

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

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| Subject Heading: | Delegated Authority to vote in the Romford BID re ballot for a second term |
| Decision Maker: | Neil Stubbings |
| Cabinet Member: | Cllr Graham Williamson |
| SLT Lead: | Neil Stubbings Regeneration Programme Director |
| Report Author and contact details: | Daniel Moore Tel: 01708 432 761 E: daniel.moore@havering.gov.uk |
| Policy context: | Havering Corporate Plan: Opportunities helping our businesses grow Business Improvement District (England) Regulations 2004 |
| Financial summary: | The decision has no financial implications and the continuation of the Romford BID should work to secure external investment into the area. |
| Relevant OSC: | OSC |
| Is this decision exempt from being called-in? | Yes |

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

People - Things that matter for residents

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy - X

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place.

Part A – Report seeking decision

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DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. To delegate authority to the Regeneration Programme Director to represent Havering and vote for the continuation of the Romford Business Improvement District (BID) for a second term.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

3.3 Powers of Members of the Senior Leadership Team

General powers

- (a) To take any steps necessary for proper management and administration of allocated portfolios.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Romford BID Boundary runs within the Ring Road of Romford town centre and premises within the BID boundary are used by Havering Council. The Council's electoral services have instructed an external ballot company to hold a ballot of eligible businesses within the BID area as required by regulation 5 of the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004 (BID Regulations) and in accordance with the rules for ballots set out in schedule 2 of the BID Regulations. As premises used by Havering are within this area the Council will have the option to vote on the continuation of the BID.

Havering Council is supportive of the Romford BID and acknowledges the benefits that the BID has generated for the town. As part of the re - ballot process the BID have produced a proposal that illustrates their achievements over the previous five years and their aims and objectives for the next term of the BID. The proposal has been reviewed and approved and Havering Council supports the continuation of the BID for a second term.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The option not to vote for a second term for the Romford BID has not been considered as this would contravene Havering Council's position that the BID has benefited the businesses of Romford.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

The BID proposal for a second term has been reviewed and approved and Havering Council is assisting in the coordination of the BID re ballot.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

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Name: Daniel Moore

Designation: Regeneration

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Signature:

Date:

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

In accordance with the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004, the Council has already made a decision to start the ballot procedure for the continuation of the Romford Business Improvement District. The Council owns property in the area of the Romford Business Improvement District. Therefore, the Council can vote in the ballot and can make a decision to vote in favour of the continuation of the Romford Business Improvement District.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There is no financial commitment or expenditure in relation to this decision.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

N/A

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex/gender, and sexual orientation.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The BID proposal make a clear commitment towards environmental and climatic improvements.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

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APPENDICIES

N/A

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Delete as applicable

Proposal NOT agreed because

Details of decision maker



Signed

Name: Neil Stubbings

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title:

Head of Service title

Other manager title:

Date: 06.06.23

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____

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