

Cabinet



Thursday, 16 May 2024 at 4.00 p.m.

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Agenda

Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Cabinet Members

Councillor Maium Talukdar	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor))
Councillor Kabir Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding)
Councillor Saied Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)
Councillor Suluk Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Equalities and Social Inclusion)
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care)
Councillor Abu Chowdhury	(Cabinet Member for Safer Communities)
Councillor Iqbal Hossain	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation)
Councillor Kabir Hussain	(Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency)
Councillor Abdul Wahid	(Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Growth)

[The quorum for Cabinet is 3 Members]

Further Information

Reports for consideration, meeting contact details, public participation and more information on Cabinet decision-making is available on the following pages.



Public Information

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A Guide to CABINET

Decision Making at Tower Hamlets

As Tower Hamlets operates the Directly Elected Mayor system, **Mayor Lutfur Rahman** holds Executive powers and takes decisions at Cabinet or through Individual Mayoral Decisions. The Mayor has appointed nine Councillors to advise and support him and they, with him, form the Cabinet. Their details are set out on the front of the agenda.

Which decisions are taken by Cabinet?

Executive decisions are all decisions that aren't specifically reserved for other bodies (such as Development or Licensing Committees). In particular, Executive Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor either at Cabinet or as Individual Mayoral Decisions.

The constitution describes Key Decisions as an executive decision which is likely

- a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, above £1million; or
- b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the borough.

Upcoming Key Decisions are published on the website on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page through www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee

Published Decisions and Call-Ins

Once the meeting decisions have been published, any 5 Councillors may submit a Call-In to the Service Head, Democratic Services requesting that a decision be reviewed. This halts the decision until it has been reconsidered.

- The decisions will be published on: **Monday, 20 May 2024**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Tuesday, 28 May 2024**

Any Call-Ins will be considered at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee can reject the call-in or they can agree it and refer the decision back to the Mayor, with their recommendations, for his final consideration.

Public Engagement at Cabinet

The main focus of Cabinet is as a decision-making body. However there is an opportunity for the public to contribute through making submissions that specifically relate to the reports set out on the agenda.

Members of the public may make written submissions in any form (for example; Petitions, letters, written questions) to the Clerk to Cabinet (details on the previous page) by 5 pm the day before the meeting.

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PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There will be an opportunity (up to 15 minutes) for members of the public to put questions to the Mayor and Cabinet Members before the Cabinet commences its consideration of the substantive business set out in the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

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Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine; whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are also reminded to declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it is the Members' responsibility to identify any interests and also update their register of interests form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

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The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 24 April 2024 are presented for approval.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to unrestricted business to be considered.

5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(Under provisions of Section 30, Rule 59 of the Constitution).

6. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1	Transforming Tower Hamlets Council: building a stronger future	To Follow
<p>Report Summary: Following the appointment of the Chief Executive in July 2023, Tower Hamlets Council embarked on its ambitious 'People First' transformation journey. This report details the significant progress made in addressing key concerns identified by the Head of Paid Services.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Mayor Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>		

6.2	Delivering the Medium-Term Financial Strategy	To Follow
<p>Report Summary: This discussion paper provides an update on: - the current position - actions being taken to mitigate the identified risks - further options to consider to mitigate and manage any emerging risks</p> <p>The primary objective is to ensure delivery of the 2024/25 budget which forms year one of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) as approved by full Council on 28th February 2024.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Corporate Priority: Invest in public services</p>		

6.3	Be Well Leisure Insourcing Programme	To Follow
<p>Report Summary: This report updates on the insourcing of the <i>Be Well</i> Leisure Service on 1st May 2024. The report sets out the key activities for the coming year coordinated by the Leisure Programme Board to further develop the service over the next 12 months now it is in-house.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>		

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6 .4	Scrutiny improvement plan	To Follow
<p>Report Summary: The Scrutiny function of the Council is an important part of the governance arrangements of the Council and a key element of the Councils arrangements to ensure continuous improvement and meet its statutory best value duty. This report identifies areas for improvement in the Council’s Scrutiny function and a set of dedicated actions to address them. It calls for Cabinet to note, endorse and or approve these actions. Some suggested ways forward will need to be the subject of further discussion and approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Mayor Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>		

6 .5	Contracts Forward Plan 2023/24 - Quarter 4	To Follow
<p>Report Summary: This report presents the contracts being procured during quarter four. The report also sets out the Contracts Forward Plan at appendix 3 to this report.</p> <p>The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>		

6 .6	Tower Hamlets Council Strategic Plan: 2024/25 Annual Delivery Plan	19 - 58
<p>Report Summary: The Strategic Plan 2022 to 2026 is the council's main corporate business plan. The plan embeds the Mayor's vision and the administration's manifesto into a high level policy framework and demonstrates how they will be delivered alongside the council’s statutory duties. The plan sets a framework for performance monitoring and reporting. It is supported by and aligned with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>Each year the council publishes an Annual Delivery Plan. The 2024/25 Annual Delivery Plan describes the key actions the council will take this year to deliver the Strategic Plan, and how we will measure progress.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Mayor Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>		

6 .7	Procurement of a Technology Enabled Care Transformation Partner	59 - 66
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Report Summary:

This paper seeks approval to commence procurement for the Transformation Partner that will support the Technology Enabled Care Transformation Project, which will deliver MTFS savings

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
Corporate Priority: Invest in public services

6.8 Tower Hamlets Partnership Review**67 - 88****Report Summary:**

In September 2023, the Partnership Executive Group agreed to review its partnership arrangements. This report presents draft recommendations for consideration.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member:
Corporate Priority:

6.9 Victoria Park Licence to Occupy**89 - 104****Report Summary:**

The granting of a licence to AEG Presents Limited to occupy areas of Victoria Park at times to be specifically agreed between August 2024 and September 2027.

This is a key decision in that it may have a significant impact on the communities of two or more wards.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation
Corporate Priority: Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Should the Mayor in Cabinet consider it necessary, it is recommended that the following motion be adopted to allow consideration of any exempt/restricted documents.

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972”.

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL SECTION (PINK)

The Exempt / Confidential (Pink) Committee papers in the Agenda will contain information, which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. If you do not wish to retain these papers after the meeting, please hand them to the Committee Officer present.

9. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

10. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to exempt/confidential business to be considered.

10.2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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11. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

12. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Next Meeting of Cabinet:

Wednesday, 10 July 2024 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

