1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Louise Alexander and Councillor Anwara Ali.

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence be noted.
## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors made declarations of interest in the items included on the agenda as follows:

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### 3. MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2007 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and the Mayor be authorised to sign them accordingly.
4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Cyclone Sidr

Councillor Denise Jones, Leader of the Council, made a statement on behalf of all the political groups on the Council, expressing great sadness at the news of the devastating effect that Cyclone Sidr has had on millions of people’s lives in Bangladesh. Councillor Jones referred to the strong links between many Tower Hamlets residents and Bangladesh and stated that the thoughts of the whole Council were with them, their family and friends; and also with the UN and voluntary agencies that were assisting people in the immediate aftermath of the disaster and helping to rebuild communities.

The Leader noted that £5m had been pledged by the UK Government to support these efforts but recognised that many local people would also wish to support personally the work of the voluntary agencies. She referred to the work of Muslim Aid and Oxfam and encouraged anyone living or working in the borough who wished to make a donation to do so through one of those organisations, whose details would be placed on the Council’s website.

On behalf of all Councillors the Leader expressed her condolences and sympathies to all those affected by Cyclone Sidr and at the Leader’s suggestion the Mayor asked Members to stand and to observe a minute’s silence as a mark of respect to those who had lost their lives.

Single Status agreement

Councillor Joshua Peck, Lead Member for Resources and Performance, made an announcement concerning the ongoing negotiations in respect of Single Status. Agreement had been reached between the Council and the trade unions subject to a ballot of the union membership.

Data security

Councillor Joshua Peck, Lead Member for Resources and Performance, referred to recent national events relating to the apparent loss of personal data by a central Government department. Councillor Peck advised the Council that he and the Leader of the Council had requested that an urgent review be undertaken of the Council’s data security procedures to ensure that all such data held by the authority was subject to proper and adequate security measures.

Children’s Services assessment

Councillor Clair Hawkins, Lead Member for Children’s Services, announced that for the third year running the Council had received a four star Government assessment for its Children’s and Young People’s Services, both overall and in each category of the assessment. Councillor Hawkins congratulated and thanked everyone who had contributed to the achievement of this excellent outcome.
5. TO RECEIVE ANY PETITIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Deputations

No deputations were made.

5.2 Petitions

5.2.1 Mr Muhammad Haque regarding Crossrail.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mr Muhammad Haque, Organiser of Khoodeelaar!, addressed the meeting on the subject of that organisation’s opposition to the construction of Crossrail. He reiterated the points in his written question, asking for evidence that Crossrail would bring benefits to the people of the borough; and requested information on the consultation that had been undertaken with residents.

Mr Haque responded to questions from Members of the Council.

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Lead Member for Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships, then responded to the matters in Mr Haque’s petition.

RESOLVED:

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director of Development and Renewal for a written response within 28 days.

6. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions from members of the public were received for inclusion on the agenda for the meeting.

7. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

28 Questions were submitted by members of the Council for response by the relevant Cabinet Member, details of which were set out in agenda item 7. The questions, together in each case with the Cabinet Member’s written response, were tabled on blue paper.

1. Question from Councillor Waiseul Islam to the Lead Member for Children’s Services, Councillor Clair Hawkins regarding a summary of the year’s education results and how these compare with performance over the past 10 ten years.

Councillor Clair Hawkins referred to her tabled response.

Councillor Islam asked a brief supplementary question regarding what was being done to increase the number of young people achieving A to C passes at GCSE level in English and Mathematics.
Councillor Hawkins responded, agreeing that this was a key area and outlining a number of initiatives that were in place to address the issue and the intervention measures to identify and address underachievement at an early stage.

2. Question from Councillor Abjol Miah to the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Sirajul Islam regarding the number of people on the housing waiting list who have managed to buy a home in the borough in the last 10 years and the number who have moved into the borough and bought a home here.

Councillor Sirajul Islam referred to his tabled response.

Councillor Miah asked a brief supplementary question regarding the proportion of housing being built to cover the requirement for affordable homes in the borough.

Councillor Islam responded and stated that Tower Hamlets had achieved the highest proportion of new build affordable homes in London.

3. Question from Councillor Tim Archer to the Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer, Greener, Councillor Abdal Ullah regarding anti social behaviour and crime at Canary wharf.

Councillor Abdal Ullah referred to his tabled response.

Councillor Archer asked a brief supplementary question that was not allowed by the mayor as it did not arise directly from the written question or Councillor Ullah’s response.

