

# Cabinet



**Wednesday, 23 September 2020 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Online 'Virtual' Meeting - <https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>**

## Agenda

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 Adults, Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Asma Begum	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Youth and Equalities)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	(Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit)
Councillor Danny Hassell	(Cabinet Member for Children and Schools )
Councillor Candida Ronald	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	(Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth)
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin	Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Social Inclusion
Councillor Asma Islam	Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm (Job Share) - Lead on Environment
Councillor Eve McQuillan	Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Planning
Councillor Dan Tomlinson	Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm (Job Share) - Lead on Public Realm

[The quorum for Cabinet is 3 Members]

### Further Information

Reports for consideration, meeting contact details, public participation and more information on Cabinet decision-making is available on the following pages.



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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, above £1million; 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](http://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, 25 September 2020**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 2 October 2020**

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 previous page) by 5 pm the day before the meeting.

## Cabinet

Wednesday, 23 September 2020

5.30 p.m.

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| <b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  |                |
| <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>   |                |
| <b>2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS</b>  | <b>9 - 10</b>  |
| <p>Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine; whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Members are also reminded to declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it is the Members' responsibility to identify any interests and also update their register of interests form as required by the Code.</p> <p>If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services.</p> |                |
| <b>3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES</b>   | <b>11 - 24</b> |
| <p>The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 29 July 2020 are presented for approval.</p>  |                |
| <b>4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR</b>  |                |
| <b>5. OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>  |                |
| <b>5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions</b>   |                |
| <p>Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to unrestricted business to be considered.</p>   |                |



## 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

<b>6.1 Our Tower Hamlets: A Plan for a More Cohesive Community 2020 - 2025</b>	<b>25 - 76</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> Our Tower Hamlets: A Plan for a more cohesive community is a five year plan which sets out the council's approach to cohesion in the Borough by focusing on three key priorities:</p> <p>Priority 1 Connected People: Cultivating and Strengthening positive relationships Priority 2 Involved and empowered community: Greater engagement and participation in public life Priority 3 Tackling inequality: Valuing diversity and advancing equality of opportunity</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Youth and Equalities <b>Corporate Priority:</b> A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</p>	
<b>6.2 Annual council performance and delivery report 2019/20</b>	<b>77 - 120</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on delivery of the council's Strategic Plan in 2019/20.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Mayor Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Youth and Equalities, <b>Corporate Priority:</b> A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</p>	



<b>6 .3</b>	<b>Common Housing Register Allocations Scheme (Post-Consultation)</b>	<b>121 - 260</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> The Council has consulted with residents and stakeholders over its proposals to make amendments to the Common Housing Register (CHR) Allocations Scheme.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing <b>Corporate Priority:</b> A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</p>		

<b>6 .4</b>	<b>Capital programme 2020-21 to 2022-23</b>	<b>261 - 356</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> The purpose of this report is to set out the capital strategy and proposed capital programme for the next three years for approval. Capital expenditure is focussed on the council's strategic priorities.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing <b>Corporate Priority:</b> All Priorities</p>		

<b>6 .5</b>	<b>Seahorse Homes Limited - Shareholder Representative Report and Loan Facility</b>	<b>357 - 362</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> The Shareholder Representative presents a report on the past and future affairs of Seahorse Homes Limited.</p> <p>On the 27th July 2020, the Board of Seahorse Homes Limited agreed that its principal purpose going forward will be to acquire residential properties to let at market rent and, where appropriate, for market sale. It has identified several upcoming opportunities.</p> <p>To enable Seahorse Homes Limited to operate and develop its infrastructure whilst it is not generating income it will need additional working capital.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing <b>Corporate Priority:</b> A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</p>		



<b>6.6</b>	<b>Nomination to Outside Bodies</b>	<b>363 - 368</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b> To seek Mayoral approval for nominees to Outside Bodies		
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards	
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Mayor	
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	All Priorities	

<b>6.7</b>	<b>Contracts Forward Plan 2020/21 – Quarter Two</b>	<b>369 - 396</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b> 1. This report presents the contracts being procured during quarter two of the financial year. The report also sets out the Contracts Forward Plan at Appendix 2 to the report. 2. The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender.		
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards	
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector	
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	All Priorities	

**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.

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972”.

**EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL SECTION (PINK)**

The Exempt / Confidential (Pink) Committee papers in the Agenda will contain information, which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. If you do not wish to retain these papers after the meeting, please hand them to the Committee Officer present.

**9. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

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The exempt / confidential minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 29 July 2020 are presented for approval.



## 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

Nil items.

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

### **Next Meeting of the Committee:**

Wednesday, 28 October 2020 at 5.30 p.m. in Online 'Virtual' Meeting - <https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

