

## Executive Decision Individual Decision Notice



**Decision Maker:** Mayor, Not before 13th January, 2016

**Classification:**  
Unrestricted

### **Process for determining the suitability of temporary accommodation/private rented sector offers.**

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> Yes	<b>Ward(s)</b> All Wards
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	To approve the procedure used by the Housing Options Service to determine the suitability of specific types and location of temporary accommodation allocated to homeless households

<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A Great Place to Live</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Performance (Councillor Sirajul Islam)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	3/12/15 – 121 with Portfolio Holders 7/12/15 – 121 with Mayor
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No - diversity data shows 62% of all homeless applicants are of Bangladeshi origin against 6.5% who are White British; 63% of the main homeless applicants are women. An EQIA carried out in February 2015 of benefit-capped households living in temporary accommodation, who will be most affected by this procedure showed that 57% of capped households are Asian/Bengali. The next largest group is 13% White British. 54% of all the families are headed by a lone woman parent; of these 69% (38% of total number) are headed by a lone Bengali Woman. Homelessness in general and the benefit cap in particular therefore disproportionately affect women and children, in particular those from the Bengali community. The steps the Council can take to mitigate these impacts are constrained by financial imperatives.

Contact details for comments or additional information	Corporate Director, Development & Renewal
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 Article 13.03 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, or the Mayor in Cabinet.

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.

You can also view the Council's [Consultation Calendar](#), which lists all the issues on which the Council and its partners are consulting.

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
  - b) 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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