

Meeting of the

TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL

Wednesday, 18 July 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

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HAMLETS**

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Will Tuckley
Chief Executive

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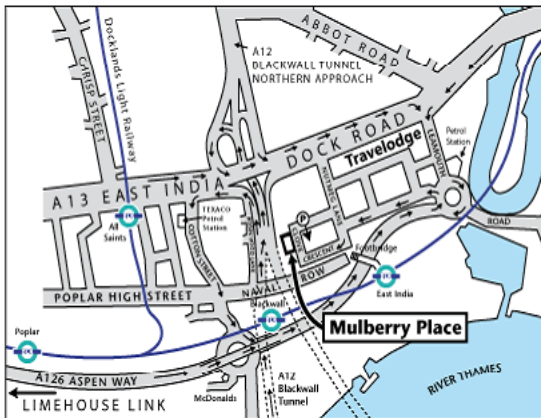
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2018

7.00 p.m.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

3. MINUTES

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To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the:

- Extraordinary Council Meeting and the
- Annual General Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2018.

4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

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The Council Procedure Rules provide for a maximum of four petitions to be presented at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

Any further petitions received by the deadline for the meeting are listed for information and to be noted.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Council's Constitution provides for the Elected Mayor to give a report at each Ordinary Council Meeting.

A maximum of six minutes is allowed for the Elected Mayor's report, following which the Speaker of the Council will invite the opposition leader to respond for up to two minutes if they wish.

7. STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE

An opportunity for the Mayor and the Council to set out their views on the 'State of the Borough' as set out in the Council Procedure Rules.

8. ADMINISTRATION MOTION DEBATE 43 - 46

To debate a Motion submitted by the Administration in accordance with Rules 11 and 13 of the Council's Constitution. The debate will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.

9. OPPOSITION MOTION DEBATE 47 - 50

To debate a Motion submitted by the Opposition Group in accordance with Rules 11 and 13 of the Council's Constitution. The debate will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.

10. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 51 - 54

The questions which have been received from Councillors to be put at this Council meeting are set out in the attached report. A maximum period of 30 minutes is allocated to this agenda item.

11. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

11 .1 Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 55 - 92

To consider the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

12. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND QUESTIONS ON JOINT ARRANGEMENTS/EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (IF ANY)

Nil items.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil items.

13 .1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Appointment of Co-Opted Members 93 - 96

To consider a report proposing the appointment of a number of Co-Optees to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**14. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF
THE COUNCIL**

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The motions submitted by Councillors for debate at this meeting are set out in the attached report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Members' Code of Conduct at Part 5.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Please note that the question of whether a Member has an interest in any matter, and whether or not that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, is for that Member to decide. Advice is available from officers as listed below but they cannot make the decision for the Member. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending a meeting.

Interests and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)

You have an interest in any business of the authority where that business relates to or is likely to affect any of the persons, bodies or matters listed in section 4.1 (a) of the Code of Conduct; and might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of yourself, a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward affected.

You must notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of any such interest, for inclusion in the Register of Members' Interests which is available for public inspection and on the Council's Website.

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A DPI is defined in Regulations as a pecuniary interest of any of the descriptions listed at **Appendix A** overleaf. Please note that a Member's DPIs include his/her own relevant interests and also those of his/her spouse or civil partner; or a person with whom the Member is living as husband and wife; or a person with whom the Member is living as if they were civil partners; if the Member is aware that that other person has the interest.

Effect of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on participation at meetings

Where you have a DPI in any business of the Council you must, unless you have obtained a dispensation from the authority's Monitoring Officer following consideration by the Dispensations Sub-Committee of the Standards Advisory Committee:-

- not seek to improperly influence a decision about that business; and
- not exercise executive functions in relation to that business.

If you are present at a meeting where that business is discussed, you must:-

- Disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, if later; and
- Leave the room (including any public viewing area) for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision

When declaring a DPI, Members should specify the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which the interest relates. This procedure is designed to assist the public's understanding of the meeting and to enable a full record to be made in the minutes of the meeting.

Where you have a DPI in any business of the authority which is not included in the Member's register of interests and you attend a meeting of the authority at which the business is considered, in addition to disclosing the interest to that meeting, you must also within 28 days notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the Register.

Further advice

For further advice please contact:-

Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer. Tel 020 7364 4800

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL MULBERRY PLACE

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs	Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	Councillor Rabina Khan
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	Councillor Tarik Khan
Councillor Sufia Alam	Councillor James King
Councillor Amina Ali	Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan
Councillor Shah Ameen	Councillor Eve McQuillan
Councillor Ruhul Amin	Councillor Ayas Miah
Councillor Asma Begum	Councillor Puru Miah
Councillor Rachel Blake	Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Kevin Brady	Councillor Victoria Obaze
Councillor Mufedah Bustin	Councillor Mohammed Pappu
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	Councillor Kyrsten Perry
Councillor Shad Chowdhury	Councillor John Pierce
Councillor Dipa Das	Councillor Leema Qureshi
Councillor David Edgar	Councillor Zenith Rahman
Councillor Marc Francis	Councillor Candida Ronald
Councillor Peter Golds	Councillor Dan Tomlinson
Councillor Ehtasham Haque	Councillor Helal Uddin
Councillor Muhammad Harun	Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Danny Hassell	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman
Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain	Councillor Val Whitehead
Councillor Asma Islam	Councillor Andrew Wood
Councillor Sirajul Islam	

The Speaker of the Council, Councillor Sabina Akhtar in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of

- Councillor Bex White

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of

- Councillor Faroque Ahmed
- Councillor Rabina Khan

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

3. NOMINATION REPORT - COMMANDER JOHN LUDGATE

The Speaker of the Council invited Members to consider the report of the Freedom of the Borough Panel proposing that Commander John Ludgate be awarded the Freedom of the Borough.

The Speaker explained that the Freedom of the Borough was the highest honour or recognition that a Council could bestow on an individual in recognition of their outstanding achievements. The Freedom had not been awarded for almost twenty years.

The Speaker stated that she was very pleased to have chaired the cross party Freedom of the Borough Panel that assessed the nominations for the award. At the Panel meetings, there was a unanimous consensus of Panel members to propose Commander John Ludgate for the award.

The Speaker reported that Commander Ludgate served Tower Hamlets in his deputy lieutenant role, in a voluntary capacity for 22 years until his retirement in 2014. His duties included overseeing royal visits in the borough, advising the Mayor, Speaker and Councillors on protocol and validating awards. He was passionate about protecting and serving communities, youth education and supporting young people in the uniformed services.

John had gained the respect and admiration of many colleagues at Tower Hamlets due to his service to the community. It was for this reason, that the Freedom of the Borough Panel had invited him to be considered for this very rare honour.

The Speaker invited Members to address the meeting.

The Mayor, John Biggs, thanked Commander Ludgate for his services to the community and his significant contribution to the borough over many years. He stated that he had performed his duties with great distinction going beyond the call of duty to strengthen community relations and build on links with Bangladesh.

Councillor Peter Golds also congratulated Commander Ludgate. Councillor Golds stated that he had been a great ambassador for the borough. He also praised his dedication, his relentless enthusiasm and involvement in community activities and his pride in the borough.

Councillor Abdal Ullah paid tribute to Commander Ludgate. In particular, he acknowledged his continued support for youth organisations, including the local cadets and the Youth Council as well as his support for the Bangladeshi community.

Councillors Denise Jones, Motin Uz-Zaman and Abdul Mukit MBE also spoke in support of the nomination. As former Speakers/ceremonial Mayors' of the Council, they expressed gratitude to Commander Ludgate for the help and support he had personally given them in preparing for and carrying out their duties.

Former Councillor and Speaker of the Councillor, Lesley Pavitt also congratulated Commander Ludgate and echoed the above points.

The recommendation was put to the vote and was unanimously agreed. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED

1. That Commander John Ludgate be awarded the Freedom of the Borough.

Commander John Ludgate was then presented with the certificate and signed the Freedom of the Borough book.

At the invitation of the Speaker of the Council, Commander Ludgate addressed the meeting. He stated that it was a real honour and privilege to receive this award and to join the select number of esteemed individuals to have received the accolade. He stated that he was very proud to have represented such an iconic borough in view of its rich history and notable achievements in terms of military service, social reform and education in particular. The highlights included overseeing a visit by the Queen to the borough and attendance at particularly memorable local events .

He thanked the Mayor, Councillors and the community for honouring him with this award.

The meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.

Speaker of the Council

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018

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

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs	Councillor Denise Jones
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Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain	Councillor Val Whitehead
Councillor Asma Islam	Councillor Andrew Wood
Councillor Sirajul Islam	

The Speaker of the Council, Councillor Sabina Akhtar in the Chair

1. ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Speaker of the Council, Sabina Akhtar addressed the meeting about her year of office. She thanked Mayor John Biggs and Councillors for giving her this opportunity. She congratulated Councillor Ayas Miah on his nomination as the new Speaker of the Council and wished him the very best for the year ahead.

She stated that she had the honour of attending over 300 engagements and had made every effort to visit groups rather than invite them to the Town Hall to see their work.

Some of the highlights included:

- A visit to Bangladesh to meet local dignitaries including the Prime Minister and the President.
- A Royal Gun Salute at Buckingham Palace to mark the state visit of the King and Queen of Spain.
- Celebration event to mark the return of the Old Flo statue to the borough.
- Citizenship ceremonies.
- A very memorable visit to Richard House that supported vulnerable people in society.
- Fundraising activities in support of the Annual Poppy Appeal.
- Army engagements and sporting events including the Great River Race.
- A commemoration event to name a boat 'Speaker Sabina'.

With reference to her focus on young people, she reported that she had the honour of engaging with them in a variety of ways from school visits and achievement ceremonies, to sports and cultural events, speaking challenges and local democracy week.

She was pleased to say that she held a very successful Charity Ball in December. She thanked all of the people and organisations who supported this event, in particular the Canary Wharf Group and MEARS who were the main sponsors.

Following the Speaker's address, Councillors Peter Golds, Asma Islam and Candida Ronald thanked Councillor Akhtar for all she had achieved in her year in office as the first female Bengali Speaker of the Council. They praised in particular the personal qualities she had brought to the role and her ability to chair Council meetings effectively.

Mayor John Biggs also addressed the meeting. He echoed the above sentiments. He added that it was great to see a young person take up the role of Speaker of the Council and hoped that she would inspire others to step forward for public office.

The Speaker then called for nominations to serve as Speaker of the Council for the coming year.

It was **moved** by Mayor John Biggs, **seconded** by Councillor Asma Begum, and unanimously:

RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Ayas Miah be elected to serve as Speaker of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2019.

Mayor John Biggs and Councillor Asma Begum then came forward to witness the Speaker of the Council signing the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.50pm and reconvened at 7.55pm.

The Speaker of the Council, Councillor Ayas Miah in the Chair

The incoming Speaker, Councillor Ayas Miah thanked the Council for electing him as Speaker. He congratulated Councillor Sabina Akhtar for a successful year in office and her hard work over the last year on behalf of the Council and the borough.

He commented on his long involvement in a number of community based and charitable and human rights organisations. He stated that such groups relied heavily on donations and in view of this, he intended to do all that he could to help his chosen charities.

They were:

- St Hilda's East Community Centre Older People's Project Sporting Foundation
- Dorset Community Association, and the
- Limehouse Project

He intended to support a number of other charities. Details of which he would disclose in due course.

He stated that he hoped to use the experience he had gained over the years, to try and bridge the gap between the Council and the community, to strengthen existing links and promote the council's aims and values.

To help him with these objectives, he would have as his consorts Mrs Nasima Siddika, Mr Abul Hussain, Mr Asik Rahman and Councillor Shah Shuhel Amin to accompany him on official engagements. Finally, he thanked the residents of his ward St Dunstan's and his family and friends for their overwhelming, continued support and cooperation.

The Mayor and Councillors then congratulated Councillor Miah on his appointment

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

The Speaker sought nominations to serve as Deputy Speaker of the Council for the forthcoming municipal year. It was **moved** by Mayor John Biggs, **seconded** by Councillor Asma Begum, and:

RESOLVED

1. That Councillor Victoria Obaze be elected to serve as Deputy Speaker of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council until the Annual Council meeting in May 2019.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of

- Councillor Bex White

4. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

The Council's Monitoring Officer provided advice to the Council in respect of agenda item 12, Members Allowance Scheme. Members were advised that the Standards (Advisory) Committee had granted a general dispensation to all Councillors to be present, speak and vote on the determination of allowances, travel expenses, payment or indemnity to all Councillors. As a result, Members did not need need to declare any interests in relation to agenda item 12 and might participate and vote.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED

1. That the unrestricted minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and the Speaker be authorised to sign them accordingly.

6. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive addressed the meeting.

He thanked Members, officers and political parties for ensuring that the milestones for the 2018 Mayoral and local election were reached and overcome successfully. The Council had also received a positive visit from

Ofsted, had been shortlisted for two MJ awards and were preparing for the Local Government Association Peer challenge in June

He welcomed Warwick Tomsett to the Council as the new Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning who would start in July 2018. This was a joint appointment with the Clinical Commissioning Group. He also welcomed Richard Baldwin, the new Director of Children's Social Care. He thanked Nancy Meehan for her significant contributions to the Council as the Interim Divisional Director of Children's Social Care

7. MAYOR'S CABINET AND EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer (circulated in a supplementary agenda) setting out the Mayor's Cabinet appointments and other arrangements in respect of Executive Decision Making.

The recommendation was put to the vote and was **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED

1. That the Mayor's Executive Decision Making scheme be noted.

8. PROPORTIONALITY AND ALLOCATION OF PLACES ON COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL 2018/19

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer proposing the establishment of the Council's committees for 2018/19 and setting out the review of proportionality and the allocation of places on those Committees and sub committees.

Councillor Kevin Brady **moved** and Mayor John Biggs **seconded** the following amendment to the report as **tabled**:

"The Labour Group proposes to amend the report, to increase the number of places on the:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee by two places, taking the total membership to eleven members.
- Audit Committee by one place, taking the total membership to eight members.

