

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL****HELD AT 7.10 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2019****THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG****Members Present:**

Mayor John Biggs	Councillor Tarik Khan
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	Councillor James King
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	Councillor Eve McQuillan
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	Councillor Ayas Miah
Councillor Sufia Alam	Councillor Harun Miah
Councillor Amina Ali	Councillor Puru Miah
Councillor Shah Ameen	Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Asma Begum	Councillor Victoria Obaze
Councillor Rachel Blake	Councillor Mohammed Pappu
Councillor Mufedah Bustin	Councillor Kyrsten Perry
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	Councillor John Pierce
Councillor Shad Chowdhury	Councillor Leema Qureshi
Councillor David Edgar	Councillor Zenith Rahman
Councillor Marc Francis	Councillor Candida Ronald
Councillor Peter Golds	Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan
Councillor Ehtasham Haque	Councillor Dan Tomlinson
Councillor Danny Hassell	Councillor Helal Uddin
Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain	Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Asma Islam	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman
Councillor Sirajul Islam	Councillor Val Whitehead
Councillor Denise Jones	Councillor Bex White
Councillor Rabina Khan	Councillor Andrew Wood

The Speaker of the Council, Councillor Victoria Obaze in the Chair

During the meeting, the Council agreed to vary the order of business to consider Item 12.4, Motion regarding London City Airport as the first motion to be debated under Item 12, Motions for debate. To aid clarity, the Minutes are presented in the order that the items originally appeared on the agenda.

The Speaker of the Council brought the Council up to date with some of her activities since the previous Council meeting. This included:

- Citizenship Ceremonies.
- Navy and sailing themed events – including a Sea Cadets National Band Competition, the Great River Race, and a Merchant Navy Day service.

- Services to mark the retirement of a Reverend at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, and also to mark the institution and induction of a new Rector at St. Mary's, Bow Church.
- Eid celebrations
- A commemorative event marking the National Mourning Day of Bangladesh.
- Events celebrating the work of the Rainbow Film Festival and the UK Nollywood Producers Guild.
- The Army Cadets Visitors Day.
- The Tower Hamlets Disability Sports Day 2019.
- Charity events to raise money for the Speaker's charities including the Alzheimer Society.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Kevin Brady
- Councillor Dipa Das

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following Councillors declared a Non - Disclosable Pecuniary interest that the Council has decided should be registered

Councillor Asma Begum - agenda item 12.4, Motion on London City Airport. This was on the basis that Councillor Begum was an Authority appointed Member of the London City Airport Consultative Committee.

Councillor Asma Islam - agenda item 12.4, Motion on London City Airport. This was on the basis that Councillor Islam was a Trustee of the London City Airport Fund

Councillor Denise Jones - agenda item 9.2, A Member Question regarding the Wapping London Dock secondary school. This was on the basis that she was a Mulberry Schools Trust-Trustee.

Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan - agenda item 5.4, Petition regarding the Community Hall known as the Canal Club, Waterloo Gardens, E2 9HP. This was on the basis that Councillor Salva Macallan resided on the Wellington Estate and was the Chair of the Wellington Estate Tenants Association

The following Councillors declared a Non - Disclosable Pecuniary in agenda items 9.7, 9.10 and 9.12, Member Questions regarding the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on the grounds that they were Members of the Council's Strategic/Development Committee:

- Councillor Mufeedah Bustin
- Councillor Rabina Khan
- Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE

- Councillor John Pierce
- Councillor Leema Qureshi
- Councillor Dan Tomlinson

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

1. That the unrestricted minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 17 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and the Speaker be authorised to sign them accordingly.

4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive updated the Council on a number of developments.

Turning to Staff Awards, he was very pleased to announce that once again, the Council had received awards and recognition for its work, with the following services winning or receiving nominations for awards:

- No Place for Hate Campaign – winners of the London HEAR Network – #End Hate Together Award.
- Edward Gibbons House, which was a hostel in Tower Hamlets – had been shortlisted for an award.
- Capital Delivery Team - had been shortlisted at the Inside Housing Development Awards.

He welcomed to the Council Calvin McLean, Head of Neighbourhood (Operations) and Paul Rock, Head of Internal Audit Fraud and Risk.

He also advised that preparations were underway for holding a General Election, should one be announced, and the Annual Canvass.

5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

5.1 Petition regarding Single Use Plastics

Ciaran Cusack and others addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners, and responded to questions from Members. Councillor David Edgar, Cabinet Member for Environment then responded to the matters raised in the petition.

He highlighted the Council's commitment to reduce and eradicate where possible, the use of single use plastics. The Council's Waste Management Strategy sets out how it intended to do this.

He also provided reassurances that the Council worked closely with a range of partners and the public and lobbied Central Government to reduce the overall use of single use plastics.

He also looked forward to bringing an update report to the Cabinet in due course.

RESOLVED.

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director Place, for a written response within 28 days.

5.2 Petition regarding parking on school markings at Arnhem Wharf Primary School

Pupils from the primary school addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners, and responded to questions from Members. Councillor David Edgar, Cabinet Member for Environment then responded to the matters raised in the petition. He thanked the Petitioners and the Ward Councillors in particular for highlighting the issues.

He also provided assurances about the Council's commitment to making schools streets safer, including the streets around Arnhem Wharf Primary School through:

- Working with schools to introduce the Council's new School Streets initiative, that included proposals in respect of the Arnhem Wharf Primary School.
- Increasing patrols around the school and issuing more fines.
- Exploring the option of adding more road markings outside the school.

RESOLVED

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director Place, for a written response within 28 days.

5.3 Petition regarding Stop the Lorries on Pennington Street

Aimee Charalambous addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners, and responded to questions from Members. Mayor John Biggs then responded to the matters raised in the petition. He drew attention to the Council's new Liveable Streets programme, particularly the plans to consult residents on proposals.

He also expressed a commitment to carrying out measures to minimise the impacts from traffic in Pennington Street and that he was willing to meet the residents to further consider their concerns.

RESOLVED

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director Place, for a written response within 28 days.

5.4 Petition regarding the Community Hall known as the Canal Club, Waterloo Gardens, E2 9HP

Dwight James and others addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners, and responded to questions from Members. Councillor Rachel Blake, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty then responded to the matters raised in the petition.