4. Question from Councillor Stephanie Eaton to the Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer, Greener, Councillor Abdal Ullah regarding the number of premises in Tower Hamlets affected by the workplace smoking ban on July 2007 and the number of officers employed to enforce the new legislation.

Councillor Ullah referred to his tabled response.

Councillor Eaton asked a brief supplementary question regarding budget provision to enforce the new legislation.

Councillor Ullah responded and thanked Councillor Eaton for her interest and work in this area.

5. Question from Councillor Ahmed Hussain to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Denise Jones regarding the building of a multi faith cemetery.

Councillor Denise Jones referred to her tabled response.
Councillor Hussain asked a brief supplementary question requesting a guarantee that a burial site would be delivered and constructed within the borough by 2010.

Councillor Jones responded, explaining that a range of options was being pursued with a view to securing access to multi-faith burial facilities for all Tower Hamlets residents at the earliest possible date.

6. Question from Councillor Marc Francis to the Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer, Greener, Councillor Abdal Ullah regarding the assessment of the impact of the Good Behaviour Zone on Roman Road during October and November.

Councillor Abdal Ullah referred to his tabled response.

Councillor Mark Francis asked a brief supplementary question requesting an assurance that if there were further problems consideration would be given to re-instating the good behaviour zone.

Councillor Ullah responded that action would be taken as necessary in Roman Road and the surrounding area if this were to occur.

7. Question to the Lead Member for Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships, Councillor Ohid Ahmed regarding the progress of the Thames Gateway project.

Councillor Ohid Ahmed referred to his tabled response.

Councillor Ali asked a brief supplementary question regarding the number of new homes so far provided in the Thames Gateway, to which Councillor Ahmed responded.

MOVED by Councillor Peter Golds and SECONDED by Councillor Timothy Archer:

‘That in accordance with Procedure Rule 14.1.4, Question No. 7.26 (Question from Councillor Peter Golds to the Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer, Greener, Councillor Abdal Ullah regarding an e-mail sent by the Councillor and a subsequent legal case) be referred to the Standards Committee.’

The above motion was put to the meeting. In accordance with Procedure Rule 17.4, 10 Members requested that a recorded vote be held.
The following Members voted for the motion:

Councillor Shahed Ali
Councillor Timothy Archer
Councillor Philip Briscoe
Councillor Rupert Eckhardt
Councillor Peter Golds
Councillor Dr Emma Jones
Councillor Abjol Miah
Councillor Fozol Miah
Councillor Harun Miah
Councillor Md Adbul Munim
Councillor Md.Mamun Rashid
Councillor Simon Rouse
Councillor Dulal Uddin

The following Members voted against the motion:

Councillor Helal Abbas
Councillor Ohid Ahmed
Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed
Councillor Md Shahid Ali
Councillor Abdul Asad
Councillor Rupert Bawden
Councillor Lutfa Begum
Councillor Alibor Choudhury
Councillor Stephanie Eaton
Councillor Marc Francis
Councillor Shafiquel Haque
Councillor Carli Harper-Penman
Councillor Clair Hawkins
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Councillor Ahmed Hussain
Councillor Sirajul Islam
Councillor Waiseul Islam
Councillor Ann Jackson
Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan
Councillor Rania Khan
Councillor Shiria Khatun
Councillor Abdul Matin
Councillor Timothy O'Flaherty
Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer
Councillor Joshua Peck
Councillor Lutfur Rahman
Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Md Abdus Salique
Councillor Abdul Aziz Sardar
Councillor Bill Turner
Councillor Salim Ullah
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

(13 votes for the motion)

(33 votes against the motion)

1 Member abstained from voting: Councillor Abdal Ullah.

The Mayor then declared that the motion was DEFEATED.
In accordance with Rule 12.10 (expiry of time limit) questions 7.8 to 7.28 were not put. Copies of the tabled responses would be forwarded to the questioners.

8. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL’S COMMITTEES

8.1 Licensing Act 2003 - Three Year Review of Licensing Policy

The meeting considered the report and recommendations of the Cabinet of 7th November 2007 in respect of the three year review of the Licensing Policy that was required under the Licensing Act 2003.

It was MOVED by Councillor Denise Jones, SECONDED by Councillor Sirajul Islam and

RESOLVED:

To adopt the revised Licensing Policy attached at Appendix A to the report of the Cabinet Meeting of 7 November 2007.

