

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.42 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2008

**M71, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Lutfur Rahman (Chair)	(Leader of the Council)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Lead Member, Culture and Leisure)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Lead Member, Employment and Skills)
Councillor Marc Francis	(Lead Member, Housing and Development)
Councillor Clair Hawkins	(Lead Member, Children's Services)
Councillor Sirajul Islam (Vice-Chair)	(Deputy Leader of the Council)
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Lead Member, Resources and Performance)
Councillor Abdal Ullah	(Lead Member, Cleaner, Safer, Greener)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Shahed Ali	(Labour)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
Councillor Peter Golds	(Leader Conservative Group)
Councillor Ahmed Hussain	
Councillor Denise Jones	

Others Present:

Officers Present:

Menara Ahmed	– Step up Now and Aspiring Leaders Programme
Andy Algar	– (Service Head Asset Strategy, Capital Delivery and Property Services, Development & Renewal)
Abul Khayar Ali	– Social Work Positive Action and Aspiring Leaders Programme
Lutfur Ali	– (Assistant Chief Executive)
Halema Begum	– Hamlets Youth Training
Afiya Begum	– Graduate Training Scheme
Nasima Begum	– Hamlets Youth Training
Rachel Bielby	– (Leader's Executive Assistant, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)

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| Mark Burgess | – (Learning Manager, Corporate Learning and Development, Resources) |
| Aaron Cahill | – (Interim Housing Strategy Manager, Development & Renewal) |
| Isobel Cattermole | – (Service Head, Resources, Children's Services) |
| Lara Cerroni | – (Communications Officer, Communications, Chief Executive's) |
| Deb Clarke | – (Joint Director of Human Resources) |
| Kevan Collins | – (Corporate Director, Children's Services) |
| Linda Crawford | – (Manager Learning and Development, Human Resources, Resources) |
| Megan Crowe | – (Legal Services Team Leader- Planning, Chief Executive's) |
| Paul Evans | – (Interim Corporate Director Development & Renewal) |
| Alan Finch | – (Service Head Corporate Finance, Resources) |
| Julian Francis | – (Political Adviser to the Conservative Group, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's) |
| Isabella Freeman | – (Assistant Chief Executive [Legal Services] and Monitoring Officer) |
| John Goldup | – (Corporate Director, Adults Health and Wellbeing) |
| Mark Grimley | – (Joint Assistant Director Organisational Development, Human Resources, Resources) |
| Stephen Halsey | – (Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture) |
| Chris Holme | – (Service Head Resources, Development & Renewal) |
| Afazul Hoque | – (Acting Scrutiny Policy Manager, Scrutiny and Equalities, Chief Executive's) |
| Laura Howard | – (Housing Development Consultant, Development & Renewal) |
| Lorraine Husbands | – (Cabinet Support Officer, Chief Executive's) |
| Helen Jenner | – (Service Head, Early Years Children and Learning, Children's Services) |
| Farhana Khan | – Hamlets Youth Training |
| Farida Khanom | – (Graduate Trainee, Scrutiny and Equalities, Chief Executive's) |
| Goulshana Kidir | – Graduate Training Scheme - Occupational Therapy |
| Paul McDermott | – (Service Head Revenue Services, Resources) |
| Chris Naylor | – (Corporate Director, Resources) |
| Jackie Odunoye | – Service Head Strategy, Regeneration and Sustainability, Development and Renewal) |
| Jamie Ounan | – (Strategic Planning Manager, Development and Renewal) |
| Abdi Setti | – Hamlets Youth Training |
| Charles Skinner | – (Service Head Communications, Chief Executive's) |
| Martin Smith | – (Chief Executive) |
| Ann Sutcliffe | – (Service Head Building Schools for the Future, Children's Services) |

Angus Taylor	– (Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
Clare Wall	– (Strategic Planner, Strategic Applications, Development & Renewal)
Owen Whalley	– (Service Head, Major Project Development, Development & Renewal)
Rujina Yesmin	– Hamlets Youth Training
Kazim Zaidi	– (Political Advisor to the Labour Group, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
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The following is a record of those decisions taken by the Cabinet at their meeting held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008.

Please note that the order of business was varied by resolution of the Cabinet, however for ease of reference the decisions taken are set out below in the order detailed in the agenda.