She thanked the petitioners and the ward Councillors for helping to ensure there was a meaningful and in-depth consultation on the proposals. She expressed a commitment to continuing to consult with the residents on the plans to redevelop the site and to provide much needed social housing and replace the existing facilities.

RESOLVED:

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director Place, for a written response within 28 days.

PETITIONS TO BE NOTED

5.5 Petition regarding Glyphosate – Herbicide

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director Place, for a written response within 28 days.

With the permission of the Speaker, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm and was reconvened at 8:15pm.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented his report to the Council. Following which:

- Councillor Andrew Wood, Leader of the Conservative Group, responded briefly to the Mayor's report.
- The Mayor responded briefly to the Leader of the Conservative Group

7. ADMINISTRATION MOTION DEBATE

7 – Administration Motion regarding the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) funding crisis

Councillor Danny Hassell **moved** and Councillor Sufia Alam **seconded** the motion as printed in the agenda.

Following debate, the motion was put to a vote and was **agreed**.

RESOLVED:

This Council notes:

1. There are around 8,000 children and young people in Tower Hamlets who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or are attending alternative provision. 3,000 children and young people have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP);
2. Demand for SEND services is increasing rapidly and services are also responding to more complex needs. Over the period 2016/17 to 2018/19 we saw a 48% increase in the number of children with an EHCP;
3. Last year Tower Hamlets received £49.7m from the Government for SEND funding, but it spent more than £56m on services;
4. The funding from Government has failed to keep pace with rapidly increasing costs, leaving big gaps in budgets;
5. This crisis is replicated across London, where the total in-year shortfall for 2017/18 across SEND services came to £77 million and the cumulative overspend on the high needs block is higher in London than in any other region;
6. Analysis from the National Education Union shows that had funding kept pace with rising numbers and increased in line with inflation, the budget gap would almost be eliminated. However as things stand, the Local Government Association estimates that councils in England face a SEND funding gap of up to £1.6 billion by 2021;
7. The council has responded to the Government's 'call for evidence' on high needs funding and the Mayor and Cabinet Member have written directly to the Prime Minister on this issue.
8. That Tower Hamlets Council organised a cross-party letter from council cabinet members across London with responsibility for children's services to the Secretary of State for Education calling for an end to the funding crisis in SEND services.
9. The recent announcement from the Government pledging additional funding for schools, including £700m for children with SEND.

This Council believes:

1. We face a national crisis in high needs funding, but this crisis is hitting London harder than anywhere else in the country;
2. We have now reached a tipping point: whilst in previous years many councils have been able to meet the gap from reserves or underspending on other education budgets, as other education budgets tighten this is no longer an option. Deficits will now become cumulative, rolling over into the next year and the pressure on high needs funding will rise exponentially;
3. The Government is failing to fund SEND services properly and it's falling to local councils to plug the gaps;
4. That while the additional £700m is very welcome, it doesn't even cover the gap we already face now, nor will it fill the SEND funding gap estimated by the LGA at £1.6bn by 2021.
5. Children and young people with special needs and disabilities are some of the most vulnerable in our society and it's vital that the services that support them are funded fairly and properly;
6. Funding cuts to general school budgets are threatening the ability of our local schools to maintain their levels of quality, inclusive education.

This Council resolves:

1. To call on the Government to urgently invest in our SEND services and ensure that Government funding keeps pace with rising demand, complexity of need and additional responsibilities;
2. To call on the Mayor and Cabinet Member to write to the Secretary of State for Education with a copy of this motion, welcoming the additional funding, but urging him to invest further to bring an end to the SEND funding crisis;
3. To continue to work with school leaders, trade unions and parents to campaign against schools cuts.

Motion regarding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) funding crisis	
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	For
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	For
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	For
Councillor Sufia Alam	For
Councillor Amina Ali	For
Councillor Shah Ameen	For
Councillor Asma Begum	For
Mayor John Biggs	For
Councillor Rachel Blake	For
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	For
Councillor Shad Chowdhury	For
Councillor Marc Francis	For
Councillor Peter Golds	Abstain
Councillor Ehtasham Haque	For
Councillor Danny Hassell	For
Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain	For
Councillor Asma Islam	For
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Councillor Dan Tomlinson	For
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Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	For
Councillor Val Whitehead	For
Councillor Bex White	For
Councillor Andrew Wood	Abstain
Carried	

8. OPPOSITION MOTION DEBATE

8 – Opposition Motion by the Conservative Group regarding the Tower Hamlets Annual Residents’ Survey 2019

Councillor Andrew Wood **moved** and Councillor Peter Golds **seconded** the motion as printed in the agenda.

Councillor Asma Begum **moved** and Mayor John Biggs **seconded** the following amendment to the motion to be debated.

Added text underlined and in red font.

Deleted text scored out.

This Council notes:

- [The recent publication of the Tower Hamlets Annual Residents’ Survey 2019](#)
- [A news update on the Council website titled “Residents survey results revealed” released on Tuesday 3rd September *which correctly stated that:*](#)

‘Nearly eight out of ten Tower Hamlets residents (78 per cent) continue to agree that people from different backgrounds get on well together, are positive about most local services, and 69 per cent say that the council is doing a good job.’

- [Commitments made at the 19th September 2018 full Council meeting as regards anti-social behaviour & crime in Tower Hamlets](#)

~~Summary Table 1 page 4 Residents Survey 2019 – Service satisfaction ratings (%) – all residents and all users (N.B. table deleted for reasons of accuracy)~~

	2016	2019	Change 2019 on 2016	Change 2019 on 2016 %
Views of all residents, total %	925	879	-46	-5%

(not including nursery education)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change 2019 on 2016	Change 2019 on 2019%
Views of all service users, total %	651	635	603	546	-105	-16%

Figure 4: Views about the area, cohesion and influencing decisions (%) in Tower Hamlets, 2012 to 2019

