

London Borough of Havering
Record of Decision at the meeting of **Cabinet**
On Wednesday 16 September, 2020

Announcements

Apologies for absence

Disclosures of Interest

**Protocol on the Operation of Cabinet Meetings During The Covid-19
Pandemic Restrictions**

Minutes

1. **TITLE: Corporate Parenting Strategy**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

1. **APPROVED** the Havering Corporate Parenting Strategy 2020-2023;
2. **AGREED** for the Havering Corporate Parenting Panel to oversee implementation of the strategy; and
3. **NOTED** that an annual update should be provided to the Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. Corporate parenting refers to the shared responsibility across the Council to ensure that children and young people in our care or leaving care are supported to thrive. Young people in care and care leavers are vulnerable individuals who often have difficult and traumatic experiences in some of the most formative years of their lives.
2. The Children and Social Work Act 2017 guides the actions of corporate parents towards children in care and care leavers. These are covered in detail in Havering's Corporate Parenting Strategy.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

It is good practice to state our ambition across the Council in relation to children in our care. Havering has the option of not producing a Corporate Parenting Strategy. This option has been discounted on the basis that it does not meet good practice standards. In addition, the local authority would not be in a position to articulate its strategy in relation to children in our care, to regulators such as Ofsted when necessary.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** CABINET0415-1 Corporate Parenting Strategy
Report 2
Cabinet Corporate Parenting EQIA Appendix 1
Corporate Parenting Strategy Draft

1. **TITLE: Homeless Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2020-2025**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet:

AGREED the Prevention of Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

As a local housing authority, Havering Council has a statutory duty to publish a Homelessness strategy.

With the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) 2017, the Council is now required to have a separate, stand-alone strategy dedicated to tackling homelessness and rough sleeping. The HRA 2017 presents the biggest change to homelessness legislation in 40 years including new duties to prevent and relieve homelessness.

Havering Council's Prevention of Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025 aims to ensure the provision of support to people who were previously not entitled to help. It also seeks to help prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place by intervening earlier and encouraging other public sector bodies to actively assist in identifying and referring those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Other options considered:

To not develop a standalone Prevention of Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy

This was not a feasible option. We have a statutory duty to deliver a standalone Homelessness strategy.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** CABINET Prevention of Homelessness Rough
Sleeping Strategy - final
Prevention of Homelessness & Rough Sleeping
Strategy 2020 - 2025
Prevention of Homelessness Rough Sleeping
Strategy 2020 - 2025 - EHIA (003)

1. **TITLE: Disposal of land at Hall Lane Pitch & Putt Course, Upminster following its Appropriation for Planning Purposes.**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

That, having considered the responses received as a result of the public notices, and pursuant to the Cabinet decision of 13 March 2019, **Cabinet approval is given to proceed with:**

(a) The appropriation for planning purposes of the land at Hall Lane Pitch and Putt, Upminster.

(b) The disposal of the land at Hall Lane Pitch and Putt, pursuant to section 233 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. A Plan of the site is attached as Appendix 1 of the report.

That the Head of Property Services - in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property - will as a result of this decision deal with all matters arising including the appropriation for planning purposes and thereafter the completion of the disposal of the land.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

This decision is required as a result of the statutory process involved in dealing with the proposed disposal of and appropriation of the subject land for planning purposes

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Having placed the notices, it is necessary for the Council to formally consider the responses received. As this report only concerns the consideration of these responses, no other options are available.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Hall Lane Pitch and Putt Upminster Cabinet Report
16th Sept 2020 Final V (003)
Appendix 1. Site Plan. Hall Lane Mini Golf Course
Appendix 2. Appropriation Disposal Notices-
Romford Recorder 05.07.2019 (003)
Appendix 3. Representations Objections. Hall Lane
Pitch Putt (003)
Hall Lane Pitch Putt Course EqHIA (002)

1. **TITLE:** Exclusion of the Press and Public

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet excluded members of the press and public to enable full and frank discussion in relation to exempt matters.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:**

1. **TITLE: Public Realm Transformation - Procurement Update and Amended Strategy**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

For the reasons stated in the report and its appendices, **Cabinet:**

AGREED to:

