



Overview & Scrutiny Board

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Subject Heading:

List of Council Policies

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Policy context:

The report deals with a statutory process.

Financial summary:

There is no significant financial impact
from the statutory processes as these
requirements are being met by existing
budgets.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering

[X]

Places making Havering

[X]

Opportunities making Havering

[X]

Connections making Havering

[X]

SUMMARY

The Council's List of Policies is attached for scrutiny by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board scrutinises the Council's List of Policies and selects which areas it would like to add to its work programme for more detailed scrutiny work.

REPORT DETAIL

The Local Government Act 2000 introduced a new political management system for local councils in England and Wales, requiring them to have a separate 'executive' in the form of a leader, or elected mayor, and cabinet. To provide a counterweight for this, the Act required every council with an executive management structure to have an overview and scrutiny committee. This enables the rest of the council to scrutinise the executive by scrutinising their decisions and policies, and issuing reports and recommendations as appropriate. The key purposes of scrutiny is to improve outcomes for residents:

The current suite of Council Policies and Strategies is provided for Scrutiny Members' information and to aid consideration in regards to their future work programme. Options for Scrutiny focus include:

Scrutinising an existing specific Policy or Strategy
Pre-scrutiny as Policies are reviewed during their lifecycle or new policies
Ad hoc