

## Notice of NON KEY Executive Decision containing exempt information

This Executive Decision Report is part exempt and Appendix A is not available for public inspection as it contain) or relates to exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 2 & 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is exempt because it refers to financial and business affairs of the Tenant and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	<p><b>Subject Property:</b> Former Ardleigh Green Baptist Church, 165 Ardleigh Green Road, Hornchurch, Essex, RM1 2LF</p> <p><b>Event:</b> Rent Review – March 2025</p>
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Mark Butler - Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Paul McGeary – Cabinet Member for Housing and Property
<b>SLT Lead:</b>	Neil Stubbings - Strategic Director of Place
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<b>Policy context:</b>	Asset Management Plan

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<b>Financial summary:</b>	The financial aspects for the transaction are detailed in the <u>EXEMPT Appendix A</u> to this Report
<b>Relevant Overview &amp; Scrutiny Sub Committee:</b>	Place
<b>Is this decision exempt from being called-in?</b>	<b>The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision</b>

**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 (x)

## Part A – Report seeking decision

### DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

#### **Background**

The above mentioned property is leased to the tenant on a 20 year lease commencing on 3 March 2015 that is not protected by the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954. The property is used as a community centre providing facilities recreation and social purposes and/or education, physical training and physical wellbeing.

The lease allows for the rent to be reviewed every 5 years with the March 2025 review of rent as described in Appendix A being the subject of this delegated authority.

The lease allow the rents to be reviewed upwards only to the higher of the open market rent or RPI compounded increases.

A valuation report confirms that the open market rent produces the higher rent as per Appendix A which demonstrates that best consideration for the property under section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 has been achieved. The tenant has agreed to the uplift by signing a rent review memorandum.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that in order to complete the March 2025 rent review the Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping, London Borough of Havering is to countersign the rent review memorandum. Property Services is to then issue a completion statement to instruct the collection of the increased rents.

#### **Decisions**

Formal authority is hereby given to complete the March 2025 rent review the Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping, London Borough of Havering is to countersign the rent review memorandum. Property Services is to then issue a completion statement to instruct the collection of the increased rents.

### AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Havering Council's Constitution Part 3.3 scheme 3.3.5 (2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 - current)

8.1 To be the Council's designated corporate property officer, responsible for the strategic management of the Council's property portfolio, including corporate strategy and asset management, procurement of property and property services, planned and preventative maintenance programmes, property allocation, security and use, reviews, acquisitions and disposals, and commercial estate management.

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**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The lease allows for the rent to be increased to the higher of the open market rent or RPI compounded increases. The rent review has been agreed at the open market rent and the rent memorandum needs to be countersigned to complete the rent review.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Option: Not to review the rent.  
Rejected: There is no reason to not review the rent as the tenant has agreed to the rent increase by signing a rent review memorandum.

**PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION**

None

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

Name: Luke Kubik  
Designation: Estates Surveyor  
Signature:



Date: 9 July 2025

## Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Clause 6(2) of the lease permits the council to uplift the rent in accordance with the terms as stipulated in Appendix A.

The rent review uplift will be implemented internally by the council's property services team and recorded by way of a rent review memorandum and a completion statement.

The council has a general power of competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, which gives the power to do anything an individual can do, subject to any statutory constraints on the council's powers ("the General Power"). The recommendation in this report is in keeping with the General Power.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The rent review will generate additional rental income for the Council during the lease term. VAT is not chargeable on the rent.

The costs associated with conducting the rent review will be paid for from existing budgets.

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

No human resources implications and risks have been identified.

### 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, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

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.

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An EqHIA (Equality and Health Impact Assessment) is usually carried out and on this occasion this isn't required.

The Council seeks to ensure equality, inclusion, and dignity for all in all situations.

There are no equalities and social inclusion implications and risks associated with this decision.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

No Environmental and Climate Change implications identified.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**APPENDICES**

**Appendix A**      Landlord's Proposal for Review of the Rent - Exempt

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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

**Details of decision maker**

Signed 

Name: Mark Butler

Position: Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping

Date: 17.07.2025

**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 \_\_\_\_\_