


<b>Executive Decision Individual Decision Notice</b>	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Decision Maker:</b> Cabinet, 26 Jul 23	<b>Classification:</b> [Unrestricted or Exempt]
<b>Corporate Parenting Strategy 2023 - 2028</b>	

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?</b> No	<b>Ward(s)</b> All Wards
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	The Corporate Parenting Strategy sets out how we will work with children in our care and care experienced young people to ensure they are offered every opportunity to develop, realise their aspirations and thrive.

<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education &amp; skills</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor) (Councillor Maium Talukdar)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Councillors, Senior Managers, children we care for and care experienced young people, staff from across the Supporting Families Directorate, Health colleagues and Foster Carers</p> <p>The Corporate Parenting Board has discussed, and contributed to, plans to develop the strategy during meetings from Summer 2022 onwards.</p> <p>A Corporate Strategy Steering Group is in place to guide the work of developing the strategy, including plans for consultation.</p> <p>The following consultation activities have taken place or are planned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information &amp; awareness presentations on the development of the strategy, and consultation and involvement opportunities, provided through managers forums, team meetings, foster care support meetings and meetings of Children Living in Care Council meetings</li> </ul>

	<p>(during Jan – Mar 2023).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One to one interviews with key members of staff to gather background information on issues and current work programmes and initiatives (during Feb 2023).</li> <li>• Creative Film Project with children in our care and care experienced young people – workshops and filming throughout the Feb 2023 Half Term. Focused on ‘what matters most’ and ‘what makes life good’ for young people with care experience.</li> <li>• Targeted feedback from children in our care and care experienced young people – professionals gathering feedback from groups who are ‘harder to reach’.</li> <li>• Review of draft key messages from young people – taking place through Children Living in Care Council and follow up session with the film project group (during Mar/April 2023)</li> <li>• Foster Carers Support Groups – two consultation sessions on the strategy to take place on 9th May 2023</li> <li>• Members Session – a workshop for Councillors has been offered focused on the promotion of corporate parenting across the council (during May 2023)</li> <li>• Stakeholder Workshops – a wide range of representatives who support and work with our young people have been invited. The workshops will focus on what young people are telling us and how we can respond and produce a strategy and action plan that makes a real difference to their lives.</li> <li>• Consultation on the draft strategy – the draft will be shared with all stakeholders during May / June 2023 for further review and amendments as necessary.</li> <li>• The draft strategy will go to the Corporate Parenting Board on 12th July 2023</li> </ul>
<p>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Contact details for comments or additional information</p>	<p>Susannah Beasley-Murray (Divisional Director of Supporting Families) susannah.beasley-murray@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>

What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None
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 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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