

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.32 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2009

**COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Lutfur Rahman (Chair)	(Leader of the Council)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Lead Member, Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Lead Member, Culture and Leisure)
Councillor Anwara Ali	(Lead Member, Health & Wellbeing)
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	
Councillor Tim Archer	
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee)
Councillor Stephanie Eaton	(Leader Liberal Democrat Group and Scrutiny Lead Member: A Healthy Community)
Councillor Peter Golds	(Leader Conservative Group)
Councillor Alexander Heslop	
Councillor Ahmed Hussain	

Others Present:

Officers Present:

Lutfur Ali	– (Assistant Chief Executive)
Andy Bamber	– (Service Head, Community Service)
Kevan Collins	– (Corporate Director, Children's Services)

Aman Dalvi	– (Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
Jim Elliot	– (Lettings Policy Advisor, Development & Renewal)
Alan Finch	– (Service Head, Corporate Finance)
Tony Finnegan	– (Communications Officer)
Julian Francis	– (Political Adviser, Conservative Group)
Isabella Freeman	– (Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services))
Dean Grant	– (Diary Secretary to Lead Members)
Stephen Halsey	– (Corporate Director, Communities, Localities & Culture)
Chris Holme	– (Service Head, Resources)
Afazul Hoque	– (Acting Scrutiny Policy Manager)
Tara Mann	– (Housing Policy Officer, Development & Renewal)
Chris Naylor	– (Corporate Director, Resources)
Jackie Odunoye	– (Service Head Strategy & Development)
Layla Richards	– (Leader's Executive Assistant, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
John Roog	– (Service Head, Older People and Homelessness)
Nick Smales	– (Service Head 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games)
Martin Smith	– (Chief Executive)
Angus Taylor	– (Executive Team Leader, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
Kazim Zaidi	– (Political Advisor to the Labour Group)
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The following is a record of those decisions taken by the Cabinet at their meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2009.

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 9th June 2009 on receipt of a written request.

The **deadline** for the receipt of any such written request is **5.00pm on Friday 15th May 2009**. 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 18th May 2009.

Any decision ‘called in’ for scrutiny but supported by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on Tuesday 9th June 2009, can be implemented the following day, Wednesday 10th June 2009.

Any decision ‘called in’ for scrutiny but not supported by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be referred back to the Cabinet for further consideration on Wednesday 10th June 2009.

COUNCILLOR L. RAHMAN (CHAIR) IN THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Mr J. Goldup, Corporate Director Adult Health and Wellbeing for whom Mr J. Roog Service Head Older People and Homelessness, was deputising.

Noted.

Action by:

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (L. Ali)

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor O Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 “Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2009/12” (CAB 146/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to Tower Hamlets Homes and Councillor Ahmed was a representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Homes.

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 “Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2009/12” (CAB 146/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the 2012 Olympic Park and Councillor Ahmed was a Board Member - Olympic Delivery Authority - Planning Decision Team.

Councillor M. Francis declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 “Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2009/12” (CAB 146/089). 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 Francis was an independent member the governing body of the Old Ford Housing Association.

Councillor J Peck declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7.1 "Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2009/12" (CAB 146/089). 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 "Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2009/12" (CAB 146/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to:

- The Authority's Strategy for delivering more and better housing and Councillor Islam was a tenant of Tower Hamlets Homes.
- The Authority's 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 Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11.1 "Five Boroughs Olympic Joint Committee" (CAB 149/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Councillor Ahmed was a Board Member - Olympic Delivery Authority - Planning Decision Team.

Councillor J Peck declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11.1 "Five Boroughs Olympic Joint Committee" (CAB 149/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that the report contained recommendations relating to formalised governance for the collective arrangements between the five Olympic Boroughs, intended to secure local benefits and a sustainable legacy in these boroughs, and Councillor Peck's employer was party to a contract with the Olympic Delivery Authority.

Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed declared a personal interest in Agenda item 11.2 "High Street 2012 Historic Buildings Conservation Scheme" (CAB 150/089). The declaration of interest was made on the basis that:

- The report contained recommendations relating to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Councillor Ahmed was a Board Member - Olympic Delivery Authority - Planning Decision Team.
- The report contained recommendations relating to the regeneration of the Ocean Estate area and environs and Councillor Ahmed was also a member of the governing body of the Ocean Regeneration Trust.

Councillor M. Francis declared a personal interest in Agenda item 13.1 "Review of the Council's Lettings Policy" (CAB 152/089). The declaration of

interest was made on the basis that the report contained information relating to the Authority working in partnership with Registered Social Landlords and Councillor Francis was an independent member the governing body of the Old Ford Housing Association.

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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 8th April 2009 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

Statement **Tabled** by Tower Hamlets Leaseholders Association.

Resolved

1. That the following deputation be formally received and noted: -

Mr J. Bloxon, Chair of Tower Hamlets Leaseholders Association, in respect of Agenda item 7.1 "Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2009/12" (CAB/146/089);

2. That the points raised by the deputation be given consideration during the Cabinet deliberation of the item of business to which the deputation related; and
3. That any outstanding issues raised by the deputation be referred to the Corporate Director Development And Renewal for attention and response in writing within 28 days, in accordance with the Authority's Constitution (Part 4, Rules of Procedure, Section 4.1 Council Procedure Rules, Rule 20 Deputations).