An updated table detailing overall proportionality and committee places is below:

GROUP	SEATS (on Council)	PROPORTION ON COUNCIL	ENTITLEMENT (to seats on Committees)
Labour	42	93.33%	67.2 (67)
Conservative	2	4.44%	3.2 (3)
Ungrouped	1	0*	2 (remainder)
	45		72

Committee	Total	Labour	Conservative	Ungrouped
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (plus 6 co-optees)	11	10	1	
Audit Committee	8	7	1	
Development Committee	7	6	1	
Strategic Development Committee	8	7		1
General Purposes Committee	9	8	1	
Licensing Committee	15	14	1	
Pensions Committee	7	6	1	
Standards (Advisory) Committee (plus 5 Co-optees)	7	6		1
TOTALS	72	64	6	2

The amendment was put to the vote and was **agreed**

The recommendations as amended were put to the vote and were **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED

That the Council agrees:

1. The review of proportionality as at section 3 of the report and the allocation of seats on Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2018/19 as set out at paragraph 3.6 of the report subject to the following amendment

To increase the number of places on the:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee by two places, taking the total membership to eleven members.
 - Audit Committee by one place, taking the total membership to eight members.
2. The Committees and Sub-Committees established for the municipal year 2018/19, and places be allocated on those Committees and Sub-Committees, as set out at paragraph 3.6 of the report subject to the amendment set out in resolution 1 above in respect of the number of places on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit Committee.
 3. To note the proposed arrangements for the Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committees.
 4. That the Corporate Director, Governance be authorised to approve the appointment of Councillors required to fill positions that fall vacant during the municipal year in line with the proportionality arrangements set out in this report.

9. COMMITTEE CALENDAR 2018/19

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer setting out a revised calendar of meetings for the Council, Committees and other meetings for the municipal year 2018/19.

The recommendations were put to the vote and were **agreed**. Accordingly it was

RESOLVED

1. That the proposed amended calendar of meetings for the municipal year 2018/19 be approved as set out in Appendix A of the report including amended standard start times where appropriate.
2. That the Corporate Director Governance be delegated the authority to agree meeting dates for any new Committees or Panels that are set up subsequent to this report being presented to Council, subject to appropriate consultation with Members.

10. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer regarding the appointment of members to the Council's Committees and Panels, and Chairs where appropriate, (including those established under item 8 above).

The list of nominations received was tabled at the meeting.

Following the receipt of two nominations for the position of Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Chair of the Audit Committee, the nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Abdal Ullah was elected to the position of Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Val Whitehead was elected to the position of Chair of the Audit Committee.

Councillor Peter Golds notified the Council of a number of corrections to the tabled list of Conservative Group nominations as set out in the attachment to these minutes.

The recommendations were put to the vote and were **agreed**. Accordingly it was

RESOLVED

1. That members and substitute members be appointed to the committees and sub-committees of the Council and other bodies for the municipal year 2018/19 as set out in the list of tabled nominations as amended at the meeting.
2. That the Chairs of Committees for 2018/19 be appointed from amongst the list of tabled nominations subject to the appointment of Councillor Abdal Ullah to the position of Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Val Whitehead to the position of Chair of the Audit Committee.
3. That in relation to any unfilled places within the seats allocated to a particular political group, the Council note that the Corporate Director, Governance has delegated authority subsequently to agree the appointments to those places in accordance with nominations from the relevant political group.

11. USE OF SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS

The Council considered the report setting out when Special Urgency provisions have been applied to Executive Key Decisions.

The recommendation was put to the vote and was **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the report on the use of special urgency provisions in relation to Executive Key Decisions be noted

12. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME

(Note: To match the content of the report, the word 'Statutory' was removed from the Appendix)

The Council considered a report of the Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer (circulated in a supplementary agenda) regarding the Members' Allowance Scheme.

Councillor Andrew Wood **moved** and Councillor Peter Golds **seconded** the following amendment to the motion as **tabled**:

"In the last months of the previous Council year twenty-three Councillors received a Special Responsibility Allowance SRA (19 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Aspire, 1 PATH) which on a full year basis would have cost £247,300 (not including employer National Insurance costs).

Significant savings were achieved last year due to a number of Councillors covering two different roles but who were only paid one SRA. Had every single role been taken up by a different Councillor then 30 Councillors would have been paid £304,600 in total.

Three of these Councillors and £27,300 of the costs were due to leaders of opposition groups also getting an SRA. This will fall to one opposition Councillor receiving £5,000.

With less opposition and more Labour Councillors to spread the workload we do not support the proposed changes by the Labour administration which would increase the annual cost to £375,300 (these costs exclude the Mayor and each Councillors basic Allowance of £10,938 per annum)

It would mean that potentially 28 Labour Councillors would get an SRA up from 19 before the election.

The Conservative Groups proposed amendment is as follows:

1. Two Councillors (not three) getting a substantial increase in SRA so that they can more effectively support the Mayor by being able to work on an almost full-time basis.
2. Some important Committee Chairs are paid less than Chairs of less important committees or Mayoral advisers. We believe SRA's should more closely match responsibility, so we propose to increase the SRA for the Chairs of Pension, Audit, Licensing to £8,000

And reduce the SRA for the Speaker, Mayoral Advisers, Scrutiny Leads and Scrutiny Sub-Committee Chairs to £6,000 to better reflect workload.

3. We do not believe we need a Chief Whip, Leader of the Majority Group nor Deputy Speaker and that these roles should be removed as well as one of the three Mayoral advisers
4. That each Committee and Sub-Committee should be covered by a separate Councillor with no duplication of roles.
5. This still provides money for 2 Mayoral Advisers and 2 Scrutiny leads to cover non-committee work (one of these can be the Deputy Speaker).
6. That we save the money from having fewer opposition leaders.

The following is a summary of the different proposals. April 2018 Actual is the SRA's paid in April grossed up for a full year. The April 2018 Maximum Payable would have been the total if every SRA role was filled by a separate Councillor instead of being unfilled or if Cllrs had not done two jobs but been paid once.

	April 2018 Actual	April 2018 Maximum Payable	Administration Proposal	Proposed Amendment by Conservative
Number of recipients in total	23	30	29	25
Number of opposition leaders receiving SRA	3	3	1	1
No. of other SRA recipients	20	27	28	24
Total cost of SRA per annum	£247,300	£304,600	£375,300	£281,000
Opposition leaders SRA p.a.	£27,300	£27,300	£5,000	£5,000
Other SRA recipients p.a.	£220,000	£277,300	£370,300	£276,000

Number of SRA recipients by party

Labour	19		28	24
Conservative	2		1	1
Aspire/PATH	2		0	0

The Conservative proposal would save money compared to the April 2018 Maximum payable option by effectively banking most of the savings created by the removal of most of the opposition leaders.

SCHEDULE 1

Special Responsibility Allowance

The following are specified as the special responsibilities for which special responsibility allowances are payable and the amounts of those allowances:

	Number of recipients	SRA
Mayor	1	£75,000
Deputy Mayor	2	£30,000
Cabinet Members	7	£14,000
Leader of the largest Opposition Group	1	£5,000
Mayoral Advisors	2	£6,000
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1	£14,000
Chair of Scrutiny Sub-Committee (Health, Housing or Grants)	3	£6,000
Lead Member for Scrutiny	2	£6,000
Chair of Development Committee	1	£11,000
Chair of Strategic Development Committee	1	£11,000
Chair of Licensing Committee	1	£8,000
Chair of General Purposes Committee	1	£8,000
Chair of Audit Committee	1	£8,000
Chair of Pensions Committee	1	£8,000
Speaker of Council	1	£8,000

The amendment was put to the vote and was **defeated**

The recommendation was put to the vote and was **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That it be agreed that the updated Special Responsibility Allowances set out in Schedule 1 to the report be added to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Scheme of Members' Allowances 2018/19 with any changes coming into effect from Thursday, 24th May 2018 or the appointment of a Councillor to the Relevant position, whichever is the later.

13. APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL ADVISORS

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer (circulated in a supplementary agenda) regarding the appointment of Political Advisors.

The recommendations were put to the vote and were **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED

1. That the Council agree to re-establish for the duration of the current administration, posts of political assistant (known as Political Advisors) to those political groups that qualify for such a post in accordance with Section 9 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
2. That in order to contract the total cost of the posts within the budget, this should be on the basis of 1.0 FTE post for the Labour Group and 0.20 FTE for the Conservative Group.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

The Council noted the following matters to be reported to the Annual Council Meeting in accordance with the Council's Constitution procedure rule, Part 4.1 Paragraph 1.1. Accordingly it was

RESOLVED:

That the Council notes

1. That the Mayor shall report to the Council on any appointments to outside bodies, arising from an Executive Decision, at the next available Council meeting.
2. The changes made to the Council's Constitution since the last Annual Council meetings, that have all been reported up to previous Council meeting, as set out below:
 - 19 July 2017 – (Parts 3.3, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7 and 5.2)
 - 22 November 2017 – (The Council Procedure Rules and The Member/Officer Relations Protocol)
3. That it had been agreed to move the State of the Borough Debate to a later meeting to allow time for the Freedom of the Borough Award meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.

Speaker of the Council

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2018-2019
CONSERVATIVE GROUP FINAL NOMINATIONS

AUDIT COMMITTEE (Seven members of the Council)		
<i>Labour Group (6)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>
	Councillor Andrew Wood Substitutes:- Councillor Peter Golds	

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Seven members of the Council)		
<i>Labour Group (6)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>
	Councillor Peter Golds Substitutes:- Councillor Andrew Wood	

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Eight members of the Council)		
<i>Labour Group (7)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (0)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (1)</i>
	N/A	

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (Nine members of the Council)		
<i>Labour Group (8)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>
	Councillor Peter Golds Substitutes:- Councillor Andrew Wood	

LICENSING COMMITTEE (Fifteen members of the Council) (No substitutes permitted)		
<i>Labour Group (14)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>
	Councillor Peter Golds	

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Nine members of the Council plus six co-opted members) (NB Scrutiny Lead Members and Chairs of Sub-Committees to be appointed by the O&S Committee)			
<i>Labour Group (8)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>	<i>Co-Opted Members</i>
	Councillor Andrew Wood Substitutes:- Councillor Peter Golds		

HEALTH SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE (Nominations for information - Panel to be appointed by Overview & Scrutiny Committee) (Six members of the Council)			
<i>Labour Group (5)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>	<i>Co-opted Members:-</i>
	Councillor Peter Golds Substitutes:- Councillor Andrew Wood		

GRANTS SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE (Nominations for information - Panel to be appointed by Overview & Scrutiny Committee) (Six members of the Council)			
<i>Labour Group (5)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>	<i>Co-opted Members</i>
	Councillor Andrew Wood Substitutes:- Councillor Peter Golds		

HOUSING SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE (Nominations for information - Panel to be appointed by Overview & Scrutiny Committee) (Six members of the Council)			
<i>Labour Group (5)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>	<i>Co-opted Members</i>
	Councillor Andrew Wood Substitutes:- Councillor Peter Golds		

PENSIONS COMMITTEE (Seven members of the Council)		
<i>Labour Group (6)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (1)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (0)</i>
	Councillor Andrew Wood Substitutes:- Councillor Peter Golds	

PENSIONS BOARD (One Councillor to work alongside six other members of the Board)		
<i>Labour Group</i>	<i>Conservative Group</i>	<i>Ungrouped</i>
Labour Nomination	N/A	

STANDARDS (ADVISORY) COMMITTEE

(Seven Members of the Council (who may not include the Mayor or more than one other Cabinet Member) - plus up to five co-opted members, one of whom shall chair the Committee)

<i>Labour Group (6)</i>	<i>Conservative Group (0)</i>	<i>Ungrouped (1)</i>	<i>Co-opted Members</i>
	N/A		

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

(The Executive, Councillors, Local Authority Officers, Healthwatch and NHS Commissioners. In addition, non-voting co-opted members including NHS Providers and the Young Mayor amongst others.)

<i>Ex-officio Elected Members</i>	<i>Non-Executive Councillor nominee</i>
	Non-executive largest minority group councillor nominated by Council Councillor Peter Golds

ADOPTION AND FOSTERING PANELS

(To comprise two Social Workers, one elected Member, three Independent Persons and to include one man and one woman, up to a maximum of ten persons – meetings held 3rd Tuesday of the month (daytime))

Two appointments from any political group to be nominated to the Central List. The Members will be added to the Central List once they have completed the required training and observation exercises.

<i>Labour Group</i>	<i>Conservative Group</i>	<i>Ungrouped</i>
2 Labour Nominations made	N/A	

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD


(Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Cabinet Member for Resources, other Councillor(s), the Corporate Director, Resources (and other non-Councillor Members as appropriate))

<i>Labour Group</i>	<i>Conservative Group</i>	<i>Ungrouped</i>
	None	

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
(To comprise members appointed by the LEA)
(there is a requirement for two majority group and one minority group appointments)

<i>Labour Group</i>	<i>Conservative Group</i>	<i>Ungrouped</i>
	<i>Nomination TBC</i>	

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<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Council</p> <p>18 July 2018</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Petitions to Council</p>	

<p>Originating Officer(s)</p>	<p>Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.</p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>All wards</p>

SUMMARY

1. This report sets out the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 18 July 2018. The texts of all petitions received for presentation to this meeting are set out in the attached report.
2. The Council's Constitution provides for up to four petitions to be heard at each ordinary Council meeting. These are taken in order of receipt, except that petitions for debate (those in excess of 2,000 signatures) will take precedence. Should more than four petitions be received, all remaining petitions will be listed to be formally noted by Council.
3. For Petitions listed as for debate:
 - a. petitioners may address the meeting for no more than 3 minutes.
 - b. Members may then question the petitioners for a further 4 minutes.
 - c. The petition will then be debated by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. All speeches are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. During his or her speech, any Councillor may move a motion for the Council's consideration relevant to matters in the petition (this does not require the suspension of the Council Procedure Rules).
 - d. the speaker will invite the Mayor or (at the Mayor's discretion) the relevant Lead Member or Committee Chair to respond to the petition for up to 3 minutes.
 - e. Following the petition debate, any motions moved will be put to the vote in the order they were tabled.
 - f. If no motion is agreed, the petition will stand referred to the relevant Corporate Director for a written response within 28 days of the meeting.

