

Meeting of the

# Tower Hamlets Council

## Supplemental Agenda – Tabled Papers

**Wednesday, 17 November 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

### **VENUE**

Council Chamber, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
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# London Borough of Tower Hamlets

## Council

Wednesday, 17 November 2021

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## Mayor's Report to Council

17<sup>TH</sup> November 2021

John Biggs, Mayor of Tower Hamlets

### Key Events/Announcements

It is almost Christmas already, and this past month has been an extremely busy and productive month for Council business.

**Remembrance Day:** It was Remembrance Day last week, a very solemn occasion where we remember all those who have died in war and pay tribute to their sacrifice. I attended the memorial service at the Garden of Remembrance at Tower Hill on Sunday with the Speaker, Cllr Ullah, Cllr Golds, the Chief Executive and Apsana Begum MP and laid a wreath on behalf of the Council. We will remember them all. There were commemorations at a number of other memorials in the borough.

**Net Zero Carbon Partnership Action Plan:** The climate emergency is one of the world's most pressing issues impacting our lives, and the Council has now launched our Net Zero Carbon Partnership Action Plan in order to ensure we do our bit to effectively combat climate change.

Under the plan, the alliance will work together towards the 2045 target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and offset remaining emissions, by finding ways to reduce energy consumption, create sustainable supply chains and nurture biodiversity through planting trees and greening the borough. This plan will focus on a fair and just transition towards net zero carbon.

I was delighted to read that Tower Hamlets is the most eco-friendly place in England according to new research published in a national paper. This may seem strange news for such an urban area, and it doesn't mean we don't have a lot more to do, but it is pleasing that your quality of life by quite a few measures is less bad than people might lazily think. This was followed by news that the council's pension fund has been shortlisted for a national award for "best climate change strategy". This is all very positive and highlights the work we are doing at Tower Hamlets Council since declaring a climate emergency in March 2019.

**Whitechapel Funding:** Whitechapel Road will benefit from £9.3m investment after Tower Hamlets Council and Transport for London (TfL) successfully secured government funding, from the 'Levelling Up' funds. We had initially been placed in the lowest priority group and London as a whole did very badly under this programme, often presented as a programme to divert funding away from London.

And so this is a very welcome investment that will go towards us delivering the improvements needed in Whitechapel Road to make it safer and more accessible and give a boost to the market and local businesses. It is also a testament to the work we do as a council to stand up for Tower Hamlets and lobby for the resources we need. Whitechapel is changing massively, with Crossrail, the new Town Hall, the potential of a major biomedical sciences 'cluster, and other major developments. The challenge for us is to ensure that a sizeable range of benefits reach local communities.

**Liveable Streets:** The next steps on Liveable Streets have been announced following a short review of the seven "live" schemes which were paused earlier this year. These

schemes are in Bow, Bethnal Green, Wapping, Old Ford Road West, Shadwell, Brick Lane and the Barkantine Estate on the Isle of Dogs. We've always been committed to the benefits of safer, calmer and cleaner streets, but it's important to consider the issues that some residents and businesses have raised about the impact of closures and diversions.

Following the review, we are adapting the schemes in a few places but mostly we are going ahead as planned. Our review was about finding the right balance for our community to deliver the cleaner air and safer streets that our residents deserve, while making a small number of changes to address problems that had been identified, and maintain broader community confidence. I am well aware that this is an issue on which passions are roused, in both directions.

Additionally, the council is continuing to deliver School Streets, which can include road closures outside schools during drop-off and pick-up times to improve air quality and safety, with 20 School Streets already in place and 30 more on the way by spring 2022, reaching most primary schools in the borough.

**BAME Inequalities Commission Action Plan:** You will recall that our BAME Inequalities Commission reported recently, and we adopted its proposals. We have now agreed, and backed it up with £1.5m of funding, an action plan to take forward a number of the recommendations. The Commission was powerful in raising hopes and expectations and, while it will be a long process, we are starting on an ambitious programme to facilitate change.

The Commission's full report was released in March and is available to view on the dedicated webpage: [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/raceinequalitiescommission](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/raceinequalitiescommission)

**Leisure Consultation:** We are committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of our residents and a network of modern, affordable and accessible leisure centres will be a key part of this. Unfortunately, we were not immune to the impact of Covid-19 on our leisure centres which were both forced to close and operate at reduced capacity following restrictions. Like many other local authorities too, our ageing leisure centres are proving to be too costly and increasingly unsafe.