8.2 Review of Polling Places and Districts

The meeting considered the report and recommendations of the General Purposes Committee of 15th November 2007 in respect of the review of polling places and districts which the Council was required to complete by the end of 2007 in accordance with section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

It was MOVED by Councillor Shafiqul Haque, SECONDED by Councillor Waiseul Islam and

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council note the consultative process and the responses received as set out in the report; and

2. That the Returning Officer’s revised proposals as set out in appendix A to the report be adopted and the polling districts and polling places be formally designated.

9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND QUESTIONS ON JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

9.1 Joint Arrangements
There were no items of business for consideration.

9.2 **External Organisations**

There were no items of business for consideration.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

10.1 **Appointment of Cabinet Member**

The Mayor called for nominations to serve as a member of the authority’s Cabinet (Lead Member) pursuant to the resignation on 22\textsuperscript{nd} October 2007 from that position of Councillor Rupert Bawden.

Councillor Denise Jones nominated Councillor Shafiqul Haque to serve as a member of the Cabinet. Councillor Sirajul Islam seconded this nomination.

Councillor Simon Rouse nominated Councillor Timothy Archer to serve as a member of the Cabinet. Councillor Abdul Matin seconded this nomination.

Councillor Stephanie Eaton nominated Councillor Alibor Choudhury to serve as a member of the Cabinet. Councillor Peter Golds seconded this nomination.

The Mayor asked those nominated if they were willing to stand. Councillor Haque and Councillor Archer confirmed that they were, Councillor Choudhury indicated that he was not. The Council then voted on the appointment.

**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Shafiqul Haque be appointed to serve as a member of the Cabinet (Lead Member) for the remainder of the municipal year.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Denise Jones took the opportunity to thank Councillor Rupert Bawden for his work during his appointment as Lead Member for Development and Housing. Councillor Stephanie Eaton and Councillor Oliur Rahman joined Councillor Jones in adding their thanks to Councillor Bawden.

10.2 **Change in Political Composition of the Council**

The Council considered the report and addendum report of the Service Head, Democratic Services, setting out the change in political composition of the Council following the formation of the Respect (Independent) Group on 26\textsuperscript{th} October 2007 and the effect of this on the allocation of places on committees and the arrangements in respect of Political Advisor posts.
The recommendations in the report and addendum report were MOVED by Councillor Denise Jones and SECONDED by Councillor Sirajul Islam.

In relation to the nominations for membership of committees/panels set out in the addendum report, Councillor Golds notified the following additional nomination from the Conservative Group:

Audit Committee – Councillor Rupert Eckhardt (Deputy Councillor Tim Archer)

Councillor Stephanie Eaton, Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel, wished to record her thanks and appreciation for the contribution that Councillor Lutfa Begum had made during the period of her membership of the Scrutiny Panel.

MOVED as an amendment by Councillor Denise Jones and SECONDED by Councillor Sirajul Islam:

‘Delete Recommendation (iii) and replace with:

(iii) That in accordance with the previous decision of Full Council to provide political advisors for the three largest political groups in the council in line with the principle of proportionality, the hours of the Respect and Conservative Party political advisors be set at 17.5 hours per week. Also that any additional resource available following this change be redirected to provide general support to members.’

The amendment was put to the meeting and was AGREED.

MOVED as a further amendment by Councillor Peter Golds and SECONDED by Councillor Timothy Archer:

‘That the resources released by reducing the hours of the Respect party political advisor be ring-fenced to the Members’ Support Service.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was AGREED.

The substantive motion was then put to the meeting and was CARRIED as follows.

RESOLVED:

1. That the review of proportionality as set out at paragraph 6 to the report be noted and the allocation of seats on the committees and panels established by the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2007/08 be agreed as set out at paragraph 7 to the report.

2. That members and deputy members be appointed to the committees and panels established by the council in accordance with the nominations from the political groups listed in schedule A tabled at the
meeting; with the addition of the Audit Committee - Conservative nomination Councillor Rupert Eckhardt (Deputy Councillor Timothy Archer).

3. That the membership of the Standards Committee be increased with immediate effect to 11 Members (5 Councillors and 6 Independent Members); and with effect from the Annual Council 2008 to 15 Members, and the assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) be authorised to commence the recruitment process for the additional Independent Members.

