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MINUTES OF A CABINET MEETING
Council Chamber - Town Hall
Wednesday, 3 May 2023
(7.30 - 7.51 pm)

Present:

Councillor Ray Morgon (Leader of the Council), Chairman

Councillor Gillian Ford

Councillor Oscar Ford

Councillor Paul McGeary

Councillor Paul Middleton

Councillor Barry Mugglestone

Councillor Christopher Wilkins

Councillor Graham Williamson

Cabinet Member responsibility:

Lead Member for Adults and Health

Lead Member for Children and
Young People

Lead Member for Housing

Lead Member for Corporate, Culture
and Leisure Services

Lead Member for Environment

Lead Member for Finance and
Transformation

Lead Member for Development and
Regeneration

Apologies were received for the absence of Councillor Keith Darvill.

80 ANNOUNCEMENT

Members were advised of the Fire Safety procedure in the Chamber.

81 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Keith Darvill, Cabinet Member for Climate Change.

82 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

83 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on **12th April 2023**, were agreed as a correct record and the Chair signed them.

84 **EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF TEMPORARY WORKERS AND CONSULTANTS**

Cabinet was presented with the **EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF TEMPORARY WORKERS AND CONSULTANTS.**

Report was introduced by Councillor Ray Morgon, Leader of the Council.

A report before Cabinet to authorise the Extension of Contract for the Supply of Temporary Workers and Consultants. The two-year contract extension with Matrix for the supply of temporary workers and consultants via the ESPO Mstar3 London Collaboration call-off. The contract extension will reflect changes to Havering's work force strategy and help to deliver savings, with an agreed rate that will address inflation.

A member asked a question on the effect of redundancies, the role of temporary staff, whether they covered backlog of work or staff that have been made redundant. Officers confirmed that when staff go through redundancies the post gets deleted, and as the Council is ongoing restructuring of its workforce there is a process of redeployment to put the individual in a different area in the Council. Also, while Havering seeks to have more permanent staff there are circumstances that warrant the need for temporary staff.

It was AGREED:

That the existing contract with Matrix is extended by a further two years to 26th July 2025 by which time a new procurement process can take place to ensure that the most cost effective contract is delivered moving forward.

85 **PROPOSALS FOR THE VOLUNTARY MAKING OF FIVE VILLAGE GREENS WITHIN HAVERING**

Cabinet was presented with the **PROPOSALS FOR THE VOLUNTARY MAKING OF FIVE VILLAGE GREENS WITHIN HAVERING.**

Report introduced by Councillor Graham Williamson, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration.

A report before Cabinet to consider the proposal to make voluntary village green registrations of five green spaces in the borough – Land at Gooshays (Harold Hill), land at New Zealand Way (Rainham), land at Wennington Green (Wennington), land west of Taunton Road (Harold Hill) and land at Fleet Close Play Site (Upminster).

Section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006 enables the Council (London Borough of Havering wearing a different statutory hat) to apply to the regulatory authority to register land as a town or village green. Havering as the landowner with no leaseholder interest has no impediment to make the application.

The proposal contributes to physical, mental well-being and environmental benefits of residents, provides a safe and inexpensive place to exercise, enables residents to benefit from social interaction, can be a refuge from stress, provides a social space where people of different ages and from different backgrounds can come together, thereby promoting social inclusion.

A member welcomed the proposal noting that it is important that more green spaces are preserved in the borough. A question was asked about the cost of the proposal to the Council. Officers clarified that there is no direct financial implication, but there will be officers time spent in detailing the proposals to the Monitoring Officer. Officers confirmed that the report put forward has been reviewed from colleagues in asset management, finance, and planning.

It was AGREED:

- 1. That Cabinet agreed to apply for the voluntary village green registration of the five pieces of open land considered in this report.**
- 2. That Cabinet instruct officers to carry out all necessary actions to achieve successful registration as agreed in recommendation 1 above.**
- 3. That Cabinet agreed the attached engagement and consultation process.**

Chairman

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