

**Executive Decision
Individual Decision Notice**



Decision Maker: Cabinet, 27 Oct 2021

Classification:
Unrestricted

Adoption of character appraisals and management plans and approval of boundary changes for five conservation areas in Whitechapel

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is required to be given of the intention to take Executive Key Decisions.

Notice is given either through an Individual Decision Notice or through the Forward Plan. Notice must normally be given 28 Days' before the decision can be taken.

Key Decision? Yes	Ward(s) Shadwell; Spitalfields & Banglatown; Stepney Green; Whitechapel
Summary of Decision	<p>Officers have prepared updated Character Appraisals and Management Plans [CAMPs] for five conservation areas in and around Whitechapel. These documents provide a detailed description of the conservation area's architectural and historic character and set out management guidelines on how this character should be preserved and enhanced in the context of appropriate ongoing change. Once adopted, the documents serve as planning guidance and are a material consideration in the determination of planning decisions. The updated CAMPS will replace documents that are now more than ten years old. In addition to updating the existing CAMPs, officers have reviewed the boundaries of the five conservation areas and have proposed some changes.</p> <p>The draft documents were the subject of a six-week consultation period. Comments were received from local residents amenity societies and landowners/developers with an interest in the area. These comments have been given careful consideration and the documents have been amended, where appropriate, to address them. This report recommends that the updated CAMPs are adopted, and that the proposed boundary changes are implemented, so that they can provide much needed guidance to help manage the substantial change taking place in the Whitechapel area.</p>
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning (Councillor Asma Islam)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Local residents, amenity societies, Historic England, Transport for London, Greater London Authority, land owners and developers</p> <p>A public consultation was held on the updated CAMPs between 11 February and 24 March 2019. Details of the consultation were published on the council's website and site notices were displayed throughout each of the five conservation areas. Letters were sent to each of the addresses that would be affected by the proposed boundary changes and emails were sent to major stakeholders with an interest in the areas.</p> <p>Two drop-in sessions were held at the Whitechapel Idea Store during in the consultation period: one in the afternoon and one in the evening. At these sessions, copies of the consultation documents were made available and exhibition boards displayed information about the key issues in the conservation areas. Council officers were available to present the information and answer questions.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	<p>Michael Ritchie (Pace Shaping Team Leader, Strategic Planning, Place) michael.ritchie@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<p>Appendix 1 – Updated CAMPs Appendix 2 – Proposed boundary changes Appendix 3 – Schedule of representations and amendments Appendix 4 – Equalities impact assessment screening</p>
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	No, Unrestricted

NOTES

Advance notice of Key Decisions

Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Article 13.03 of the

[Constitution](#). Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, by the Mayor in Cabinet or by the cabinet collectively.

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known, whilst a Forward Plan collating these decisions will be published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Forward Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required. [The Committee pages](#) on the Council website include copies of the Forward Plan, Cabinet and other meeting dates and the publication dates of the Forward Plan.

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (including on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution will have to be followed.

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about the issues listed in the Forward Plan is to examine the consultation column of the Forward Plan, and/or contact the report author or Cabinet Lead Member as soon as possible, and no later than 10 working days before the decision is expected to be taken.

Reports, appendices and background papers will be available on the Council's website 5 clear working days before the Cabinet meeting. For all other information or to submit documents in relation to any issue, please contact the relevant officer.

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to an item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed below. Note that this applies to Cabinet but not to Individual Mayoral Decisions outside of Cabinet.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
 - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - a) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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