

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2009**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5  
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Rajib Ahmed, Lutfu Begum, Shiria Khatun and Mohammed Abdul Munim and for lateness from Councillors Fozol Miah and Motin Uz-Zaman.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Please see minutes.

**3. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Please see minutes.

**4. TO RECEIVE ANY DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS**

There were no deputations or petitions.

**5. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2009/10**

**5.1 Report of the Cabinet Meeting of 11th February 2009**

Two amendments to the Cabinet's budget proposals, moved by Councillor Tim Archer and Councillor Stephanie Eaton respectively, were each debated and defeated.

**DECISION**

**1. General Fund Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2009/10 to 2011/12 (CAB 120/089, CAB 127/089)**

- a) To agree a total Budget Requirement for Tower Hamlets in 2009/10 of £297,926,000.

b) To agree a Council Tax for Tower Hamlets in 2009/10 of £885.52 at Band D, as detailed in the table below:-

	<i>2008/09</i>	<i>2009/10</i>
	£	£
Adults Health & Wellbeing	90,166,427	89,547,000
Children's Services	90,298,089	96,795,000
Development and Renewal	16,030,500	17,702,000
Communities, Localities and Culture	72,391,081	74,499,000
Resources	11,183,807	15,904,000
Chief Executive's	11,497,412	10,871,000
Corporate/Capital	19,156,000	14,174,000
	<b>310,723,315</b>	<b>319,492,000</b>
Corporate Contingency	584,000	-
Local Public Service Agreement	(610,000)	(660,000)
Parking Control Account	(2,685,000)	(3,040,000)
Housing Choice Earmarked Reserve	1,978,000	-
Efficiency Reserve	689,000	689,000
Asset Management Reserve	500,000	-
Insurance Fund	500,000	500,000
Area Based Grant income	(17,381,316)	(19,055,000)
General Balances	1,200,000	0
	<b>295,498,000</b>	<b>297,926,000</b>
RSG	(27,493,996)	(42,909,651)
NNDR	(197,502,810)	(185,906,640)
	<b>70,501,194</b>	<b>69,109,709</b>
Collection Fund Surplus/Deficit	(1,505,000)	2,000,000
	<b>68,996,194</b>	<b>71,109,709</b>
Council Tax Base	79,705	80,303
<b>COUNCIL TAX AT BAND D</b>	<b>£865.64</b>	<b>£885.52</b>

Resulting in a Council Tax for all other band taxpayers, before any discounts, and excluding the GLA precept, as set out in the Table below:-

BAND	PROPERTY VALUE		RATIO TO BAND D	LBTH COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH BAND £
	FROM	TO		
A	0	40,000	$\frac{6}{9}$	£590.35
B	40,001	52,000	$\frac{7}{9}$	£688.74
C	52,001	68,000	$\frac{8}{9}$	£787.13
D	68,001	88,000	$\frac{9}{9}$	£885.52
E	88,001	120,000	$\frac{11}{9}$	£1,082.30
F	120,001	160,000	$\frac{13}{9}$	£1,279.08
G	160,001	320,000	$\frac{15}{9}$	£1,475.87
H	320,001	and over	$\frac{18}{9}$	£1,771.04

c) To agree that for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in 2009/2010:-

- (i) The Council Tax for Band D taxpayers, before any discounts, and including the GLA precept, shall be £1,195.34 as shown below: -.

	£ (Band D, No Discounts)
LBTH	885.52
GLA	309.82
Total	<hr/> 1,195.34 <hr/>

- (ii) The Council Tax for taxpayers in all other bands, before any discounts, and including the GLA precept, shall be as detailed in the table below: -