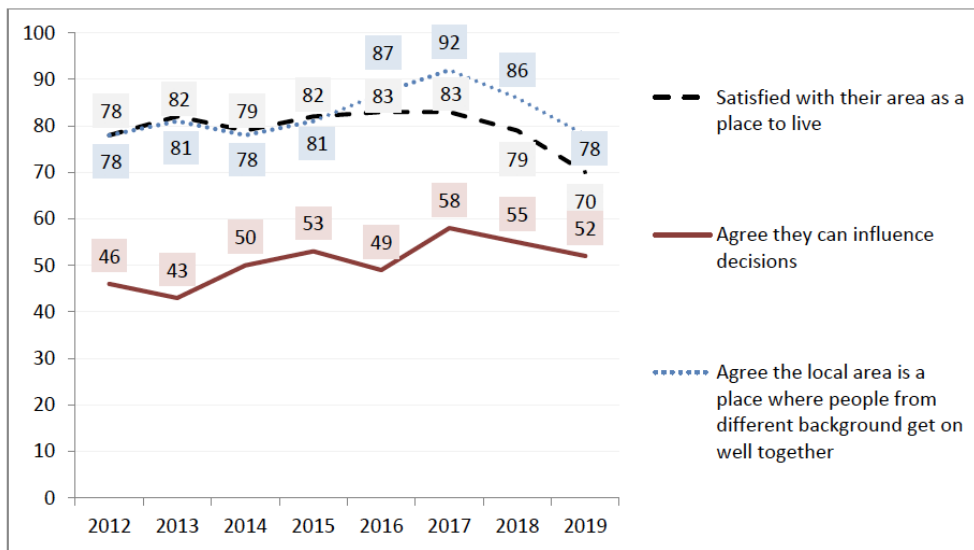
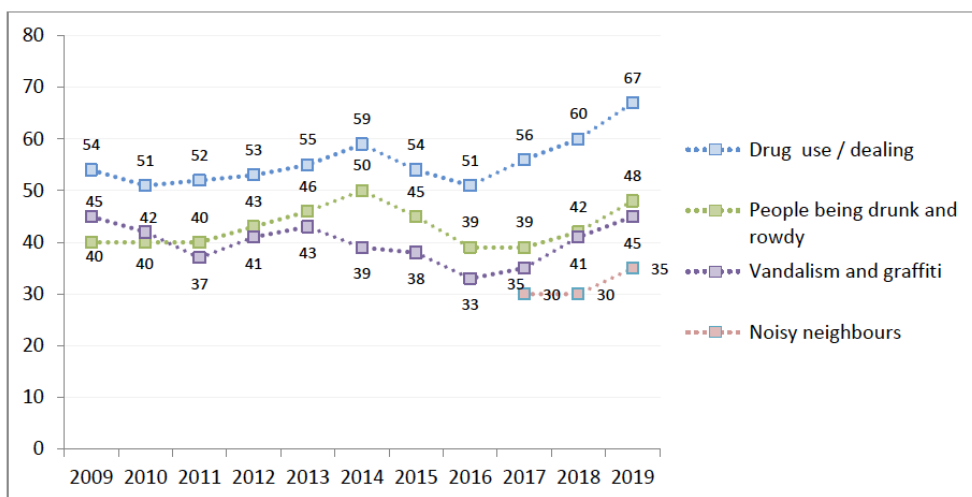


Figure 5: Views about ASB in Tower Hamlets, 2009 to 2019



This Council notes that Crime and ASB are major concerns for residents. Many elements of this are for other agencies and partners to address and it would be foolhardy for the Council to accept ownership of matters beyond our powers or control but we note the ongoing work by the Council and partners to address issues of community safety, including but not limited to:

- £3 million investment of council funding for extra police officers to work on key crime and ASB hotspots;
- A Neighbourhood Management Pilot in the north east of the borough to bring extra focus and dedicated resource to four wards in the borough with high concentrations of ASB;
- Ongoing targeted activity with the police to tackle the drugs trade through 'Operation Continuum' which has seen 312 arrests for drug offences, 129 people charged with drug supply and £564k cash seized under proceeds of crime;
- A review of the Council's CCTV infrastructure as a prelude to major investment in the network;
- Refreshing the Substance Misuse Strategy to ensure it reflects the current/emerging challenges and sustaining £8 million investment on substance misuse support.

The Council is concerned:

About the year on year That while some areas have seen an improvement in resident perceptions (for example in parks and road/pavement repairs), there has been a decline in resident's perception about a range of other issues and concerns (for example refuse collection but also other areas not a responsibility of the council including policing).

The Council further notes:

That the news release dated 3rd September 2019 titled "Residents survey results revealed" does not mention any of the issues raised above and is not an accurate summary of the survey results highlighted a number of key issues and provided a link to the survey report in full.

That the council is working towards meeting the commitments & promises made at full Council on the 19th September 2018 as regards ASB have not been fully answered including for example a new CCTV approach for the borough, completing a review of the online ASB reporting portal, 6,000 lamp columns have been upgraded to LED lanterns, among other measures.

The Council resolves:

To reverse the year on year declines address the concerns and build on improvements to address in the issues raised in the Annual Residents Survey, and to strive to deliver rebuild trust in our ability to deliver continuing improvements for our residents.

To continue to ensure that press releases accurately summarise Councils documents and are not a Pravda like distortion of the truth reflect the work of the council and inform the media and residents.

To ask the Cabinet Member for Community Safety to respond urgently to all of the issues raised and commitments made 364 days ago. provide a written

update on ongoing actions following the agreement of the full council motion in September 2018.

The amendment was put to the vote and **agreed**.

Following debate, the motion as amended was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

RESOLVED:

This Council notes:

The recent publication of the Tower Hamlets Annual Residents’ Survey 2019

A news update on the Council website titled “Residents survey results revealed” released on Tuesday 3rd September *which correctly stated that:*