4. For Petitions listed as to be heard:
 - a. petitioners may address the meeting for no more than 3 minutes.
 - b. Members may then question the petitioners for a further 4 minutes.
 - c. Finally, the speaker will invite the Mayor or (at the Mayor's discretion) the relevant Lead Member or Committee Chair to respond to the petition for up to 2 minutes. The petition will then be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will provide a written response within 28 days of the date of the meeting.
5. Members, other than a Cabinet Member or Committee Chair responding at the end of the item, should confine their contributions to questions and not make statements or attempt to debate.
6. For Petitions listed as to be noted, petitioners may not address the meeting. The Speaker will state where they will go for a full response.
7. Responses to all petitions will be sent to the lead petitioner and displayed on the Council's website.

PETITIONS FOR DEBATE

No petitions for debate had been received by the petitions deadline.

PETITIONS TO BE HEARD

5.1 Petition regarding STOP Drug Dealing in Batty Street E1 (Petition from Rizwan Saleem and others)

We residents & traders of batty street e1, for the purposes of abolishing the illegal sale and supply of drugs in our local area, do hereby call on tower hamlets council to take action to increase police patrols & erect a cctv camera on batty street or any/and any other mechanism to stop the illegal presence.

Drugs are openly traded on Batty Street E1, facilitated by the lack police presence or any other deterring factor. The drug dealers quickly dispense items from their car window, and then make a speedy escape up Batty Street either towards Commercial Road or more frequently towards Fairclough Street. The issue of selling drugs from car windows and speeding away is far more prevalent and dangerous as school children from the 'Harry Gosling School' are crossing the streets nearby (during mornings & afternoons) and it is just a matter of time before an unthinkable accident happens involving a drug dealer and a child. Tower Hamlets Council must take steps NOW to avoid this.

Batty street also has an old peoples home situated towards Fairclough street. The situation of dealing drugs is so very dangerous to our OAP's where they have to cross the road to avoid the buyers and dealers. We have witnessed on occasions that OAP's are being pushed out of the way and/or knocked over whilst the drug deal happens at a fast pace. This situation is unacceptable.

Buyers gather in herds of 3 to 6 all day and dealing goes on till early hours of the morning making our quiet street a busy one with open trade. Residents of the street are fed up with this and safety concerns are high especially when the addicts sit in doorways taking the drugs.

Retailers and office's along Batty street have been approached by addicts begging for money, once refused they become aggressive and dangerous.

The current drug dealing brings a range of unsavoury characters to the local area, to the distress of residents, OAPs and their families. Local residents deserve better and so we call on the Council to take this action

5.2 Petition calling on Tower Hamlets Council to repair Frank Dobson Sq Fountain and replace statue (Petition from Tara Hudson and others)

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets should refurbish the fountain in Frank Dobson Square with new lighting, a water source and public art, either a replication of the Frank Dobson statue 'Woman and Fish' which was removed, or a new statue in the same style as the original.

5.3 Petition regarding Divestment from fossil fuels (Petition from Adam Schneider and others)

We call upon Tower Hamlets Council to:

1. Immediately freeze any new investments in fossil fuels - specifically, in the top 200 publicly-traded fossil fuel companies with largest known carbon reserves (oil, coal and gas) - made by Tower Hamlets Council Pension Fund or Tower Hamlets Council itself;
2. Divest from direct ownership and any commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds within 5 years;
3. Pass a motion or make a public statement supporting the principle of divestment from fossil fuel companies, promising to move toward a fossil fuel free portfolio and advocating that the London Pension Fund and Local Government Pension Scheme members to do the same;
4. To show commitment to doing the above in a timely manner by setting up a working group to report back on a strategy to move toward the goal of divestment within three months of submission of this petition.

5.4 Petition regarding Buxton Street Empty Space (Petition from Caroline Hand and others)

We the undersigned petition the Council to stop plans to develop the empty space on Buxton Street, opposite St Ann's Primary school, into a car park for film units and allow a local independent social enterprise to operate keeping the area safe and secure.

Justification:

Shoreditch Dog House is a doggy daycare initiative that makes a difference. Since our launch in 2017, we have cared for dogs in East London, provided peace of mind for their owners and have contributed to our community through paying for food and drink for the local homeless community.

Tower Hamlets Council is proposing to turn the area - currently providing quality day care to many local dogs - into a carpark for film units. We believe that, if this plan goes ahead, it would have a huge detrimental impact on our community. Here's why:

We have put a stop to antisocial behaviour and drug abuse on the road, which occurred all day, every day until we started working in the site.

Our continued presence will help keep the area safe for both the two Primary schools next door and for the playgroup and the Farm where children of all ages visit daily. A film unit will mean:

Heavy construction work involving the removal of bollards and mature beautiful trees

Unavoidable impact on the two Primary Schools, Playgroup and Farm plus on the coming and going of the school children and the families dropping off and picking up.

The playgroup and the school opposite will be overlooked by large vehicles and the film crews.

Noise pollution of large vehicles moving around from early in the morning, throughout the day and till late at night.

Air pollution from large trucks and diesel generators running constantly in a dense residential area

We have reduced rubbish, with fewer dogs and dog waste in adjacent Allen Gardens

We're a social enterprise that employs and trains local people, gives back to its local community by providing meals for the homeless and contributing to canine charity, All Dogs Matter.

By signing our petition you can help us lobby Tower Hamlets Council to remain onsite and keep giving back to the community. If we're allowed to stay we plan on installing Astro turf, building suitable shelter, as well as creating further exercise activities for the dogs, plus a pet shop.


Please help us save Shoreditch Dog House and build a stronger, safer community

PETITIONS TO BE NOTED

None.

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Agenda Item 8

Non-Executive Report of the: COUNCIL 18 July 2018	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Motion for debate submitted by the Administration	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.
Wards affected	All wards

SUMMARY

1. Council Procedure Rule 11 allows for time at each Ordinary Council meeting for the discussion of one specific Motion submitted by the Administration. The debate will follow the rules of debate at Council Procedure Rule 13 and will last no more than 30 minutes.
2. The motion submitted is listed overleaf. The Administration Motion is submitted by the Labour Group.
3. Motions must be about matters for which the Council or its partners has a direct responsibility. A motion may not be moved which is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the previous six months; or which proposes that a decision of the Council taken in the previous six months be rescinded; unless notice of the motion is given signed by at least twenty Members.
4. Notice of any proposed amendments to the Motions must be given to the Monitoring Officer by Noon the day before the meeting.

MOTION

Set out overleaf is the motion that has been submitted.

8 – Administration Motion regarding Celebrating 70 Years Of The NHS

Proposer: Mayor John Biggs

Seconded: Councillor Denise Jones

This Council notes that:

1. The National Health Service celebrated its 70th birthday on 5th July 2018.
2. The NHS was founded by a Labour government, with three core principles:
 - a. That it meet the needs of everyone;
 - b. That it be free at the point of delivery;
 - c. That it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay.
3. We are all proud of our NHS, which has made a huge difference to public health and delivered incredible developments in medical science, all but eradicating debilitating diseases like polio and diphtheria and continuing to develop ground-breaking treatments.

This Council further notes:

1. The NHS could not survive without the extraordinary care, skill, compassion and dedication provided by over 1.5 million staff members.
2. The 70th birthday of the NHS is a time to celebrate the massive contribution made by the organisation and its staff, but it is also an important time to look at the future of the NHS, which is seriously threatened.
3. NHS services under successive Tory governments have been pushed to the brink by the biggest financial squeeze in NHS history as well as cuts to public health and social care.
4. The East London Health & Care Partnership, which covers Tower Hamlets, warns that:

In the east London area alone, **there will be a £580m shortfall in funding within four years, by 2021.**

Services and facilities may have to close and standards of care will suffer if not addressed urgently. Change is required, and fast, to help keep us healthy and well in the future and to receive care when we need it.

5. A&Es are overstretched and overcrowded, waiting lists for operations are far too long, and key performance targets are routinely missed.
6. That many staff members feel threatened by Brexit, which is also having a severe impact on the ability of the NHS to recruit much-needed staff from outside the UK.
7. The ongoing campaign to save the NHS, including important contributions from doctors, nurses, patients, other NHS staff members, and campaigners including councillors, trade unions and our local MPs Jim Fitzpatrick and Rushanara Ali.


This Council believes that:

1. The NHS has provided a remarkable public service over the last 70 years, and we must do everything we can to protect it and ensure it can continue to provide world-class care.
2. Our NHS is being failed by the Government, which is not providing adequate funding to match rising demand.
3. Our NHS urgently needs proper investment to address the vast pressure the NHS faces.
4. The Government's recent announcement of an annual 3.4% increase for NHS funding falls short of what is needed – this is an uncoded standstill settlement, with the IFS saying the NHS needs 3.3% just to maintain current levels.

This Council resolves:

1. To celebrate the invaluable contribution the NHS and its staff have made over the last 70 years, and to work with colleagues and partners to safeguard the future of the NHS.

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<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>COUNCIL</p> <p>18 July 2018</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Motion for debate submitted by an Opposition Group</p>	

<p>Originating Officer(s)</p>	<p>Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.</p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>All wards</p>

SUMMARY

1. Council Procedure Rule 11 allows for time at each Ordinary Council meeting for the discussion of one Motion submitted by an Opposition Group. The debate will follow the rules of debate at Council Procedure Rule 13 and will last no more than 30 minutes.
2. The motion submitted is listed overleaf. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, submission of the Opposition Motion for Debate will alternate in sequence between the opposition groups.
3. Motions must be about matters for which the Council or its partners has a direct responsibility. A motion may not be moved which is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the previous six months; or which proposes that a decision of the Council taken in the previous six months be rescinded; unless notice of the motion is given signed by at least twenty Members.
4. Notice of any proposed amendments to the Motions must be given to the Monitoring Officer by Noon the day before the meeting.

MOTION

Set out overleaf is the motion that has been submitted.

9 – Opposition Motion by the Conservative Group regarding the Isle Of Dogs & South Poplar Opportunity Area Planning Framework

Proposer: Councillor Andrew Wood

Seconder: Councillor Peter Golds

The Council notes:

The release of the Isle of Dogs & South Poplar Opportunity Area Planning Framework in May 2018 together with the accompanying Transport Strategy, Local Connections Strategy and the Development Infrastructure Funding Study (DIFS).

This contains the following forecasts for the number of new homes in the Isle of Dogs and South Poplar area (Poplar, Blackwall & Cubitt Town, Canary Wharf, Island Gardens wards).

Low 32,000

High 37,000

Maximum 49,000

Plus 110,000 new jobs in all three options

The Council further notes that in the same area that:

- The draft LBTH Local Plan sets a minimum housing target of 30,601 new homes
- The draft GLA London Plan sets a minimum housing target of 29,000 new homes

That development while slowing has not stopped and that new schemes are being considered on Poplar high street, Marsh Wall, Skylines, Westferry Printworks, Quay House and that One Housing Group has initiated discussions on potentially re-developing four sites on the island.

The Council notes that the Development Infrastructure Funding Study is recommending the following investment in new infrastructure (gross spend).

£'000

By Category of Spending	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/2021	2021/2022	First five years
Utilities	£2,728	£11,088	£8,838	£11,838	£11,838	£46,330
Transport & Local Connections	£139	£9,806	£18,756	£23,830	£17,164	£69,695
Education	£28,946	£28,946	£28,946	£28,946	£28,946	£144,730
Fire, Ambulance, Police, CCTV	£2,930	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,930
Health	£1,526	£1,526	£1,526	£1,526	£1,526	£7,630

Leisure	£4,764	£4,764	£4,764	£4,764	£4,764	£23,820
Community facilities	£738	£738	£5,411	£5,411	£5,411	£17,709
Total Low	£41,771	£56,868	£68,241	£76,315	£69,649	£312,844
<u>By Priority of Spending</u>	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/2021	2021/2022	First five years
Critical	£2,450	£17,310	£20,310	£18,185	£20,185	£78,440
Essential	£35,974	£39,141	£47,314	£55,313	£48,147	£225,889
High	£3,347	£417	£417	£917	£417	£5,515
Desirable	£0	£0	£200	£1,900	£900	£3,000
	£41,771	£56,868	£68,241	£76,315	£69,649	£312,844

Of note is that most of the 2017/18 spending did not happen and that with the exception of the South Dock bridge none of the 2018/19 spending is underway.

That the DIFS describes the priorities as follows:

1. Critical enabling. This category includes all infrastructure that is critical to facilitate a development. Without these works development cannot proceed.
2. Essential mitigation. This category includes all infrastructure that we believe is necessary to mitigate the impacts arising from the development.
3. High priority. This category includes all infrastructure that support wider strategic or site-specific objectives which are set out in planning policy but would not necessarily prevent development from occurring, although that would need to be considered on a case by case basis
4. Desirable. This defines all projects that are deemed to be of benefit but would not prevent, on balance, the development from occurring or from being acceptable if they were not taken forward.

That these growth numbers and the infrastructure required are unprecedented within London and therefore require an unprecedented response reminiscent of the London Docklands Development Corporation.

The Council therefore calls on the Mayor to:

- Set up the recommended LBTH Delivery Board which will include the GLA, TfL, developers and representatives from the community
- Set up the Community Development Panel who will nominate representatives to sit on the main LBTH Delivery Board
- Set up the recommended dedicated Delivery Team whose sole responsibility will be to deliver infrastructure / projects as outlined in the documents
- Set up the Utility Providers Forum
- Set up the Developer Forum
- Establish a Construction Charter
- Initiate the recommended Future Studies (p119 of the OAPF) which the GLA describe as urgent

In addition, if the Critical Enabling works described as “Without these works development cannot proceed,” are not undertaken then new planning applications be refused on the grounds of cumulative over-development.

