

# Cabinet



Wednesday, 25 November 2020 at 5.30 p.m.

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## 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.



## Public Information

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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. 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 Cabinet or by the Mayor 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, 27 November 2020**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 4 December 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, 25 November 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>11 - 12</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>13 - 22</b> |
| <p>The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 28 October 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>   |                |
| <b>5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>   |                |



## 6. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6 .1 Liveable Streets Bow consultation outcome report	To follow
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> This item presents the results of the Bow Liveable Streets project which was taken to public consultation on Monday 29 June until Wednesday 29 July 2020.</p> <p>This item seeks a decision on the next stages of the Liveable Streets in Bow.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> Bow East; Bow West <b>Lead Member:</b> Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm (Job Share) - Lead on Environment, Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm (Job Share) - Lead on Public Realm <b>Corporate Priority:</b> A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</p>	

6 .2 Planning for School Places 2020/21	23 - 54
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> This report is the annual review of planning for school places. It explains the current position, projected demand, and proposals to increase and reorganise school provision to ensure the right provision is in the right place at the right time.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Cabinet Member for Children and Schools <b>Corporate Priority:</b> TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills</p>	



**6 .3 Report on the outcome of the preliminary stakeholder consultation (pre-statutory) on the proposal to close St Matthias Primary School. 55 - 112**

**Report Summary:**

This report presents the outcome of the preliminary stakeholder consultation (pre-statutory) on the proposal to close St Matthias Primary School.

It explains the background and reasons for the first stage of the consultation; the responses received with the views of parents, pupils, staff and the general public. It recommends for the Mayor in cabinet to consider whether to proceed to the next stage of the process, which would be to issue a statutory notice.

The report includes an analysis of all representations received and any responses made; risk and opportunities; financial implications, officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.

**Wards:** All Wards  
**Lead Member:** Cabinet Member for Children and Schools  
**Corporate Priority:** TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills

**6 .4 Report on the outcome of the preliminary stakeholder consultation (pre-statutory) on the proposal to close Cherry Trees Special School 113 - 158**

**Report Summary:**

This report presents the outcome of the preliminary stakeholder consultation (pre-statutory) on the proposal to close Cherry Trees

It explains the background and reasons for the first stage of the consultation; the responses received with the views of parents, pupils, staff and the general public. It recommends for the Mayor in Cabinet to consider whether or not to proceed to the next stage of the process, which would be to issue a statutory notice.

The report includes an analysis of all representations received and any responses made; risk and opportunities; financial implications, officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.

**Wards:** All Wards  
**Lead Member:** Cabinet Member for Children and Schools  
**Corporate Priority:** TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills



**Report Summary:**

The Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2020-23 builds on foundations of the current strategy due to expire in 2020. It is about the VCS in its broadest sense – including registered charities, faith groups, unregistered and informal community groups and social enterprises. It is a partnership strategy – developed as part of a joint effort between partners and will feed into all policy affecting the local sector. The strategy is informed through various engagement with stakeholders as well as learnings from the Covid-19 Pandemic.

**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:**

This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on the delivery and implementation of the council's Strategic Plan.

**Wards:** All Wards

**Lead Member:** Mayor

**Corporate Priority:** A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

**Report Summary:**

A Mayoral Decision is required to enable London Borough of Tower Hamlets to 'directly award' a contract to Look Ahead Care and Support for the provision of support services at the Hackney Road Homeless Hotel. LBTH has put in a bid to the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) "Next Steps Accommodation Programme" for money to re-envision Hackney Road Homeless Project as a complex needs service for rough sleepers who have been brought off the streets through the 'everyone in' directive during the Covid-19 lockdown and who now need a stable period in supported accommodation. One of the conditions of the bid is that services start on 1st April 2021. To ensure that this happens we have been in negotiation with the contract provider - Look Ahead Care and Support - the current lower needs service at Hackney Road. The requirements and timescales as set out by MHCLG reduce the likelihood of a successful competitive process so for expediency we are therefore seeking formal agreement to the Direct Award of Contract to Look Ahead Care and Support for a four year period from 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2025.

<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

## 6.8 Approved Capital programme 20/2023 – additional projects

To follow

### Report Summary:

Further to the approval of the £668.079m capital programme for 2020-2023 by the Mayor in Cabinet on 23rd September 2020, funding sources have been identified for additional projects for which approval is required. The additional projects have progressed through the capital governance, to ensure that they deliver value for money and agreed outcomes for our communities and require approval to enable delivery in 2020-21. Funding options for other priority programmes, for which funding sources have yet to be identified will also be included. This may include approvals for the disposal of identified assets to generate capital receipts required for the delivery of the capital programme.

This report seeks further approvals for fully funded projects to be added to the three-year capital programme.

<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

## 6.9 Community Information Panels – Concession contract update and recommendation

To follow

### Report Summary:

A summary on the Community Information Panels tender process and recommendations on the concession contract with reference to the income being considered for Medium Term Financial Savings, and ensuring the councils broader strategic objectives are met. This was requested by members before contract award.

As part of this there is also an update with changes made to the proposed contract length previously signed off by cabinet, in order to the council to maximise benefits and supplier interest in response to changing market conditions in the advertising industry.

<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Mayor
<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

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 Section 30, Rule 59 of the Constitution).

## 11. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

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

Wednesday, 16 December 2020 at 5.30 p.m. in C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