However, the pandemic also highlighted the vital importance of being active, which is why we are now consulting on future options for leisure in Tower Hamlets, to help us deliver a leisure ecosystem that's safe, successful and sustainable.

Residents can let their views be known by going on the following link:

<https://talk.towerhamlets.gov.uk/leisure>

The consultation opened on Monday 15 November 2021 and closes Monday 3 January 2022.

I know in particular that there is interest in the future of St George's Pool. Up and down the country local communities have been scarred by the loss of leisure facilities through austerity and the lack of investment.

I am happy to state this evening as a pledge that my administration will replace, or refurbish, the pool. We want to make a decision very soon, after proper discussions with the public.

**Council Homes:** Last month, the Council secured funding from the Mayor of London's Affordable Housing Programme which is excellent news for the borough. The £32m grant will help fund an additional 194 new homes for social rent as part of our plan to deliver 2,000 new council homes across Tower Hamlets. We currently have 1,055 homes delivered or in

delivery, with the rest identified and plans being progressed. This includes new homes being built, buy-backs and purchases from developers and the 2000 manifesto target for homes built or in the pipeline will be reached.

**Covid-19:** The pandemic continues to affect us all, and the Council's work on Covid-19 recovery for the borough carries on. But it is also important that we reflect on the impact of the virus and the response from the community. In October, we had a series of public events across Tower Hamlets paying tribute to all those who have passed away and suffered loss due to Covid-19, and celebrating the response of residents and partners, and the strength of our community.

Memorial events began in Victoria Park, where frontline staff including the NHS, Covid Champions, Rushanara Ali MP, volunteers and the Tower Hamlets' inter-faith forum were invited share their personal stories and talk about their contribution to the response. This was followed by a tree planting and memorial plaque, outside of the Victoria Park Hub, intended to be a lasting memorial. Plantings and events have happened across the borough.

You can leave tributes to remember and celebrate the lives of family members, friends and colleagues lost on the [council website](#).

**Violent Crime and community safety:** There have been a number of high profile violent crimes recently, including murder, almost certainly a homophobic crime, in the Cemetery Park and knife crime, including another murder, on the streets. There is not a sudden upsurge though and we must not talk despair but as the borough comes back to life there are issues particularly with drug related incidents. There is also a serious problem with young men carrying knives.

We take our responsibility to help create a safer environment very seriously, and to assure and safeguard people, while being clear that this is at its core a policing matter. We have strong partnerships and we work with police, local organisations, and others in order to target serious crime in the borough. Most of this crime is with young adults, not children, but we have relaunched, and focused outwards, our youth services, in order to better protect young people, particularly those at risk.

**Kickstart:** I was happy to welcome the new Kickstart recruits at the Town Hall last week. The Kickstart scheme, which launched last year, has successfully provided job opportunities across Tower Hamlets with local young people having access to over 700 placements. Each placement has been funded by the government who pay the national minimum wage based on a 25 hour per week placement and provides the opportunity for young people to gain valuable experience and training while the employer gets an additional resource.

In total, 340 young people aged 16-24 have started Kickstart placements through the Tower Hamlets gateway. The council has added to this with the delivery of 33 placements paid at London Living Wage in which 16 young people have already been allocated in areas such as legal, housing, markets, children services and employment & skills.

**Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets:** I am pleased to announce that 16 year old Tahmid Hussen, who went to Bow School and now attends St Paul's Way Sixth Form, has been elected as the new young Mayor securing 1,558 (8.8 per cent) of the total votes cast.

The Young Mayor's team is a strong voice at the town hall and in the community, working on behalf of young people and influencing the way youth services, careers advice and other services work. I look forward to working with the new Young Mayor and his Deputy Mayors.

## **Individual Mayoral Decisions taken since last meeting**

None.