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Council</p> <p>18th July 2018</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Questions submitted by Members of the Council</p>	

<p>Originating Officer(s)</p>	<p>Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.</p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>All wards</p>

SUMMARY

1. Set out overleaf are the questions that were submitted by Members of the Council for response by the Mayor, the Speaker or the Chair of a Committee or Sub-Committee at the Council meeting on Wednesday 18th July 2018.
2. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.4, questions relating to Executive functions and decisions taken by the Mayor are put to the Mayor unless he delegates such a decision to another Member, who will therefore be responsible for answering the question. In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor will answer questions directed to the Mayor.
3. Questions are limited to one per Member per meeting, plus one supplementary question unless the Member has indicated that only a written reply is required and in these circumstances a supplementary question is not permitted. Oral responses are time limited to one minute. Supplementary questions and responses are also time limited to one minute each.
4. Council Procedure Rule 10.7 (a) provides for an answer to take the form of a written answer circulated to the questioner, a reference to a published work or a direct oral answer.
5. There is a time limit of thirty minutes at the Council meeting for consideration of Members' questions with no extension of time allowed and any questions not put within this time are dealt with by way of written responses.
6. Members must confine their contributions to questions and answers and not make statements or attempt to debate.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

13 questions have been received from Members of the Council as follows:-

10.1 Question from Councillor Dan Tomlinson

Can the Mayor or Cabinet Member please update Council on the Grafton House fire?

10.2 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

Will the Mayor confirm what discussions the administration and council have had with the Royal Borough of Greenwich with regard to proposed changes in the bye laws of the Greenwich Foot Tunnel and the clean air concerns arising from cruise ships moored close to residential areas of the Isle of Dogs.

10.3 Question from Councillor Asma Islam

How many members of staff at Greenwich Leisure Limited will benefit from the Mayor's negotiations with GLL to bring forward the London Living Wage for 18-21 year olds?

10.4 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

When the Sea Scouts arrived on the Isle of Dogs they had 13.4 hectares of water to sail in, currently they have 4.7 ha. In the event of the proposed South Dock Bridge being built this will be reduced to 3.15 ha. The existing space is already negatively affected by wind-flow off the new Wood Wharf buildings. What steps will the Council undertake to ensure that the community does not lose this valuable organisation?

10.5 Question from Councillor Mufeedah Bustin

Following recent incidents, what is the council doing to tackle ASB and crime in Island Gardens?

10.6 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

Will the Lead Member for Finance update me on the progress of the review of the changes to the local Council Tax Reduction Scheme?

10.7 Question from Councillor Sabina Akhtar

Can the Mayor or Lead Member please provide an update on the recent drug raids and how successful these raids have been?

10.8 Question from Councillor Ehtasham Haque

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the latest Ofsted monitoring visit?

10.9 Question from Councillor Kevin Brady

How many children and families are using our children's services following the recent changes?

10.10 Question from Councillor John Pierce

Will the Mayor consult residents on the parking times for the Council's A5 parking zone in Weavers Wards, to mirror those in Shoreditch, to stop our residential streets being used as a car park for Hackney's visitors?

10.11 Question from Councillor Puru Miah

Would the lead member support calls for the bus stop in front of Altab Ali Park, called Adler Street, to be renamed as Altab Ali Park?


10.12 Question from Councillor Muhammad Harun

I understand that due to non-attendance of members during the previous Mayors administration, Poplar HARCA discontinued our membership from their boardroom. Will the Mayor explain whether it is still possible to include our members on the Poplar HARCA board to represent LBTH – if so could the Mayor take appropriate steps?

10.13 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan

Will the Mayor privatise the 3 council run nurseries?

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<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Council</p> <p>18 July 2018</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Will Tuckley, Chief Executive</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017-18</p>	

<p>Originating Officer(s)</p>	<p>Elizabeth Bailey – Senior Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer</p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>All wards</p>

Executive Summary

The Annual Report provides a summary of the work, which the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Health, Housing and Grants Scrutiny Sub Committees and Scrutiny Leads have delivered in the 2017-2018 municipal year.

Recommendations:

Full Council is recommended to:

1. To Comment and note the report
2. To note the specific equalities considerations as set out in Paragraph 4.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the diverse range of scrutiny work carried out during the year by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health, Housing and Grants Sub Committees.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Council may decline to agree the recommendations. This is not recommended as the report outlines work undertaken by Councillors and officers to identify areas of improvement.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 Under the Council's Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) must report annually to Council documenting the Committee's activities during the past year, including on the work of the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 The attached report (Appendix 1) highlights the range of work delivered by Scrutiny during the municipal year this includes five in-depth reviews focusing on fire safety, access to health and social care services for homeless people, recreation activities for young people, gangs and serious youth violence and budget scrutiny. Scrutiny also held a one-off challenge session looking at the impact of Brexit on the Council. A key focus for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been on the progress in delivering the improvements in Children's Services. The Committee has held a number of sessions with internal and external stakeholders to understand this and welcomes the positive feedback received from Ofsted. However, it recognises this is an area of on-going work and it is important that the 2018-19 Overview and Scrutiny Committee remains committed to undertaking further work.
- 3.3 The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is broken down into the range of types of scrutiny activity including in depth scrutiny reviews and challenge sessions, a revised approach to pre scrutiny of Cabinet decisions and spotlight sessions focusing on the Council and partners service performance.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and building Community leadership are all central to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A number of reviews incorporated an equalities perspective in their consideration including the Brexit session which focused on rise of hate crime following the EU referendum. The review on recreation activities for young people also considered needs of different communities including those under-represented in accessing services such as girls and BME communities.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
 - Consultations,
 - Environmental (including air quality),
 - Risk Management,
 - Crime Reduction,
 - Safeguarding.

- 5.2 The recommendations in this report are made as part of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's role in helping to secure continuous improvement for the council, as required under its Best Value duty. The Committee has also provided input into the council's Best Value improvement plan, which supports its efforts to meet its duties in this regard.
- 5.4 There are no direct sustainable actions for greener environment arising from this report.
- 5.5 There are no direct risk management implications arising from this report. The report on Fire Safety makes a number of recommendations to improve fire safety in high rise buildings in Tower Hamlets.
- 5.6 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report. The report on Gangs and Serious Violence makes a number of recommendations on how the Council working with partners and community can reduce gang crime and serious youth violence.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 This report provides a summary of the work carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2017-18.
- 6.2 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 Article 6.03 (d) of the Council's constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must report annually to Full Council on its work. The report submitted to Council following this consideration will fulfil that obligation.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- **Appendix 1: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2017/18**

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

- None

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Forward

I am pleased to present the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report for 2017-18. This municipal year, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has looked at an extensive range of issues to identify how the Council can improve outcomes for local people.

In particular, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub-committees have held in-depth scrutiny reviews and challenge sessions to improve the Council's local response to fire safety, gangs and serious youth violence and support for homeless people to access health and social care services in the borough. The committees made a number of recommendations, which will be implemented and monitored in the next municipal year.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee chose to dedicate a significant portion of its time to the Council's improvement work on Children's Services, following Ofsted's rating of 'inadequate' in April 2017. We held a number of sessions with the Mayor, Chief Executive, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Corporate Director of Children's Services and other officers. Alongside this, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee also heard from independent experts. We are pleased at the progress the Council is making and recognise that scrutiny has an important role to play in providing challenge and support to this process. I am sure the next Committee will focus on the Council's improvement agenda and look at areas where further work is needed, such as embedding a stable workforce and delivering consistent standards across all social care teams.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had an opportunity to be involved in the Council's budget-setting process. I welcome the Council's strategies to support the most vulnerable in our community by continuing free school meals to all primary age pupils and reducing the impact of welfare reforms with the Tackling Poverty Fund. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was supported by the Centre for Public Scrutiny, which enabled the Committee to review the budget more effectively and focus on strategic priorities and outcomes for residents. However, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that scrutiny occurs at the outset of the budget-setting process so the Committee can influence proposals at an earlier stage.

I also reviewed the way in which the Overview and Scrutiny Committee functions and introduced a number of changes. Some of these were a matter for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and some required approval by the Mayor in Cabinet. I commend the following changes to my successor:

1. defining the role of Scrutiny Leads by assigning the following specific responsibilities to the role:
 - monitoring and raising scrutiny questions on performance and finance reports
 - taking the lead in asking questions on relevant portfolio areas at scrutiny meetings
 - taking the lead in scrutinising budget proposals for relevant portfolio areas.
2. including a 'Chair's Actions' item on the agenda to ensure urgent decisions and other governance matters are reported
3. releasing confidential reports to co-opted scrutiny Members
4. scheduling Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings to allow sufficient time for pre-decision scrutiny of Cabinet papers
5. circulating key lines of enquiry on each agenda item to support committee Members with strategic questioning.

The Communities and Local Government Committee report on the 'Effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees' has highlighted how local authorities can support effective scrutiny. I believe Tower Hamlets is now in a good position to build on its scrutiny arrangements. Accordingly, I hope the new Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers how to further increase the effectiveness of scrutiny in the next municipal year.

I am grateful to the Scrutiny Leads for supporting this year's ambitious work programme and, in particular, those that chaired a scrutiny sub-committee. My thanks to our partners, Cabinet Members and officers who have attended our meetings and engaged openly to collectively address challenges. Finally, I would like to thank all our co-opted Members, who sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and sub-committees, for their contributions and bringing a different dimension to our discussions and debates.

Cllr Dave Chesterton

Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee



1. Overview and Scrutiny at Tower Hamlets in 2017/18

- 1.1 Overview and scrutiny committees were introduced by the Local Government Act 2000 to hold decision-makers to account by reviewing policies and decisions made by the Council and other organisations involved in delivering public services¹. This includes scrutinising the decisions of the Mayor and Cabinet, proposing new policies, commenting on draft policies and ensuring value for money. The aim is to make the decision-making process more transparent, accountable and inclusive, and improve services for people by being responsive to their needs.
- 1.2 This year, the approach of Tower Hamlets (Tower Hamlets) to overview and scrutiny has been underpinned by the Centre for Public Scrutiny's four principles for good scrutiny, which are as follows:
- providing 'critical friend' challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-takers
 - enabling the voice and concerns of the public and its communities to be heard
 - carrying out scrutiny by independent-minded Members who lead and own the scrutiny process
 - driving improvement in public services.
- 1.3 To develop skills, scrutiny Members have been supported by the Centre for Public Scrutiny through a training, development and support programme focusing on budget scrutiny, children's services scrutiny and effective questioning skills.

Scrutiny Committees

- 1.4 The main, member-led body, which holds executive decision-makers to account in Tower Hamlets, is the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Committee). To allow the Committee to scrutinise issues of strategic importance and ensure key areas are scrutinised in detail, Tower Hamlets also introduced the following three sub-committees:
- Health Scrutiny Sub-committee
 - Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee
 - Grants Scrutiny Sub-committee
- 1.5 The three sub-committees are chaired by elected Members, who have responsibility for leading on the scrutiny of particular portfolios to support the role of the Committee and provide effective challenge to these areas (Scrutiny Leads). There are also Scrutiny Leads for Children's Services and Governance. Their work is covered later in this report.

¹ Mark Sandford, Overview and scrutiny in local government, Briefing Paper No. [06520](#), 20 December 2017

2. Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2017/8

- 2.1 At the beginning of this municipal year, the Committee agreed a work plan for 2017/18. The Committee identified following themes they would like to focus on throughout the year:
- holding the Executive to account through Scrutiny Spotlight Sessions of Cabinet Members (see paragraph 2.5 below)
 - supporting the Council's improvement agenda, particularly by reviewing the work on Children's Services
 - reviewing and commenting on the Council's budget and policy framework items, including an in-depth review of the budget
 - reviewing and challenging the performance of the Council on delivery of the Strategic Plan, budget and handling of resident complaints.

Membership

- 2.2 The elected councillor membership of the Committee is politically proportionate and representative of the composition of the Council. Accordingly, the Committee membership consisted of nine elected councillors, including the Chair, and six education co-opted representatives. The co-opted representatives are parent governors and faith representatives from the Church of England, Roman Catholic and Muslim communities.

- 2.3 The membership of the Committee was as follows:

Name	Role
Councillor Dave Chesterton	Chair
Councillor Clare Harrison	Vice Chair & Scrutiny Lead for Health, Adults & Community
Councillor Danny Hassell	Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services
Councillor Ayas Miah	Scrutiny Lead for Governance
Councillor Helal Uddin	Scrutiny Lead for Place
Councillor Andrew Wood	Scrutiny Lead for Resources
Councillor Rabina Khan	Member
Councillor Oliur Rahman	Member
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim	Member
Shabbir Chowdhury	Co-opted Member, Parent Governor
Christine Trumper	Co-opted Member, Parent Governor
Fatiha Kassouri	Co-opted Member, Parent Governor

Asad M Jaman	Co-opted Member, Muslim Representative
Dr Phillip Rice	Co-opted Member, Church of England Representative
Joanna Hannan	Co-opted Member, Roman Catholic Representative

2.4 Following on from the development of the Council's scrutiny toolkit last year, the work programme was structured around the following scrutiny categories:

- **Scrutiny Spotlight Sessions:** a Cabinet Member and/or a senior leader from a stakeholder organisation provides an overview of their work, including key risks within their portfolio, and is then questioned by the Committee.
- **Strategic Performance Monitoring:** Strategic monitoring reports are submitted to the Committee for scrutiny to review progress in delivering the Strategic Plan and to flag key risks.
- **Budget and Policy Framework Scrutiny:** The Committee has a mandatory consultation role on all items that are the responsibility of full Council to agree, including the budget.
- **Scrutiny Reviews:** Scrutiny Reviews are led by a Scrutiny Leads to examine a topic over multiple evidence-gathering sessions, followed by a report with recommendations for service improvement.
- **Scrutiny Challenge Sessions:** Challenge Sessions are single 'deep dive' evidence-gathering sessions, led by Scrutiny Leads, which are followed by a report with recommendations for service improvement.
- **Tracking Recommendations:** Throughout the year, the Committee reviews progress on the implementation of 'Action Plans' from previous reviews and challenge sessions.
- **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Updates:** These provide an opportunity for Scrutiny Lead to report back to the Committee on the work of sub-committees or any wider work they are involved in, for example Improvement Boards.
- **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Reports:** These address additional items that are either requested, or referred to the Committee for consideration and input.
- **Pre-Cabinet Scrutiny:** At each meeting, the Committee reviews Cabinet papers and provides a list of recommendations and questions, which the Chair reports at the start of each Cabinet meeting to inform the Cabinet decision making process.

3. Adults, Health and Community Services

- 3.1 This year, the Committee scrutinised the work of Adults, Health and Community Services by providing 'critical friend' challenge at three Scrutiny Spotlight Sessions on the following:
- Health and Adult Services Portfolio
 - Safeguarding Adults
 - Community Safety, which included reviewing the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017-21.
- 3.2 In addition, the Committee also monitored the implementation of the Prevent Duty and Safeguarding Action Plan and reviewed the Scrutiny Challenge Session report on Community Cohesion.

