

COUNCIL, 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

MOTIONS

A. CONSTITUTION REVIEW

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

Democracy, Fairness and the Rule of Law is the backbone of what makes Britain great and the envy of many countries around the world. However, in Havering, under the current Leadership, these principles have been eroded over the past two years to the detriment of this Council.

As a result, this council calls for an urgent review of the relevant parts of the Constitution such as the Council Procedure Rules, Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules and the Committee Procedure Rules to strengthen procedures and bring forward to the Governance Committee appropriate changes to the constitution to bring back democracy, fairness, transparency and adherence to rules and the law.

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

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As part of this, Council recognises the well-developed system of overview and scrutiny that exists within the London Borough of Havering, empowering all non-Executive Councillors to take part within democratic debate. Furthermore, it notes the approach adopted by the Administration in seeking to keep all members of the council informed and updated during the national lockdown with weekly all member briefs and weekly group leader meetings, going significantly above and beyond what many other authorities did. Whilst recognising that democracy, fairness, transparency and the adherence to the rules of the law are the hallmark of the London Borough of Havering, Council requests that the Monitor Officer examines the constitution and make recommendations to the Governance Committee for any areas that require modernisation.

Proposed Replacement Composite Amendment on behalf of all Groups

The Group Leaders have agreed to form a Working Group to meet monthly to review the relevant parts of the Constitution such as the Council Procedure Rules, Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules and the Committee Procedure Rules to

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further strengthen our governance arrangements. The Working Group will liaise with and report to the Governance Committee to put forward any recommended changes to our Constitution for approval by Council.

B.. SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council is concerned at the decline in the performance of many of Havering's Secondary Schools and calls on the Executive to re-evaluate its role in maintaining and improving schools.

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

The Council recognises that every secondary school within Havering is an academy, which is separate from the Local authority and responsible to the regional schools commissioner for their individual performance. However, it welcomes the Administration's support for all schools within Havering, and work already done through the various schools forums to help support schools and drive up performance. Therefore the Council requests that a report be submitted to the Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee outlining the measures of support currently provided to Havering schools by the Council to look at any other support it is felt could be provided by the authority to further enhance school performance.