

CABINET

MAYOR

Mayor John Biggs

CABINET MEMBERS

Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Rachel Blake	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty)
Councillor Asma Begum	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Equalities)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	(Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit)
Councillor Amina Ali	(Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor David Edgar	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Danny Hassell	(Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People)
Councillor Candida Ronald	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	(Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth)

[The quorum for Cabinet is 3 Members]

MEETING DETAILS

Wednesday, 31 July 2019 at 5.30 p.m.

C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

The meeting is open to the public to attend.

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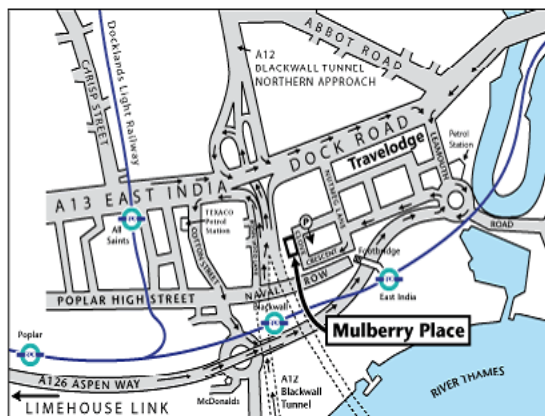
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A Guide to CABINET

Decision Making at Tower Hamlets

As Tower Hamlets operates the Directly Elected Mayor system, **Mayor John Biggs** holds Executive powers and takes decisions at Cabinet or through Individual Mayoral Decisions. The Mayor has appointed nine Councillors to advise and support him and they, with him, form the Cabinet. Their details are set out on the front of the agenda.

Which decisions are taken by Cabinet?

Executive decisions are all decisions that aren't specifically reserved for other bodies (such as Development or Licensing Committees). In particular, Executive Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor either at Cabinet or as Individual Mayoral Decisions.

The constitution describes Key Decisions as an executive decision which is likely

- a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the borough.

Upcoming Key Decisions are published on the website on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page through www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee

Published Decisions and Call-Ins

Once the meeting decisions have been published, any 5 Councillors may submit a Call-In to the Service Head, Democratic Services requesting that a decision be reviewed. This halts the decision until it has been reconsidered.

- The decisions will be published on: **Friday, 2 August 2019**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 9 August 2019**

Any Call-Ins will be considered at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee can reject the call-in or they can agree it and refer the decision back to the Mayor, with their recommendations, for his final consideration.

Public Engagement at Cabinet

The main focus of Cabinet is as a decision-making body. However there is an opportunity for the public to contribute through making submissions that specifically relate to the reports set out on the agenda.

Members of the public may make written submissions in any form (for example; Petitions, letters, written questions) to the Clerk to Cabinet (details on the front page) by 5 pm the day before the meeting.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2019

5.30 p.m.

	Pages
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
To receive any apologies for absence.	
2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS	11 - 14
To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Monitoring Officer.	
3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES	15 - 24
The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 26 June 2019 are presented for approval.	
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR	
5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions	
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to unrestricted business to be considered.	
5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
(Under provisions of Article 6 Para 6.02 V of the Constitution).	

6. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6 .1	Outcome of recent Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS)	25 - 44
<p>Report Summary: Children's Services were inspected between the 3rd and the 21st June 2019. This inspection followed an inspection in early 2017 where Children's Services were rated as inadequate. This most recent inspection considered the improvements that have been made to services over the past two years.</p> <p>The result of the inspection was the Children's Services in Tower Hamlets are now rated as GOOD. The grade above inadequate is Requires Improvement so this rating represents a significant improvement. This report will outline some of the key highlights from the inspection report.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People Corporate Priority: TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills</p>		

6 .2	Local Community Fund	45 - 192
<p>Report Summary: This report makes recommendations for awarding funding to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations through the Local Community Fund programme.</p> <p>It summarised the co-production of the programme with the voluntary and community sector, sets out the bidding process, analyses the bids received, describes the proposed new funding programme and makes proposals to mitigate disproportionate equalities impact.</p> <p>The report also considers the impact on services which are currently funded through the Mainstream Grants programme.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector, Mayor Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</p>		

6 .3 Strategic Review of Tower Hamlets Homes **193 - 300**

Report Summary:

Following a strategic review of Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) the Arms length Management Organisation currently managing the Councils housing stock, this report recommends future housing management arrangements beyond July 2020 when the THH management agreement ends.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing
Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

6 .4 Air Quality Action Plan Update on Progress **301 - 422**

Report Summary:

A review of progress on achievements made towards compliance with the Council's Air Quality Action Plan.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Air Quality
Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

6 .5 Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-2024 **423 - 478**

Report Summary:

The current Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) expires at the end of September 2019. This report includes the new Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-2024.

