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MINUTES OF A CABINET MEETING
Council Chamber - Town Hall
Wednesday, 10 April 2024
(7.40 - 8.45 pm)

Present:

Councillor Ray Morgon (Leader of the Council), Chairman

	Cabinet Member responsibility:
Councillor Keith Darvill	Lead Member for Climate Change & Housing Need
Councillor Paul McGeary	Lead Member for Housing & Property
Councillor Paul Middleton	Lead Member for Digital, Transformation & Customer Services
Councillor Christopher Wilkins	Lead Member for Finance
Councillor Graham Williamson	Lead Member for Regeneration

In attendance: Councillor Keith Prince (Con); Councillor Martin Goode (EHRG)

Also, in the Chamber, Councillor Matt Stanton (Lab)

176 ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Chair, there was an announcement about the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

177 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor/s Gillian Ford, Oscar Ford and Barry Mugglestone.

178 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Disclosure of interests: Councillor Christopher Wilkins declared an interest in relation to item 5 on the agenda (Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy Revision) as a landlord in the borough, and left the Chamber for the duration of the discussion.

179 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on **13th March 2024**, were agreed as a correct record and the Chair signed them.

180 **PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY REVISION**

Report: **Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy Revision**

The original Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy was approved by Cabinet in December 2017 following the decision taken at Cabinet to establish a property licensing scheme in October 2017.

The policy has been reviewed and updated to keep pace with changes to legislation, enforcement options and updated fees and charges to ensure that it remains current and fit for purpose. This Cabinet Report seeks approval for those updates.

The Private Sector Enforcement team is a small team with only three staff and is a net cost to the general fund.

The proposed new policy does slightly increase the scope of the team and so may create additional work. However, it is expected that it will be possible to absorb this within the team, so no additional resources are required.

The Cabinet:

1. **Agreed** to the revised Private Sector Housing Enforcement policy in Appendix 1.

181 **LAND HAVING FRONTAGE TO NORTH STREET (AKA SAINSBURY'S BILLET LANE CAR PARK) LEASE RENEWAL**

Report: Land having frontage to North Street (aka Sainsbury's Billet Lane Car Park), Hornchurch, RM11 1TS – Lease Renewal

Introduced by: Councillor Paul McGeary – Cabinet Member for Housing & Property

This report seeks Cabinet approval to agree and complete a new lease with Sainsbury's for the land having frontage to North Street (aka Sainsbury's Billet Lane Car Park), Hornchurch, RM11 1TS.

The previous lease expired on 14th November 2021 and terms have been agreed with the tenant for a new lease on the terms set out in Exempt Appendix A.

Cabinet:

1. **Approved** the grant of a new lease to Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd, for the subject land on terms as set out in Exempt Appendix A.
2. **Authorised** the Deputy Director of Legal & Governance Services to undertake all relevant measures to implement the proposed grant.

182 HAVERING CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2024-27

Report: Revised Havering Climate Change Action Plan (HCCAP) 2024-27

Introduced by: Councillor Keith Darvill, Cabinet Member for Climate Change

This report presents the revised Havering Climate Change Action Plan (HCCAP) 2024-27 which is attached as Appendix 1. It builds on the actions introduced in the HCCAP in 2021 and provides a framework for the Council's actions to deliver on its target of becoming carbon neutral by 2040 or sooner. This is an evolving framework, and the Council will continue to update the approach over time; as targets change, new data becomes available, and following major Government decarbonisation strategies. Havering Council has a solid data base and a robust intelligence hub which leads the coordination and development of applied data.

The HCCAP is primarily focussed on actions to reduce greenhouse gases, but interlinks closely with a range of other Council strategies such as:

- Local Plan.
- Parks and Open Spaces Strategy.
- Health & Wellbeing Strategy.
- Cycling and Walking Strategy.
- Air Quality Action Plan.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy.
- Reduction & Recycling Plan.

Cabinet:

Approved and **adopted** the revised HCCAP 2024-27 in Appendix 1.

183 CORPORATE PLAN 2024-2027

Report: Corporate Plan 2024-2027

Introduced by: Councillor Ray Morgon, Leader of the Council

This report presents a draft Corporate Plan for 2024 onwards, which has been aligned to the Council's current Vision and the three corporate priority themes upon which our new operating model is based: People, Place and Resources.

The Corporate Plan sets out the Council's key outcomes, actions / deliverables and the metrics required to monitor progress against each of these.

Cabinet:

Approved the updated Corporate Plan including the proposed key performance indicators and metrics.

184 **POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY**

Report: Poverty Reduction Strategy

Introduced by: Councillor Keith Darvill: Cabinet Member for Climate Change on behalf of Councillor Gillian Ford, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care

The report includes 'our vision for poverty reduction in Havering'

- 1.1 The Havering Place based Partnership will work together to collectively address the underlying causes of poverty, facilitate community action and build resilience to alleviate the effects of poverty. Partners will seek to embed this approach across all programmes of work.

Cabinet:

Approved the Havering Poverty Reduction Strategy 2024 attached at Appendix 1.

Chairman