

Council, 15 January 2024 – Motions

A. REFUGE ACCOMMODATION (motion resubmitted from November Council meeting)

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council condemns violence against women and children and recognises the particular challenges of finding emergency refuge accommodation for mothers with boys over the age of 12 years old. This Council calls upon the Administration to work with refuge organisations to find solutions to the lack of available refuge places.

(Received 5/11/24, 1548)

Amendment on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council condemns all domestic violence and recognises the particular challenges of finding emergency refuge accommodation for mothers with boys over the age of 12 years old. This Council calls upon the Administration to work with refuge organisations to find solutions to the lack of available refuge places.

(Received 11/11/24, 1948)

Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

This council condemns all domestic violence and recognises the particular challenges of finding emergency refuge accommodation for mothers with boys over the age of 12 years old. This Council calls on the Administration to lobby the Mayor of London and the government, to do more to address gaps in provision across the capital, and nationally to ensure Havering residents have access to refuge care whether in Havering or not.

(Received 5/1/24, 1942)

B. FAST-FOOD OUTLETS

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

As the Administration has previously stated that they would consider adopting tougher restrictions on the opening of new fast-food outlets within a certain radius of schools, this Council calls on the Administration to commit to the commissioning of an economic impact assessment in order to understand the implications of such restrictions on the commercial viability of small parades (including a number within the local authority's own property portfolio) ahead of any policy decision.

(Received 23/12/24, 1955)

Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

As the Administration has previously stated that they would consider adopting tougher restrictions on the opening of new fast-food outlets within a certain radius of schools (as part of a whole system approach to a healthy weight alongside other public sector partners), this Council calls on the Administration to commit (in the event that such a decision is actually taken) to the commissioning of an economic impact assessment in order to understand the implications of such restrictions on the commercial viability of small parades (including a number within the local authority's own property portfolio) ahead of any policy decision, but provided that any impact assessments shall take into account all London-wide or national guidance / directions / legislation on the matter.

(Received 6/1/25, 1901)

C. SHOPLIFTING IN HORNCHURCH AND UPMINSTER TOWN CENTRES

Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council commits to work with the Met Police, Member of Parliament and Assembly Member who are currently collaborating to counter the unacceptable levels of shoplifting in Hornchurch and Upminster Town Centres.

(Received 23/12/24, 1955)

Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents' Association Group

This Council commits to work with all partners to counter the unacceptable levels of shoplifting in all of Havering's shopping areas.

(Received 6/1/25, 1901)

Amendment on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council commits to working with the Police, elected members, and all other relevant private and public organisations to counter the unacceptable levels of shoplifting in Havering.

(Received, 6/1/25, 2133)

D. ABANDONED SUPERMARKET TROLRIES

Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council recognises the hazards that abandoned supermarket trolleys cause to Havering's residential roadways, in its green spaces and parks, and its rivers and calls upon the Administration to consider adopting powers provided by the Environment Protection Act 1990 (Section 1990 and Schedule 4) to facilitate (at the cost of the relevant retailers) expedited removal of abandoned trolleys within the Borough.

(Received 30/12/24, 2114)

(No amendments received).