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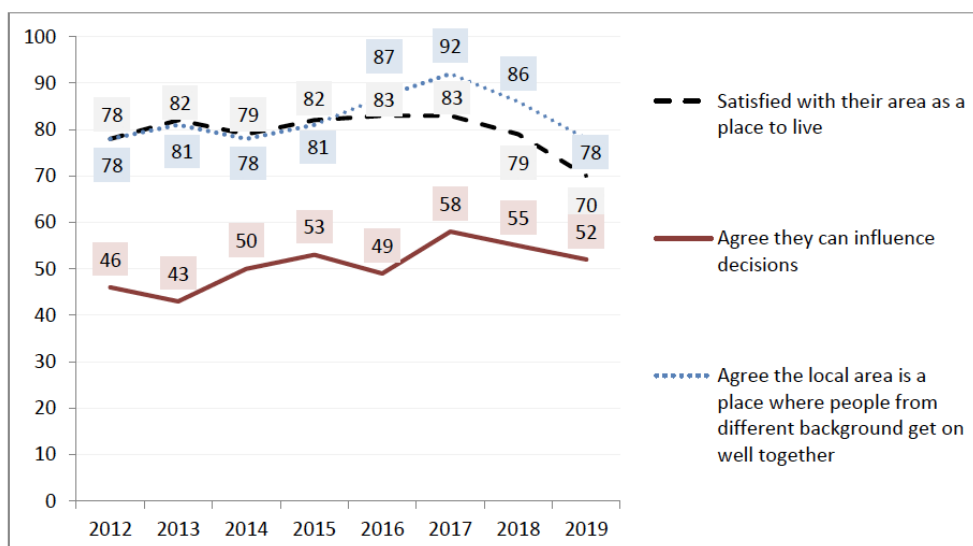
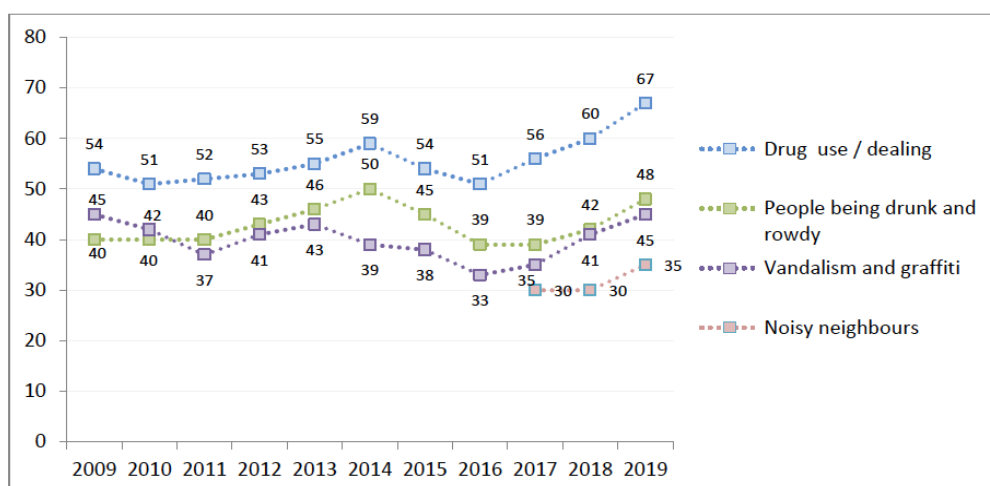


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The Council further notes:

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That the council is working towards meeting the commitments & promises made at full Council on the 19th September 2018 including for example a new CCTV approach for the borough, completing a review of the online ASB reporting portal, 6,000 lamp columns have been upgraded to LED lanterns, among other measures.

The Council resolves:

To address the concerns and build on improvements to address the issues raised in the Annual Residents Survey, and to strive to deliver continuing improvements for our residents.

To continue to ensure that press releases accurately reflect the work of the council and inform the media and residents.

To ask the Cabinet Member for Community Safety to provide a written update on ongoing actions following the agreement of the full council motion in September 2018.

Amendment to Motion regarding the Tower Hamlets Annual Residents' Survey 2019	
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	For
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	For
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	For
Councillor Amina Ali	For
Councillor Shah Ameen	For
Councillor Asma Begum	For
Mayor John Biggs	For
Councillor Rachel Blake	For
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Councillor Dan Tomlinson	For
Councillor Helal Uddin	For
Councillor Val Whitehead	For
Councillor Bex White	For
Councillor Andrew Wood	Against
Carried	

Motion as amended regarding the Tower Hamlets Annual Residents' Survey 2019	
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	For
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	For
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	For
Councillor Amina Ali	For
Councillor Asma Begum	For
Mayor John Biggs	For
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin	For
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Councillor Bex White	For

Councillor Andrew Wood	Abstain
Carried	

9. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The following questions and in each case supplementary questions were put (except where indicated) and were responded to by the Mayor or relevant Executive Member.

9.1 Question from Councillor Tarik Khan:

Can the cabinet member please update members about the council's investment in its summer programme and what indicators we have about the success of the programme?

Response of Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit:

I am so proud that this year we have had an exciting variety of activities, available through our summer programme. These were delivered in parks, leisure centres, youth clubs, Idea Stores, children's centres and various community venues. We strongly believe in Every Chance for Every Child. We know that families on low incomes often experience a range of challenges, during the holiday period that is why we have aimed to keep over 335 free or low cost activities. I will just refer to some of the highlights: Over the summer holidays we have provided over 21,000 free meals to children at Council funded school holiday activity venues. The Sport and Physical Activity service delivered 262 activities in July and August. We have had the summer reading challenge in the Idea Store. We have a programme that has benefited over 2000 SEND children.

The full evaluation of the programme is currently being undertaken and will be available at the beginning of October.

Supplementary question from Councillor Tarik Khan:

Other than the advertised Summer Programme, how many other organisations were funded by the Council to provide summer projects. Do we have any numbers around them. Like for example the Tower Hamlets Homes programme which was not advertised in our yellow book this year?

Councillor Akhtar's response to supplementary question:

I don't have the exact numbers of all the activities done with other groups, but as you have mentioned we have run activities such as the Tower Hamlets Homes Summer programme for young people providing activities on Estates. We have also had the summer transition workshops for children, moving from primary to secondary school. Next year we hope to engage with children not just using our hubs and we will be advertising our yellow book.

9.2 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood:

Can the Council confirm that the new Wapping London Dock secondary school which the Council confirmed would be given the lease for the land is a free school being opened up under the free school presumption process?

Response of Mayor Biggs

Yes.

Supplementary question from Councillor Andrew Wood:

We have been trying to get the Local Authority to admit it is actually a free school. It's a term you have avoided using. This is important for other free schools so thank you for that answer

Mayor Biggs response to supplementary question:

A free school is synonymous with an Academy. Mulberry is a multi-academy trust and it's the preferred provider of education on the London Dock side. We look forward to a thriving and a state of the art building being constructed there.

9.3 Question from Councillor Kyrsten Perry:

Will the cabinet member update members on the recent A-level and GCSE results?

Response of Councillor Danny Hassell, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People:

Once again the young people of Tower Hamlets have excelled.