Most decisions may be ‘called in’, by the Assistant Chief Executive, for scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Tuesday 13th January 2009 on receipt of a written request.

The **deadline** for the receipt of any such written request is **5.00pm on Friday 12th December 2008**. Such requests should be made to John Williams, Service Head Democratic Services-Tel 020 7364 4204.

The request to “call in” a decision must comply with the requirements set out in the Council’s Constitution (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure, Section 4.5 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Rules 16.2 and 16.3). This sets out the time-scale for “call in”, those persons who may “call in” and those details the request must contain.

The Council’s Constitution (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure, Section 4.5 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Rule 16.4 **sets out those decisions that may not be “called in”** for further consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Report authors will be advised by Democratic Services if any decision in respect of an item they have placed on the agenda has been “called in”.

Any decision not “called in” for scrutiny can be implemented on Monday 15th December 2008.

Any decision ‘called in’ for scrutiny but supported by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on Tuesday 13th January 2009, can be implemented the following day, Wednesday 14th January 2009.

Any decision 'called in' for scrutiny but not supported by Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be referred back to the Cabinet for further consideration on Wednesday 14th January 2009.

COUNCILLOR L. RAHMAN (CHAIR) IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor O. Ahmed, Lead Member Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships.
- Councillor A. Ali, Lead Member Health and Wellbeing.

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed, Lead Member Culture and Leisure.

Noted.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's (A. Taylor)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 "Draft 2009/12 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy" (CAB 069/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that:

- The report contained recommendations relating to the Olympic Park and Councillor Ahmed was a Board Member - Olympic Delivery Authority - Planning Decision Team.
- The report contained recommendations relating to the Ocean Estate and Councillor Ahmed was a resident of the Ocean Estate.

Councillor J Peck declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 "Draft 2009/12 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy" (CAB 069/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to housing strategy and initiatives with housing associations and Councillor Peck was a member of the governing body of the Gateway Housing Association.

Councillor S Islam declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 "Draft 2009/12 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy" (CAB 069/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to housing strategy, including potential partnership between the Authority and Tower Hamlets Community Housing in a Local Homes Initiative Pilot Project, and Councillor Islam was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Housing.

Councillor S Islam declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.2 “Local Homes Initiative - Pilot Project” (CAB 070/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to Tower Hamlets Community Housing and Councillor Islam was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Housing.

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.4 “Local Development Framework: Annual Monitoring Report 2007 – 2008” (CAB 072/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to Roman Road which was partly located in Mile End and Globetown Ward and Councillor Ahmed was one of the Ward Councillors for Mile End and Globetown Ward.

Councillor S Islam declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.5 “Responses to the Scrutiny Working Group - Choice Based Lettings Scheme” (CAB 073/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Authority’s Choice Based Lettings Scheme and Councillor Islam was a tenant of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.2 “Ben Jonson & Arnhem Wharf Primary Schools - Proposed Expansion” (CAB 075/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the expansion of Ben Jonson Primary School and Councillor Ahmed’s daughter attended Ben Jonson Primary School.

Councillor A. Choudhury declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.2 “Ben Jonson & Arnhem Wharf Primary Schools - Proposed Expansion” (CAB 075/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the expansion of Ben Jonson Primary School, located in St Dunstons and Stepney Green Ward and Councillor Choudhury was one of the Ward Councillors for St Dunstons and Stepney Green Ward.

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11.3 “Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms” (CAB 079/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that Councillor Ahmed was a former Chair of the Planning Committee/ Strategic Development Committee which had considered aspects of this matter relating to planning consent.

Councillor S Islam declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11.3 “Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms” (CAB 079/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the future delivery of social housing, Tower Hamlets Community Housing was a potential delivery partner for this and Councillor Islam was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Housing.

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 21.1 "Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms" (CAB 084/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that Councillor Ahmed was a former Chair of the Planning Committee/ Strategic Development Committee which had considered aspects of this matter relating to planning consent.

Noted.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's (A. Taylor)

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

Resolved

That the unrestricted minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Cabinet held on 5th November 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's (A. Taylor)

4. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

Nil Items.

