

COUNCIL, 8 JULY

MOTIONS

A. COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council welcomes the steps taken by the Administration in managing the COVID-19 crisis. With the Country entering into the recovery phase of the pandemic, Council requests that the administration brings forward a revised corporate plan for the remaining Council term, truncated and submitted to each overview and scrutiny subcommittee, before being brought to a meeting of the Cabinet for approval.

Amendment on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

(Amended wording shown in italics for clarity).

This Council welcomes the steps taken by the Administration in managing the COVID-19 crisis *and calls on the Executive to manage the recovery phase of the pandemic in an equitable way as the economy re-opens from lockdown* and Council requests that the administration brings forward a revised corporate plan for the remaining Council term, truncated and submitted to each overview and scrutiny subcommittee, before being brought to a meeting of the Cabinet for approval.

B. CCTV CAMERAS – RAINHAM VILLAGE

Motion on behalf of the Independent Residents' Group

The new Havering Local Plan seeks to strengthen the protection of our Conservation Areas and the Executive are promoting investments in the Rainham area, including a new swimming pool and leisure centre in Rainham Village.

In view of this our Council calls upon the Executive to install CCTV cameras at the Bridge Road junctions to safeguard the Rainham Village Conservation Area and London Bid area and protect these investments and to deter Wennington Road, Upminster Road South and Rainham Village constantly and increasingly being illegally used as a short cut for HGVs 40 ton muck lorries accessing Ferry Lane industrial area.

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

The Council refers the issue of heavy good vehicles using prohibited roads within the South of Havering to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee for an investigation, outlining issues faced and possible solutions.

C. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY REVIEW

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

In February 2018, a cross party group of members put forward to the Governance Committee a report on changing the Overview and Scrutiny structure, in order to provide a more efficient and productive system of scrutiny. In light of the budget savings identified in the recent Council Tax setting meeting and the financial impact COVID-19 will have on borough finances, this council calls for a cross party group of members to re-visit this report and where appropriate provide further recommendations to the Governance Committee to recommend to council for implementation.

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

Delete wording after 'will have on borough finances' and replace with:

The Council notes that the Governance Committee has already considered a report from a member-led review of the Overview & Scrutiny Structure and decided that it was unsuitable for adoption due to shortcomings but refers the matter back to the Governance Committee for further consideration.

For clarity, the amended motion would read as follows:

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D. PROPOSED ASYLUM SEEKER ACCOMODATION

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council welcomes the approach adopted by the Administration in seeking a review by the Home Office of the suitability of Palms Hotel to be used as accommodation for asylum seekers due to its location. It notes that this decision was taken without consultation with the Council, CCG or other agencies, and is

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concerned for the welfare, both physically and emotionally, of vulnerable people being placed at the Palms Hotel without adequate access to schooling, health facilities, transportation or wider social support and calls upon the government to enter negotiation with the Council immediately.

E. ACTIVE TRANSPORT FUNDING

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council welcomes the Government's recent announcement regarding funding for Active Transport facilities and welcomes the first tranche of funding, which the Department for Transport has indicatively allocated a sum of £100,000 to each individual borough and the balance of £1.7m to Transport for London. To receive any money under this or future tranches, Boroughs' and TfL will need to satisfy the Department that there are swift and meaningful plans in place to reallocate road space to cyclists and pedestrians, including on strategic corridors. This Council therefore, calls upon the Executive to apply for the funding available, if they haven't already done so. If the funding has already been applied for, have appropriate plans been prepared to enable improved cycle and walk ways within the Borough and if affirmative, this Council calls upon the Executive to publish them immediately to the public for consultation purposes.

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

Delete wording after 'strategic corridors' and replace with:

The Council notes that the Executive Decision which was taken to apply for funding to Transport for London as part of the Active Transport scheme was published on 19 June and requests that the results of this application are circulated to all Members once known.

For clarity, the amended motion would read as follows:

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