

**Executive Decision
Individual Decision Notice**



Decision Maker: Mayor, Not before 20th February, 2015

Classification:
[Unrestricted]

Interim Depot Arrangements to facilitate the release of Watts Grove Depot

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is hereby given that an Executive Key Decision is required to be taken under General Exception Urgency provisions as it is not possible to provide at least 28 clear days’ notice of the decision but it is possible to give at least 5 clear days’ notice of the decision.

As required under the above regulations, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be notified of the above decision being taken under the General Exception Provision.

This notification will be published as soon as possible before the decision is taken, stating why the decision must be taken urgently.

Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days’ notice of the decision:

The original decision to proceed with relocation of depot functions to Leven Road is no longer viable. The proposed alternative proposals are considered to be more cost effective than the original decision. The relocation of these services away from Watts Grove Depot would enable the Watts Grove Depot Site to be redeveloped to provide 149 council homes.

No alternative options have been identified that would ensure the decant of waste operations from Watts Grove within the required cost and time parameters necessary to facilitate the sites redevelopment for housing. Staying on Watts Grove would result in the loss of GLA funding and the foregoing of affordable housing on that site.

The timescale for the completion of the project is challenging, as services need to be moved from Watts Grove by the 9th March 2015 to enable the developer to gain access to the site, and satisfy the funding arrangements for the GLA.

Signature:

Jamie Blake

Date:

12 February 2015

Further details of the decision to be taken:

Key Decision? Yes	Ward(s) Blackwall & Cubitt Town; Bromley South; Lansbury; Limehouse; St Dunstan's
Summary of Decision	The Mayor is recommended to consider the following: 1. Agree to proceed with the implementation of the depot

	<p>relocation project; and</p> <p>2. Authorise the Corporate Director of Communities Localities and Culture and the Corporate Director of Development and Renewal, after consultation with the Service Head – Legal Services, to enter into all relevant agreements necessary to bring about the changes outlined in this report.</p>
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Community Plan Theme	A Great Place to Live
Cabinet Member	Mayor (Mayor Lutfur Rahman)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Not applicable.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Jamie Blake (Service Head of Public Realm, Communities Localities and Culture) jamie.blake@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Executive Decision Report
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 Oliur Rahman, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Community Safety

Councillor Shahed Ali, Cabinet Member for Clean and Green

Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services

Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources

Councillor Shafiqul Haque, Cabinet Member for Culture

Councillor Aminur Khan, Cabinet Member for Policy, Strategy and Performance

Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing and Development

Councillor Gulam Robbani, Cabinet Member for Education and 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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