

## **COUNCIL, 7 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **MOTIONS**

#### **FREE PARKING**

##### **Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

This Council acknowledges the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and calls on the administration to commit to maintaining the 1 hr free parking period for on-street parking as introduced during the pandemic.

##### **Amendment on behalf of the East Havering Residents' Group**

To remove the words 'as introduced during the pandemic' and add the words 'and will ensure that the 20% discount and incentive for the RingGo App users is maintained'.

For clarity, the amended motion would read as follows:

This Council acknowledges the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and calls on the administration to commit to maintaining the 1 hr free parking period for on-street parking and will ensure that the 20% Discount and incentive for the RingGo App users is maintained.

##### **Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group**

Council notes that this Administration acknowledges the impact of the current high rate of inflation and the impact that this is having on the budgets of residents, businesses and a variety of other organisations, including Local Authorities, and will be carrying out a comprehensive review of its parking facilities and charges in this new post pandemic environment and with next year's budget in mind.

#### **CASHLESS SOCIETY**

##### **Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

Given the increasing rise of cashlessness, and the dangers of digital exclusion, Havering Council commits to protecting and promoting access to cash including ensuring cash payments are accepted for all council provided services.

### **Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group**

Council notes that this Administration will ensure that during its modernisation of how this Council operates, it will ensure that any proposed change has a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

## **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT**

### **Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

Following the receipt of £684,900 in government funding for the Energy Rebate Scheme, Havering Council will revisit the recent decision to cap support at £150 per home and to provide 24,056 homes with a £17 payment. Instead ensuring that Havering's poorest homes receive a greater level of financial support. Council therefore calls on Cabinet agrees to review the rebate system going forward to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable members of Havering are provided with the greatest level of financial assistance.

### **Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group**

Council notes that should the new Government provide a new Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme, this Administration will continue to consider the most practical and cost efficient way of ensuring that payments are made in the most fair and equitable way possible.