


Executive Decision Individual Decision Notice and General Exception Notification	 TOWER HAMLETS
Decision Maker: Mayor's Executive Decision Making, 26/03/14	Classification: Unrestricted
Free School Meals for Primary Age Pupils	

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is hereby given to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the intention to make a Key Decision where it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice in advance of the decision being taken.

This notification will be published at least 5 clear days before the decision is taken.

Key Decision? Yes	Ward(s) All Wards
Summary of Decision	<p>To introduce a local scheme for free school meals for primary age pupils (Year 3 – Year 6) who are not otherwise eligible for statutory free school meals from September 2014 to July 2015 at a total estimated cost of £2.675m.</p> <p>To fund it from general reserves with corresponding savings built into the Medium Term Financial Plan from 2015/16 onwards.</p>

Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice of the decision:	
<p>A decision on the policy is required before Council can take a decision on the funding. The Council meeting is on 26 March and so the initial executive decision needs to take place under the urgency provision to enable it to be taken in time.</p>	
Signature: Robert McCulloch-Graham	Date: 18 March 2014

Further Details of the Decision to be taken

Community Plan Theme	A Healthy and Supportive Community
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families

Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Council will be invited to agree the virement at its meeting on 26th March 2014.</p> <p>As this key decision involves the virement of more than £1m, it will require a decision of Council.</p> <p>The Corporate Directors of Education, Social Care & Wellbeing and of Resources have been consulted on the details of this proposal.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Equality Impact Assessment information will be provided in the report.
Contact details for comments or additional information	Robert McCulloch-Graham (Corporate Director, Education Social Care and Wellbeing) robert.mcculloch-graham@towerhamlets.gov.uk
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. The Cabinet comprises of Mayor, Lutfur Rahman and the following Members:

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Councillor Shahed Ali, Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources
Councillor Shafiqul Haque, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills
Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Rania Khan, Cabinet Member for Culture
Councillor Oliur Rahman, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services

Further information on the Mayor and Members of the Cabinet can be found on the Council [website](#).

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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