5. WORKFORCE TO REFLECT THE COMMUNITY IN ACTION - PRESENTATION

Resolved

That the presentation from participants in Workforce to Reflect the Community Positive Action Schemes be formally received and noted.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)

Joint Director of Human Resources London Borough of Tower Hamlets and Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust (D. Clarke)

6. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6.1 Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Unrestricted Business to be considered

Sheet of questions and comments arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2nd December 2008 **Tabled** by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved

That the questions and comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted, and that these be given consideration during the Cabinet deliberation of the items of business to which the questions and comments related.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services Chief Executive's (A. Taylor)

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

Nil items.

7. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Variation of Order of Business

At this juncture the Chair informed members of the Cabinet that Councillor Francis, Lead Member Housing and Development, had requested that the order of business be varied to allow concurrent consideration of three reports within the detailed in the "A Great Place to Live" part of the agenda, because of their interlinkage in terms of Housing Strategy.

Accordingly the Chair **Moved** the following motion for the consideration of members of the Cabinet, and it was: -

Resolved

1. That the order of business be varied to allow for concurrent consideration of the following Agenda items: -
 - Agenda item 7.1 "Draft 2009/12 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy" (CAB 069/089)
 - Agenda item 7.2 "Local Homes Initiative - Pilot Project" (CAB 070/089)
 - Agenda item 7.5 "Responses to the Scrutiny Working Group - Choice Based Lettings Scheme" (CAB 073/089)
2. Subsequently the proceedings be conducted as detailed in the order of business, commencing with Agenda item 7.3 "Regeneration of 1-94 Cotall Street and Bartlett Park" (CAB 071/089)

7.1 Draft 2009/12 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy (CAB 069/089) To Follow

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 “Draft 2009/12 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy” (CAB 069/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that:

- The report contained recommendations relating to the Olympic Park and Councillor Ahmed was a Board Member - Olympic Delivery Authority - Planning Decision Team.
- The report contained recommendations relating to the Ocean Estate and Councillor Ahmed was a resident of the Ocean Estate.

Councillor J Peck declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 “Draft 2009/12 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy” (CAB 069/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to housing strategy and initiatives with housing associations and Councillor Peck was a member of the governing body of the Gateway Housing Association.

Councillor S Islam declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 “Draft 2009/12 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy” (CAB 069/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to housing strategy, including potential partnership between the Authority and Tower Hamlets Community Housing in a Local Homes Initiative Pilot Project, and Councillor Islam was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Housing.

Reasons for Special Circumstances and Urgency agreed.

Resolved:

1. That the structure, content, policy commitments and timelines proposed in the Draft 2009/12 Housing Strategy (CAB 069/089) be noted; and
2. That the consultation approach and provisional timeframe set out in section 5.12 of the report (CAB 069/089) for the final Housing Strategy to be returned [to Cabinet] for decision, be agreed.

Action by

**INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL
(P. EVANS)**

Service Head, Strategy, Regeneration and Sustainability, Development and Renewal (J Odunoye)

Interim Housing Strategy Manager, Housing Strategy and Development, Development and Renewal (A. Cahill)

7.2 Local Homes Initiative - Pilot Project (CAB 070/089)

Councillor S Islam declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.2 “Local Homes Initiative - Pilot Project” (CAB 070/089). The declaration of interest

was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to Tower Hamlets Community Housing and Councillor Islam was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Housing.

Resolved:

1. That the proposed arrangement between the Authority and Tower Hamlets Community Housing (THCH) to deliver affordable homes on small sites in the borough be approved in principle;
2. That the schedule of sites proposed to be subject of the Local Homes Initiative pilot approach, set out in Appendix A to the report (CAB 070/089), be noted; and
3. That a further report be submitted for Cabinet consideration in March 2009 comprising detailed proposals for the delivery of affordable homes and addressing disposal, planning and development issues.

Action by:

**INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL
(P. EVANS)**

Interim Service Head, Housing Strategy and Development, Development and Renewal (J Odunoye)

Interim Housing Strategy Manager, Housing Strategy and Development, Development and Renewal (A.Cahill)

7.3 Regeneration of 1-94 Cotall Street and Bartlett Park (CAB 071/089)

Resolved:

1. That the Authority proceed with the demolition of 1-94 Cotall Street;
2. That the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal, after consultation with the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture, be authorised to progress work with the Poplar HARCA / East Thames Group Partnership which will carry out second stage feasibility work on regeneration proposals for future Cabinet consideration;
3. That the disposal of land required for development (described in paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2 of the report [CAB/071/089]) to the Partnership be agreed in principle, on the basis that the final decision to dispose would be subject to a further report to Cabinet;
4. That it be noted that any disposal of sites to the Partnership for development would form a negotiated disposal to a public sector partner in accordance with the Asset Management Strategy, where it can be demonstrated that additional benefits to the council are provided, as explained in paragraphs 8.5.1 to 8.5.8 of the report (CAB/071/089);

5. That the Key Project Requirements set out in paragraphs 4.3.1 to 4.3.7 of the report (CAB/071/089) be noted; and
6. That it be noted that an extensive programme of community and stakeholder consultation will be carried out by the Partnership, in conjunction with council officers, as part of the detailed second stage feasibility study.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES AND CULTURE

(S. HALSEY)

INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL

(P. EVANS)

Service Head Major Project Development, Development and Renewal (O. Whalley)

Service Head, Public Realm, Communities, Localities and Culture (J. Blake)

7.4 Local Development Framework: Annual Monitoring Report 2007 - 2008 (CAB 072/089)

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.4 "Local Development Framework: Annual Monitoring Report 2007 – 2008" (CAB 072/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to Roman Road which was partly located in Mile End and Globetown Ward and Councillor Ahmed was one of the Ward Councillors for Mile End and Globetown Ward.

Resolved:

1. That the contents of the report (CAB 072/089) and the Annual Monitoring Report 2008 for the period April 2007 - March 2008, attached at Appendix A to the report (CAB 072/089), be noted;
2. That it be noted that the Annual Monitoring Report for the period April 2007- March 2008 will be submitted to the Secretary of State before 31 December 2008; and
3. That the Interim Corporate Director of Development and Renewal be authorised to make minor amendments relating to factual matters prior to submission to the Secretary of State.

Action by:

INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL

(P. EVANS)

Service Head, Major Project Development, Development and Renewal (O. Whalley)

Strategic Planner, Strategic Applications, Development and Renewal (C. Wall)

7.5 Responses to the Scrutiny Working Group - Choice Based Lettings Scheme (CAB 073/089)

Councillor S Islam declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.5 "Responses to the Scrutiny Working Group - Choice Based Lettings Scheme" (CAB 073/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the Authority's Choice Based Lettings Scheme and Councillor Islam was a tenant of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Resolved:

1. That, subject to (a) below, the Action Plan attached at Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 073/089) in response to the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Working Group on Tower Hamlets Choice Based Lettings Scheme, be approved:
 - (a) Response to recommendation 8 be revised to include the following: "That the work between Children's Services and Development and Renewal Directorates continue with a view, after consultation with the Lead Member Children's Services and Lead Member Housing and Development, to identifying housing solutions that accommodate more Looked After Children"; and
2. That the contents of the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Working Group on Choice Based Lettings Scheme, attached at Appendix 2 to the report (CAB 073/089), be noted.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Service Head, Scrutiny and Equalities, Chief Executive's (M. Keating)

Scrutiny Policy Officer, Scrutiny and Equalities, Chief Executive's (J. Syeda)

8. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

8.1 Consultation on the Admission Arrangements to Sixth Forms (CAB 074/089)

Resolved:

That consultation be undertaken on admissions to sixth forms at community and voluntary controlled schools for the 2010/11 academic year [as set out in the body of the report (CAB 074/089)].

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES (K. COLLINS)

Service Head, Early Years Children & Learning, Children's Services (H. Jenner)
Interim Admissions Manager, Pupil & Student Services, Children's Services (M. Kane)

8.2 Ben Jonson & Arnhem Wharf Primary Schools - Proposed Expansion (CAB 075/089)

Councillor Rofique. U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.2 "Ben Jonson & Arnhem Wharf Primary Schools - Proposed Expansion" (CAB 075/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the expansion of Ben Jonson Primary School and Councillor Ahmed's daughter attended Ben Jonson Primary School.

Councillor A. Choudhury declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8.2 "Ben Jonson & Arnhem Wharf Primary Schools - Proposed Expansion" (CAB 075/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the expansion of Ben Jonson Primary School, located in St Dunstons and Stepney Green Ward and Councillor Choudhury was one of the Ward Councillors for St Dunstons and Stepney Green Ward.

