



Meeting of the

Tower Hamlets Council

Supplemental Agenda

Wednesday, 16 March 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

VENUE

Council Chamber, 1st Floor,
Town Hall, Mulberry Place,
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To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG** at **7.00 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022**

Will Tuckley
Chief Executive



Public Information

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- Apologies for absence from Members
- Declarations of Interests.
- Minutes of the previous meeting.
- Announcements from the Speaker or the Chief Executive of the Council.
- Petitions.
- Mayor’s report followed by Opposition Leader’s response.
- Administration and opposition debates
- Reports requiring Council approval
- Member Questions (30 minutes)
- Motions from Members received on notice.
- Any Urgent motions from Members. The same rules of debate that apply to motions with notice apply to these motions.

The process for considering these items is set out on the covering reports for the agenda item.

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Publication of tabled papers

Any additional documents (such as the Mayor’s report, amendments to motions and urgent motions) will normally be **published on the Council meeting website** either shortly before or during the meeting.



Procedure at the virtual meetings.

The Speaker of the Council is the Chair of the meeting and is in charge of the debate. Their role is to control the meeting, including the order of speakers, and to ensure that the business is carried out properly. The Speaker will confirm the expected meeting etiquette for a virtual Council meeting, including the following:

- That participants may speak at the invitation of the Speaker.
- All participants microphones must be **muted** when not speaking.
- Where necessary, participants may switch off their cameras when not speaking to save bandwidth.
- Participants **must alert** the Democratic Services contact if they experience technical difficulties, particularly a loss of connection, or if they need to leave the meeting, as soon as possible.

Order of business

The Speaker may agree to change the order of business at the meeting. In addition, the Speaker may adjourn the meeting for a period of time or agree an extension to the time limit for the meeting (by up to half hour beyond the three-hour limit).

Voting

The items requiring a decision will normally be determined by the Speaker confirming that Members agree with the recommendation. Where necessary, the Speaker may conduct a roll call vote. Democratic Services will read out the name of each Councillor present and will ask them to confirm whether they are in favour, against or wish to abstain.

Decisions and Minutes

The decisions will be published on the website 2 days after the meeting. The draft minutes will be published around 10 working days after the meeting.



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13. **URGENT MOTION**
Urgent Motion on Ukraine



Emergency Motion on Ukraine

Proposed by: Mayor John Biggs

Seconded by: Councillor Peter Golds

This Council Notes:

- 1) The Putin regime's illegal invasion of Ukraine is an horrific attack not only on the Ukrainian people, but also on sovereignty, democracy, freedom and the rule of law.
- 2) The Ukrainian people continue to show incredible courage, dignity and resilience in the face of the horrific acts caused by Putin's invasion.
- 3) The many reports of individual and collective acts of bravery in defence of the nation's freedom and democracy, as well as heart-breaking reports about those who have tragically lost their lives because of Putin's actions.
- 4) The devastating plight of refugees from Ukraine who have been forced from their home in the most brutal manner, causing the biggest refugee migration since World War II.
- 5) The open letter signed by all the political groups in Tower Hamlets to the Ukrainian Ambassador to the UK which outlines support for and solidarity with Ukraine.

This Council believes:

- 1) This invasion is due to the actions of President Putin and is not reflective of the Russian population. Many ordinary Russians have bravely protested the attack on Ukraine.
- 2) The Council stands united with both the Ukrainian and Russian communities in Tower Hamlets, and strongly condemns any abuse and harassment of these communities.
- 3) The East End has always been a magnet for opportunity and an area which has welcomed immigration and diversity throughout its history, and this will continue to be the case for our friends from Ukraine.

This Council resolves:

- 1) To work on a united cross-party basis to offer what support we can for the Ukrainian people affected by this senseless invasion.
- 2) To work with the Government on the 'Homes for Ukraine' Scheme to ensure refugees fleeing the atrocities taking place in Ukraine can have a safe haven in Tower Hamlets, such as the council's ongoing work to support a number of Afghan families.
- 3) To challenge anyone who seeks to sow division by making any derogatory or harassing comments towards anyone in the Ukrainian and Russian communities.

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