# **Executive Decision Individual Decision Notice**



**Decision Maker: Council**, 21 Feb 18

Classification: [Unrestricted]

Submission of the Tower Hamlets Local Plan 2031: Managing Growth and Sharing the Benefits

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is required to be given of the intention to take Executive Key Decisions.

Notice is given either through an Individual Decision Notice or through the Forward Plan. Notice must normally be given 28 Days' before the decision can be taken.

Key Decision? No	Ward(s) All Wards
Summary of Decision	The Local Plan sets a vision and framework for future development to meet local needs and opportunities and reflect national priorities, particularly in relation to housing, the economy, identification and delivery of infrastructure and protection of the environment. They are a critical tool to positively guide development decisions. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) expects local planning authorities to keep plans up-to-date and also review them in whole or in part in response to changing circumstances. The preparation and adoption of new Local Plans must adhere with statutory regulations set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Regulation 19 requires the proposed submission Local Plan and supporting documents to be made available for consultation. Prior to adoption, the Local Plan along with supporting documents and representations received during the regulation 19 consultation must be submitted to the secretary of state to undergo an independent examination (regulation 22).

Community Plan Theme	Creating and maintaining a vibrant, successful place
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Strategic Development and Waste (Councillor Rachel Blake)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take	Over 1200 organisations and individuals were notified about the regulation 19 consultation via letter or email from the council's database, giving details of how they could respond to the consultation and where and when consultation activities would be taking place. These included: statutory agencies,

place	government bodies, developers, landowners, adjoining local authorities, community groups, voluntary organisations and local residents. The consultation was also advertised through various means, including social media, meetings, workshops and the local press. The consultation was also featured on the front page of the council's website, which informs all users of the website and provides a link to access the consultation.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	For the Local Plan, a screening opinion on the need to undertake a full Equalities Impact Assessment was carried out as part of the Integrated Impact Assessment. This confirmed that a full Equalities Impact Assessment is not necessary because due regard is given to the council's Public Sector Equality Duty within the emerging Local Plan.
Contact details for comments or additional information	Philip Wadsworth (Plan Making Team Leader), (Local Plan Place Team Leader) <a href="mailto:philip.wadsworth@towerhamlets.gov.uk">philip.wadsworth@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Appendix 1: Proposed submission version of the Tower Hamlets Local Plan 2031; Appendix 2: Summary of representations; Appendix 3: Schedule of minor amendments; Appendix 4: Local Plan documents to be submitted to the secretary of state for examination; and Appendix 5: Local Plan risk register.
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	No, Unrestricted

## **NOTES**

### **Advance notice of Key Decisions**

Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Article 13.03 of the Constitution. Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, or the Mayor in Cabinet.

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known, whilst a Forward Plan collating these decisions will be published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Forward Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required. The Committee pages on the Council website include copies of the Forward Plan, Cabinet and other meeting dates and the publication dates of the Forward Plan.

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (including on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution will have to be followed.

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about the issues listed in the Forward Plan is to examine the consultation column of the Forward Plan, and/or contact the report author or Cabinet Lead Member as soon as possible, and no later than 10 working days before the decision is expected to be taken.

You can also view the Council's <u>Consultation Calendar</u>, which lists all the issues on which the Council and its partners are consulting.

Reports, appendices and background papers will be available on the Council's website 5 clear working days before the Cabinet meeting. For all other information or to submit documents in relation to any issue, please contact the relevant officer.

#### **Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private**

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to an item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed below. Note that this applies to Cabinet but not to Individual Mayoral Decisions outside of Cabinet.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

- 1. Information relating to any individual
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
- 4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
- 5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- 6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
  - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
- 7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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