Health and Adult Services

- 3.3 The Scrutiny Spotlight Session highlighted nationally declining social care budgets against a backdrop of increasing demand. The Committee reviewed how the Council ensures the needs of young adults are met as they transition from Children's Services and focuses on safeguarding outcomes, rather than processes. In particular, the Committee queried the level of Council housing support to key workers, actions to recruit, train and retain social care workers.

Safeguarding Adults

- 3.4 The Committee received a presentation from the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board on its Annual Report 2016/17, which focused on key themes of personalising safeguarding, empowering vulnerable residents and addressing capacity issues. Applying its learning from Children's Services, the Committee challenged whether there are effective safeguarding measures and risk assessments as children transition to adults. The Committee also queried the Council's measures to quality-assure the practice of frontline case workers and whether key partners, such as Police and housing services, are working effectively with case workers.

Community Safety

- 3.5 The Community Safety Spotlight Session focused on anti-social behaviour, drug related crimes, knife crime, gangs and the need to work in partnership to protect vulnerable residents. The Committee suggested working jointly with other boroughs to tackle crime, which crosses borough boundaries. The Committee also noted the poor engagement and communication between ward panels and the Police. Accordingly, the Committee is following up with the Safer Neighbourhood Team to ensure Councillors are invited to regular ward meetings. The Committee was concerned that levels of domestic violence prosecutions have decreased locally and nationally due to legislative

amendments and has suggested this as a topic for a scrutiny review for the next municipal year.

- 3.6 The Community Safety Partnership Plan has been developed around residents' priorities. The Committee made a number of recommendations around improving responses to reports of low level crime and working with housing partners to promptly remove abandoned vehicles so they do not attract anti-social behaviour and criminal activity. The Committee suggested that workshops should be built into future planning cycles to ensure that the voice of victims is more explicitly incorporated into the Plan.

Prevent Duty and Safeguarding Action Plan

- 3.7 Since July 2015, local authorities have had a duty to prevent terrorism (the Prevent Duty). The Committee reviewed a progress update on the recommendations from the Prevent Duty and Safeguarding Scrutiny Review Report 2016. The Committee noted that Tower Hamlets remains a Tier 1 borough in terms of risk and participated in a Home Office led peer review. The peer review assessed several key areas, including how Tower Hamlets safeguards vulnerable young people from radicalisation and engages with the community. In particular, the Committee reviewed the training delivery plans for Members and staff and queried how the community can champion the Prevent Duty.
- 3.8 The Committee also questioned how partners are fostering cohesion to ensure home-schooled children feel part of an inclusive society and protect the Muslim community against hate crimes. The Prevent Duty and community cohesion also link to the previous Committee's challenge session on Community Cohesion (see paragraph 3.9 below).

Community Cohesion Challenge Session

- 3.9 Following the Casey review of integration in Britain, the Scrutiny Lead for Governance held a Scrutiny Challenge Session on community cohesion in April 2017. The Scrutiny Challenge Session aimed to consider the implications of the Casey review and the integration of isolated and deprived communities in the borough.
- 3.10 The Challenge Session provided the opportunity to review the work that the Council and its partners have undertaken and commissioned to deliver improved cohesion outcomes. The report outlined six recommendations to further enhance cohesion outcomes for Tower Hamlets by mainstreaming cohesion across Council services, developing a reporting and evaluation process for cohesion activities, exploring a common assessment to ensure appropriate analysis of user needs, tackling isolation, reviewing the grant and commissioning policies to ensure a stronger focus on cohesion, promoting cohesion leadership and considering the impact of gentrification on cohesion

in the borough. Implementation of these recommendations will be reviewed in the next municipal year.

4 Education and Children's Services

- 4.1 The Committee has taken a proactive role in providing 'critical friend' challenge to Children's Services, following a report published by Ofsted in April 2017 which rated the service as 'inadequate'. The Committee received three monitoring reports on the Council's improvement progress throughout the year. Two Scrutiny Spotlight Sessions were also held on the Education and Children's Services portfolio and the Annual Report of the Local Children's Safeguarding Board.

Education and Children's Services Portfolio Spotlight

- 4.2 The Committee received a presentation by the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, which highlighted work around the risk to children and young people in relation to child sexual exploitation, domestic violence and mental health. The Scrutiny Spotlight Session also reviewed adoption and fostering of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and the quality and timeliness of social care assessments and interventions.
- 4.3 On education, the Committee's discussion focused on plans to build parent's confidence to support their children's language and literacy skills at home. The Committee also challenged how the Council would integrate working with schools under the Early Help New Model. To secure appropriate funding for schools, the Committee queried the inclusion of academies and free schools in pupil projections under the new national funding formula for schools. The Committee also raised concerns that the Chief Inspector of Schools had questioned primary pupils wearing the Hijab and received assurances that the Council did not share these views.
- 4.4 The Committee noted the poor reliability of existing IT infrastructure and continues to challenge adequate resourcing of Children's Services IT systems through its budget scrutiny processes. The Committee also raised concerns about the impact of funding cuts on Children's Centres and has since received information confirming the amount of Children's Centres functioning in the borough. The facilities available to children in the borough have been further scrutinised through the Grants Scrutiny Sub-committee's Challenge Session on youth activities and the Health Scrutiny Sub-committee's monitoring of the Children and Young People Mental Health Service action plan. These are considered later in this report.

Local Children's Safeguarding Board's Annual Report Spotlight

- 4.5 The Committee reviewed the Local Children's Safeguarding Board's Annual Report and considered governance arrangements, key safeguarding information and the Board's response to the Ofsted inspection. The

Committee's discussions focused on the improvements around performance datasets to analyse core business, identify priorities and monitor the quality of frontline practice. The Committee also highlighted that, in its role as a corporate parent, the Council should receive regular reports about numbers, school attainment and any criminality concerns of Looked After Children. The Committee was advised that these details, with an account of areas of improvement, will be included in next year's annual report.

Children's Services Improvement Progress Report

- 4.6 Over three sessions, the Committee monitored progress against the Council's Improvement Plan, which aims to implement the 15 recommendations identified in the Ofsted inspection report and achieve a standard of at least 'good' from April 2019.
- 4.7 The Committee was impressed by the commitment of the Mayor, Members and senior staff to drive improvement. The findings of Ofsted's subsequent monitoring visits and the feedback from the Department of Education confirms that this has translated into significant and necessary changes in service delivery. Accordingly, the Committee has focused its discussions on building and sustaining improvement. In particular, the Committee has scrutinised plans to attract and retain permanent social care staff and mechanisms to reduce high volume case-loads. The Committee now receives updates on the stability of the social care workforce. The Committee has also asked the Cabinet Member for Children's Service to ensure partners in housing better integrate services with social workers to support service delivery. The Committee has been informed that senior officers in housing and social care will meet to review progress and update the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, the Cabinet Member for Strategic Development and Waste and the Cabinet Member for Housing. The Committee also highlighted the importance of including children's voices in social care workers' analysis and records. The Committee has been reassured that, following the introduction of the New Model of Social Care, children's voices are starting to be captured.
- 4.8 The Committee also invited Sir Alan Wood, Independent Chair of the Children's Services Improvement Board and Debbie Barnes, Improvement Partner from Lincolnshire (appointed by the Department of Education) to provide an independent perspective of the Council's progress. While acknowledging the positive progress highlighted in the January Ofsted reports, both raised the need to focus on the quality of service to sustain progress by recruiting, training and developing a stable, motivated and highly skilled workforce. The Committee was also advised to scrutinise the development of strong partnerships and partner engagement with the delivery of Early Help and closely monitor children in need without a Plan. The

Committee plans to focus on these areas in the next municipal year and has recommended to Cabinet that all Members receive training in scrutiny and Children's Services.

5 Governance

- 5.1 To monitor the Council's performance and scrutinise value for money, the Committee has reviewed quarterly strategic performance reports, quarterly budget monitoring reports, best value improvement plan monitoring reports and the Annual Complaints and Information Governance Report. The Committee also held two spotlight sessions; one with the Chief Executive and one with the Mayor.
- 5.2 When reviewing the strategic performance reports, the Committee highlighted the importance of employment to support local residents out of deprivation. The Council has a key role in working with local partners, including businesses, to reduce the employment disparity between Tower Hamlets and the rest of London and focus on communities with high unemployment rates, particularly among Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) women. The Committee noted there are discrepancies between confidence levels in national and local survey-based data and the Council should explore other metrics to understand employment rates in the borough. The Committee also suggested that indicators should be incorporated into the new Strategic Plan to monitor the following:
- crime in local neighbourhoods
 - improvements in pupil performance in the primary and secondary sectors to identify where early help is needed.
- 5.3 In the Complaints and Information Governance Annual Report, the Committee highlighted the need to improve response rates and use intelligence from this report to inform development of future scrutiny work programmes.

Chief Executive's Spotlight Session

- 5.4 During this session, the Committee explored how improvements are being delivered to support the work of the Council. The Chief Executive highlighted the Council's progress from a period of distress and the necessary changes implemented, such as an organisational review, new leadership and three year budgeting. The Committee proposed areas of further development such as cultural change, breaking down silos, raising the profile of audit and the need for leadership to be more outward focusing. The Committee also discussed planning around the election to safeguard against fraud and corruption.

Mayor's Spotlight Session

- 5.5 The Committee heard a reflection on the Council's journey since the previous Mayor's removal from office and the reputational and resource challenges of dealing with investigations, commissioners, severe spending cuts and forced savings. Changes have included the introduction of a three year budget, relaunching of job support, developing more homes, addressing poor air quality and investing in police officers, youth projects and adult social care and children's services. The Committee questioned how the Council plans to hold external agencies to account for poor performance and service delivery. Further, the Committee queried the Council's initiatives to make housing more affordable for key workers, young graduates and families in the borough and to support young people's aspirations to go onto university or apprenticeships through support for tutoring or top up learning. The Committee suggested that this was an area for further scrutiny.

6 Place

- 6.1 The Committee held four spotlight sessions looking at Housing, Strategic Development and Waste, Work and Economic Development and the Environment. Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy, the Committee also reviewed the Council's Emergency Planning and Civil Contingency Arrangements.

Work and Economic Development

- 6.2 The Committee welcomed the Council's aim of achieving full employment in the borough and supporting residents into long-term sustainable jobs, particularly in the face of skilled staff shortages. The Committee continues to challenge the Council on its plans to tackle high levels of unemployment among BME residents. Further, the Committee suggested that small to medium sized entities are supported through business rate relief and local businesses are protected from competition by larger chains. The Committee supported regeneration projects, such as the Brick Lane Regeneration, and queried how the project would remain sustainable post funding.

Waste and Recycling

- 6.3 The Committee highlighted that the borough has a significant and increasing number of high rise buildings and discussed the pilot scheme for high rise occupants to recycle food waste. The Committee also considered the quality and accessibility of recycling bags for the elderly, disabled and working residents. The Council has agreed to make these more widely available. The Committee noted the importance of reinforcing messages on correct processes and supports the Council's campaigns in schools. The Committee also raised concerns around Veolia's performance and notes that capacity issues around contract management are being addressed.

Housing and response to Grenfell

- 6.4 The Committee received a presentation on the Council's housing services with a focus on temporary accommodation and homelessness resulting from domestic violence. The Committee were concerned that procedures for identifying and supporting victims of domestic violence who need re-housing were not properly followed. A restructure in the Housing Options team is currently underway to help upskill frontline staff on this issue.
- 6.5 The Committee also considered the Council's response to residential fire safety after the Grenfell Tower Tragedy and noted that all fire risk assessments are up to date. The Committee noted that fire safety measures have been put in place for Council buildings managed by Tower Hamlets Homes. Further, the Committee requested that the Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee carry out a Scrutiny Review on fire safety in residential high rise buildings in Tower Hamlets. The outcomes of this review are covered later in the report.
- 6.6 The Committee also received a presentation on the Council's emergency planning and civil contingency arrangements. The Committee queried the sufficiency of resources available to the Council for providing emergency support to residents; and noted that there are established mutual aid arrangements across London Local Authorities if these become stretched. The Committee also highlighted the community leadership role of elected Members in reassuring and communicating with residents. The service area noted that elected Members could play a larger role and will be rolling out training to all Members.

Night-time Economy Scrutiny Review Report

- 6.7 The night-time economy (NTE) in London is currently high on the agenda of city leaders and it has been made a priority by the London Mayor with the recent appointment of London's first Night Czar and the introduction of the Night Tube. These developments, together with the rapidly changing demographic and economic make-up of Tower Hamlets, made it an opportune time to review the Council's current approach to the borough's NTE. This review was carried by the Committee in 2016/17 but the final report was presented to the current Committee.
- 6.8 The review held four evidence gathering sessions around planning and economic development, community safety, the Public Health Service and the Metropolitan Police. The review made 11 recommendations around developing a vision, appointing a "Night Czar" to champion a balanced NTE, funding activities from a Late Night Levy, availability of enforcement officers at times of high demand, supporting young people with employment opportunities, providing adequate public toilets and assessing the impact on residents local to NTE zones.

7 Resources

Quarterly Budget Monitoring

- 7.1 The Committee played a key role in scrutinising and challenging the budget for 2017/18 and focused on the delivery of key services, value for money and whether the borough's most vulnerable residents are supported. In particular, the Committee focused on the Council's initiatives to attract and maintain a stable social care workforce for Children's Services' and Adult Social Care. The Committee queried budget planning to deliver the Better Care Fund to support Community Care. The Committee also identified underspending of the Disabled Facilities Grant and will continue to monitor the reasons behind this.

Medium Term Financial Strategy

- 7.2 The Committee also received a Medium Term Financial Strategy update in October. The Committee asked for progress updates and will continue to monitor plans to move away from short-term cash management towards long-term strategic investment. The Committee also discussed the agreement in principle of the London Business Rates Pilot Pool 2018/19 and highlighted the need for a risk-mapping exercise, which has been reiterated in the Committee's budget scrutiny recommendations.

Budget Scrutiny for 2018/19

- 7.3 The Committee held three sessions in January 2018, including a training session and two Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings, to consider and challenge the budget proposals.
- 7.4 The budget scrutiny training session was delivered by the Centre for Public Scrutiny with the aim of increasing the Committee's skills and capacity to effectively scrutinise the budget proposals. Training focused on questioning techniques, the impact on residents and whether the budget represents value for money. The Centre for Public Scrutiny also developed key lines of enquiry to assist Committee Members provide effective scrutiny.
- 7.5 At the first meeting, the Committee adopted a high level strategic approach, focusing on the links between the proposed budget and the priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan. At the second meeting, the Committee reviewed the capital programme, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and feedback from consultation with local residents and businesses.
- 7.6 The Committee made twelve recommendations to the Executive covering the following topics:
- facilitating effective scrutiny by setting earlier timeframes and incorporating budget scrutiny into the scrutiny subcommittee's work programmes throughout the year

- reviewing the risks and opportunities of participating in the London Business Rate Pilot Scheme
- the Council taking a lead role in engaging and helping residents and businesses to mitigate local risks and take advantage of key opportunities of Brexit.
- Improving dialogue and resident engagement in recovering housing benefit overpayments
- Improving in-house resources to procure and manage large contracts
- The Council lobbying the Government for additional capital resources to fund fire safety remediation works and retrofit sprinklers
- The Council working with schools to raise awareness and encourage eligible parents to apply for free school meals.

7.7 In discussions, the Committee noted that parents are not applying for free school meals due to the universal free school meals provision, leading some schools to lose funding (in particular the pupil premium). The Committee has since welcomed the Council's change in policy around free school meals, requiring all parents to complete forms, to ensure schools receive funding.

Workforce Diversity Action Plan

7.8 The Committee also reviewed the Workforce Diversity Action Plan, which implements the recommendations of a challenge session held in 2015/16. The Committee noted that while BME representation had increased, disappointingly disabled representation has decreased at senior management level. Accordingly, the Committee has called for improved methods of identifying existing staff for advancement, adopting and monitoring a BME blind recruitment approach to break down barriers to equality and undertaking secondments with Local Authorities with greater representation.

8 Petitions, call-ins and pre-decision scrutiny

8.1 The Committee received no petitions this year.

8.2 One Mayoral Executive Decision was called in this year on the £119m Acquisition of Affordable Homes. The Committee was concerned whether this acquisition was the best value for money. Accordingly, the Committee requested further information on the age and condition of the properties and confirmation that the alternative options and the financial implications had been considered in full. In recognition of the need for affordable housing in the borough, the Committee voted to confirm this decision.

8.3 Throughout the year, the Committee submitted pre-decision questions across a range of areas. The Committee raised concerns that a number of Cabinet papers were submitted as urgent matters, reducing the Committee's time to scrutinise issues thoroughly. Accordingly, the timing of Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings will be rescheduled in the next municipal year.

9 Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services - Councillor Danny Hassell

Role in Children's Service Improvement Board

- 9.1 This year, the Scrutiny Lead for Children's Services attended the Children's Services Improvement Board's meetings and operational sub-group meetings as an ex officio member. These meetings monitor and review performance and progress against the Council's Children's Service Improvement Plan and provide regular reports to the Committee. The Scrutiny Lead also participated in a number of 'Practice Days', which involved meeting frontline social workers, observing case conferences and attending home visits to families.

Gangs and Youth Violence Scrutiny Review

- 9.2 This Scrutiny Review was set up in response to the recommendation in the 2017 Ofsted Children's Services inspection report to:
- urgently improve the quality and timeliness of services for children who are at risk of becoming involved in gangs and serious youth violence
 - ensure the alignment of those services with those for children who go missing and those who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation and radicalisation
 - ensure that comprehensive and accurate intelligence and data inform service developments.
- 9.3 The review looked to identify and understand the scale and impact of gangs and youth violence issues within the borough, examine the Council's current approach, priorities and resources and identify evidence and best practice examples to learn from, adopt and build on when planning and delivering services going forward.
- 9.4 Two evidence gathering sessions were held in early 2018, which were attended by Councillors and officers with key representatives from education and the police and other service delivery partners as well as the Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor.
- 9.5 The first session focussed on key issues identified locally as well as evidenced through previous studies held by other authorities and organisations. Presentations were made by the authority's Ending Gang, Group & Serious Youth Violence Co-ordinator and the Interim Head of Youth Services about how work is currently delivered and ongoing plans. The Community Safety and Partnership Manager from the London Borough of Hackney presented on how they have shaped and delivered their Integrated Gangs Unit. The discussions covered supporting the role of community mediation and intervention, perceived issues for young people and examining the causes for gang involvement.

- 9.6 The February session was held at the Spotlight Centre, where much of the outreach and involvement work is delivered. This session focussed on feedback from the experiences of young people involved with or affected by gangs and youth violence, adding greater context and impact to the discussions and findings from the first session.
- 9.7 The review has made 20 recommendations covering themes of resourcing, communications and engagement, analysis and understanding, training and capacity building and developing the focus and approach of work going forward.

10 Scrutiny Lead for Governance - Councillor Ayas Miah

Brexit Scrutiny Challenge Session

- 10.1 The Scrutiny Lead for Governance chaired a Scrutiny Challenge Session to improve the Committee's understanding of Brexit and its likely impact on the Council. The Session was held in December 2017 and attended by three Members, two co-opted Members and officers.
- 10.2 The Challenges Session made a total of ten recommendations on the following themes:
- further work to understand the impact on Council's workforces and also those it commissions to supply services
 - being proactive in understanding the impact on Tower Hamlets and engaging in regional and national discussions
 - undertaking a Scrutiny Review in 2018/19 of the impact on businesses, statutory agencies and local voluntary and community sector
 - understanding the impact on the local labour market, based on future needs.
- 10.3 The Scrutiny Lead, in consultation with Committee Members, has developed a draft scope for a further Scrutiny Review on Brexit in 2018/19, which sets out the following areas:
- the Council and its statutory and local partners (including the impact on schools)
 - big businesses and key sectors of the local economy (including the impact of national economy activities).
 - small to medium size businesses
 - the voluntary sector.

11 Scrutiny Lead Health, Adults & Community and Chair of Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee – Councillor Clare Harrison

Overview

- 11.1 The Health Scrutiny Sub-committee is the primary way in which the democratically elected councillors of Tower Hamlets are able to voice the views of their residents and hold the relevant NHS and social care bodies to account. By doing this, the Health Scrutiny Sub-committee acts as a lever to improve the health of the local population by ensuring their needs are considered as part of the commissioning, delivery and development of health and social care services in the borough.
- 11.2 To develop the 2017/18 Health Scrutiny work programme, the Sub-committee carried out extensive consultation with key stakeholders including: Barts Health NHS Trust (Barts Health), LBTH Adults Commissioning, Social Care, Healthwatch Tower Hamlets, GP Care Group, Public Health, East London Foundation Trust, and Tower Hamlets CGG.
- 11.3 Following this consultation the Committee generated a list of significant issues, challenges and projects across health and social care in 2017/18. The Committee decided to adopt a deep-dive approach to its work programme, focusing on one issue per meeting. The issues included; self-care and prevention, loneliness, and the sustainability of social care services in Tower Hamlets.
- 11.4 In addition to the deep-dive items, the Sub-committee continued to receive occasional and statutory reports relating to the performance of the local health and social care system.
- 11.5 The Sub-committee held four meetings in 2017/18. In addition to the Committee meetings the Sub-committee also undertook a Scrutiny Review which inspected the provision of health and social care services for homeless residents in Tower Hamlets.

Membership

Name	Role
Councillor Clare Harrison	Chair
Councillor Khales Uddin Ahmed	Member
Councillor Abdul Asad	Member
Councillor Peter Golds	Member
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim	Member
Councillor Rachael Saunders	Member
David Burbidge	Co-Optee (Healthwatch Tower Hamlets)
Tim Oliver	Co-Optee (Healthwatch Tower Hamlets)

Self-care and Prevention

- 11.6 This session aimed to improve understanding of the self-care and prevention agenda, its implementation in Tower Hamlets and residents' understanding. The Sub-committee also considered the required degree of behaviour change for residents to make an impact on health and social care sustainability.
- 11.7 Self-care can be defined as the actions residents take to address their health needs, including preventing and dealing with illness. It is a broad concept encompassing hygiene, nutrition, lifestyle, environmental factors, socio-economic factors and self-medication. The Sub-committee was informed that promoting self-care and prevention is at the centre of the East London Health and Care Partnership vision of the future health and care system in East London.
- 11.8 The Committee was informed that there needs to be a flexible approach to supporting self-care and encouraging residents to use self-care assets. There is still significant work required to provide the community with accessible information on how to access services and help in the community. There needs to be a system-wide change in the health and social care system to promote self-care. Increased integration and the development of Tower Hamlets Together present an opportunity to drive through necessary changes.

Loneliness

- 11.9 The Sub-committee reviewed the Council's work on tackling loneliness and social isolation. Addressing loneliness was identified in the Mental Health Strategy 2013-2019 and was included as one of ten key themes in the Ageing Well strategy. It is estimated that in Tower Hamlets 16% of over 65s (2,500 residents) are likely to be lonely all or most of the time (referred to as chronic loneliness).
- 11.10 The Sub-committee received a presentation from Public Health about two projects they have delivered in the borough to address issues of loneliness. The first looked at community perspectives on loneliness. Twenty volunteers were trained in community research techniques to find out the thoughts and experiences on loneliness of six hundred residents from a wide range of backgrounds and ages. The project identified eight themes, which have an impact on loneliness, including mental health and wellbeing, physical health, feeling safe, housing conditions, family, relationships and life experiences, community activities and social networks, culture, faith and cohesion, environment and infrastructure.
- 11.11 The second project looked at loneliness in care homes. This was a befriending scheme based on mutual interests. The Sub-committee heard that this project was greatly valued by the care homes. However, due to the

need for specialist knowledge and the time and cost-related support to volunteers, it was not continued beyond the project end date.

- 11.12 In November 2017, a borough-wide stakeholder event was held to feedback the findings from both projects and made a number of recommendations to tackle the issue of loneliness and social isolation. The findings recommended that tackling loneliness should be embedded throughout Council-wide strategies.
- 11.13 The Sub-committee recommended that identifying loneliness could be incorporated into the social prescribing project and that the Council should follow the outcomes on the London-wide strategy of loneliness and explore opportunities to get involved with it. The Sub-committee would like to be updated on the developments in this area and have requested that it be included in the 2018/19 health scrutiny work programme.

Maternity Services; Scrutiny Review (progress update)

- 11.14 The Sub-committee reviewed the progress made in response to the Maternity Services scrutiny review undertaken in 2016. The scrutiny review brought together representatives from the Council, Tower Hamlets CCG, Barts Health, and community organisations to explore the quality of provision and the performance of Maternity Services in Tower Hamlets. Through listening to patient feedback the review explored the extent to which women are involved in monitoring and planning services and how accessible and responsive services are for people from different social backgrounds. The Sub-committee made a number of recommendations to improve Maternity Services in Tower Hamlets.
- 11.15 The Sub-committee heard a presentation from Alwen Williams, Chief Executive Officer of Bart's Health Trust and Kelly Jupp of the Maternity Management Team at Bart's Health. Following the recommendations from the Health Scrutiny Committee in 2016, a Maternity Partnership Board was set up to address the challenges. The success of the Partnership Board was evidenced in a recent Care Quality Commission inspection, which found improvements in the following five key areas:
- safety
 - workforce
 - staff
 - partnership
 - staff wellbeing.
- 11.16 As a result of the review, the hospital has implemented an abduction policy and has installed ten secure doors and an electronic baby tag monitoring system. Moreover, the recruitment web page has been revised to include

direct contact details of the management team and list live vacancies. With regard to vacancies, there is a 94% fill rate. One midwife to twenty-eight patients and two labour ward co-ordinators have been recruited. Staff members are required to sign up to both day and night shifts. The hospital has also introduced overnight stays for partners. Finally, staff wellbeing initiatives have been introduced for the midwifery team and wider support staff including administrative workers.

Children & Young People Mental Health Service; Scrutiny Challenge Session

- 11.16 The Sub-committee reviewed the progress made on the response to the Children & Young People Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Scrutiny Challenge Session undertaken in 2016. The Challenge Session brought together representatives from the Council, Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Tower Hamlets CAMHS, and community organisations to explore the provision and performance of children and young peoples' mental health services in Tower Hamlets. The session focused on access to mental health services for service users from a wide range of backgrounds, promotion of services and gaps in current service provision. The Sub-committee made fourteen recommendations to improve CAMHS in Tower Hamlets.
- 11.17 The Council are working with Tower Hamlets CCG and the voluntary sector to strengthen early intervention services. Parent and infant emotion health and wellbeing training was delivered in 2016/17 as part of the Tower Hamlets Together training. A new integrated young people's health and wellbeing service will begin in 2018 and will target young care leavers. Moreover, a co-commissioned specialist Community Adult Mental Health Service was launched to support young people experiencing mental health issues who have been in contact with the youth justice system. Additionally, a pilot delivered by Tree4Life, trained local women in delivering mental health first aid and aims to improve cultural awareness of mental health issues. The 'Flourishing Minds' pilot was also delivered to breakdown cultural barriers and reduce stigma around mental health. The Children and Families team delivered training sessions for parents at schools to improve engagement with children and families in mental health awareness. Finally, the Council and Tower Hamlets CCG are raising awareness of mental health and available support services to all staff.

NHS Cyber Attack

- 11.18 Jackie Sullivan, Director at Royal London Hospital at Barts Health, together with Sarah Jenson, Chief Information Officer at Barts Health, provided a presentation on the cyber-attack, which took place on 12 May 2017 at the NHS Trust.

11.19 The Sub-committee heard that the NHS Trust was vulnerable to the cyber-attack due to a Microsoft Windows vulnerability as all medical equipment ran on a Windows operating system. The virus was initially discovered in the x-ray machine, followed by more calls indicating that PCs were also defective. Newham was the first site, within Barts Health, to be affected. A decision was made to shut down all technology to protect neighbouring providers and NHS systems. Work was undertaken to segregate networks and to schedule engineer visits. Service areas within Barts Health were prioritised, for example, restoring the stroke and heart centres. Systems were largely restored by 24 May 2017. Since that date, significant work has been undertaken on recovery plans. The London-wide cyber-attack increased pressure on other trauma centres, leading to 120 in-patient cancellations needing to be re-booked and seen before the end of July 2017.

