

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE TOWER HAMLETS BEST VALUE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

HELD AT 6.05 P.M. ON MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

ROOM C1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, LONDON E14 2BG

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs (Chair)	(Executive Mayor)
Sir Steve Bullock (Member)	(External Representative - THBVIB)
Councillor Amy Whitelock (Member)	Gibbs (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services)
Councillor Sirajul Islam (Member)	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor David Edgar (Member)	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Alan Finch (Member)	(Local Government Association)
Sharon Godman (Member)	(Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnerships)
Will Tuckley (Member)	(Chief Executive)

Other Councillors Present:

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Officers Present:

Afazul Hoque	– (Interim Service Manager, Strategy, Policy & Performance)
Asmat Hussain	– (Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer)
Minesh Jani	– (Head of Audit and Risk Management, Resources)
Nancy Meehan	– (Interim Divisional Director, Children's Social Care)
Louise Stamp	– (Head of Electoral Services)
Antonella Burgio	– (Democratic Services)

WELCOME

Mayor Biggs welcomed Alan Finch who had been appointed to replace Heather Wills as Local Government Association representative on the Board. Noting that since the previous meeting Ms Wills had been seconded to another project, Mayor Biggs thanked her for her contribution to the Board's work and offered good wishes on behalf of the Board in her new role..

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Alan Wood and Vice-Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Clare Harrison.

It was also noted that Debbie Jones, Corporate Director for Children's had submitted apologies and that Nancy Meehan, Interim Divisional Director Childrens Social Care attended the meeting as Children's Directorate representative.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017 were approved as a correct record of proceedings.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.

4. BEST VALUE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-18 APRIL-JUNE 17 UPDATE

The Board heard from the Interim Service Manager, Strategy, Policy & Performance that:

- The update covered the five areas stipulated in the Secretary of States Directions issued on 28 March 2017.
- 80% of the milestones had been completed or were on target for completion.
- 14 % of the milestones are overdue or delayed. Each of these is monitored via its associated improvement plan.
- There was a new and widely publicised communication plan to enable corporate messages and priorities to be made known clearly.
- The actions in the original Action Plan relating to Grants had been completed. The Board was also informed of the intention to develop a new grants policy based on a commissioning framework and a Voluntary Sector Compact.
- In regard to property, the Council was due to open its first community hub and work was being undertaken to develop other hubs. Additionally an audit of organisations that occupy council owned buildings had also been completed.
- In regard to organisational development, there was continued recruitment to senior posts; the 'clear up' project had concluded and reported to Council; there was work on embedding core values and a strategic partnership meeting had been held.

5. SPOTLIGHT - ELECTIONS

- 6. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT JOURNEY**
- 7. LGA CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE PROPOSAL**
- 8. CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN**
- 9. FORWARD PLAN**
- 10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.

Chair, Mayor John Biggs
Tower Hamlets Best Value Improvement Board