1. Stop the integrated public realm services procurement;
2. Extend the current waste and recycling contract with Serco for a period of two years commencing 1 August 2021; and
3. Extend the tree maintenance contract with City Suburban for a period of six months commencing 1 April 2021.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Reasons for the decision: There are a range of statutory requirements the Council delivers in respect of public realm services to its residents and local businesses. Plans were in place to ensure the smooth transition of public realm services from several in-house and outsourced service providers to one single provider. With the development of the Covid-19 pandemic, procurement plans faltered and the Council has had to rely on its contingency plans to build a revised strategy that will ensure that the Council can continue to deliver its statutory responsibilities and meet Members, residents and local business expectations.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Several options were consider which are detailed in the report in some detail.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Cabinet PRT 16 Sept 2020 V2
Cabinet 16 Sept 2020 (Exempt) Appendix 1
Cabinet 16 Sept 2020 Exempt Appendix 2
Cabinet 16 Sept Appendix 3 EqHIA Sept 2020 v2
Cabinet 16 Sept 2020 (Exempt) Appendix 4

1. **TITLE: Purchase of Affordable Housing Units at St. Georges Hospital Site**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet AGREED:

1. That the Council acquires the land and properties under a sale agreement (land) and separate building contract for 36 affordable housing units (14 affordable rent and 22 Low cost home ownership) at St Georges Hospital, Suttons Lane, Hornchurch on the basis of the heads of terms provided in Exempt Appendix A of the report.
2. That the Council Housing Revenue Account (HRA), supported by GLA grants, funds the purchase of the homes based on the financial viability of the scheme as shown in Exempt Appendix B, be approved
3. That the additional expenditure for the procurement of relevant specialist external services including legal advisors and Employers Agents as set out at Exempt Appendix B is approved
4. That the Director of Housing acting in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, be authorised to enter into all necessary legal agreements, incorporating any associated minor adjustments to the heads of terms set out at Exempt Appendix A, to bring into effect the proposed arrangements in Recommendations 1 and 2 as soon as is practicable.

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The scheme represents an opportunity to provide additional affordable housing for residents in the borough in line with the Havering plan.

The housing register shows clear demand for properties of this size and the scheme works to provide a positive financial return and works within the HRA business plan.

This phase of the development is now ready to proceed with planning having been secured start on site forecast for October 2020

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The only other option considered was to not proceed with this scheme, however, given that the scheme is financially viable, it works as part of the overall HRA business plan, attracts GLA funding and meets current housing need this option was rejected.

Best value is demonstrated through the financial appraisal which is there to ensure the scheme meets our financial parameters, this is coupled with the assessment that this is affordable within the HRA and the demonstration of demand which show this to be an appropriate proposition.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** ST Georges KD Cabinet part exempt with imps final
St Georges ED - Appendix A
St Georges ED - Appendix B

1. **TITLE: Bridge Close Regeneration Delivery Arrangements**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

3. **DECISION:**

Cabinet AGREED:

1. Approval be given for the Council to acquire FB BCR LLP's interests in BCR LLP, as set out in this report and summarised in the proposed terms at exempt Appendix E;
2. Approval be given for the termination by BCR LLP of the Development Management Agreement between BCR LLP and First Base Limited, as set out in this report and summarised in the proposed terms at exempt Appendix F;
3. Authority be given for the Director of Regeneration, acting in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to establish a new Nominee Company prior to the completion of the acquisition referred to in recommendation 1, in order to support the continuation of BCR LLP (such Nominee Company to be the second member in BCR LLP after the exit of FB BCR LLP);
4. Approval be given for the Council to provide funding to enable the completion of the purchase of a commercial property on Bridge Close, Romford, as set out in this report, subject to the Council being provided with an A- or C-Loan Note in its favour, as appropriate and as provided for in the exempt agenda report;
5. Authority be given for the Director of Regeneration, acting in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, to finalise and enter into all necessary legal agreements, to bring into effect the proposed arrangements in Recommendations 1-4 inclusive.
6. Authority be given for the Director of Regeneration, acting in consultation with the Director of Housing, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer, to complete the review of the options for the long-term funding and delivery of the regeneration of Bridge Close, and to produce a further report for Cabinet consideration.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION**

As set out in the exempt report.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

As set out in the exempt report.

6. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:**
- Bridge Close Regeneration Delivery Arrangements
 - Cabinet Report PUBLIC AGENDA DRAFT CLEAN - 16 Sep 20
 - Appendix A Bridge Close Site Plan (Public)
 - Appendix A Current Business Plan Financial Dashboard (Exempt)
 - Appendix B KPMG Financial Advice (Exempt)
 - Appendix C Legal Advice Note Browne Jacobson (Exempt)
 - Appendix D Legal Advice Note Bevan Brittan

(Exempt)

Appendix E Legal Summary of Draft Purchase Agreement (PSP Interest) (Exempt)

Appendix F Legal Summary of Draft Settlement Agreement (Development Manager) (Exempt)

Appendix G Sale Agreement and Deed of Variation (13A Bridge Close) (Exempt)

Appendix H Bridge Close Bridge Close Site Plan (Exempt)

Bridge Close Regeneration Delivery Arrangements

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