4. That in accordance with the previous decision of Full Council to provide political advisors for the three largest political groups in the council in line with the principle of proportionality, the hours of the Respect and Conservative Party political advisors be set at 17.5 hours per week; and that any additional resource available following this change be ringfenced to the Members’ Support Service.

11. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

13 motions were submitted by Members of the Council for consideration at the meeting.

11.1 Motion submitted by Councillor Rania Khan regarding the Environment and Climate Change

MOVED by Councillor Rania Khan and SECONDED by Councillor Lutfa Begum:

‘This council notes the potential for catastrophic flooding and other climatic crises in Britain and around the world, for which the relentless emission of greenhouse gases is responsible.

That rising sea levels, accompanied by a major tidal surge and spring tide are predicted to overwhelm the Thames Barrier within the next thirty years, causing devastating flooding of large parts of Tower Hamlets.

That we have a global and a local responsibility to minimise carbon emissions.

It is vital that local authorities adopt responsible environmental policies, to safeguard future generations from the ravages of climate change. These would bring other benefits including:

- Better health and less obesity in a population who feel able to cycle or walk more.
- Decreases in pollution as people are able to shop and take their leisure locally, and as more food and other consumer items are sourced locally cutting down on food miles and packaging
• Comprehensive recycling would cut down on the need for the use of landfill sites and incinerators which themselves give off greenhouse gases and carcinogenic fumes.
• More people walking out and about in their local area should enhance community cohesion and help reduce crime and fear of crime.

**Tower Hamlets Council resolves to:**

Sign Local Agenda 21, the document agreed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 in which local authorities worldwide were challenged to address environmental concerns by taking actions locally.

Form an Environment Action Group involving all parties on the council, relevant officers, community groups and campaigners committed to improving Tower Hamlets’ environmental responsibility. The Group’s agenda to include:

**Development:** Review use of powers to:
- Make planning permission conditional on construction of carbon neutral buildings, by incorporating energy efficiency and renewable energy sources into their building design.
- Make all new council buildings energy neutral or energy negative, and work towards all existing council buildings becoming free of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Ensure that all new developments have good links with public transport networks and safe cycle routes, to enable residents to consider other means of transport than the car.
- Ensure that all new developments have shops, schools and places of recreation and worship within easy walking distance.

**Retail:**
- Take active measures to promote market stallholders and retail establishments which stock locally sourced goods, cutting down on damaging food miles and boosting the local economy.

**Energy efficiency:**
- Ensure that all council buildings use energy efficient light bulbs
- Use ethical green suppliers for all council buildings
- Formally designate someone within each council building who is responsible for ensuring that electrical equipment is turned off at night and at weekends, and that heating and air conditioning does not run unnecessarily
- Maximise insulation and energy efficiency in all existing council buildings and council homes.
- All council vehicles to be low emissions

**Recycling:**
- Aim to recycle the majority of waste
- Ensure that waste is recycled locally wherever possible, and not transported miles for processing. Organic waste could be processed
locally for composting. These measures could enhance the local economy and provide jobs.

**Green spaces:**
- Prevent further development on existing green spaces; there is little enough in Tower Hamlets, and what there is should be sacrosanct.’

**MOVED as an AMENDMENT** by Councillor Abjol Miah and **SECONDED** by Councillor Dulal Uddin:

‘Add second sentence to the first paragraph:

We note that the construction and use of weapons and armies contributes hugely to this environmental degradation.’

Following debate the amendment was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED**.

**MOVED as an AMENDMENT** by Councillor Abdal Ullah and **SECONDED** by Councillor Joshua Peck:

‘Add:

“This Council notes that Tower Hamlets has now signed up to the Nottingham Declaration, which commits us to work with central government to contribute, at a local level, to the delivery of the UK Climate Change Programme, the Kyoto Protocol and the target for carbon dioxide reduction by 2010.

This Council also notes the adoption of the Council’s Environment Strategy by the June meeting of Cabinet and subsequent endorsement by Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Amongst other objectives this strategy commits the Council to:

1. Improve the Council’s own transport policies and practices by developing and adopting a Tower Hamlets Workplace Travel Plan;
2. Improve the Council’s own and our contractors vehicle fleet by improving fleet emissions;
3. Improve the travel arrangements of schools in the borough by continuing to implement Walk to School programs and School Travel Plans in all schools;
4. Establish the Council’s carbon footprint and agree meaningful reduction targets;
5. Improve the energy efficiency of all buildings owned or occupied by the Council though compliance with EU Energy Performance Buildings Directive, incorporation of voltage optimisers in appropriate building, improvements to plant efficiency and through the implementation and monitoring of a program of switching off lights and appliances outside normal working hours;
6. Raise awareness of energy conservation and efficiency and support primary and secondary schools to meet energy best practice benchmarks
7. Promote renewable energy production including in the council’s use of energy supplies;
8. Investigate the potential for co/tri-generation and use of renewable energy sources within stock to be managed by the Council’s Arms’ Length Management Organisation (ALMO)
9. Reduce the Council’s consumption of water and promote the importance of water conservation to local residents and businesses.
10. Reduce waste generation in all Council owned and managed offices
11. Increase waste recycling in all Council owned and managed offices
12. Increase purchase of supplies with recycled content

Delete from “Sign Local Agenda 21” to end and replace with:

Commit to working towards the adoption of the principles of One Planet Living which are:

- Zero carbon
- Zero waste
- Efficient water use
- Sustainable transport
- Sustainable and local materials
- Local food
- Conservation of flora and fauna
- Respect for cultural heritage
- Equity and Fairtrade
- Happy and healthy lifestyles’

Following debate the amendment was put to the meeting and was CARRIED.

The substantive motion as amended was then put to the meeting. In accordance with Procedure Rule 17.4, 10 Members requested that a recorded vote be held.
The following Members voted for the motion:

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Councillor Shirley Houghton
Councillor Ahmed Hussain
Councillor Sirajul Islam
Councillor Waiseul Islam
Councillor Ann Jackson
Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Dr Emma Jones
Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan
Councillor Shiria Khatun
Councillor Abdul Matin
Councillor Timothy O'Flaherty
Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer
Councillor Joshua Peck
Councillor Lutfur Rahman
Councillor Simon Rouse
Councillor Md Abdus Salique
Councillor Abdul Aziz Sardar
Councillor Bill Turner
Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Salim Ullah
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

(38 votes for the motion)

The following Members voted against the motion:

Councillor Shahed Ali
Councillor Lutfa Begum
Councillor Rania Khan
Councillor Abjol Miah
Councillor Fozol Miah
Councillor Harun Miah
Councillor Md. Abdul Munim
Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Md. Mamun Rashid
Councillor Dulal Uddin

(10 votes against the motion)
The Mayor then declared that the substantive motion as amended was **CARRIED** as follows.

**RESOLVED:**

This council notes the potential for catastrophic flooding and other climatic crises in Britain and around the world, for which the relentless emission of greenhouse gases is responsible.

That rising sea levels, accompanied by a major tidal surge and spring tide are predicted to overwhelm the Thames Barrier within the next thirty years, causing devastating flooding of large parts of Tower Hamlets.

That we have a global and a local responsibility to minimise carbon emissions.

It is vital that local authorities adopt responsible environmental policies, to safeguard future generations from the ravages of climate change. These would bring other benefits including:

- Better health and less obesity in a population who feel able to cycle or walk more.
- Decreases in pollution as people are able to shop and take their leisure locally, and as more food and other consumer items are sourced locally cutting down on food miles and packaging.
- Comprehensive recycling would cut down on the need for the use of landfill sites and incinerators which themselves give off greenhouse gases and carcinogenic fumes.
- More people walking out and about in their local area should enhance community cohesion and help reduce crime and fear of crime.

This Council notes that Tower Hamlets has now signed up to the Nottingham Declaration, which commits us to work with central government to contribute, at a local level, to the delivery of the UK Climate Change Programme, the Kyoto Protocol and the target for carbon dioxide reduction by 2010.

This Council also notes the adoption of the Council’s Environment Strategy by the June meeting of Cabinet and subsequent endorsement by Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Amongst other objectives this strategy commits the Council to:

1. Improve the Council’s own transport policies and practices by developing and adopting a Tower Hamlets Workplace Travel Plan;
2. Improve the Council’s own and our contractors vehicle fleet by improving fleet emissions;
3. Improve the travel arrangements of schools in the borough by continuing to implement Walk to School programs and School Travel Plans in all schools;
4. Establish the Council’s carbon footprint and agree meaningful reduction targets;
5. Improve the energy efficiency of all buildings owned or occupied by the Council though compliance with EU Energy Performance Buildings...
Directive, incorporation of voltage optimisers in appropriate building, improvements to plant efficiency and through the implementation and monitoring of a program of switching off lights and appliances outside normal working hours;

6. Raise awareness of energy conservation and efficiency and support primary and secondary schools to meet energy best practice benchmarks

7. Promote renewable energy production including in the council’s use of energy supplies;

8. Investigate the potential for co/tri-generation and use of renewable energy sources within stock to be managed by the Council’s Arms’ Length Management Organisation (ALMO)

9. Reduce the Council’s consumption of water and promote the importance of water conservation to local residents and businesses.