Students achieved great success in the Borough . 85 % of Tower Hamlets students achieved grades 9-4 in English, equivalent to the old A to C grades, an improvement of 3% on 2018. In Maths, 74% of students gained grades 9-4. This is up 4% on the comparable figure last year. Those good results continued at A level with nearly 75% of students getting a A* to C grade. In Tower Hamlets 98.9% students entered for A Levels achieved at least an A*-E grade. I must acknowledge the excellent work of our teachers, our support staff and our youth workers in championing our young people in helping them to reach their potential. We are aware that challenges remain and we will be bringing forward a new 14-25 strategy to look at what more we can do to be able to support young people, to excel in their exams and to set them up for future success.

No supplementary question was asked.

9.4 Question from Councillor Peter Golds:

Will the Mayor outline what protection and support is given to council officers who face or have been intimidated within or near council premises or their private homes?

Response of Mayor John Biggs:

The Council has a zero tolerance approach to all forms of unlawful intimidation, discrimination and harassment of any kind and take all complaints of this nature seriously. Where an employee is shown to have perpetrated such behaviour, disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with the Council's Combating Harassment and Discrimination and Grievance policies.

The Council also has an employee assistance programme in place that is accessible 24/7 to staff of LBTH and which will provide appropriate support for staff.

If intimidation is by non-council employees, we will consider all options to support our staff including making third-party reports to the police. We would strongly encourage any staff who experience intimidation in their homes or anywhere else to also report this to the police immediately. We have and will continue to support our staff to do this.

Supplementary question from Councillor Golds:

I was disturbed some two weeks ago to hear a very senior former member of staff say how a member of the public had identified corruption but was frightened to say anything. An investigator was appointed by the Council and he was stopped outside the Town Hall by three youths and threatened. There were two other incidents: the other one involved the person being stopped in the street. In another incidence, the officer who has raised this had found a toy gun on his doorstep, following being told that the people threatening him knew where he lived and where his children lived.

My concern is how this is dealt with internally and also how the Police are brought in to ensure that is stopped?

Mayor Biggs response to supplementary question:

I refer to the answer that I have given already that we would leave no stone unturned, if a proper complaint is made by an existing member of staff. For former staff, it is slightly more complicated, but if we have a duty of care we should exercise that and urge people to get very actively involved with the Police. I will remind the entire meeting that the incident we are discussing I believe relates to a case that is currently before a tribunal, where there has been substantial reporting of one side. We should not take that necessarily as a statement of fact. Nevertheless, we do have a duty of care to our employees and I do take very seriously any such suggestions of wrong doing,

whether or not they involve the Council. I refer to the Motion previously debated by the Council about community safety. We need to make sure people feel safe in our community and nobody is above the law.

9.5 Question from Councillor Marc Francis:

To ask the Lead Member, further to the response to my question at Full Council on 17th July, detailing the growing number of housing OT assessments in the past 18 months and the action now being taken to reduce unacceptably long average waiting times, what factors does he believe have caused this increased demand and consequent delay in ensuring disabled and unwell households are given the Health priority their case merits?

Response of Councillor Sirajul Islam, Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing:

There has been a significant increase in requests for OT assessments, particularly from households with autistic children, which represent about 35% of all referrals made this year.

In addition, OTs are heavily involved with new builds under Project 120, which ensures new build homes meet wheelchair standards and are suitable for applicants matched for them. This is quite technical and time consuming but an effective in finding long term housing solutions for wheelchair cases.

The overall number of referrals this year exceeds 420; half of those have been assessed. The Council is taking a number of measures to tackle the backlog and I am pleased to say has recruited 2 Locum OTs who will start on 16 September.

In addition through robust screening and prioritising, training housing officers to allow safety works to be raised by them, and standardising assessments we have put measures in place to improve the pace of delivery.

We aim is to clear the backlog within 3 months and we know what a difference this will make to residents lives. Thank you for raising this important issue.

Supplementary question from Councillor Marc Francis:

It is really encouraging to hear about the extra two Locums OT's that are being brought in to try to help bring down the waiting time for those assessments. The concern that I have (and Councillor Islam mentioned this) is the increase. The service itself believes this is driven in part by the need to assess many families with autistic children. Most of those families in the past were previously being assessed by Now Medical, the company that carry out the medial assessments. One of the reasons why these families are having to be assessed by our own in house expertise, the professionals in this respect, is that Now Medical was not recognising the additional stresses and problems that those families experience, as Councillor Khan was talking about earlier on. Does he agree that part of the problem for this is the quality of the

assessments being carried out by Now Medical and will he undertake a review of the quality of that service?

Councillor Sirajul Islam's response to supplementary question:

We discussed SEND in the earlier motion and the increasing number of children with special needs. There is a problem and that problem has been identified and I confirmed that we have taken on additional OT's and are carrying out additional assessments. I have briefing from Officers and have been following this very closely and I am confident that in 3 months we can carry out quality assessments and get that backlog down to zero.

9.6 Question from Councillor Mufeedah Bustin:

What are the next steps for improvement following Ofsted's 'good' rating for Tower Hamlets Children's Services?

Response of Councillor Danny Hassell, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People:

We are delighted Ofsted has given our Children's Services a 'good' rating. It is a remarkable turn around in just 2 years and is a result of the relentless hard-work not just of our own staff here but other agencies to. We have a clear commitment to give every chance to every child. We want them to be safe and secure in our Borough. We are absolutely determined to ensure they we have a role to play in doing that through our social workers and have identified a number of priorities going forward. The first is workforce development. We want Tower Hamlets to be one of the best places in the country to be a social worker. We will be using our Social Work Academy to drive forward our recruitment and retention of both new and experienced social workers. We are developing our operational priorities about how we develop practices in particular areas and have identified neglect, domestic violence and exploitation as the three themes we really want to have a clear focus on to make sure we have great outstanding practice for children and families. We will continue to roll out restorative practice and the social work model and make sure we have clear and really robust quality assurance mechanisms

No supplementary question was asked.

9.7 Question from Councillor Ehtasham Haque:

Will the Mayor recognise the importance of saving the Whitechapel Bell Foundry as one of the greatest heritage of the UK and commit to a Compulsory Purchase Order so that it can be preserved?

Response of Mayor John Biggs:

As Members will be aware the Bell Foundry is subject to a live planning application. The decision will be made in the coming weeks. As Executive Mayor, I don't have planning powers but I appreciate the community interest in this Grade 11* listed building and can ensure you that our planning policies

will protect these. I understand that the owner has submitted an application to refurbish and reuse the historic foundry for a mix of workspace, workshops and foundry uses, of which 45% will be offered as affordable workspace to Tower Hamlets residents first. As a response to the objections made to the public on the planning application, Officers have investigated the potential for the Council to use Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers for the site. Before a CPO is considered, it has to meet requirements that the building is in some disrepair and that the owner is unwilling or unable to carry out the repairs or there is an objective for the site which is not being met. At present there is no reason to serve a CPO and that any attempt would likely to be challenged and fail.

Supplementary question from Councillor Haque:

When did you first hear about Whitechapel Bell Foundry struggling to survive and what follow up action did you take?

Mayor Biggs response to supplementary question:

I first became aware of the Bell Foundry about 40 years ago and I have visited it a number of times. I became aware in the last couple of years that it had changed hands and there were proposals for an alternative use. I am also aware that the manufacturing of bells had ceased from the building and that the Foundry has stopped operating. I met two groups of people - the applicants and representatives from the historic building groups, who were seeking to take it over. I understand that conversations between those two parties have not been fruitful and at present, there is a planning application before the Council. I think other than that, I would refer you to my previous answer on this. It's quite a technical matter and we need to let it follow its cause and I am happy to meet with representatives who are concerned about the site. There is proper process concerning the planning application that we should not seek to interfere with and the Committee needs to consider that in its own proper way.

9.8 Question from Councillor Val Whitehead:

Can the lead member provide an update on its programme to tackle holiday hunger?

Response of Councillor Rachel Blake, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning Air Quality and Tackling Poverty:

I am really pleased that over the summer, the Council provided 9,259 meals to local children across parks, schools, Idea Stores, Estates and Youth centres and leisure centres. We need to make sure that children are getting at least one healthy meal a day and we are currently evaluating the programme. Personally I think one of the best things about the programme was that it reached into all sorts of community activities, so wherever children were, there was often some kind of offer in terms of lunch. There were also opportunities for children to get involved in cooking their own meals. On top of this, there is the Mayor's commitment to continue funding free school meals. I

know that this is something that we are really proud of, particularly under the savage Government cuts, that we are currently facing.

No supplementary question was asked.

9.9 Question from Councillor Dan Tomlinson:

New car-free housing developments at Bow River Village are causing significant parking issues for long-standing residents in Bromley-by-Bow, will the council extend the parking permit times into the evenings and weekends to help these residents?

Response of Councillor David Edgar, Cabinet Member for Environment:

We are carrying out a parking policy review, that involves looking at controlled parking zones and where residents and Councillors have identified issues where they think that the Council should address. This is clearly an important issue for residents and Councillors in parts of the Borough. As part of that work, we are contacting ward Councillors to get their views and discuss with them, the things that residents have said to them about hours or other aspects of operation. We have received requests for controlled hours and days for the Bromley-by-Bow area that they be extended in the way set out in the question. Those requests will be included in the public consultation exercise which will be carried out in the next couple of months and the results of that consultation will be used to make recommendations, which are introduced and it is expected that those changes will be introduced in the spring of 2020.

No supplementary question was asked.

9.10 Question from Councillor Shad Chowdhury:

Spitalfields has a huge number of historical buildings, what is the Council doing to preserve not just the external face of historical buildings but to ensure the historical planning use of buildings is preserved, like the Whitechapel Bell Foundry?

Response of Councillor Rachel Blake, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty:

We have already discussed the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and I want to relay the experiences of this Council in terms of preserving Alms Houses for which the Council did a thorough heritage assessment working with Heritage England. That Planning application was refused, demonstrating how seriously we take heritage use in the Borough. We have a Conservation Strategy which protects our historic environment. This has helped inform a new Local Plan, which amongst other things, seeks to enhance and protect our heritage and ensure it plays an ongoing role in the Borough's regeneration and development. Unlike many other Authorities, we have a team of specialist urban design and conservation officers, that review planning applications that are often focused on the historic environment around Spitalfields. We also have a small grants scheme for historic buildings which I can certainly provide

more information on. We also have a Conservation Area Design and Advisory Panel as well.

No supplementary question was asked.

9.11 Question from Councillor Asma Islam:

To ask whether the council will be participating in National Democracy Week and what activities are planned?

Response of Mayor John Biggs:

In responding I would acknowledge that the Speaker plays a substantial role in National Democracy Week. Democratic Services have supported local and National Democracy Week for a number of years with a particular focus on events involving Primary School children. The Speaker as I have mentioned has always been key to those events. As part of the week, the Council has organised for Primary school children to visit this chamber to role play the role of the Speaker and Mace bearer. I would urge all Members to get involved with events in the Chamber and their schools, which we support through school democracy initiatives in individual schools at primary and secondary level. I have also written to the Young Mayor in the Borough proposing that we have a debate in this Chamber on Environmental issues , possible after National Democracy week as part of our civic engagement and trying to encourage our young people to become civically aware and responsible.

No supplementary question was asked.

9.12 Question from Councillor Puru Miah:

Why is the Mayor not using Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers to save the irreplaceable heritage status of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry?

Response of Mayor Biggs:

I have already responded to Councillor Haque and Council Blake has responded to Councillor Chowdhury. Given the Whitechapel Bell Foundry is subject to a live planning application, there is not more we can add to this matter at the moment.

Supplementary question from Councillor Puru Miah:

Will the Mayor join me and the residents who are having discussions about direct action to send a clear signal to the money men in Manhattan, that Whitechapel is not for sale, our heritage is not for sale and the Bell Foundry should be kept for its historical use. Will he join us in a planned action to occupy the site?

Mayor Biggs's response to supplementary question:

I have no plans to respond to that question.

9.13 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan:

Will the council carry out a serious case review on the Bethnal Green Schoolgirls who left for Syrian?

