


<b>Executive Decision Notice</b>	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Decision Maker: Grants Determination Sub – Committee</b>	<b>Classification:</b> [Unrestricted or Exempt]
<b>Healthcare ICT Infrastructure</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? No</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b> All Wards
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>Approve the grant funding of £1,502,608 to NHS Tower Hamlets CCG to deliver ICT infrastructure and digital access for health facilities across the borough.</p> <p>Tower Hamlets is one of the most deprived boroughs in the country and the population is expected to reach nearly 315,000 by 2020, increasing the demand for GP services. There is a clear need for GP services to work differently to meet the challenges of a growing population and a constraint on resources. Primary care workload is around 33% more than current funding can pay for, and 86% of GP staff believe general practice will need to change to meet future demand.</p> <p>The project will provide ICT infrastructure to help manage demand for face-to-face GP appointments. The provision of technology will allow patients to check their own vital signs and answer clinical questionnaires away from GP appointments, while remote access for GPs will allow for smarter working arrangements to take non-clinical tasks away from clinical spaces, and new front-line technology such as phone systems, check-in screens and tablets will improve patient flows and efficiency.</p> <p>The project will also aim to improve the accessibility of health services through digital mediums. It will develop full online registration for GP services, which will then be accessible at any location without the need to attend the practice, in order to tackle a large unregistered population. This will be integrated with tablets at practices and urgent care centres to enable easy access for more vulnerable individuals. It will also be provided in multiple languages to target those populations less likely to be registered.</p>

	<p>Further to this, a Tower Hamlets Health app will be developed, with the aim to provide a single point of access for Tower Hamlets health services, allowing patients to take GP appointments online through the app, to book face-to-face GP appointments and to be signposted to LBTH health improvement services.</p> <p>This all aims to create a GP network which is more dynamic, increasing capacity by reducing the need for face-to-face GP appointments, and modernising to appeal to a more digitally active population.</p>
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<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing (Councillor Denise Jones)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Public consultation was carried out by Tower Hamlets CCG in 2016 to understand the primary care needs of local people and to inform the proposals outlined within the project.</p> <p>Engagement has taken place across multiple council departments such as Public health and Planning.</p> <p>Lead Member for health and corporate director have been briefed on project proposal.</p> <p>Consultation was undertaken by Tower Hamlets CCG, consulting 72 people through co-creation workshops and focus groups, involving a representative socio-demographic mix of local people from across the borough.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes, an Equalities Analysis was conducted in August 2018
Contact details for comments or additional information	
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Healthcare ICT Infrastructure Equalities Impact Assessment
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes	No, Unrestricted

section)?	
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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 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.

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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