## **Mayor's engagements and meetings**

Below is a summary of my main engagements and meetings from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### **29 September 2021**

- Introduction to interim Human Resources Director
- Mayor's Housing Portfolio Meeting
- Shortlisting for Director, Supporting Families
- Waste Meeting
- Communications Portfolio Meeting
- LGA Corporate Health Check Feedback Session – Placeholder
- Mayor's Community Safety Portfolio Meeting
- Council

### **30 September 2021**

- Meeting with Green Park re CD Resources & Governance
- Strategic Forward Planning
- Communications Portfolio meeting
- VCS Portfolio meeting
- Community Meeting with Baitul Mamur Academy
- Liveable Streets update
- Sandys Row application meeting
- Shortlisting – Director of HR & OD
- Follow up meeting: Explorer's Court residents / One Housing

### **1 October 2021**

- Clarion catch-up
- Final interviews for Director of Adult Social Care
- London Councils Labour Group meeting
- Clare House update
- Liveable Streets update
- Black History Month launch

### **2 October 2021**

- The Boundary Estate Fun Palace
- Labour Group away day

### **3 October 2021**

- London Marathon photocall
- Cable Street march
- 50 Active Club UK – launch event

- Clean-up post marathon
- Biennial General Meeting – Golapganj Social & Cultural Trust UK

#### **4 October 2021**

- Clarion catch-up
- Battle of Cable Street 85th Anniversary event

#### **5 October 2021**

- Informal chats with candidates for position of Director, Supporting Families
- Clarion catch-up
- OSC preparation with Sri Sudhakar
- Housing portfolio meeting

#### **6 October 2021**

- Planning meeting
- Mayor's Surgery
- Clare House update meeting
- Mayor's Advisory Board
- Mayoral update re AEG contract
- City Fringe Area Board pre-meeting

#### **7 October 2021**

- Visit to Antill Road
- Meeting with Mayor's caseworkers
- 1:1 with Janet Fasan
- Leaside Partnership Board

#### **8 October 2021**

- BBC Radio London interview
- Resident home visit
- Flu jab comms event
- Mayor's Covid Recovery Fund photocall
- Liveable Streets update

#### **9 October 2021**

- No Place For Hate football match

#### **10 October 2021**

- Curry Life Awards

#### **11 October 2021**

- Clarion catch-up
- Final interviews: Director, Supporting Families
- Resident phone call
- Bow Liveable Streets update

**12 October 2021**

- Mayor's Survey
- NARE Annual meeting
- London Council Leaders' Committee
- Brodick House briefing
- Poplar HARCA business plan briefing
- Late Night Levy report meeting
- PEG agenda
- Meeting with residents
- Resources Portfolio meeting
- Durga Puja event

**13 October 2021**

- Portfolio meeting: Work & Economic Growth
- City Fringe Area Board meeting
- Matchwomen meeting
- BBC Sunday Politics interview
- Portfolio meeting: Environment & Public Realm
- Mayor's Advisory Board
- Freedom of the Borough: Full Council meeting

**14 October 2021**

- Local Authority NEL ICS meeting
- Bromley by Bow meeting
- GLPC Labour Group pre-meeting
- GLPC Employers' Side meeting
- GLPC Employers' and Trade Union Side Joint Meeting
- Portfolio meeting: Assets/Property
- Portfolio meeting: Adults, Health & Wellbeing
- Assets meeting: 100 Roman Road
- Ask the Mayor event

**15 October 2021**

- Tower Hamlets Peace Walk at St John's Church

**17 October 2021**

- Zakigonj Welfare Association UK Education award ceremony

**18 October 2021**

- Marking the Pandemic – event
- Police Borough Commander catch-up
- CLF ESB pre-meeting
- Executive Committee & Labour Group meeting

**19 October 2021**

- Clichy Estate meeting
- Locksley D ground-breaking event

- Co-Op Commission
- 1:1 with Cllr Sirajul Islam
- Portfolio meeting: Regeneration
- 1:1 with Cllr Mohammed Pappu
- Traffic meeting
- Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny sub-committee

#### **20 October 2021**

- Clarion catch-up
- Tree-planting event at Millwall Park
- Bow modelling meeting
- Mayor's Advisory Board
- All Points East meeting
- Audit Committee

#### **21 October 2021**

- Final Interviews for Director, Workforce, OD and Business Support
- LGA Labour Group meeting
- Young Mayor inauguration

#### **22 October 2021**

- London Councils Labour Group
- Portfolio meeting: Culture, Arts and Sports
- BAME Commission – video recording

