appointed by Council to positions is as follows:

Committee	Chairman Councillor	Vice-Chairman Councillor
Adjudication and Review (2 Vice-Chairmen)	Matt Sutton	1. Timothy Ryan 2. Ray Best
Audit	Martin Goode	Viddy Persaud
Governance	Michael White	Robert Benham
Highways Advisory	Brian Eagling	John Mylod
Licensing (3 Vice-Chairmen)	Philippa Crowder	1. Bob Perry 2. Christine Smith 3. Christine Vickery
Pensions	John Crowder	Martin Goode
Planning	Robby Misir	Carol Smith
Strategic Planning	Dilip Patel	Timothy Ryan
Joint Venture Working Party	Ciaran White	John Crowder
Overview and Scrutiny Board	Darren Wise	Maggie Themistocli
Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Judith Holt	Christine Vickery
Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee	Bob Perry	Matt Sutton
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Maggie Themistocli	John Mylod
Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Nisha Patel	Ciaran White
Individuals Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Christine Smith	Michael White
Towns and Communities Overview and	Ray Best	Robby Misir

Scrutiny Committee	Sub-		
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Sub-Committee of the Governance Committee:

Appointments	Christine Vickery	Robert Benham
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9 APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBER CHAMPIONS (agenda item 10)**Motion on behalf of the Labour Group**

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces – Denis O’Flynn

For Equality and Diversity – Tele Lawal

For the Historic Environment –

For the Over 50’s –

For the Voluntary Sector Compact –

For Young People –

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces –

For Equality and Diversity – Robby Misir

For the Historic Environment – Judith Holt

For the Over 50’s – Christine Smith

For the Voluntary Sector Compact – Christine Vickery

For Young People – Ciaran White

Motion on behalf of the Residents’ Group

That the following be appointed Champions as indicated:

For the Armed Forces – Barry Mugglestone

For Equality and Diversity –

For the Historic Environment –

For the Over 50's –

For the Voluntary Sector Compact –

For Young People –

The following Member Champions were appointed without division:

Member Champion	Nominee - Councillor
For the Historic Environment	Judith Holt
For the Over 50's	Christine Smith
For the Voluntary Sector Compact	Christine Vickery
For Young People	Ciaran White

The following Member Champions were appointed following a vote:

Member Champion for the Armed Forces

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Residents' Group nominee Councillor
Denis O'Flynn	Barry Mugglestone

Councillor Denis O'Flynn was **ELECTED** as Member Champion for the Armed Forces by 35 votes to 19 (see division 18).

Member Champion for Equality & Diversity

Labour Group nominee Councillor	Conservative Group nominee Councillor
Tele Lawal	Robby Misir

Councillor Robby Misir was **ELECTED** as Member Champion for Equalities and Diversity by 31 votes to 19 (see division 19).

10 **STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (agenda item 11)**

A summary of the text of the statement given by the Leader of the Council is shown at appendix 1 to these minutes (attached).

11 **VOTING RECORD**

The record of voting decisions is attached as appendix 2 to these minutes.

Mayor

Full Council – Leader’s speech – 15 May 2019

- As you can see from the video it has been a great year for our special borough.
- I was proud to be elected as Leader in May 2018 and I stand here proud today that we have hit the ground running and have followed through on the things which matter most to our residents.
- We have listened very closely to our residents’ views, from when we were knocking on the door step, to the outcome of the IPSOS Mori survey and the feedback from the public budget consultation meetings.
- We have agreed our budget which responds to and acts on the issues that matter most to our community.
- We will see major improvements in roads, pavements and street cleaning while continuing to invest in services for people who are more vulnerable.
- We will bring significant improvements to all parts of the borough with investment in neighbourhoods, job creation and more genuinely affordable housing.
- We are a Council which listens to our residents.
- Residents have already started to benefit from some of our plans being delivered and they will see a lot more over the next year.

