# Executive Summary

## Geographical Profile

* The London Borough of Havering is the 3rd largest borough in London (43 miles2) and contains 18 electoral wards.
* It is mainly characterised by suburban development, with almost half of the area dedicated to open green space, particularly to the east of the borough.
* The principal town (Romford) is densely populated and is an area of major metropolitan retail and night time entertainment.
* The southern part of Havering is within the London Riverside section of the Thames Gateway redevelopment area and will be an area of increasing development and population change.
* Havering is a relatively affluent local authority but there are pockets of deprivation to the north (Gooshays and Heaton wards) and south (South Hornchurch) of the borough.

## Population Profile

* The estimated population of the London Borough of Havering is 257,810.
* It has the oldest population in London with a median age of approximately 39 years old.
* The Borough experienced a net population loss of 6.3% from 1983 to 2002 but the population has increased year on year from 2002, with a 14.5% increase from 2002 to 2018.
* As well as increases in the number of births in Havering, there has been an increase in the general fertility rate from 58 (per 1,000 women aged 15-44) in 2004 to 68 in 2017. This equates to an additional 10 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 within the period.
* From 2012 to 2017, Havering experienced the largest net inflow of children across all London boroughs. 4,343 children settled in the borough from another part of the United Kingdom during this six year period.
* It is projected that the largest increases in population will occur in children (0-17 years) and older people age groups (65 years and above) up to 2033.
* The life expectancy at birth for people living in Havering is 79.6 years for males and 84.2 years for females.
* The life expectancy at age 65 years in Havering is 18.5 years for males and 21.6 years for females.
* Havering is one of the most ethnically homogenous places in London, with 83% (census 2011) of its residents recorded as White British, higher than both London and England.
* About 90% of the borough population were born in the United Kingdom.
* It is projected that the Black African population will increase from 4.4% in 2019 to 5.3% in 2034.
* About 19% of working age people living in Havering disclosed that they have a disability or long term illness.

## Household Profile

* There are 107,933 households in Havering, according to the Council Tax List (as at 10th July 2019).
* Households are mainly composed of pensioners and married couples with dependent children.
* All adults in 52% of households (40,722 households) are working and no adults are working in 16% of households (12,256 households).
* In 2011, there were 7,224 one-adult households with children under 16 in Havering. This is an increase from 2001 when there were 4,005 lone parent households. There has also been an increase in the number of one-adult households with no children.
* About 73% of the population in Havering are home owners. This is one of the highest proportions across London boroughs.
* Housing in the borough is mainly Victorian and Edwardian. Houses are generally large with an average of 2.8 bedrooms per household (higher than both London and England).
* The rate of homeless households in temporary accommodation (8.9 per 1,000 households) is lower than London (14.9 per 1,000) but higher than England (2.7 per 1,000).
* The rate of statutory homelessness (eligible people not in priority need) in Havering (0.5 per 1,000 households), in 2016/17, is lower than both London (1 per 1,000) and England (0.9 per 1,000).
* The borough has a rate of short-term international migrants of 165 per 100,000 population, the second lowest of all London local authorities.
* Almost all (99%) of the traveller caravans in Havering were on authorised sites, as at January 2018.
* 32% (13,449) of the population aged 65 years and above are living in one-person households. Almost half (48%) of all one person households in Havering are occupied by persons aged 65 years and over, which is the highest proportion in London

## Economic Profile

* The average gross income per household in Havering (£44,430, as measured in 2012/13) is low in comparison to the London average (£51,770) and slightly higher than the England average (£39,557).
* 77% of households in Havering have at least one car and compared to other local authorities in London, Havering has the second highest proportion of households (32.8%) with 2 or more cars.
* Majority of children in Havering are not poor, but around 8,800 live in income-deprived households. Gooshays and Heaton wards have the highest proportion of children living in poverty.
* About 77.9% of working age residents in Havering were in employment between April and June 2018. Overall employment rate in Havering is higher than London (74.6%) and England (75.9%)
* The proportion of working age residents in Havering claiming out-of-work benefits (6.8%) is significantly lower than England (8.4%).