#### **24 October 2021**

- Muslim Charity Run
- Zakigonj Welfare Association AGM
- Beani Bazar Welfare Trust

#### **25 October 2021**

- 1:1 with Susmita Sen
- CLF Employment and Skills Board
- Launch Event – Grill Hut
- Regeneration Board
- Overview and Scrutiny pre-meeting
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee

#### **26 October 2021**

- Mayor's Surgery
- Call with Jayne Cindy Fairman
- Raines House – memorial bench event
- Resident visit
- Victoria Park Friends – 10 year anniversary reception

#### **27 October 2021**

- Portfolio meeting: Social Inclusion

- Launch of Millwall Park playground
- Cabinet pre-meeting
- Meeting re development of 73 Strahan Road
- Budget catch-up
- Cabinet

#### **28 October 2021**

- Future for London catch-up
- Portfolio meeting: Community Safety
- Limehouse Mosque meeting
- 1:1 with Ann Sutcliffe
- Environment Summit

#### **29 October 2021**

- Meeting with Heidi Alexander and Will Norman
- Resident phone call
- AEG catch-up

#### **1 November 2021**

- Meeting with Mayor of Hackney

#### **2 November 2021**

- 1-20 Old Market Square, major works meeting
- Youth Service commissioning meeting
- TH Partnership Executive Group meeting
- Strategic Forward Planning
- Aberfeldy Mosque meeting
- Met Police briefing on councillors' safety

#### **3 November 2021**

- Planning meeting
- Mayor's Advisory Board
- BBC Radio London interview
- Parliamentary Reception – 50th anniversary of Bangladesh

#### **4 November 2021**

- Liveable Streets catch-up
- Mayor's Surgery
- Isle of Dogs public meeting on violent crime

#### **5 November 2021**

- 78 Aston Street
- Visit to Apasen with Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

#### **6 November 2021**

- Memorial meeting – Zillul Haque
- Repton Boxing Club

**7 November 2021**

- Over 50s football match
- BCA awards

**8 November 2021**

- New City College meeting
- 1:1 with Janet Fasan
- Mayor's Surgery
- Resident meeting
- S151/Leaders' meeting – 8 authority London Pool
- London Moving East event
- St Paul's Way Community facility meeting

**9 November 2021**

- London First meeting
- Visit to Tiller Leisure Centre
- 1:1 with Cllr Sirajul Islam
- Planning and Performance meeting
- Covid-19 Local Engagement Board
- Met Police – community meeting

**10 November 2021**

- CLF Partnership Board
- Clarion catch-up
- Future for London event
- Kickstart photocall
- Portfolio meeting: Environment and Public Realm
- Christmas card judging
- Mayor's Advisory Board
- Dockland's Community Organisation meeting

**12 November 2021**

- Resident visit
- Catch-up with Denise Radley
- Bangla Sanglap anniversary

**13 November 2021**

- Collingwood Estate TRA AGM
- Remembrance Concert

**14 November 2021**

- Remembrance service at Tower Hill

**15 November 2021**

- Leisure contract update meeting
- Mayor's Surgery

- Portfolio meeting: Communications
- Barley Mow meeting
- Portfolio meeting: Housing
- Public meeting – swimming provision

**16 November 2021**

- Comms photocall
- Sonali Otith
- Charles Dickens House update
- Traffic meeting
- Building in Resilience – Interfaith Forum event

**17 November 2021**

- Portfolio meeting: Work & Economic Growth
- Clarion catch-up
- Portfolio meeting: Assets/Property
- Meeting with Cllr Hassell and Ann Sutcliffe
- Labour Group
- Full Council

## **Amendments to the Labour Party Climate Change Motion**

Proposed by: Cllr Rabina Khan

Seconded by: Cllr Harun Miah

### **To add the following:**

#### **The Council Notes:**

1. According to figures published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Tower Hamlets is the third-worst borough for recycling in London.
2. Defra figures also show that Tower Hamlets was the fourth-worst local authority for recycling in the whole of the UK in 2019/20.
3. A report published by the Council showed that the recycling rate per household was just 19.5 percent between April and June this year - significantly lower than the UK average of 46.2 percent.
4. Regular missed recycling and refuse collections potentially disenfranchises residents from recycling.
5. Our borough's household refuse and recycling must be collected on time and our streets cleaned regularly. Residents need to see that the Council is leading the way to make our borough both clean and green.