Resolved:

1. That the contents of the report (CAB 075/089) be noted;
2. That statutory proposals be published for the enlargement of Ben Jonson Primary School to admit 90 pupils in each year from September 2009; and
3. That statutory proposals be published for the enlargement of Arnhem Wharf Primary School to admit 90 pupils in each year from September 2010.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES (K. COLLINS)

Service Head, Resources, Children's Services, Children's Services (I. Cattermole)

Head of Building Development, Education Building Development, Children's Services (P. Watson)

8.3 Arrangements for Corporate Match Funding 2009-10 (CAB 076/089)

Resolved:

1. That, subject to (a) below, the role of Corporate Match Funding, as set out in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3 of the report (CAB 076/089), be noted:

- (a) Paragraph 5.2 addition of fourth bullet point:
 - Other key themes and priorities of the Local Area Agreement 2008/11; and
2. That, subject to the decisions arising from the Authority's budget setting processes and resolution 1 above, the priorities and arrangements for 2009/10 as set out in paragraphs 6.2 to 6.8 of the report (CAB 076/089), be agreed, [including the funding priorities set out in Table 1 within paragraph 6.8 of the report and set out at (a) and (b) below]:
 - (a) One year extended contracts of appropriate currently match funded projects.
 - (b) Financing projects and initiatives that aim to develop and maintain a thriving third sector.

Action by:**INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL****(P. EVANS)**

Services Head, Resources, Development and Renewal, (C. Holme)

9. A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

10. A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Nil items.

11. ONE TOWER HAMLETS**11.1 Revised Guidelines for Awarding Business Rates Relief to Charities and Other Non-Profit Making Organisations (CAB 077/089)****Resolved:**

1. That that determination of eligibility for mandatory relief is a question of fact and should remain delegated to an Officer of the Authority as part of the normal administration of national non-domestic rates;
2. That the revised criteria for awarding discretionary relief to charities and other non-profit making organisations, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report (CAB 077/089), be approved;
3. That the Service Head – Revenue Services be authorised to determine the award of discretionary relief with a right of appeal to an Appeal Panel and that it also be noted that the Service Head – Revenue Services will operate within the approved guidelines and the Appeal

Panel will consist of the Corporate Director of Resources or their nominated representative and The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal) or nominated representative, and that this Panel is responsible for setting the criteria for and hearing of appeals in relation to determinations made by the Service Head – Revenue Services; and

4. Agree the future review of both mandatory and discretionary relief in respect of national non-domestic rates at 3 years intervals in conjunction with a review of the associated guidelines.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)

Service Head, Revenue Services, Resources (P. McDermott)

11.2 The Customer Promise - refresh (CAB/078/089)

Resolved:

That the refreshed Customer Promise, attached at Appendix B to the report (CAB/078/089), and subsequent promotion throughout the Authority be agreed; and that it also be agreed that the refreshed Customer Promise be publicised to the Authority's customers.

CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)

Service Head, Customer Access, Resources (C. Symonds)

11.3 Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms (CAB 079/089)

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11.3 "Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms" (CAB 079/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that Councillor Ahmed was a former Chair of the Planning Committee/ Strategic Development Committee which had considered aspects of this matter relating to planning consent.

Councillor S Islam declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11.3 "Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms" (CAB 079/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the future delivery of social housing, Tower Hamlets Community Housing was a potential delivery partner for this and Councillor Islam was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Housing.

Resolved:

That the Service Head, Asset Strategy Capital Delivery and Property Services, after consultation with the Lead Member Resources and

Performance and the Leader of the Council, be authorised to conclude commercial negotiations between the Authority and Bellway Homes Limited ("Bellway") and to enter into contractual arrangements in relation to the sale of the Bishop Challoner Site, identified in the map (revised version circulated in supplemental agenda one) attached at Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 079/089).

