


Cabinet 2 February 2016	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager	Classification: Unrestricted
Mayor's Individual Executive Decisions – List of Recently Published Decisions	

Lead Member	Mayor, John Biggs
Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Community Plan Theme	All

Executive Summary

The Council's Constitution provides for the Mayor to take Executive decisions either at meetings of Cabinet or outside of the meetings as Individual Mayoral Decisions.

These individual decisions are published on the Council's website but to aid transparency, this noting report lists recent individual decisions that have been taken.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the Individual Mayoral Decisions set out in Appendix 1.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 This is a noting report to aid transparency.
- 1.2 The reasons each decision were taken are set out in their specific reports.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The alternative option would be to not produce this report, but that would not aid transparency of decision making.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The Council's Constitution (Part 4.4 Executive Procedure Rules) sets out that "decisions on executive functions are taken by the Mayor, either at the Cabinet meeting or separately". Decisions taken outside of Cabinet are known as Individual Mayoral Decisions.
- 3.2 The majority of decisions are taken at Cabinet meetings but on occasion, due to the nature of the decision (for example, the urgency required), decisions are taken individually by the Mayor outside of the Cabinet meetings.
- 3.3 Any individual decisions taken must follow standard procedures including, for Key Decisions, advance publication of a notice to take the decision on the website. The final decision report and sign off sheet are also published on the website once the decision has been taken. Reports are available on the Tower Hamlets website through www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee.
- 3.4 If a specific decision report is Exempt/Confidential under the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Part 4.2 of the Constitution) then notice that the decision has been taken will still be published along with the reason why the report is exempt but the report itself will not be published. In other cases only part of the report may be exempt.
- 3.5 In line with the Constitution, all Individual Mayoral Decisions are subject to the Call-In procedure (Part 4.5 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules). Councillors may call-in the decision within 5 working days of the decision being published on the website.
- 3.6 Each individual decision is given a unique reference number which is recorded on the relevant sign-off sheet and agenda front sheet. Numbers from 101 upwards relate to individual decisions taken by Mayor John Biggs.
- 3.7 The Mayor has requested that, to aid transparency, a noting report be presented at each Cabinet meeting listing recent Individual Mayoral Decisions.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This is a noting report. The comments of the Chief Financial Officer in relation to each individual decision have been incorporated into each respective report.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 This is a noting report. Legal comments in relation to each individual decision have been incorporated into each respective report.
- 5.2 The decision making processes set out in the Constitution and outlined above are in accordance with the legislation governing local authority decision making including the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) and The

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 None directly related to this report.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None directly related to this report.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 None directly related to this report.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None directly related to this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None directly related to this report.

11. SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None directly related to this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – List of Individual Mayoral Decisions

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- None

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Appendix 1

List of Individual Mayoral Decisions taken since the last report

Decision Number	Date of Decision*	Report Title
117	18/12/15	Appointments to External Bodies
121	5/1/16	Best Value Action Plan for Communications
119	6/1/16	Nominations to Tower Hamlets Community Housing for 2016
122	12/1/16	Tower Hamlets Homes Board Governance
118	14/1/16	Partnership Task Force Programme

* The date of the decision refers to the date of publication on the Council's website.