10. Reduce waste generation in all Council owned and managed offices

11. Increase waste recycling in all Council owned and managed offices

12. Increase purchase of supplies with recycled content

Tower Hamlets Council resolves to:

Commit to working towards the adoption of the principles of One Planet Living which are:

- Zero carbon
- Zero waste
- Efficient water use
- Sustainable transport
- Sustainable and local materials
- Local food
- Conservation of flora and fauna
- Respect for cultural heritage
- Equity and Fairtrade
- Happy and healthy lifestyles

MOVED by Councillor Stephanie Eaton and SECONDED by Councillor Peter Golds:

‘Procedural motions:

This Council agrees:

1. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1.14, to suspend Council Procedure Rule 13.1 to allow the urgent motion below to be considered without seven clear days’ notice being given of the motion;

2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1.3 to vary the order of business to consider the motion below before Motion 11.1 on the printed agenda.
Motion for consideration subject to (1) and (2) above:

This Council notes:

- The loss of data containing personal information from HM Revenue and Customs; and
- The widespread public concern about identity theft, fraud and unauthorised access to personal information;

This Council directs:

- The Chief Executive to instigate a review of the systems for the management and security of personal and private data controlled by the Council;
- The Chief Executive to be given delegated powers to act upon the recommendations of such a review;
- The Chief Executive to report to the next full Council on the findings of the review and any actions taken arising from the review.’

Councillor Joshua Peck, Lead Member for Resources and Performance, referred to his earlier statement and gave a commitment that the findings of the review of the Council’s data security procedures, together with any action arising, would be reported back to Members of the Council.

On this basis Councillor Stephanie Eaton and Councillor Peter Golds WITHDREW their urgent motion.

The Service Head, Democratic Services, advised the Council that the matters under discussion were Executive rather than Council functions and therefore if a formal report back was made this should be submitted to the Cabinet.

11.2 Motion submitted by Councillor Fozol Miah regarding Anti-Racism and Community Cohesion

MOVED by Councillor Fozol Miah and SECONDED by Councillor Abjol Miah:

‘This Council welcomes the mix of ethnicity, race, cultures and faiths among those who live and work in Tower Hamlets, we are proud of the multi-cultural and anti-racist traditions of Tower Hamlets.

To maintain and build on those traditions, we agree to:

a) Review and renew our community cohesion strategies and communication;

b) Use community forums and events to restate these strategies and their importance and build civic pride in an active anti-racist tradition for east London;

c) With partners and community organisations and service providers, review evidence of progress, tensions and racist incidents, to determine further action.’
MOVED as an AMENDMENT by Councillor Sirajul Islam and SECONDED by Councillor Ohid Ahmed.

Delete from “we agree to” and replace with:

‘we agree to:
   a) develop research and cohesion projects and work, for example to help schools with their new duty to promote cohesion;
   b) develop a corporate strategic framework for cohesion;
   c) continue the Council’s proactive communications strategy to raise awareness and promote cohesion – via East End Life, borough-wide seminars/workshops and annual event to promote cohesion;
   d) Continue to support the Race and Hate Crime Interagency Forum which manages a series of community projects and campaigns to reduce race and hate crime;
   e) Welcome the establishment of a bi-monthly Community Cohesion Contingency Planning and Tension Monitoring Group;
   f) Encourage engagement by elected members as this will be key to the success of current work as well as its future development.’

The amendment was put to the meeting and was CARRIED

The substantive motion as amended was put to the meeting and was CARRIED as follows.

RESOLVED:

This Council welcomes the mix of ethnicity, race, cultures and faiths among those who live and work in Tower Hamlets. We are proud of the multi-cultural and anti-racist traditions of Tower Hamlets.