Cleaner

- This month our additional £400,000 for extra street cleaning kicked in with the launch of our Cleaner Havering campaign.
- The frequency in residential streets has increased from once every three weeks to fortnightly.
- We have started a programme in Romford to clean up the pavements – where last week I joined our hardworking cleaning team to remove discarded chewing gum and the build-up of grime from South Street.
- We are supporting many community clean-ups happening across the borough - organised by residents who want to take pride in their community.
- It has been our pleasure to encourage these by providing cleaning kits and safety equipment, and promoting their great work on our council channels.
- They have even seen myself and other members joining in and getting our hands dirty to help clean up the borough.
- Over the coming months there will be much more work to clean up our town centres, reducing dog mess on our streets and in our parks and tackling fly-tipping.

Highways and connections

- Another key promise in our budget is to improve our roads and pavements.
- I am excited to see the launch of our Highways Investment campaign at the end of this month.
- Work will begin to improve our roads and pavements from our commitment to plough ten million pounds a year into repairs.
- This will see many of our worst roads and pavements resurfaced and thousands of potholes fixed.

- We are also working on plans for new a North/South connection in the borough. You may even have spotted Mr Blake-Herbert or myself popping up in the Evening Standard or on regional radio talking about the different solutions being considered, even a monorail!
- Residents will soon reap the rewards from all our work over the coming months, with easier, quicker and better journeys.

Safety

- Our budget pledged £200,000 for better CCTV to make residents feel safer, as we know this is a concern.
- We are working with partners to tackle serious youth violence. This includes work in our schools and holding a youth crime summit.
- Last week my Cabinet approved funding for extra police officers to deal with Havering specific crime.
- This means the Council will invest around £300,000 a year in policing for the next three years, which will give an increased police presence in the community and will see the new officers working alongside existing police officers to tackle anti-social behaviour and target law enforcement.
- The new officers will be ring-fenced from Metropolitan Police duties such as policing football matches and local events in order to allow them to concentrate on policing issues that are important to local communities.
- I am proud to be leading a Council which has taken community safety into our own hands.
- We are providing the safety and reassurance our residents deserve and in the wake of savage and short-sighted cuts to local policing by the Mayor of London.
- Our extra police officers allow us to prioritise and allocate resources to tackle the issues that need an immediate response and to take the most appropriate action to clamp down on crime in our community.

Leisure

- As the video showed – last year I was proud to mark the first year anniversary of Sapphire Ice and Leisure.
- Over the past 15 months, it has fast become the jewel in Havering's leisure crown.
- Half a million people have come through the doors since it opened in February 2018 and it has seen around 3,400 people become fitness members during the first 12 months.
- Meanwhile in Hornchurch we saw a ground-breaking signalling the start of construction for a brand new leisure centre – due to open next year.
- We are also looking into the feasibility for a new sports facility to be built in the south of the borough as part of wider regeneration, as the current offer of Chafford is no longer fit for purpose.
- This council is committed to providing state-of-the-art leisure facilities which allows residents right across Havering to live happier and healthier lives.

Regeneration

- In our first year we have made great strides with our promise to build a better borough with more affordable homes, healthcare facilities and new schools.
- Work is continuing on our three joint venture projects.
- We have nearly £150 million as the next instalment of the council's ambitious regeneration plans.

- Havering Council and our joint venture partner Wates Residential project looks to build around 3,000 high quality homes for local people across 12 of our Council estates.
- Over the next few months we will see the demolition of Napier and New Plymouth houses in Rainham and Solar, Serena and Sunrise in Hornchurch, which along with Waterloo estate in Romford make up phase one of this exciting project.
- As part of the project, the Council and Wates Residential are also investing in education, training and skills in support of their commitment to deliver a borough-wide legacy.
- In Rainham and Beam Park work continues on our joint venture project with Notting Hill Genesis which will deliver around 700 homes, transform the A1306 into a new green space and improve transport links in the south of the borough.
- Meanwhile back in Romford the Bridge Close regeneration with our joint venture partner First Base and Savills, has just had its second consultation event.
- Residents were able to feed back on affordable homes, a new school and health centre. The project also includes a new pedestrian bridge with direct access to Romford station and the regeneration of a stretch of the River Rom.
- This year work which began last year to improve our town centres will continue.
- As part of the development of a Romford Masterplan, the Council is talking to residents and businesses about what they think of Romford town centre now, what they would like to change, and what they think would make it even better.
- Meanwhile, this year we will also move forward with plans to improve our other town centres too as we have done in Hornchurch.
- This is an exciting time for Havering. We have an opportunity to make our borough even better.
- We need to provide quality homes which our sons and daughters can genuinely afford.
- We need to attract the right investment in our borough which will provide more jobs, skills and training.
- But most importantly, this Council isn't afraid to say no to the wrong type of development.
- We will deliver regeneration that protects what we love while providing the homes, jobs and community amenities we need.
- We will bring the right regeneration for Havering.