Response of Mayor John Biggs:

As we have previously discussed on a number of occasions, a serious case review is just one of a number of meaningful reviews that can be undertaken, when serious incidences occur. At the point when the three young girls left for Syrian, the Council held numerous meetings with partner agencies and in particular, worked closely with the Police and Government departments to manage the risks associated with the case. A number of multi - agency meetings were held to share intelligence and information in relation to the girls and their families. The group also focused on lessons learnt. This allowed changes to be made to local prevent arrangements and informed multi agency training for staff across a range of roles and establishments. In April 2019, the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) revisited the original decision in light of the growing public interest. Partner agencies reconvened to consider the case of the young women and the child born to them. The meeting was facilitated by the LSCB Independent Chair, reconfirmed that the case does not meet the threshold for a Serious Case Review and nor have the rational for the decision changed. It is a very important matter, and it does not mean that by not triggering that process, it has not been taken very seriously, as a matter of great concern across our community.

No supplementary question was asked.

9.14 Question from Councillor Harun Miah:

Recently I have noticed few large size public litter bins outside Shadwell Overground station, can Mr Mayor tell us, are these new smart bins being rolled out across the borough

Response of Councillor David Edgar, Cabinet Member for Environment:

Thank you Councillor Miah for raising one of the many changes we are carrying out to make our streets clean. The bin that you refer to is one of the 10 higher capacity smart bins, we put out across the Borough in July 2017.

In July 2019, we deployed 17 more smart bins, so we have 27 across the Borough now, which are put in places where there are lots of people. These bins are ones that compact the litter, they reduce the frequency that they need to be emptied, are solar powered and also indicate to the Council when they need to be emptied. These means that we can improve the standards of cleansing in areas where there are lots of people which often suffer from litter and where normal litter bins require, frequent emptying. These bins also reduce the amount of street furniture that you would need and give more time for street cleaners to be sweeping the streets as opposed to emptying bins and are all round generally good things.

No supplementary question was asked.

10. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

There were no reports.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

12. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Procedural Motion

Councillor Asma Islam **moved**, a procedural motion “that under Procedure Rule 12.1.(c) the order of business be varied such that agenda item 12.4 Motion regarding London City Airport be taken as the next item of business to allow the Council to submit a formal response to the London City Airport Master Plan 2020-2035 consultation”. The procedural motion was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

Due to time constraints, the Council agreed to move straight to the vote on Motions 12.1, 12.2, 12.3 and 12.5.

12.1 Motion regarding regarding cyberbullying and e-safety

The motion was put to the vote without debate and was **agreed**.

RESOLVED:

This Council Notes:

1. Bullying and cyberbullying are two of the most serious issues facing children's and young people's lives.
2. Research undertaken by the NSPCC has found:
 - a. almost 1 in 4 of 8 to 11-year-olds and 3 in 4 of 12 to 15-year-olds has a social media profile;
 - b. 1 in 3 internet users are children;
 - c. 1 in 4 children have experienced something upsetting on a social networking site;
 - d. around 1 in 8 young people have been bullied on social media;
 - e. 3 in 4 parents have looked for or received information or advice about how to help their child manage online risks;
 - f. almost 1 in 4 young people have come across racist or hate messages online; and
 - g. there were over 2,200 counselling sessions with young people who talked to Childline about online sexual abuse online in 2017/18
3. There are many forms of cyber-bullying including harassment, denigration, flaming, impersonation, outing and trickery, cyber-stalking,

exclusion, bullying by spreading rumours and gossip, threatening behaviour, blackmail and grooming.

4. Some of the triggers found in young victims include; low self-esteem, withdrawal from social activities, changes in appearance, weight loss, depression and even self-harm.
5. It is currently impossible to know how many children are reporting content, what they are reporting and how these reports are dealt with.
6. The recommendation of the Children's Commissioner to establish a Children's Digital Ombudsman to media between under 18s and social media companies over the removal of content.
7. That parents, educators, and counsellors across UK are responding to this behaviour with new and innovative approaches.
8. Here in Tower Hamlets the council's Parental Engagement Team has developed workshops and courses which explore internet safety. More than 200 parents and carers have attended a course or workshop delivered in school and community settings in 2018 – 19. The PET has also recruited and trained 8 Safer Families Champions to promote key safeguarding messages to families.
9. Digital inclusion, including e-safety for young people is a strand in the Local Community Fund.

This Council Believes:

1. The impact of cyber-bullying and exposure to other inappropriate content online is a threat to a child's safety and wellbeing and if they are not handled swiftly it can cause long-term psychological damage that can affect everything from their personal relationships to their performance in school.
2. That in a digital age, the internet has significant advantages for young people future but that the disadvantages should not out weight the advantages.
3. Enabling children and young people to use technology safely is also about tackling wider issues related to safeguarding, such as reducing exposure to violent and other inappropriate content.
4. That the Tower Hamlets schools that have developed cyber bullying policies and advocated safe online policies, including comprehensive reporting procedures, are to be congratulated and supported.

This Council Resolves:

1. To annually recognise the third Friday in June as the international 'Stop Cyberbullying Day' and to use this to raise awareness, working with organisations including the Cybersmile Foundation.
2. To use the council's website and other communication channels, including through the youth services and Young WorkPath to promote organisations and services available that offer support to young people suffering from cyberbullying.
3. To support local schools to strengthen their own policies on cyberbullying and their reporting procedures for both teachers and young people.

4. To continue to support and strengthen our work with parents so they are empowered to support young people to stay safe online.
5. To support the proposal from the Children's Commissioner to establish a Children's Digital Ombudsman.

12.2 Motion regarding Transport in Tower Hamlets

The motion was put to the vote without a debate and was **defeated**.

12.3 Motion regarding Improving diversity and inclusion in Tower Hamlets

The motion was put to the vote without a debate and was **agreed**.

RESOLVED:

Tower Hamlets is a rich and diverse borough. The 2018 election increased the diversity of our elected representatives, by gender and by ethnicity, further reflecting the make-up of our borough.

This council notes:

1. Diverse teams provide great benefits. This includes at a senior level where the knowledge, skills and experiences of people from different backgrounds is vital: complex challenges require multi-faceted solutions.
2. Diversity alone does not achieve success. Meaningful diversity, not tokenism, should be the aim. Inclusion creates a culture of openness and opportunity; diversity is an indicator of the success of inclusion programmes.
3. There are many barriers to inclusion and often organisational and societal structures will unintentionally prevent the progression of under-represented groups.