Scrutiny Review; Health and Social Care Provision for Homeless Residents

11.20 The Sub-committee undertook a scrutiny review of the provision of health and social care services for homeless residents in Tower Hamlets. Homelessness is a growing and complex problem, which reaches right across health, public health, and social care. Homelessness has been a historical problem in Tower Hamlets and continues to be a pressing issue due to reforms to the welfare system, the austerity measures of the current government, rising house prices, rent and fees, and the national housing shortage leading to the unaffordability of homes.

11.21 The review aimed to develop a clear understanding of the health and social care issues experienced by homeless households in terms of outcomes and service provision with a view to informing the future commissioning and provision of health and social care services for these groups of people.

11.22 Specifically the review wanted to answer the following questions:

- What are the main barriers in providing effective health and social care for homeless residents?
- How do health outcomes for homeless residents differ from the wider population?
- What is the response to addressing the health and social care issues for these groups from local health and social care commissioners and providers?
- What more can health and social care providers do to address inequality in access and outcomes for homeless residents?

11.23 The Sub-committee held two meetings as part of this review. The first meeting invited commissioners and health and social care service providers from the NHS and the Council to inform the Sub-committee of the current services in place to support homeless households. Public Health introduced the Homeless Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which formed the context for the review. This was followed by a presentation from the CCG, East

London Foundation Trust, and Barts Health who provided an overview of the different health services and access points in place for homeless residents. Particular attention was given to the role of Health E1 and the Pathways Homeless Team at the Royal London Hospital. Tower Hamlets' Commissioning and Adult Social Care Teams then followed and provided a joint presentation of the social care services available for homeless residents in Tower Hamlets. They were supported by colleagues from Providence Row Housing Association and Lookahead, who provide hostel services for the Council.

- 11.24 The second meeting invited homeless residents and their advocates to share their experiences of accessing and using health and social care services. Presentations were received from Shelter, St Mungos, Groundswell, and homeless residents.

12. Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Overview

- 12.1 For 2016/17 and 2017/18 Tower Hamlets held the rotating Chair of the Inner North East London (INEL) Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC). This body comprises of Tower Hamlets, London Borough of Hackney, London Borough of Newham and the City of London Corporation (together with the London Borough of Waltham Forest as observers).
- 12.2 The JHOSC is tasked with scrutinising health and social care plans and/or decisions that may affect one or more member authority. Under the s.245 of the NHS Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002, the JHOSC is able to refer decisions called formal 'cases for change' to the Secretary of State if taken without due consultation and engagement. The JHOSC has jurisdiction over the scrutiny of sub-regional health care planning such as the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).
- 12.3 During 2017/18, the JHOSC met four times to scrutinise the North East London Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), which represents a significant transformation to NHS healthcare provision at a multi-borough and sub-regional level.
- 12.4 Additionally, the JHOSC reviewed proposals for the appointment of a Single Accountable Officer (SAO) across the North East London Clinical Commissioning Groups (NEL CCG). These proposals included re-configurations of services that could have an impact on Tower Hamlets' residents and it is therefore important that JHOSC provides democratic oversight.

Membership

Name	London Borough
Councillor Clare Harrison (Chair)	London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Councillor Susan Masters (Vice-Chair)	London Borough of Newham
Councilman Christopher Boden (Member)	City of London Corporation
Councillor Ann Munn (Member)	London Borough of Hackney
Councillor Ben Hayhurst (Member)	London Borough of Hackney
Councillor Yvonne Maxwell (Member)	London Borough of Hackney
Councillor Anthony McAlmont (Member)	London Borough of Newham
Councillor James Beckles (Member)	London Borough of Newham
Councillor Shiria Khatun (Member)	London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim (Member)	London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Single Accountable Officer (SAO)

- 12.5 The JHOSC scrutinised proposals for the creation of a SAO across the seven NEL CCGs. The proposed new commissioning arrangements comprised two key aspects; the appointment of a Single Accountable Officer who will also take the STP lead role and the establishment of new shared governance arrangements to support commissioning across the North East London footprint and at an individual borough level.
- 12.6 The proposals were presented to the JHOSC by Dr Sam Everington (Chair of NHS Tower Hamlets CCG), Dr Clare Highton (Chair of NHS City & Hackney CCG) and Dr Prakash Chandra (Chair of NHS Newham CCG). Following scrutiny of the proposals, the JHOSC Members voted against endorsing the appointment of an SAO and wrote a letter to the CCG governing bodies detailing the reasons for their decision.
- 12.7 The JHOSC were concerned that this reorganisation represented a weakening of local accountability structures. While the proposal to appoint a SAO was ratified by the CCG governing bodies, the JHOSC was provided with assurances that local accountability would not be lost in the new structure and that wider consultation with key stakeholders would be carried out to test the new commissioning arrangements.

North East London Sustainability and Transformation Plan

- 12.8 The JHOSC performed a number of scrutiny reviews on specific elements of the STP, including; digital enablement, mental health and workforce.
- 12.9 The JHOSC were informed that NEL STP would make better use of Information Technology to help support health and social and community care providers and meet the needs of local people. Digital technology would

enable the development of new, sustainable models of care to achieve better outcomes for patients, with a focus on prevention and out of hospital care. Specifically, as part of the STP, four work streams have been created to; address server issues at Barts Health Trust, improve how data is shared and utilised across different pathways, improve how data is pooled together with real time data, and enable patients to have access their own medical records and information.

12.10 The JHOSC scrutinised the work being undertaken to develop mental health services as part of the North East London Sustainability and Transformation Plan. Officers from East London Health and Care Partnership (ELHCP) outlined that mental health is a national priority and that investment in this area is as essential as it is in acute illnesses. The STP must deliver the access and quality standards outlined in the mental health Five Year Forward View. Significantly, inner North East London has the highest level of mental illness in the country and there is an increasing demand for mental health services. The STP will allow local partners to develop solutions to the range of issues and provides an opportunity to make mental health an integral part of all the health and social care interventions provided across East London. The JHOSC were informed that delivery groups have been established for the following areas of work:

- improve population mental health and wellbeing,
- improve access to service provision and quality,
- ensure services have the right capacity to:
 - match increasing demand
 - improve mental health system outcomes and values
 - improve commissioning and delivering new models of care.

12.11 The JHOSC reviewed issues about the NHS workforce and asked for assurances that the recruitment and retention challenges and transforming the out-of-hospital workforce are being addressed. Given the population growth, there are significant gaps in supply and demand in the NHS workforce, including pockets in East London with too few doctors. In addition, the nursing workforce is migrating away due to affordable housing issues. The JHOSC were informed that workforce retention is one of ELHCPs four core priorities. Health Education England (HEE) established a Local Workforce Action Board (LWAB) for ELHCP to co-ordinate and support the workforce requirements of the STP. The national target for increasing the number of GPs is 500. Given the population demand, new roles are to be introduced into primary care including physician associates and care navigators. In secondary care, a nursing associate role will be introduced. It was noted that there has been little joined-up working with the health service

and local authorities on key worker housing. The JHOSC suggested offering workers a suite of benefits such as nursery places, housing, and training to encourage people to enter the profession.

- 12.12 In addition to deep-dive reviews, the JHOSC also scrutinised the governance arrangements of the STP, its financial strategy and challenges of the STP, the development of Accountable Care Systems, and planned changes to maternity services as part of the STP.

13. Scrutiny Lead for Resources and Chair of Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee – Councillor Andrew Wood

Overview

- 13.1 This year, the Members of the Grants Scrutiny Sub-committee focused on whether the overall objectives of the grant scheme were met, based on identified need, fair geographical distribution of funding, and the range of community needs. The grant scheme aims to support an objective, fair, transparent and co-ordinated approach to grant funding across the Council.
- 13.2 The Sub-committee held six meetings and focussed on pre-decision scrutiny of the reports being presented to the Grants Determination Sub-committee. These included reports on grants awards, monitoring of grants performance, grants policy development reports and other reports requested by the Sub-committee.
- 13.3 An additional meeting was held to look at the grants monitoring GIFT system to give Members an opportunity to provide feedback and gain insight into the new system.
- 13.4 As articulated in the Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy, the Council is moving towards a commissioning approach. Accordingly, the Sub-committee reviewed the arrangements in place to support local organisations. The Sub-committee received a report outlining the co-production support to the voluntary sector to date for commissioned projects relating to community engagement, cohesion and resilience, and the Sub-committee have asked to receive another update further into the co-production programme.

Membership

Name	Role
Councillor Andrew Wood	Chair
Councillor Clare Harrison	Member
Councillor Candida Ronald	Member
Councillor Ayas Miah	Member
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim	Member
Councillor Shafi Ahmed	Member
Margherita De Cristofano	Co-opted Member
Sirajul Islam	Co-opted Member

Tower Hamlets Mayor's Air Quality Fund

- 13.5 This year, the Council implemented the Tower Hamlets Mayor's Air Quality Fund (THMAQF). The Sub-committee supported the recommendation to award £200,000 bid for the two year period (2017/18 and 2018/19). A significant proportion of funds will go into raising awareness about the need to improve air quality.

Renewal of Service Agreement with Mudchute Farm and Friends of TH Cemetery Park

- 13.6 These two facilities are an important part of the community and, although they are owned by the Council, they are managed by a charity organisation. Moreover, they fit within all the Mayoral strategic priorities.
- 13.7 Members commended the work carried out by the management of those facilities, and stressed how much they improve the community's quality of life.

Royal London Hospital Meanwhile Use Community Garden

- 13.8 The Sub-committee raised concerns that the selected location for the "Meanwhile Use Community Garden" will be located in an area which has very bad air quality and high air pollution.
- 13.9 It was noted that after the two year lease, there is no requirement to continue this as a community garden. The Sub-committee suggested that the Council consider life sciences development in the local plan and extend use as a community garden so that the Council's original investment is not wasted.
- 13.10 The report lacked information on future use of the community garden and the Council's evaluation methodology to determine whether the garden met its objectives over the two year period.

Brick Lane Regeneration Programme Phase 2- Shopfront Programme Grant Payment

- 13.11 The sum of £270,000 had been allocated to the Brick Lane Regeneration Programme for the shopfront regeneration to be part-funded by s106 funds and part-funded by the shopkeepers.

- 13.12 Members noted that Brick Lane is already an area that generates high footfall and that S106 money might be better spent on other projects but noted that more revenue was likely to benefit the area. Moreover, consideration is being given to include this area in the Business Improvement District, which could drive up revenue.

Mainstream Grants (MSG) Performance Monitoring Reports

- 13.13 The Sub-committee received quarterly monitoring reports of project delivery by organisations in receipt of MSG Programme funds. This included projects that were not meeting targets (rated 'red' or 'amber'). The Sub-committee sought assurance on work taking place to support these organisations and ensure targets were met. The Sub-committee also supported the extension of the current programme until March 2019 to enable co-production and move to a commissioning process.

Recreation Activities for Young People - Scrutiny Review

- 13.14 The Sub-committee undertook an in-depth review on opportunities offered by the Council for young people to stay active in the borough. The review links to the strategic aim of reducing childhood obesity and also the development of the Council's Physical Activity and Sports Strategy, which is currently being developed.
- 13.15 The Sub-committee noted from the outset that there are limited grants available for this but there are a range of projects through being delivered by the MSG Programme. The review therefore focused on activities delivered by the Council and other partner agencies and recommended maximising the use of facilities.

14. Scrutiny Lead for Place and Chair of Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee – Councillor Helal Uddin

Overview

- 14.1 The Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee scrutinises housing matters impacting on residents or the borough. This includes reviewing the Council's decisions or actions, monitoring performance of service providers and holding them to account and making evidence-based recommendations for service improvements.
- 14.2 The Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee also considers matters brought to its attention by resident associations or members of the general public and is working to improve this engagement.

Work programme

- 14.3 This year, the Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee developed its annual programme, based on discussions with the Chair, Members and key

stakeholders. In determining the work programme, the Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee considered the priorities of the Council and registered providers and important national and local developments. In particular, the Grenfell tragedy highlighted the need for Tower Hamlets' residents to enjoy quality housing, which meets fire safety standards. The Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee therefore carried out a Fire Safety Scrutiny Review.

Membership

- 14.4 The Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee has six elected Members and two co-opted Members. These are as follows:

Name	Role
Councillor Helal Uddin	Chair
Councillor John Pierce	Vice Chair
Councillor Andrew Wood	Member
Councillor Gulam Robbani	Member
Councillor Rabina Khan	Member
Councillor Shiria Khatun	Member
Anne Ambrose	Co-opted member, Tenant Representative
Moshin Hamim	Co-opted member, Leaseholder Representative

- 14.5 The Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee met quarterly and received quarterly performance reports to monitor the performance of Registered Housing Providers. The Committee Members have focused on resident satisfaction levels as a guide to the level of service provided.
- 14.6 The Sub-committee also conducted the following three spotlights sessions:
- Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Performance
 - Cabinet Member for Development and Renewal
 - Impact of short-term lets (eg Air BnB) in the borough.
- 14.7 The Sub-committee also considered how the Council is meeting the needs for temporary accommodation through its acquisition programme. In terms of new legislation, the Sub-committee also considered the Council's readiness to comply with the Homelessness Reduction Act, which came into force in April 2018. The Sub-committee welcomed the preparation in place, particularly around training frontline staff and will continue to monitor the Council's activities to comply with statutory requirements and residents' needs. The Committee also considered the draft London Plan and agreed to raise issues around local housing targets, environmental considerations and feedback into the public consultation via the Housing Options' response.
- 14.8 A significant focus of the Housing Scrutiny Sub-committee this year has been fire safety. It received a presentation in July outlining the Council's response to reviewing its housing stock.