Events

- As you can see, we have worked hard to deliver our promises to residents and there is much more still to do.
- But we have still found the time to celebrate our fantastic borough.
- Last year saw the launch of our Romford Market events programme.
- We celebrated Halloween, Christmas, and St George's Day with a variety of free entertainment and activities.
- This series of free events are helping to bring people back into the market and are part of wider regeneration plans to make Romford Market even better.
- The Havering Show will return this August Bank Holiday Weekend, boasting a bigger and better line-up than ever before.
- We will also be celebrating, Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday and despite objections from the opposition, Christmas shall not be cancelled under my watch and we will be celebrating with the much-loved local lights switch-ons and events.

Conclusion

- I would like to thank my cabinet colleagues and officers for all their hard work over the past year.
- I am grateful for their commitment to help make residents' lives better.
- I am proud of what we have achieved in our first year and I am equally excited for what is to come.
- I look forward to seeing our policies making a difference to our residents and helping to create a Cleaner, Safer, Prouder Havering, together.

DIVISION NUMBER:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
The Mayor [Cllr. Dilip Patel at start of meeting, then Cllr Michael Deon Burton]	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
The Deputy Mayor [Cllr. Michael Deon Burton at start of meeting, then Cllr John Mylod]	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
CONSERVATIVE GROUP																			
Cllr Robert Benham	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Ray Best	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Joshua Chapman	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr John Crowder	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Philippa Crowder	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Osman Dervish	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Jason Frost	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Judith Holt	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Sally Miller	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Robby Misir	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr John Mylod	✓	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Cllr Dilip Patel	/	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Nisha Patel	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Bob Perry	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Viddy Persaud	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Roger Ramsey	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Timothy Ryan	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Carol Smith	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Christine Smith	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Matt Sutton	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Maggie Themistocli	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Christine Vickery	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Ciaran White	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Damian White	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Michael White	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
RESIDENTS' GROUP																			
Cllr Nic Dodin	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	x	✓	0	0	✓	x	✓
Cllr Paul Middleton	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	✓	x	✓
Cllr Raymond Morgon	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	✓	x	0
Cllr Barry Mugglestone	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	✓	x	0
Cllr Stephanie Nunn	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	0	✓	x	✓
Cllr Gerry O'Sullivan	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	✓	x	✓
Cllr Reg Whitney	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	0	0	✓	✓	✓	0	x	0	✓	x	x
INDEPENDENT RESIDENTS' GROUP																			
Cllr David Durant	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	✓	x	0
Cllr Tony Durdin	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	0	0	✓	✓	0	0	0	0	✓	x	0
Cllr Jan Sargent	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	x	✓	✓	x	✓
Cllr Natasha Summers	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Cllr Jeffrey Tucker	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	0	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	0	✓	x	✓
Cllr Graham Williamson	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' GROUP																			
Cllr Gillian Ford	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Cllr Linda Hawthorn	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Cllr Ron Ower	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Cllr John Tyler	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Cllr Linda Van den Hende	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Cllr Christopher Wilkins	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
LABOUR GROUP																			
Cllr Carole Beth	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Keith Darvill	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Tele Lawal	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Paul McGeary	x	x	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	0	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Denis O'Flynn	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NORTH HAVERING RESIDENTS' GROUP																			
Cllr Brian Eagling	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Martin Goode	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
Cllr Darren Wise	✓	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
INDEPENDENT																			
Cllr Melvin Wallace	0	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x
TOTALS																			
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