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MORE MONEY FOR POLICE AND LOCAL SCHOOLS

Harold Hill Conservatives have been working to deliver on critical local priorities including more police, **extra cash for our schools** and help for residents most affected by the covid pandemic.

The Prime Minister's **police recruitment drive** is well underway, with over 70,000 people applying in the first six months and **an extra 3,005 officers already recruited**. Keith Prince, your London Assembly Member for Havering & Redbridge has been campaigning for more police, and said that we had already received an additional 56 officers over the previous two months in the local triborough area, with more to come over the summer.

Buildings improvement cash has been secured for local schools, including Drapers Pyrgo Primary, and next year mainstream school funding will increase by 4%, with an additional £730m for children with special educational needs & disabilities. **We have published what each school in Harold Hill will be receiving on Julia Lopez MP's website – www.julialopez.co.uk**

Havering Council at the start of the pandemic set up the **Havering Helps** support package to help residents in financial hardship due to COVID-19. This saw a £2 million investment to increase the Emergency Assistance Fund. The Council also distributed £36million of grants to local businesses, funded by the government, as well as cuts in business rates, which will support jobs and the high street.

If you need help or support, please do get in touch with us, your local Conservative Action Team.

FACT CHECK: ASYLUM SEEKERS AT PALMS HOTEL

In June, your Harold Hill Conservative Action Team asked local MP, Julia Lopez, to find out more about a Home Office plan to use the Palms Hotel on the A127 to accommodate people seeking asylum. With alarmist social media reports causing concern among Harold Hill residents about additional pressures on local services, Julia worked quickly to establish the full facts, going straight to the Home Secretary and her ministerial team.

The hotel was utilised by a total of seven people for one night as a temporary measure during the pandemic. The contract has now been cancelled and there are no further plans to use the hotel in this way. Julia has posted the full details on her website to address some of the rumours that were in circulation.



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Keith's Corner



Keith Prince is our London Assembly Member for Havering and Redbridge.

By now you are probably aware that Sadiq Khan, the Labour Mayor of London has increased the Congestion Charge to £15.00 and extended it to include weekends.

It now starts at 7am and remains in force until 10pm, 7 days a week.

We have been told that these are temporary measures but The Mayor is not prepared to say how long they will last.

We have also seen the reintroduction of the Ultra Low Emission charging Zone (ULEZ).

The Low Emission Zone is now in force across the whole of London within the M25 and applies to many Commercial Vehicles.

There are some exceptions which can be found on TfL's website along with full details of the two taxes here <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle-35896>.

Next October will see the extension of the ULEZ to the A406 North Circular and the A205 South Circular.

I would welcome your views on these changes.

Havering Support

Havering Volunteer Centre

The Havering Volunteer Centre has been coordinating the response of volunteers and requests for support within Havering. If you are in need of a friendly chat, a volunteer can call you. **The contact number is 01708 922214.**

The Volunteer Centre is also able to help with shopping, dog walking and prescription collection. Further information about the Havering Volunteer Centre can be found at www.haveringvc.org.uk

Havering Council

Havering Council have a dedicated web page with information regarding updates to their services available at: www.havering.gov.uk/covid19

There is also a helpline to discuss care, urgent issues about health and wellbeing or lack of access to supplies including food and medicines. They are available Monday to Friday 08:30-18:00 and Saturday to Sunday 11:00-16:00 on **0800 368 5201** or email them at **covid19support@havering.gov.uk**

'EAT OUT TO HELP OUT'

For the month of August, the Government have launched an 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme which will give you a 50% reduction, up to £10 per head, on sit-down meals and non-alcoholic drinks Monday to Wednesday in participating businesses.

Up to 210 businesses across your local area and many hundreds more across wider Havering could benefit from this new scheme.

Nearby businesses taking part in the 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme include:

The Deer's Rest, Noak Hill Road, RM3 7LL.

Wyevale Garden Centre, Nags Head Lane, RM14 1TS.

McDonald's Harold Hill, Straight Road, RM3 8XR.

For a full list of businesses, please visit

www.tax.service.gov.uk/eat-out-to-help-out/find-a-restaurant



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