

Executive Decision Individual Decision Notice



Decision Maker: Cabinet, 20 Mar 18

Classification:
[Unrestricted or Exempt]

The impact of short-term holiday platform lets

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is hereby given that an Executive Key Decision is required to be taken under General Exception Urgency provisions as it is not possible to provide at least 28 clear days' notice of the decision but it is possible to give at least 5 clear days' notice of the decision.

As required under the above regulations, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be notified of the above decision being taken under the General Exception Provision.

This notification will be published as soon as possible before the decision is taken, stating why the decision must be taken urgently.

Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice of the decision:

Due an error in the administrative process it was impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice of this decision

Signature:

David Knight

Date:

21st February, 2018

Further details of the decision to be taken:

Key Decision? Yes	Ward(s) All Wards
Summary of Decision	To decide what steps to take in response to the growth in the borough of short-term letting through on-line booking platforms such as Airbnb.

Community Plan Theme	Creating and maintaining a vibrant, successful place
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Sirajul Islam)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this	Consultation has taken place with members, the GLA, the British Hospitality Association, Airbnb, Registered Housing Providers and

consultation take place	Third Sector agencies
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	<p>No.</p> <p>The Council's Housing Strategy, adopted in December 2016, included an Equality Impact Assessment of all actions -including commitments to evaluate the impact of short-term rentals and further to that to use legislation to regulate the market.</p> <p>The impact of any decision that restricts the prevalence of short-term letting aims to mitigate the risk to social cohesion and the loss of affordable housing which both have a disproportionate impact on groups who are financially excluded – disproportionately groups with protected characteristics.</p>
Contact details for comments or additional information	<p>Ann Sutcliffe (Acting Corporate Director, Place) Ann.Sutcliffe@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<p>The Economy Scrutiny Committee's Scrutiny Review Report Creating a Balanced Night Time Economy in Tower Hamlets, September 2017</p> <p>Appendix 1: The scope of short-term holiday letting in Tower Hamlets</p>
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	<p>Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt)</p> <p>The scope of short-term holiday letting in Tower Hamlets uses only information that is publicly available; however, it does bring together information which relates to individuals, which may identify an individual, and which relates to the financial or business affairs of any particular person. This may mean the exemption of part of the report which will be considered during the drafting of the report.</p> <p>1, 3</p>

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 [Consultation Calendar](#), 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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