

**Executive Decision  
Individual Decision Notice**



**Decision Maker:** Mayor, Not before 15th September, 2015

**Classification:**  
Unrestricted

**LBTH/GLA Contract for the £13.27m Decent Homes Additional Backlog Funding**

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 additional grant funding of £13.27 million was awarded in accordance with the national programme objective to reduce the level of non-decent backlog stock down to 10%. The Council was however effectively already funding these works as part of the £181.37 million enhanced programme. The due diligence process undertaken on this matter has been extensive (significant clarification required from the GLA on several matters) as the contract varied from the standard GLA contract due to additional measures such as the leasehold cap. Under the contract with the GLA the Council is obliged to make 917 homes decent in 2015-16. The programme has already began, but the contract has not be signed. The relevant Q1 spend and decency outturn has already been reported to the GLA and because the GLA reimburses Authorities for the relevant expenditure. The Council will need to enter into contract urgently for the eligible spend of circa £2m in Q1 to be reimbursed.

**Signature:**

Jackie Odunoye

**Date:**

7<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

**Further details of the decision to be taken:**

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| <b>Key Decision?</b> Yes   | <b>Ward(s)</b> All Wards  |
| <b>Summary of Decision</b> | Agree the Council to get into contract with GLA for the for the £13.27m Decent Homes Additional Backlog Funding<br><br>Amend 2013 Cabinet adopted funding profile for Decent Homes Scheme Costs totalling £181.37 million comprising GLA grant £94.50 million and |

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|  | <p>Council HRA Resources: £86.87 million to: Scheme Costs: £181.37 million encompassing GLA grant: £107.77 million Council HRA Resources: £73.6 million.</p> <p>Although the DCLG was initially funding £94.50 million of the works, financing for the full £181.37 million was also made up of a mixture of HRA balances, specific capital resources set aside, and leaseholder contributions, with HRA borrowing being the last resort if necessary. The new £13.27 million grant reduces the reliance on these other HRA capital resources and increases the grant funding for the DHs programme</p> <p>The additional grant funding of £13.27 million was awarded in accordance with the national programme objective to reduce the level of non-decent backlog stock down to 10% by the end of the backlog programme. The Council's GLA funded backlog programme concludes in 2015/16. Furthermore, subject to meeting the criteria, partly or wholly funded leasehold DHs works by the £13,27m GLA grant will be subject to a £15k cap in 2015/16.</p> <p>Under the condition of the GLA £13.27m addition funding grant, the Council is obliged, under a contract, to make 917 homes decent in 2015/16 - the programme has already commenced. Relevant Q1 spend and decency outturn has been reported to the GLA. As the GLA reimburses Authorities for the relevant expenditure, the Council will need to get into contract urgently for the eligible spend of circa £2m in Q1 to be reimbursed.</p> |
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| <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     | N/a   |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | N/a   |
| Contact details for comments or additional information                                      | Jackie Odunoye<br>(Service Head, Strategy, Regeneration & Sustainability, Development and Renewal) <a href="mailto:jackie.odunoye@towerhamlets.gov.uk">jackie.odunoye@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available?                           | Adoption of Housing Revenue Account Capital Estimates: Decent Homes Programme - 2013-14 to 2015-16<br><a href="#">GLA letter granting the £13.27million</a>                                   |

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| 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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