This council further notes:

1. That diversity in senior management across local government nationally leaves much to be desired. According to the Local Government Leadership report produced by Green Park in October 2018 only two of London's 32 Boroughs have BAME CEOs. Progress has been made in the representation of BAME people at Top 20 level in London Boroughs with an increase of 5.6% in 2017 to 10.5% in 2018. Local authorities outside London average about 3%.
2. That the gender pay gap and the underrepresentation of women needs to be properly addressed; a significant gap still exists across the UK.
3. Research from the Fawcett Society highlights that of the council seats across the country that were up for election in 2018, 38% went to women, up just 3 percentage points on 2014 when these seats were last contested.

4. Improving diversity and inclusion takes time. Best practice factors include:
 - a. Delivering training to decision makers and across the organisation
 - b. Recruitment adverts that look for a range of experiences, not those traditionally filled by white men.
 - c. Recruitment processes e.g. gender-neutral job ads; skills/competencies over experiences; blind CVs; diverse recruitment panels;
 - d. Mentoring/coaching/training for talented individuals
 - e. Promotion opportunities including safe environments for individuals to learn new skills and experiences
5. Tower Hamlets Council publishes data on the gender pay gap, as well as data in relation to the pay gap for other protected characteristics: BAME staff; staff with disabilities; and LGBT staff.

This council recognises the efforts made by this council to improve inclusion. However, we acknowledge that leadership roles across London and across our council and partners in the community often lacks the diversity that we wish to see. In 2019, we need to see a bigger step change.

This council wishes to see the same requirement extended to partners and suppliers where there is no statutory impediment.

This council believes we should be encouraging our local government colleagues across London, and our partners and community groups locally to improve inclusion by having senior management teams that reflect the diversity of our borough and city. This council welcomes the addition of a question asking about the existence and effectiveness of applicants' diversity and inclusion policies in the Local Community Fund application. This council wishes to see a movement towards a model where such an improvement in inclusion becomes a key consideration in appointments and funding (where there is no statutory impediment in doing so).

This council resolves:

1. To annually request a range of inclusion statistics from partner organisations and funded community groups, with a focus on how inclusion is to be improved at a leadership level. The intention initially is that this signals the importance of inclusion to the borough. The level and detail should vary depending on the size of the group.
2. To produce a plan to make diversity and inclusion key decision factors (focusing on senior management) in appointing suppliers and issuing grants. The plan should cover the medium-long term and consider how this can be achieved in line with procurement rules.
3. To lead by example and review the council's own recruitment processes and development & training programmes to improve diversity and inclusion at a senior management level.
4. To require any headhunters/recruitment consultants to demonstrate how they will address diversity during the recruitment process and demonstrate how they address diversity in their own organisation.

5. To call on the Mayor of Tower Hamlets in his role at London Councils to push for the establishment of development programmes for BAME senior managers in London Local Government in order to address the current under-representation at senior level.
6. That the above should be reflected in the annual equalities workforce monitoring report action plan where applicable.

12.4 Motion regarding London City Airport

Councillor Val Whitehead **moved** and Councillor Ehtasham Haque **seconded** the motion as printed in the agenda.

Following debate the motion was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

Tower Hamlets Council recognises the high impact of any increase in air traffic on carbon emissions and also on the lives of those who live in the flight path or will lose their homes to airport expansion. Following our earlier recognition of a Climate Emergency we therefore oppose the expansion proposals at Heathrow and the proposed increase in the number of flights allowed at City Airport and any extension to its hours of operation.

As an eco-friendly alternative to increased flights, Tower Hamlets residents have easy access to multiple railway stations and we believe the government should work to increase access and decrease the cost of rail travel for all.

We also believe that the concentration of flight paths from City Airport in 2016, which has a disproportionate effect on those affected, is unfair and should be reversed.

The council must ensure that it submits a formal response to the London City Airport Master Plan 2020-2035 consultation, including a copy of this motion in the response, and ensuring that residents are engaged in the consultation process.

12.5 Motion regarding a Serious Case Review of Radicalisation of Bethnal Green Academy Schoolgirls.

The motion was put to the vote without debate and was **defeated**.

Motion regarding Transport in Tower Hamlets	
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	Against
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	Against
Councillor Amina Ali	Against
Councillor Shah Ameen	Against
Councillor Asma Begum	Against
Mayor John Biggs	Against
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin	Against
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	Against
Councillor Shad Chowdhury	Against

Councillor David Edgar	Against
Councillor Marc Francis	Against
Councillor Peter Golds	For
Councillor Ehtasham Haque	Against
Councillor Danny Hassell	Against
Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain	Against
Councillor Asma Islam	Against
Councillor Sirajul Islam	Against
Councillor Denise Jones	Against
Councillor Rabina Khan	Abstain
Councillor Tarik Khan	Against
Councillor Harun Miah	Against
Councillor Puru Miah	Against
Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE	Against
Councillor Victoria Obaze	Against
Councillor Mohammed Pappu	Against
Councillor Kyrsten Perry	Against
Councillor John Pierce	Against
Councillor Leema Qureshi	Against
Councillor Zenith Rahman	Against
Councillor Candida Ronald	Against
Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan	Against
Councillor Dan Tomlinson	Against
Councillor Helal Uddin	Against
Councillor Val Whitehead	Against
Councillor Bex White	Against
Councillor Andrew Wood	For
Rejected	

Motion regarding London City Airport	
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	For
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	For
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	For
Councillor Amina Ali	For
Councillor Shah Ameen	For
Councillor Asma Begum	For
Mayor John Biggs	For
Councillor Rachel Blake	For
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin	For
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	For
Councillor Shad Chowdhury	For
Councillor David Edgar	For
Councillor Marc Francis	For
Councillor Peter Golds	For
Councillor Ehtasham Haque	For
Councillor Danny Hassell	For
Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain	For
Councillor Asma Islam	For
Councillor Sirajul Islam	For

Councillor Denise Jones	For
Councillor Rabina Khan	For
Councillor Tarik Khan	For
Councillor James King	For
Councillor Harun Miah	For
Councillor Puru Miah	For
Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE	For
Councillor Victoria Obaze	For
Councillor Mohammed Pappu	For
Councillor Kyrsten Perry	For
Councillor John Pierce	For
Councillor Leema Qureshi	For
Councillor Zenith Rahman	For
Councillor Candida Ronald	For
Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan	For
Councillor Dan Tomlinson	For
Councillor Helal Uddin	For
Councillor Val Whitehead	For
Councillor Bex White	For
Councillor Andrew Wood	For
Carried	

The meeting ended at 10.30 p.m.

Speaker of the Council