Decision required:
Approve the Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-24

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Environment
Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

6 .6 Children and Families Strategy 2019-2024 479 - 512

Report Summary:

This item outlines the strategic direction which the Children and Families Partnership has committed to over the next five years and includes information about the Learning and Achievement Strategy for 14 to 25 year olds 2019 – 2023 which aligns with one of the three priorities within the Children and Families Strategy

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People
Corporate Priority: People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities

6 .7 Response to Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Challenge Session recommendations: Communications 513 - 522

Report Summary:

To respond to Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Challenge Session recommendations on the Council's Communication

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Mayor
Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

6 .8 Proposed additions to the local list 523 - 590

Report Summary:

A proposal to add forty-one buildings to the council's local list.

Wards: Bethnal Green; Blackwall & Cubitt Town; Bow East; Bow West; Bromley North; Bromley South; Island Gardens; Poplar; Shadwell; Spitalfields & Banglatown; St Dunstan's; St Katharine's & Wapping; St Peter's; Weavers; Whitechapel
Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty
Corporate Priority: All Priorities

6 .9 Revised Commercial Property Lettings and Disposals Procedure 591 - 630

Report Summary:

Following an internal audit of disposals procedures in 2017, and a need to update letting processes to reflect professional best practice, a major revision has taken place to the above document, used as guidance to council officers employed within the Asset Management Team.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Mayor
Corporate Priority: All Priorities

6 .10 Land to the West of Virginia Street -London Docks School **631 - 638**

Report Summary:

This report seeks the formal approval for the Council to enter into a lease and grant a sub-lease to a school provider to enable a school to be built and occupied.

Wards: St Katharine's & Wapping

Lead Member: Mayor

Corporate Priority: All Priorities

6 .11 Angela Court, Burdett Road; Lease to Mulberry Housing Society **639 - 648**

Report Summary:

The report proposes that the Council grants a lease of Angela Court, Burdett Road to Mulberry Housing Society (MHS) on the terms set out, under which MHS will operate the building as affordable housing.

Wards: Mile End

Lead Member: Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing

Corporate Priority: All Priorities

6 .12 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Quarter 1 2019/20 **649 - 686**

Report Summary:

This report details the Quarter 1 (June 2019) monitoring position against the approved budget for the Revenue and Capital Spend for the financial year end 2019/20.

It also includes information of the councils progress against its saving targets, strategies for reducing overspends and a number of general financial health indicators.

Wards: All Wards

Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector

Corporate Priority: All Priorities

Report Summary:

A refresh of the Council's Outcomes Based Budgeting approach to prioritising resources over the Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2020-21 to 2022-23.

Setting out issues and actions which inform the development of the Council's MTFS for 2020-2023 to include timescales and next steps.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector
Corporate Priority: A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working

Report Summary:

It is the responsibility of the Mayor to nominate representatives to certain Outside Bodies on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council. The report will propose appointments to Outside Bodies for the Mayor to consider.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Mayor
Corporate Priority: A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Should the Mayor in Cabinet consider it necessary, it is recommended that the following motion be adopted to allow consideration of any exempt/restricted documents.

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9. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

10. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to exempt/confidential business to be considered.

10.2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(Under provisions of Article 6 Para 6.02 V of the Constitution).

11. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

11.1 Poplar Baths - Refinancing

723 - 770

Report Summary:

The senior financing debt arranged for the Poplar Baths project is due to mature in 2019, prompting a refinancing exercise to be carried out by the Project Company.

A number of options are being explored to ensure that the Council's interests are protected in the refinancing exercise and this includes the exploration of the Council providing the senior debt to the project.

Wards: Bethnal Green; Poplar

Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector

Corporate Priority: A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working

12. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Next Meeting of the Committee:

Wednesday, 25 September 2019 at 5.30 p.m. in C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG