



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 contains or relates to exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is exempt because it refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

Subject Heading:	Subject Property: Gidea Park Sports Ground and Pitches, Main Road, Romford, RM2 6NP ("Property") Event: Tenancy at Will
Decision Maker:	Mark Butler - Assistant Director of Regeneration & Place Shaping
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Paul McGahey – Cabinet Member for Housing and Property
SLT Lead:	Neil Stubbings - Strategic Director of Place
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Policy context:	Asset Management Plan

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

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)

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Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

To approve the grant of a tenancy at will with the tenant so that the increased rent can be invoiced.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Havering Council's Constitution Part 3.3 scheme 3.3.5 (2nd 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.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Property is leased to the Trustees of Gallows Sports & Social Club ("Tenant") on a 28 year lease. The lease was ended on 22 September 2025 by way of a non-opposing Section 25 Notice. The Property is used as a pavilion for sport activities

Negotiations have been ongoing and terms are now agreed. The Tenant wishes to set up a new limited company for the new lease which has been agreed with client department. Due to the time it takes for the new company to be set up, it has been agreed that the new higher rent will need to be implemented and backdated by way of a tenancy at will.

A tenancy at will is required at the increased rent so the agreed rent for the new lease can be paid while the new lease is agreed and completed to the new Ltd company.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option: Not to produce a tenancy at will

Rejected: Not getting the tenant to sign a tenancy at will at the increased rent means the Tenant will continue to occupy on the passing rent which is lower than the agreed rent for the new lease.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

None

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<p>NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER</p> <p>Name: Luke Kubik Designation: Estates Surveyor Signature:</p>  <p>Date: 7 January 2026</p>

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The recommendation of this report requires the Council to grant a tenancy at will in accordance with the terms stipulated in Appendix A.

The tenancy at will is a short term arrangement to regularise the Tenant's occupation of the Property following the expiry of the lease. Either the Tenant or the Council can terminate the agreement at any time.

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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The tenancy at will agreement will increase the annual rental income significantly to the market rate, which will help to alleviate the pressure on the commercial rents budget.

The costs associated with drawing up the agreement 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 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.

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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.

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 Tenancy at Will Summary 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: 30.01.2026

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 _____