

CABINET

Wednesday, 1 October 2014 at 5.30 p.m.
C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London,
E14 2BG

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Members:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	
Councillor Oliur Rahman	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Economic Development (Jobs, Skills and Enterprise)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Shahed Ali	(Cabinet Member for Clean and Green)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	(Cabinet Member for Culture)
Councillor Rabina Khan	(Cabinet Member for Housing and Development)
Councillor Aminur Khan	(Cabinet Member for Policy, Strategy and Performance)
Councillor Gulam Robbani	(Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services)

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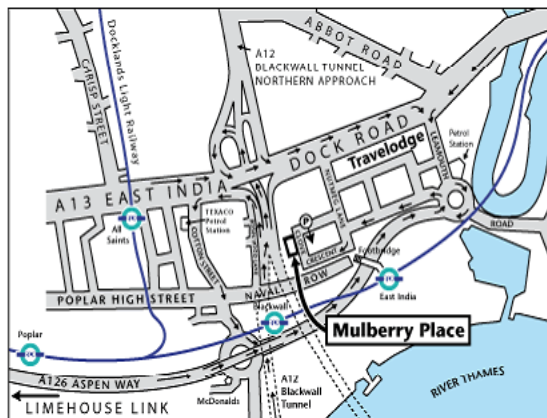
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2014

5.30 p.m.

4. PETITIONS (Pages 1 - 2)

Petition on Public Consultation on Savings Proposals.

5 .1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Unrestricted Business to be Considered (Pages 3 - 4)

Pre-Decision Scrutiny Questions on agenda item 8.1 – Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report.

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Agenda Item 4

Petition tabled at Cabinet – 1 October 2014

Agenda Item 4 – Petition on Public Consultation on Savings Proposals (Petition from John McLoughlin and others)

We the below signed are concerned about the rushed and flawed public consultation on cuts to vital services that would:

- Close Tower Hamlets in house Home Care in April 2015
- Shut all 4 Local Authority nurseries (Overland, Queen Mary, John Smiths and Mary Sambrook)
- Shut one of the two Tower Hamlets children's homes
- Axe a social work team in Children and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS)
- Reduce support for young people leaving care
- Get rid of Independent Reviewing Officers for child in need cases
- Pile more pressure on front line teams by "mainstreaming" services like the Muslim and African Families Service.
- Threaten long running facilities like Pritchards Road and Mayfield House day centres.

We believe that a public consultation period ending on 5 October that relies primarily on people accessing and commenting via the Tower Hamlets Website is wholly inadequate.

We call on the Cabinet to withdraw these proposals pending full and genuine public consultation.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
Pre-Decision Questions - Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 30 September 2014

Cabinet Report	Question / Comments
<p>Agenda Item 8.1</p> <p>Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report</p>	<p>Referencing the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report 2013/14 appended to the Cabinet report, and in particular the information contained therein relating to the Serious Case Review (SCR) into the death of Child F concluded by the LSCB during 2013/14:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What was the learning for the Council arising from the SCR? 2) Why did the Council not alert LBTH Councillors regarding the death of a child in the Council's care given that collectively they have a corporate parenting responsibility. 3) The Corporate Parenting Steering Group has a formal Corporate Parenting role in LBTH, why had it not been alerted to the SCR on Child F? 4) Why had the Overview report and action plans arising from the SCR been published in an obscure part of the LSCB website and not properly press released? 5) Given that the learning from the SCR and associated report had implications for those organisations working with young people, who have mental health problems and are in institutions, sharing the learning would have been helpful for many other organisations across the country and is the whole point of SCRs, so why was the SCR report buried and not properly publicised so that it could be learned from? 6) Will the Corporate Director now write to all members of the Council, in their Corporate Parenting role, setting out the learnings from the case and how the Council has taken action to ensure no other child in the Council's care will be failed in the same way that Child F was?

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