Fire Safety Scrutiny Review

- 14.9 Following the Grenfell tragedy, the Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee carried out a review of fire safety issues in residential high rises to identify gaps in current policies or practices. The review aimed to:
- Drive improvement in fire safety policies, practices and compliance in existing and new developments
 - Clarify roles and responsibilities across the public and private owned high rises
 - Amplify the voice and concerns of the resident tenants.
- 14.10 The Sub-committee held three evidence gathering sessions, which were based around the following themes:
- Roles and responsibilities
 - Preventions measures
 - Emergency responses
 - Resident engagement.
- 14.11 The Review received evidence from Tower Hamlets Homes, Registered Providers, the London Fire Brigade, a private developer and officers from Housing Options, Planning and Building Control, Environmental Health and Legal teams. The Review also considered residents views through written evidence from tenants associations, petitions, complaints, member's enquiries and freedom of information requests.
- 14.12 The Review has made fourteen recommendations around improving rapport with private developers and building owners, improving communication to local residents, lobbying Government for additional funding for retrofitting sprinkler systems and developing and reviewing performance measures in relation to fire safety.

15. Looking ahead

- 15.1 Scrutiny plays an important role in challenging performance and driving improvement and needs to be as effective as possible. Therefore, the Committee has formally requested a response from the Executive on the Department of Community and Local Government Select Committee review of local authorities scrutiny function. The report will be presented at the first Overview and Scrutiny Meeting of the next municipal year. This report presents an opportunity to improve how scrutiny operates in Tower Hamlets, recognising good practices and improving on these.

16. How to get involved

- 16.1 Residents can play a key role in challenging service delivery and helping to shape improvements. There are four main ways you can get involved with Tower Hamlet's overview and scrutiny processes:
- **attending Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings (or one of its sub-committees):** these are all public meetings and therefore open to any local resident who wishes to attend. Also, the Committee meetings are now live cast through the Council website.
 - **giving evidence** to the Committee or one of its sub-committees, or a review or challenge session established by one of these committees, on any issue or matter that appears on an agenda or that is being scrutinised
 - **applying to join the Overview and Scrutiny Committee** or one of its subcommittees as a co-opted member when a vacancy arises
 - **proposing topics** for scrutiny by one of the committees.
- 16.2 The Council actively seeks greater public participation in proposing topics for scrutiny through the Council's website. These topics will be considered alongside proposals from councillors to develop the work programme for the next municipal year.

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<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Council</p> <p>18th July, 2018</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director Governance, Corporate Director</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Appointment of Co-Opted Members</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	David Knight, Principal Committee Services Officer
Wards affected	All wards

Executive Summary

The Council has appointed an Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to perform the functions set out in Part Two, Article Six of the Constitution (OSC Terms of Reference). The Committee has the power to appoint both voting and non-voting co-opted members from the community.

Following the expiry of terms of office of current co-optees, the Council has conducted a campaign to seek nominations to all six co-opted positions on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Nominations have now been received. The Council's Constitution states that such appointments must be approved by Council.

Recommendations:

Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the following proposed co-optees of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
 1. Dr Philip Rice as the Church of England diocese representative;
 2. Joanna Hannan as the Roman Catholic diocese representative;
 3. Muhammad Khoyrul Shaheed as the Muslim faith representative; and
 4. Neil Cunningham; Ahmed Hussain and Fatiha Kassouri as parent governor representatives.
2. Agree that the appointments above will take effect immediately and will be reviewed following the Council elections in May 2022 (or such earlier date as required).

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Council is required by section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000 to have an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to have executive arrangements that ensure the committee has specified powers. Consistent with this obligation, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants and may make reports and recommendations to the Full Council or the Executive in connection with the discharge of any functions. The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules which are set out in the Council's Constitution provide detail as to how the Committee carries out its work.
- 1.2 Section 9FA of the Local Government Act 2000 specifies that an overview and scrutiny committee of a local authority (or any sub-committee of such a committee) may include persons who are not members of the authority. Pursuant to Schedule A1 to the Local Government Act 2000 the Council must have specified categories of co-opted members on its overview and scrutiny committee who will be entitled to vote on education matters. Otherwise, it is for the Council to determine what co-opted members the Committee will have and what voting rights will be given to co-opted members of the Committee.
- 1.3 Rule 4 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules provides that the Committee must include specified co-opted members, in accordance with the legislative requirement.
- 1.4 In accordance with statutory requirements and as permitted within the discretion given by the Local Government Act 2000, the Council has determined that the OSC will include six co-optees as follows:
- One Church of England diocese representative;
 - One Roman Catholic diocese representative;
 - One Muslim faith representative; and
 - Three parent governor representatives.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Council could decide to not appoint the proposed nominees, however this would mean the Council's statutory and constitutional obligations to include co-optees in the membership of its Overview and Scrutiny Committee are not met.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Council has requested nominations for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 3.2 In accordance with statute, a nomination was requested from the Church of England and Roman Catholic Church dioceses for their representatives. Both dioceses informed the Council that the current co-optees were re-nominated. The Church of England and Roman Catholic Church nominees are listed in the recommendation above.
- 3.3 An open recruitment process was held for the Muslim faith representative co-optee. The Council received one application, Muhammad Khoyrul Shaheed.
- 3.4 In accordance with statute, an open recruitment process was held for the three parent governor positions, whereby all current parent governors of Tower Hamlets maintained schools were invited to self-nominate. At the deadline the Council had received three applications; the maximum number of nominations without the need to hold an election. The nominees are listed in the recommendation above.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None specific to this report.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None specific to this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 The selection and recruitment of co-opted members has been carried out through existing resources and the allowances for attending the Committee meetings will be funded through existing member allowance budgets. There are no additional financial implications arising from the recommendations within this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 This report is submitted by the Corporate Director, Governance, and all relevant legal and constitutional issues are referred to in the body of the report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

1. NONE.

Appendices


2. NONE

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) list of
“Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report**

3. Application forms of nominees for parent governor and Muslim representative co-optees.

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<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>COUNCIL</p> <p>18 July 2018</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Motions submitted by Members of the Council</p>	

<p>Originating Officer(s)</p>	<p>Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.</p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>All wards</p>

SUMMARY

1. Two motions have been submitted by Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 13 for debate at the Council meeting on Wednesday 18 July 2018.
2. The motions submitted are listed overleaf. In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, the motions alternate between the administration and the other Political Groups, with the Opposition Group motions starting with the largest Political Group not to have that meeting's Opposition Motion Debate slot.
3. Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the Borough. A motion may not be moved which is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the previous six months; or which proposes that a decision of the Council taken in the previous six months be rescinded; unless notice of the motion is given signed by at least twenty Members.
4. There is no specific duration set for this agenda item and consideration of the attached motions may continue until the time limit for the meeting is reached. The guillotine procedure at Council Procedure Rule 9.2 does not apply to motions on notice and any of the attached motions which have not been put to the vote when the time limit for the meeting is reached will be deemed to have fallen. A motion which is not put to the vote at the current meeting may be resubmitted for the next meeting but is not automatically carried forward.

MOTIONS

Set out overleaf are the motions that have been submitted.

14.1 Motion regarding the Grenfell Tower response

Proposer: Councillor Sirajul Islam

Seconder: Mayor John Biggs

This Council notes:

1. The catastrophic Grenfell Tower fire disaster which broke out on 14th June last year in Kensington and Chelsea which killed 72 people.
2. The causes of the fire are still being investigated but it is strongly believed that the fire spread so rapidly because of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding that was found on the outside of the building.
3. In the immediate aftermath of the fire, Tower Hamlets Council gave significant support to Kensington and Chelsea including seconding staff to the borough to provide assistance.
4. Despite Government promises to the contrary, according to media reports many of those made homeless by the tragedy have yet to be permanently rehoused over a year on from the disaster.

This Council also notes:

1. At the time of the Grenfell fire, THH and the council had already completed new Fire Risk Assessments on all of its 900 Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) blocks.
2. The council provided support to RPs and private landlords to test and replace cladding on tower blocks in the borough, including Randall House (a PFI scheme), which had a small amount of category 3 ACM which was quickly replaced.
3. In the Budget this year the Mayor, Council and THH agreed a significant programme of investment, committing £26.8m in new fire protection works with the aim of reducing the fire risks in THH properties even further over the next four years.
4. The Mayor and council have consistently lobbied Government to secure funding for cladding replacement costs and that it took almost a year for the Government to agree to do so but that this funding does not cover private blocks, of which there are many in Tower Hamlets, and does not cover councils to install sprinkler systems in high rise blocks to further reduce fire risks.

This Council resolves:

1. To support the Grenfell Public Enquiry and to call on Government to fully fund councils and the Fire Brigade to implement its recommendations.
2. To continue to lobby Government for funding to install sprinkler systems in high rise residential blocks and to provide support to leaseholders and tenants in private blocks where cladding needs to be removed.

14.2 Motion regarding Education Results and Target Setting

Proposer: Councillor Peter Golds
Seconder: Councillor Andrew Wood

The Council notes:

That at the last Cabinet meeting the Cabinet member responsible for Children, Schools and Young People presented “Validated end of Key Stage and Examination Results for the academic year 2016-17” but as a purely verbal update.

No actual results were attached to the Cabinet report or were available online.

Repeated references were made to Tower Hamlets exceeding national standards and that we should continue to exceed national averages. Whilst welcome England does include a number of areas with low educational outcomes and we should aspire to even higher standards given both our greater relative financial resources and the higher aspirations of our children and parents.

The Council therefore call on the Mayor that in future the council:

1. Publishes all educational and exam results though the Council website and in reports
2. Specifies the educational benchmarks should be based on:
 - a. England as a whole
 - b. Inner London
 - c. The highest performing London Borough on any particular benchmark
 - d. The neighbouring Boroughs of;
 - i. Newham
 - ii. Greenwich
 - iii. Lewisham
 - iv. Southwark
 - v. Hackney

That the City of London is excluded as the number of pupils is so low as to make comparisons difficult

This Council believes that this will provide comparable data on which to judge the relative outcomes of our pupils and schools.

That without accurate data and comparatives Tower Hamlets risks falling behind peer councils as previously.

Based on a small sample of educational analysis (which has been summarised for brevity) this is what the results would reveal. That Tower Hamlets while performing better than the national average is either average or below average when compared to its benchmarks.

SFR49/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 1, 2017

Table 18: Attainment in key stage 1 teacher assessments by region, local authority (LA) and gender

	English Reading	English Writing	Mathematics	Science
	Percentage reaching the expected standard²	Percentage reaching the expected standard²	Percentage reaching the expected standard²	Percentage reaching the expected standard²
ENGLAND	76	68	75	83
Inner London	79	73	79	84
Richmond upon Thames	83	72	82	91
Lewisham	80	73	78	87
Greenwich	80	76	81	85
Hackney	80	77	81	84
Newham	78	73	80	83
Southwark	79	73	78	83
Tower Hamlets	76	72	77	81

Based on these KS1 statistics Tower Hamlets would have the worst outcomes within the reference group.

SFR49/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 1, 2017

Table 21: Percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard¹ in key stage 1 teacher assessments by free school meal eligibility and gender

	English Reading	English Writing	Mathematics	Science
	Pupils known to be eligible and claiming free school meals	Pupils known to be eligible and claiming free school meals	Pupils known to be eligible and claiming free school meals	Pupils known to be eligible and claiming free school meals
	All	All	All	All
ENGLAND	61	52	60	69
Inner London	70	64	70	76
Newham	75	68	75	81
Newham	75	68	75	81
Hackney	74	71	75	77
Southwark	75	67	72	78
Tower Hamlets	71	65	70	76
Greenwich	68	63	69	76
Lewisham	67	60	64	75

Based on these KS1 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks

SFR69/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 2, 2017 (revised)
Table L1: Attainment at the end of key stage 2 in reading, writing and mathematics by region, local authority (LA) and gender

	Percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard ³			Percentage of pupils reaching a higher standard ⁴		
	All	Boys	Girls	All	Boys	Girls
ENGLAND	62	58	66	9	7	10
Inner London	68	65	71	11	10	13
Kensington and Chelsea	76	73	80	18	14	22
Hackney	72	69	75	13	11	15
Greenwich	71	68	74	13	10	15
Newham	70	67	73	11	9	13
Tower Hamlets	68	64	71	10	8	12
Southwark	64	60	67	9	8	10
Lewisham	62	58	66	9	7	10

Based on these KS2 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks (sorted by 1st column)

SFR69/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 2, 2017 (revised)

Table L4: Progress scores¹ of pupils by subject, local authority and region

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
	Progress score ¹	Progress score ¹	Progress score ¹
ENGLAND	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inner London	1.2	1.5	1.8
Kensington and Chelsea	2.4	1.5	2.8
Hackney	1.7	2.3	1.9
Newham	1.5	2.6	3.0
Southwark	0.9	0.9	1.4
Tower Hamlets	0.8	1.4	1.5
Greenwich	0.7	1.4	1.1
Lewisham	0.1	-0.1	0.2

Based on these KS2 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks (sorted by Reading column).

SFR69/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 2, 2017 (revised) Table L10a: Attainment of pupils at the end of key stage 2 in reading, writing and mathematics by ethnicity, region and local authority						
Percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard ³						
	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Chinese	All pupils
ENGLAND	61	63	64	61	78	62
Inner London	70	68	70	63	79	68
Bromley	75	77	86	75	88	76
Greenwich	67	71	80	73	85	71
Hackney	75	74	75	67	80	72
Lewisham	66	66	70	56	80	62
Newham	65	72	70	72	100	70
Tower Hamlets	62	63	70	63	72	68
Southwark	68	65	69	60	65	64

Based on these KS2 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks (sorted by Asian column)

SFR01/2018: GCSE and equivalent results in England 2016/17 (revised) Table LA1: GCSE and equivalent entries and achievements of pupils at the end of key stage 4 by gender for each local authority ¹ and region				
Region/ Local Authority ¹	Average Attainment 8 score per pupil ³	English and maths GCSEs	English Baccalaureate	Progress 8 ³
		Percentage of pupils who achieved a strong 9-5 pass ⁵	Percentage of pupils who achieved all components (including a strong 9-5 pass in English and maths) ⁶	Average Progress 8 score ⁴
England ¹	44.6	39.6	19.7	.
Inner London	48.2	46.0	27.8	0.21
Kensington & Chelsea	55.0	57.4	30.9	0.45
Southwark	50.5	47.8	32.8	0.31
Hackney	49.4	44.7	28.4	0.38

Newham	48.4	45.8	29.9	0.41
Tower Hamlets	47.2	44.3	27.1	0.25
Lewisham	44.2	37.9	19.0	-0.28

Based on these KS4 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks (sorted by average attainment 8)