To maintain and build on those traditions, we agree to:
   a) develop research and cohesion projects and work, for example to help schools with their new duty to promote cohesion;
   b) develop a corporate strategic framework for cohesion;
   c) continue the Council’s proactive communications strategy to raise awareness and promote cohesion – via East End Life, borough-wide seminars/workshops and annual event to promote cohesion;
   d) Continue to support the Race and Hate Crime Interagency Forum which manages a series of community projects and campaigns to reduce race and hate crime;
   e) Welcome the establishment of a bi-monthly Community Cohesion Contingency Planning and Tension Monitoring Group;
   f) Encourage engagement by elected members as this will be key to the success of current work as well as its future development.
11.3 Motion submitted by Councillor Abjol Miah regarding Accommodating Diversity

MOVED by Councillor Abjol Miah and SECONDED by Councillor Mohammed Abdul Munim:

‘We are committed to ensuring that housing development in Tower Hamlets meets the needs of all residents. This requires active policies and guidelines to ensure that new and refurbished housing in Tower Hamlets, and all new housing to be offered to those on council waiting and decant lists, should meet the highest design standards and accommodate the needs of large families and other practical and cultural requirements.

To ensure this the council will examine current and best practice in Tower Hamlets and elsewhere, and consult tenants and leaseholders on all aspects of Housing development design and associated conditions including: tenant involvement in design process; impact of shared toilet/bathrooms and kitchen/living space; parking restrictions on new housing developments and their implications for elderly, blue badge users etc.’

MOVED as an AMENDMENT by Councillor Phillip Briscoe and SECONDED by Councillor Peter Golds:

‘Delete: “and all new housing to be offered to those on council waiting and decant lists, should meet the highest design standards and accommodate the needs of large families and other practical and cultural requirements”

Replace with: “should reflect the highest design standards and meet the needs and requirements of all residents across all tenures.”

Delete: “consult tenants and leaseholders”

Replace with: “consult all residents”

Delete: “tenant involvement”

Replace with: “resident involvement”

The amendment was put to the meeting and was DEFEATED.

MOVED as an AMENDMENT by Councillor Ohid Ahmed and SECONDED by Councillor Denise Jones:

‘Delete all and replace with:

This Council Believes:

1. That Tower Hamlets is home to a vibrant and diverse community;
2. That different communities have different needs in terms of the provision of housing;
3. That in order for the Council to meet its objectives in reducing overcrowding and ensuring a supply of suitable and affordable housing these factors should be considered by developers.

**This Council Resolves:**
To obtain information on cultural factors relating to housing design including layout and to make this available to all developers operating in the borough.

The amendment was out to the meeting and was **CARRIED**.

The substantive motion as amended was then put to the meeting and was **CARRIED** as follows.

**RESOLVED:**

**This Council Believes:**
1. That Tower Hamlets is home to a vibrant and diverse community;
2. That different communities have different needs in terms of the provision of housing;
3. That in order for the Council to meet its objectives in reducing overcrowding and ensuring a supply of suitable and affordable housing these factors should be considered by developers.

**This Council Resolves:**
To obtain information on cultural factors relating to housing design including layout and to make this available to all developers operating in the borough.

**MOVED** by Councillor Shahed Ali and **SECONDED** by Councillor Abjol Miah:

‘That in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.1 the time limit for termination of the meeting be extended by up to 30 minutes.’

The motion was put to the meeting and was **DEFEATED**.

11.4 **Motion submitted by Councillor Mamun Rashid regarding Community Centre for Tarling Estate**

**MOVED** by Councillor Mahmun Rashid and **SECONDED** by Councillor Harun Miah:

‘This council believes that all avenues must be explored to meet the funding gap of £400,000 required to allow development of the promised full-scale community centre to meet the urgent local needs.’

Due to lack of time the debate was not concluded and no vote was taken on the motion.

Motions 11.5 to 11.13 were not considered due to lack of time.
11.5 Motion submitted by Councillor Lutfa Begum regarding the National Health Service

11.6 Motion submitted by Councillor Shahed Ali regarding pro-active access to council committee meetings

11.7 Motion submitted by Councillor Ahmed Hussain regarding Employment of Council Staff

11.8 Motion submitted by Councillor Oliur Rahman regarding Council-owned Buildings and Sites

11.9 Motion submitted by Councillor Harun Miah regarding the East London Line

11.10 Motion submitted by Councillor Philip Briscoe regarding Special Constables

11.11 Motion submitted by Councillor Alex Heslop regarding Support for the Co-operative Movement

11.12 Motion submitted by Councillor Tim O'Flaherty regarding the closure of post offices

11.13 Motion submitted by Councillor Stephanie Eaton regarding action against possible flooding

The meeting ended at 10.37 p.m.

Chair, Council.