

**Executive Decision  
Individual Decision Notice**



**Decision Maker: Mayor's Executive Decision Making, Nov 2022**

**Classification:**  
Unrestricted

**PV Project - Renewable Energy Generation to Council Assets: Approval to spend carbon offset contributions to meet key energy and sustainability targets**

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.

<b>Key Decision? No</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b> All Wards
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>Approval is required to allocate and spend carbon offsetting S106 contributions to the Photovoltaic (PV) Project to allow delivery of renewable energy generation technologies to be progressed and contracts to be awarded. Proposal approved at Asset Management &amp; Capital Delivery Board Meeting 20th June 2022.</p> <p>The proposal is for a £950,000 PV project fully funded through carbon offsetting contributions.</p> <p>The delivery of the proposed project will help to tackle energy use in the existing building stock, increase renewable energy generation in the borough and offer support to meet the challenge of energy price rises.</p> <p>Upon delivery, the projects will reduce the operating costs through reducing the amount of purchased energy required to run the buildings. This will be achieved through generating electricity on site for use in the buildings.</p> <p>The initial desk top study has identified a number of potential sites for installation of PV panels. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack Dash House</li> <li>• Shadwell Centre</li> <li>• Toby Club</li> <li>• Toby Lane Depot Soanes Centre</li> <li>• St Georges Town Hall</li> <li>• The Hub, Victoria Park</li> <li>• Ron Cain Pavillion, Victoria Park</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Orwell Leisure Centre</li> <li>• Mile End Park Leisure Centre</li> <li>• Whitechapel Sports Centre</li> <li>• Chrisp Streep Idea Store</li> <li>• Cubitt Town Library</li> </ul> <p>Following appointment of a contractor through the GLA Retrofit Accelerator programme we will be able to undertake the investment grade proposals and produce detailed specification for delivery on to the sites. Where buildings are not deemed suitable for delivery of PV then alternative sites will be investigated.</p> <p>To assist in the accelerated delivery of the project LBTH have been successful in securing a GLA grant for (£45,000) technical services and project management support including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Management</li> <li>• Investment grade proposal / design Review</li> <li>• Commissioning and Acceptance</li> </ul> <p>The GLA Grant is time sensitive and project completion is required by July 2023 which required us to commence delivery in April 2023.</p>
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<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A clean and green future</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency (Councillor Kabir Hussain)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	n/a
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) <a href="mailto:Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	

Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	No, Unrestricted
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## 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 Section 3 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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