

**Executive Decision
Individual Decision Notice**



Decision Maker: Cabinet, 10 May 16

Classification:
Unrestricted

Children Looked After Strategy 2015-18

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 Children Looked After Strategy was presented to MAB on the 22nd February 2016. It was agreed that the Strategy should go forward to pre-agenda, subject to the information requested being provided to MAB as soon as practicable.

Papers were submitted to Legal and Finance for clearance, but due to an administrative error, the FP1 was not completed.

Signature:

Corporate Director, Children's Services

Date:

21st April, 2016

Further details of the decision to be taken:

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| Key Decision? Yes | Ward(s) All Wards |
| Summary of Decision | <p>The Children Looked After Strategy describes our responsibilities, lines of accountability, our priorities and objectives for the next 3 years and how we plan to achieve them.</p> <p>The Mayor in Cabinet is asked to note the contents of the Children Looked After Strategy, in particular the desired direction of travel and associated cost pressures within Children’s Social Care. The Mayor in Cabinet is also asked to consider the action plan, included within the strategy.</p> |

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| | The delivery of the Children Looked After Strategy will be overseen by Tower Hamlets Corporate Parenting Steering Group. Together they will support the partnership to ensure that we deliver on our promises to children and young people in care. |
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| Community Plan Theme | (All Corporate Priorities) |
| Cabinet Member | Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services (Councillor Rachael Saunders) |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | The Children Looked After Strategy 2015-18 has been developed in partnership with the Corporate Parenting Steering Group. |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | Accurate management information and analysis underpins strategic development. There is a great deal of information about the council's looked after population, with the most recent annual data attached in an annex to the main report. Whilst the number of Bangladeshi children is growing, this group remains slightly under-represented against the local population. Children with a Caribbean heritage (or White/Caribbean) are over-represented within this cohort. The Strategy has been developed in consultation with Unicef UK and uses a Child Rights Based Approach. |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Corporate Director, Children's Services |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | Children Looked After Strategy 2015-18 and Action Plan |
| 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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