

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**Pre-Decision Questions - Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

<b>Cabinet Report</b>	<b>Questions / Responses</b>
<b>Item 5.2 - Proposal for Mayoral Growth Funding - Additional Police Officers for Neighbourhoods</b>	<p>In the appendices of the report a number of options are set out for consideration however not clear if it will be big teams or within one ward.</p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>The recommended option is based upon having four teams (the existing Partnership Task Force and three new teams) who will operate on a neighbourhood basis as set out within the recently published 'Anti-Social Behaviour – A Blueprint for Local Action'. The focus will be on protecting neighbourhood policing and directing the resources to priority areas which are of concern to Tower Hamlets residents.</p> <p>The appendices set out the options considered for increasing the existing council funded policing team (Partnership Task Force - PTF). These options vary in terms of number of officers, size and number of teams. The options also considered different models including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Purchasing additional officers to supplement existing Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams within the wards</li><li>II. Focusing on selected hotspot wards</li><li>III. Setting up another PTF to respond to other hotspots across the borough</li><li>IV. Setting-up further dedicated teams to cover geographical areas (clusters of wards) – this is the recommended option</li></ul>
<b>Item 5.3 - Electric Vehicle Charging Points</b>	<p>1. To note that Tesla &amp; Ubitricity are looking for an East London Borough to work with on a trial</p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>This point is noted and we will engage with these and several other providers who are also interested in bringing forward trials in the area.</p>

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<p><b>Item 5.7- Planning for School Places – 2017/18 Review</b></p>	<p>1. Do the findings reflect the GLA Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Opportunity Area Planning Framework DIFS which calculates we need 5 new schools in the next 5 years and 12 in the next 10 years in that area? Between 15 and 20 schools in the next 20 years depending on growth options.</p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>The Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Opportunity Area Planning Framework (IoDSP OAPF) is currently still in development and is not expected to be finalised until early 2018, after a period of consultation. The GLA’s Development Infrastructure Funding Study (DIFS) which supports the OAPF is also still in draft form, is based on a snapshot of information available in Q1 2017 and considers a strategic 25 year period until 2041.</p> <p>The projections presented in this report are not directly comparable to the methodology, timescale or planning policy position utilised by the long term strategic OAPF and DIFS. This report uses the GLA’s School Roll Projection Service which uses a different, more sophisticated methodology than that used in the draft IoDSP OAPF, more suitable for considering shorter term needs. These projections are not only based on future housing development, but also take into account historical trends in migration, birth and the school rolls. The timescale considered is different to the DIFS and the housing development taken into account is the Local Plan development trajectory which is the most appropriate current planning policy position for LBTH.</p> <p>We will continue to work closely with LBTH Planners and the GLA to understand the need for school places in this area and the borough more widely on a regular and on-going basis.</p>
<p><b>Item 5.19 - Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018 – 2021</b></p>	<p>1. Does the capital strategy include the findings of the GLA Isle of Dogs and South Poplar Opportunity Area Planning Framework DIFS which calculates a capital programme in the area of between £1bn and £1.3bn in the next 25 years?</p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>As set out in the response against item 5.7 the GLA OAPF DIFS remains in draft form but will be used to inform the Council’s Capital Strategy work taking into account the Council’s priorities and affordability.</p>

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	<p><i>Capital Strategy and Programme 2017/18 onwards</i></p> <p>2. Why is the Infrastructure Development Board so un-transparent? No detail of meetings, no details of programme, almost nothing on the website? We only see proposed spend in Cabinet</p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>We are currently considering all aspects of Governance relating to capital expenditure including the IDB. In addition to the IDB any resources which are given as grants are subject to the approval of the Grants Sub-Committee. We are also including further information on S106 and CIL resources as part of the normal budget monitoring information and this will continue to be developed.</p>
<p><b>5.20 - Mayor's Individual Executive Decisions – List of Recently Published - Appendix 3 - No168 Additional Police Resources on LBTH Housing Estates</b></p>	<p>Decision - Additional Police Resources on LBTH Housing Estates</p> <p>What was the urgency of this decision, given size why did it not go through normal Cabinet process? Why did it need to be Mayor's Individual Executive Decisions? For example further extension of police officers is a Cabinet decision this week?</p> <p><b>Response:</b></p> <p>A Cabinet Report in February 2017 agreed an initiative to reduce ASB on council estates at £2.4m. The IMD was required in order to enter into a legal agreement that would commit £1.4m of the agreed programme to match funded police resources on estates.</p>