<b>BAND</b>	<b>PROPERTY VALUE</b>		<b>RATIO TO BAND D</b>	<b>LBTH</b> £	<b>GLA</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> £
	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>				
A	0	40,000	$\frac{6}{9}$	£590.35	£206.55	£796.90
B	40,001	52,000	$\frac{7}{9}$	£688.74	£240.97	£929.71
C	52,001	68,000	$\frac{8}{9}$	£787.13	£275.40	£1,062.53
D	68,001	88,000	$\frac{9}{9}$	£885.52	£309.82	£1,195.34
E	88,001	120,000	$\frac{11}{9}$	£1,082.30	£378.67	£1,460.97
F	120,001	160,000	$\frac{13}{9}$	£1,279.08	£447.52	£1,726.60
G	160,001	320,000	$\frac{15}{9}$	£1,475.87	£516.37	£1,992.24
H	320,001	and over	$\frac{18}{9}$	£1,771.04	£619.64	£2,390.68

- d) To approve the statutory calculations of this Authority's total Budget requirement in 2009/2010, detailed in Appendix A to the motion, undertaken by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the requirements of Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and referred to in paragraphs 20.3-20.6 of the report 'General Fund Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2009/10 to 2011/12' (CAB 120/089).

## 2. Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2011/12 (CAB 121/089)

- (a) To approve the allocation of resources, provided by the Government and other funding bodies for specific purposes, to support Directorate Mainstream Capital Programmes, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report (CAB 121/089) and summarised in the table below:-

	£ million
Adults, Health & Wellbeing	0.387
Children's Services	17.730

Communities, Localities & Culture	2.456
Development & Renewal	43.417
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63.990</b>

- (b) To approve the formal inclusion of the Local Priority schemes for 2009/10 and later years previously agreed by the Cabinet, as set out at Appendix 4; and unavoidable and risk items set out at Appendix 5 of the report (CAB 121/089) in the Capital Programme.
- (c) To approve the additional proposals for the Local Priorities Capital Programme 2009/10 and capital forecasts for 2010/11 and 2011/12, as set out at Appendix 6 of the report (CAB 121/089)

### 3. 2009/10 Prudential Indicators (CAB 122/089)

- a) To adopt the following Operational Boundaries for External Debt:-

Operational Boundaries for External Debt	
2009/10	£508.000 M
2010/11	£556.000 M
2011/12	£556.000 M

- b) To adopt the following Authorised Limits for External Debt:-

Authorised limits for External Debt	
2009/10	£528.000 M
2010/11	£576.000 M
2011/12	£626.000 M

- c) To note the following financial indicators, as required under the Prudential Borrowing Code:-

Financial Indicators	Actual	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Ratio of financing costs to Net Revenue Stream	2.22%	2.50%	2.88%	3.06%	3.30%
Impact of Capital Investment Decisions on Annual Band D Council Tax	£ 20.13	£ 14.72	£ 16.11	£ 8.95	£ 11.64
Capital Expenditure (£million)	£ 61.932	£ 70.417	£ 91.194	£ 68.716	£ 49.993
Capital Financing Requirement (£million)	£ 458.419	£ 482.190	£ 508.371	£ 535.021	£ 562.930

**4. Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2009/10 (CAB 123/089)**

To adopt the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (at sections 4-9), the Annual Investment Strategy (at section 10) and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement (at section 11) as set out in the report 'Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2009/10' (CAB 123/089).

(Action by: Corporate Director Resources, C. Naylor)

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 Scheme of Members' Allowances 2009/10**

**DECISION**

1. That the Members' Allowances Scheme at Part 6 of the Constitution be agreed for 2009/10, subject to:-
  - (a) indexing of the amounts payable for the basic, special responsibility and dependants' carers' allowances as set out in paragraph 11 of the scheme; and
  - (b) An increase in the Special Responsibility Allowance in respect of the post of Deputy Mayor from £2,650 p.a. to £4,034 p.a., payable from the implementation date of the current Members' Allowances Scheme, i.e. 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.
2. That the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Members' Allowances Scheme 2009 be adopted as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report 'Scheme of Members' Allowances 2009/10'.

(Action by: Service Head, Democratic Services, J. S. Williams)

**6.2 The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations: Local Area Agreements**

**DECISION**

1. That the Authority's functions under sections 106, 110, 111 and 113 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, including functions relating to the preparation, submission and modification of a Local Area Agreement, be the responsibility of the Council's Executive; and

2. That Part 3.2.2 of the Council's Constitution be amended accordingly.

(Action by: Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services), I. Freeman)

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm