

**Executive Decision  
Individual Decision Notice**



**Decision Maker:** Cabinet, 11 Sep 24

**Classification:**  
[Unrestricted]

**Approval of the council's new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029**

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? Yes</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b> All Wards
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>This report seeks approval from the Mayor and Cabinet of the council's new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029.</p> <p>The council has a statutory duty under the Homelessness Act (2002) to conduct a review of the nature and extent of homelessness in its District (borough) every five years and to develop a strategy setting out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how services will be delivered in the future to tackle homelessness; and</li> <li>• the available resources to prevent and relieve homelessness.</li> </ul> <p>The council's most recent Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy ended in December 2023 and this new strategy fulfils this statutory and mandatory requirement on the council in its role as a Local Housing Authority.</p>

<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>Homes for the future</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding (Councillor Kabir Ahmed)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this	Internal Stakeholders from within the council – Public Health, Community Safety, Adult Social Care, Mental Health, Substance Use, Health, and Integrated Commissioning.

<p>consultation take place</p>	<p>External Stakeholders including residents, organisations and agencies who work both with and separately from the council who support those at risk of or who are homeless or rough sleeping in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>The council will be conducting a consultation on the priorities for its new strategy with residents and stakeholders who support those at risk of or who are homeless or rough sleeping. The priorities proposed in the consultation have been developed following a desktop review of homelessness in the borough which was conducted in March 2023.</p> <p>The findings of the review have enabled the council to clearly identify its priorities for tackling homelessness and rough sleeping in Tower Hamlets and in doing so, the priorities will form the basis of the council's revised Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy. Reflecting good practice to deliver outcomes for residents experiencing or threatened with homelessness and identifying gaps in service provision while ensuring that it represents value for money for residents</p>
<p>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Contact details for comments or additional information</p>	<p>Donna Barrett, Una Bedford, Charmaine Campbell, Lynne Hughes, Alicia Jones, Nightingale Simson, Karen Swift (Application &amp; Administration Officer) donna.barrett@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Strategy and Policy Officer (Place) Una.Bedford@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer Charmaine.Campbell@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer lynne.hughes@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Executive Support Team Leader alicia.jones@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer nightingale.simson@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>
<p>What supporting documents or other information will be available?</p>	<p>Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024 – 2029 EIA Screening for Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024- 2029 Consultation Report on priorities for the new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy</p>
<p>Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?</p>	<p>No, Unrestricted</p>

## 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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