Action by**CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL****(A. DALVI)**

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

Housing Strategy Manager, Housing Services, Development and Renewal (J. Coker)

5. AUDIT COMMISSION ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2007/2008 - PRESENTATION BY AUDIT COMMISSION

Resolved

That the Audit Commission Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2007/08, and presentation by the Audit Commission, be noted.

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

Service Head, Risk Management, Resources (M. Jani)

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 5th May 2009 **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/ 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

7.1 Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2009/12 (CAB 146/089)

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- The Authority's 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.

Resolved

1. That the Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2009-12 attached at Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 146/089) and the associated Action Plan set out at Appendix C to the Housing Strategy, be approved;
2. That a capital estimate of £19.4million be approved and the commencement of appropriate preparatory work to deliver the required acquisitions for the Right to Buy Buybacks programme as detailed in paragraph 4.7 of the report (CAB 146/089), be authorised; and
3. That it be noted that further associated Housing Strategy Delivery reports will be presented to Cabinet.

Action by**CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL****(A. DALVI)**

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

Housing Strategy Manager, Housing Services, Development and Renewal (J. Coker)

8. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY**8.1 Child Poverty Strategy (CAB 147/089)****Resolved:**

That, subject to (a) below, the Child Poverty Strategy attached at Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 147/089), be agreed:

- (a) Section 10 "Planned Actions", Sub-section headed "Mitigating the effects of poverty, we will...", second bullet, first line: deletion of word "unemployed".

Action by:**CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES (K. COLLINS)**

Service Head, Young People and Learning, Children's Services (C. Littleton)

Service Manager, Partnerships and Equality, Children's Services (L. Richards)

9. A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY**9.1 Joint Drinking Control Zone with LB Hackney for Arnold Circus and Shoreditch (CAB 148/089)****Resolved:**

1. That the proposal to undertake statutory consultation for a Drinking Control Zone in accordance with the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (and associated regulations), in Arnold Circus and the surrounding area, as indicated in the plan attached at Appendix A to the report (CAB 148/089), be endorsed; and
2. That Full Council be recommended to authorise the Director of Communities Localities & Culture to:
 - (a) Consider any representations received to the consultation referred to in resolution1 above;
 - (b) Approve the making of the proposed Drinking Control Zone for the area indicated on the plans attached as Appendix A to the report (CAB 148/089); and
 - (c) Consider the inclusion of any additional areas within the Drinking Control Zone, referred to above, identified during the consultation as appropriate for such inclusion.

Action by**CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES AND CULTURE
(S . HALSEY)**

Service Head, Community Safety, Community Safety Service, Communities, Localities & Culture (A. Bamber)

Operations Manager, Community Safety Service, Communities, Localities & Culture (H. Mallinder)

10. A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Nil Items.

11. ONE TOWER HAMLETS**11.1 Five Boroughs Olympic Joint Committee (CAB 149/089)**

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Report Withdrawn.

Action by
CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL
(A. DALVI)
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES) (I. FREEMAN)

11.2 High Street 2012 Historic Buildings Conservation Scheme (CAB 150/089)

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Resolved:

1. That the adoption of a capital estimate in the amount of £ 2 million for the High Street 2012 Historic Buildings Conservation Scheme, be approved;
2. That the priority criteria for development as set out in Paragraph 5 of the report (CAB 150/089), be approved; and
3. That the Corporate Director Development and Renewal be authorised to progress the schemes as set out in Paragraph 6 of the report (CAB 150/089).

Action by
CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL
(A. DALVI)
Service Head, Olympics and Paralympic Games, Development and Renewal
(N. Smales)

11.3 Budget Process 2010/ 2011 (CAB 151/089)

Resolved:

1. That it be noted that the Corporate Director, Resources will undertake an exercise to review the financial outlook for the Authority in terms of expenditure and income as set out in paragraph 5.5 of the report (CAB 151/089);

2. That it be agreed that any additional committed growth put forward by Directorates as part of the process referred to in resolution 1. above will need to be matched by the equivalent value in efficiency savings from that Directorate;
3. That the outline budget process for this exercise and the rest of the budget process as set out at Section 5 of the report (CAB 151/089) and timetable set out at Section 6, be agreed; and
4. That it be noted that a further report will be submitted to the Cabinet in July 2009 setting out the parameters for the 2010/11 budget process and inviting Cabinet to agree a budget strategy.

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

Service Head, Corporate Finance, Resources (A. Finch)

12. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

13. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**13.1 Review of the Council's Lettings Policy (CAB 152/089)**

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Resolved:

That the contents of the report (CAB 152/089), be noted.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL

(A. Dalvi)

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

Lettings Policy Advisor, Development and Renewal (J. Elliot)

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The agenda circulated contained no Section Two business (business containing information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972. 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

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

Nil items.

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