#### **The Council Resolves:**

1. That a targeted approach by the council to ensure that the borough is no longer the fourth worst local authority for recycling.
2. That a concerted effort is made by the council to ensure that recycling is collected on time without ANY missed collections.
3. The Council must proactively work to ensure that people ALWAYS have access to recycling bags particularly those who are elderly or cannot easily pick bags up from distribution points.

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## LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT:

### OPPOSITION MOTION REGARDING KNIFE CRIME EMERGENCY IN TOWER HAMLETS

Proposer: Cllr Sirajul Islam

Secunder: Mayor John Biggs

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This council notes:

1. That tackling crime and anti-social behaviour is a police responsibility, however local councils have an important role to play in supporting the police to do this.
2. That a petition entitled "Knife Crime Emergency in Tower Hamlets" on Change.org has been signed by 23,310 people, and the council fully recognises the concerns that are regularly raised about crime and is working hard to address them, alongside the police and other partners. ~~The petition has been organised by Isle of Dogs residents and former Canary Wharf Cllr Maium Talukdar.~~
3. That knife crime ~~in Tower Hamlets~~ is a serious issue across the whole country and leads to fatalities and serious injury, especially among young people.
4. That knife crime ~~in Tower Hamlets~~ creates a perception of a lack of safety among residents ~~that the streets of this Borough are not safe, and that elected representatives have a public duty not to sensationalise these serious issues, but instead must engage in careful debate that does not cause fear.~~
5. That Tower Hamlets Council funds additional police officers in order to fill the gaps in policing caused by Tory Government cuts. Between April and June this year, Tower Hamlets saw 4,664 hours of uniformed and plain clothes patrols conducted by council-funded police officers

This council believes:

6. The reduction in police budgets and closure of local police stations, such as the police station in Manchester Road is a direct result of the Tory Government's austerity agenda and risks harming efforts to deal with this emergency.
7. A great deal of knife crime is related to the sale of drugs and gangs and the council's partnership work with the police through Operation Continuum (including utilising council-funded police officers) is making significant steps in disrupting this crime.
8. An effective strategy to tackle knife crime must combine enforcement, education and support for those who may be tempted into carrying or using knives and redirecting them to positive activities.

This council resolves:

9. To ~~declare a~~ continue its work to tackle Knife Crime ~~Emergency~~ in Tower Hamlets, including through the violence, vulnerability, and exploitation (VVE) and to devise a strategy to tackle it launched earlier this year, and the Community Safety Partnership

Plan that came to Full Council in March, among the other measures the council takes.

10. ~~That this strategy should be a practical document, assembled as an emergency — and not a bureaucratic paper exercise. It should be brought before the next Council meeting for discussion.~~
11. ~~That the Strategy should~~ To continue its work, including include the following elements.
  - a. ~~The Mayor should ask the borough’s MPs and all LBTH councillors to work with him on making representations to~~ Continue to lobby the Government asking for the Council and the police to receive emergency funding to restore the funding lost through the last ten years of austerity, which would help to tackle knife crime in Tower Hamlets.
  - b. The Tower Hamlets Mayor should make representations to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, asking him to continue his lobbying of the Government for additional ~~find~~ funding for the Council and police to tackle ~~the~~ Knife Crime Emergency in the borough, including the re-opening of Manchester Road police station, as Government-imposed funding cuts have forced the closure of police stations right across the country.
  - c. ~~To increase the provision of~~ THEOs and extra police officers ~~so that there is~~ which provide a constant and visible presence to deter crime as well as respond to it quickly.
  - d. ~~A strategy~~ Its work to disrupt the attraction in the borough towards carrying knives and other weapons, using a mixture of enforcement, education and support for those who may be or have been drawn towards knife crime in the borough.
  - e. Whilst noting that any ~~The~~ knife deterrence strategy in the borough ~~should be organised under a clear and measurable~~ cannot rely on just a slogan or rhetoric alone.
  - f. ~~A strategy to bring a~~ Our comprehensive, effective Youth Service in Tower Hamlets ~~back up to a level which can~~ which offers support to all those who need it, especially those at risk of being groomed into carrying knives and offending; this service to be based very locally (~~rather than bring restricted to “hubs”~~) and ~~offering a companion outreach service.~~ Through hubs and detached youth work.
  - g. ~~A strategy~~ Continuing to offer specialist support for victims of knife crime and their families, with appropriate services for young women and for members of the BAME communities.
  - h. Continuing our work ~~A strategy~~ to tackle organised crime and disorder ~~by re-investing in a “Gangbuster Unit” that has~~ through Operation Continuum, a multi agency approach and intelligence led approach to tackle knife crime.