Action by:

**INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL
(P. EVANS)**

Service Head, Asset Strategy, Capital Delivery and Property Services,
Resources (A. Algar)

11.4 The Council's Strategic Plan and Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring report 2008-09 Performance to 30th September 2008 (CAB 080/089)

Resolved:

1. That the progress against Strategic Plan activities and milestones, as set out in Section 3 and Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 080/089), be noted;
2. That performance against targets for Strategic Indicators, as set out in Section 4.3 and Appendix 2 of the report (CAB 080/089), be noted;
3. That performance against targets for Priority Indicators, as set out in Section 4.10 and Appendix 3 of the report (CAB 080/089), be noted;
4. That the projected outturn for Directorate service budgets and for the total General Fund net expenditure budget for 2008/2009 set out in section 5.2 and Appendices 5A-G of the report (CAB 080/089) be noted;
5. That the projected outturn for Directorate Trading Accounts for 2008/2009 as detailed in Section 6.2 and Appendix 6 of the report (CAB 080/089), be noted;
6. That the virements over £250,000, as referred to in paragraph 7.1 and detailed in Appendix 7 of the report (CAB 080/089), be approved;
7. That the budget target adjustments, as detailed in Section 8 and Appendix 8 of the report (CAB 080/089), be agreed;
8. That performance against Service Improvement Growth targets as set out in Section 9.1 of the report (CAB 080/089), be noted;
9. That the projected spend against Area Based Grant (ABG), as detailed in section 10.1 of the report (CAB 080/089), be noted; and

10. That the 2008/09 performance against savings targets, as detailed in section 11 and Appendix 9 of the report (CAB 080/089), be noted.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

Interim Service Head Strategy and Performance, Chief Executive's (J. Underwood)

Performance Manager, Strategy and Performance, Chief Executive's (L. Sutton)

CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)

Service Head Corporate Finance, Resources (A. Finch)

Financial Planning and Systems Manager, Corporate Finance, Resources (M. McGrath)

12. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

12.1 Building Schools for the Future - Procurement and Programme Update (CAB 085/089)

Reasons for Special Circumstances and Urgency agreed.

Resolved:

1. That the completion of an Early Works Agreement for Bethnal Green Technology College on 25 November 2008, in order to secure a start on site 5 January 2009, be confirmed; and
2. That the completion of an Early Works Agreement for St Paul's Way Community School by 17 December 2008, in the event that contractual close is not secured by 23 December 2008, be authorised; and
3. That the Authority's current programme to proceed to contractual close by 23 December 2008 be noted.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES (K. COLLINS)

Service Head, Building Schools for the Future, Children's Services (A. Sutcliffe)

13. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

13.1 2008/09 Capital Programme: Capital Monitoring Report as at 30 September 2008 (CAB 081/089)

Resolved:

1. That the contents of the report (CAB 081/089) be noted; and
2. That the Directors delegations, as set out in Section 4.2 of the report (CAB 081/089), be noted.

CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)

Service Head Corporate Finance, Corporate Finance, Resources (A. Finch)
Capital Strategy Manager, Corporate Finance, Resources (D. Tattersall)

13.2 Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring 2008/2009 - Second Report - Housing Revenue Account (CAB 082/089)**Resolved:**

That the projected outturn in respect of the 2008/09 Housing Revenue Account, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report (CAB 082/089), be noted.

Action by:**INTERIM CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL (P. EVANS)**

Services Head Resources, Development and Renewal, (C. Holme)
Finance Manager, Development & Renewal (P. Leeson)

13.3 Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions (CAB 083/089)**Resolved:**

That the exercise of Corporate Directors' discretions, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 083/089), be noted.

Action by:**CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES (C. NAYLOR)**

Service Head Corporate Finance, Corporate Finance, Resources (A. Finch)
Capital and Investments Manager Corporate Accounting, Resources (J. Ricketts)

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As a consequence of the resolution relating to Agenda Item 11.3 "Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms" (CAB 079/089), detailed above, Cabinet consideration of Agenda Item 21.1 "Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms" (CAB 084/089), circulated in the Section Two Agenda (business containing information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972) was no longer necessary. There was therefore no requirement to exclude the press and public, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to

Information) Act 1985, to allow for consideration of such business prior to the conclusion of the meeting.

15. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil Items.

16. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Nil Items.

16.1 Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Exempt / Confidential Business to be considered.

Nil Items.

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

Nil Items.

17. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Nil Items.

18. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Nil Items.

19. A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil Items.

20. A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Nil Items.

21. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

21.1 Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms (CAB 084/089)

As a consequence of the resolution relating to Agenda Item 11.3 "Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms" (CAB 079/089), detailed above, Cabinet consideration of Agenda Item 21.1 "Sale of Bishop Challoner School site - Revised Contract Terms" (CAB 084/089), was no longer necessary.

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

Nil Items.

23. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.

Martin Smith
CHIEF EXECUTIVE