## **Labour Group Amendment to the Conservative Motion regarding Probity in the Planning System**

**Proposer:** Cllr Asma Islam

**Seconder:** Mayor John Biggs

### **This Council notes:**

That Tower Hamlets has more development going through the planning system than most local authorities.

That the Council already have the checks and balances in place to ensure robust decisions in the planning system, which includes the Member's Code of Conduct, the LBTH Staff Codes of Conduct and the Council's Whistleblowing policy.

That the Council takes all allegations of corruption seriously and investigates any type of wrong-doing to ensure it goes through the correct oversight.

That the gross development value of many developments exceeds £100 million and some such as the recently consented ASDA site exceed £1 billion.

There is frequently local opposition to development for a range of reasons including issues including sunlight, daylight access and the provision (or lack) of social infrastructure and that planning decisions involve balancing many competing interests and ensuring an informed judgement is made while taking into account local and regional policy and the national policy framework. This can mean schemes are approved despite local opposition.

### **This Council further notes:**

~~The prominence of some well-known local businesspeople in the role of supporting developers with public relations consultancy support.~~

~~The situation at ASDA whereby the Developers sponsored a public event during the determination of the planning application at which awards were distributed to attendees which went beyond public consultation.~~

~~Previous Any allegations of bribery will continue to be taken seriously by the Council and will be reported to the police and necessary agencies. which were never as far as is publicly known investigated by the Police.~~

That the Council and our community is awaiting an imminent decision from the Government concerning Westferry Printworks, following the scandal last year which saw the former secretary of state go against the council's planning committee and the independent planning inspectorate in order to approve the Westferry application just one day before Tower Hamlets Council introduced a new Community Infrastructure Levy charge - which would have cost the developer an extra £43m if the application had been approved after the new charge was introduced – leading to allegations of “cash for favours.”

### **This Council resolves:**

~~To restore continue with our work to ensure public trust in the planning system which involves the planning process in the Council being as structured and transparent as possible, with open meetings and public consultation. and to counter the narrative from some residents that brown paper envelopes full of cash explains why Tower Hamlets approves so many developments.~~

**This Council therefore recommends:**

For all planning applications subject to a decision by the Strategic Development Committee:

- ~~1. The creation of a Register of all public relations and public affairs companies, individuals and consultants engaged by developers active in Tower Hamlets to be on a publicly available list with the organisations contact details made available. That this register be made available on the Council website.~~
- ~~2. That developers are asked only to use public relations agents listed on this register.~~
- ~~3. That all such organisations are members of the appropriate trade body, the Public Relations Consultants Association (PRCA) which includes a register of clients and consultants for each company on their publicly available website.~~
- ~~4. That in the event of an applicant using a company that is a non PRCA member, or an individual practicing in a freelance capacity, this be noted by the council and the information made available to the public on the council website.~~
- ~~5. That all donations / financial support made to local political parties or for Council events from those listed on the Register are declared.~~
- ~~6. That the planning portal details the public relations agent(s) employed by developers on their planning application~~
- ~~1. That members continue to abide by the robust measures already in place to ensure informed decisions are made. These measures include the Members Code of Conduct and the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Staff Codes of Conduct and Council's Whistleblowing Policy, which require members to reporting report directly to the Police ASAP any attempts to bribe or create undue influence.~~
- ~~8. That all members of the Council who are employed by any organisation lobbying on behalf of planning applications, whether it be a PR company, developer or acting as a freelance consultant to developers, declare this and recuse themselves from membership of the Strategic Development Committee.~~
- ~~9. That members of the Strategic Development Committee have no direct relationship with any developer nor their agents by way of meetings or events including exhibitions, social events meetings without the involvement of Council planning officers, during the entire planning process from preapplication to the final decision by committee.~~
- ~~2. For members to continue to note the guidance as set forward in the Local~~

Government's guide to Probity in Planning which provides guidance on members meeting with developers and lobbyists.

10. That the Council writes to the Government: ~~and urges them to bring forward preforms promised prior to them taking office in 2010 regarding the compulsory registration of all lobbyists~~

1) To urge the Government to ensure that all due processes are correctly followed by its ministers and MPs, and to work with opposition parties and local authorities both at a national and local government level to ensure politics is a force for public good.

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## LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT:

### MOTION 12.4 REGARDING BLEED KIT

Proposer: Cllr Rabina Khan

Secunder: Mayor John Biggs

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This Council Notes:

1. In the year ending March 2020, there were around 46,000 (selected) offences involving a knife or sharp instrument in England and Wales.
2. London recorded the highest rate of 179 offences involving a knife per 100,000 population in 2019/20, a slight increase on a rate of 169 in 2018/19.
3. The ONS reported that more than 46,000 offences involving knives or sharp instruments were recorded by police in the year ending March 2020.
4. Tower Hamlets has a growing young population and has witnessed an increase of violent crime in recent years involving knives and sharp objects.
5. One of the most recent incidents at the time of submitting this motion involved a teenager ~~suffered~~ suffering a significant knife wound after being stabbed in Tower Hamlets on ~~Sunday evening~~ September 12.
6. Tackling knife crime and violence is a key priority for the Council which requires a whole system approach. This is addressed not just by Tower Hamlets Council, but in partnership with other key agencies such as the Metropolitan Police Service, public health and wider partners.
7. The Council has committed to adopt a public health approach to tackling violence and knife crime, and this commitment has been embedded within the new Tower Hamlets Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-24: focusing on early intervention and prevention, and the wider determinants of crime and community safety to address violence locally.
8. In 2020, Tower Hamlets renewed its commitment to tackling knife crime through its development of a Violence Reduction Action Plan setting out how the Council will address violence in partnership with the Police, the Voluntary Community Sector, Probation, schools, and other community safety partners. It details the approach that will be taken including enforcement, reducing access to weapons, safeguarding, and educating young people, working alongside communities and neighbourhoods, supporting victims of violence and diverting those who have committed violent offences away from crime.
9. The Tower Hamlets Public Health team is committed to investigate the effectiveness of bleed control kits in saving lives and to assess the first aid training available in schools and will make a recommendation to the Community Safety Partnership on the intervention for consideration of inclusion in its Violence Reduction Action Plan.

### **This Council believes:**

1. That every measure needs to be taken to save the lives of victims of violent knife crime and congratulates The Daniel Baird Foundation for its work in promoting the use and installation of Bleed Control Kits around the country.
2. The Daniel Baird Foundation was established by Lynne Baird after her son Daniel was stabbed to death in Birmingham after a dispute outside a pub in 2017.
3. A Bleed Control Kit is a small critical injury pack which contains specialised dressings, a tourniquet, instructions and other specialised medical supplies designed to stop or control the severe bleeding that often follows when someone is stabbed.
4. The public access kits are designed to be used by non-emergency personnel in much the same way that heart defibrillators ('shock machines') specifically designed for use by those with no First Aid training are becoming a common sight in London and the UK.
5. While we still need an effective Public Health approach to reduce the catastrophe that is knife crime, Bleed Control Kits can be another way to treat victims.

### **This Council resolves:**

1. To ~~direct~~ **support** the Tower Hamlets Public Health team to work with The Daniel Baird Foundation, the NHS, Metropolitan Police Service and the London Ambulance Service to develop the best strategy for the deployment of Bleed Control Kits across the borough.
2. To seek sponsorship of Bleed Control Kits from commercial partners to reduce costs of purchase and installation go Bleed Control Cabinets.
3. To work with ~~introduce First Aid training into every~~ secondary schools and colleges ~~classroom~~ in the borough to assess the first aid training that is available and to increase the potential benefits of any Bleed Control Kits that have to be used.
4. To publicly thank Lynne Baird for her tireless efforts in memory of her son Daniel to establish The Daniel Baird Foundation and hope that her good work saves many lives.