



Meeting of the

Tower Hamlets Council

Agenda

Wednesday, 20 January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

VENUE

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To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to be held in **ONLINE 'VIRTUAL' MEETING -**
[HTTPS://TOWERHAMLETS.PUBLIC-I.TV/CORE/PORTAL/HOME](https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home) at 7.00 p.m. on
WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2021

Will Tuckley
Chief Executive



Public Information

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In line with recent Government legislation, the Council meeting will be held as a ‘remote meeting’ through the Microsoft Teams app and broadcast live on the Council’s website. This guidance provides details about how the meeting will work. The meeting will follow as far as possible the standard procedures for Council meeting except where they conflict with the Council Procedure Rules – Virtual Meeting Addendum’ Full Council is made up of the Mayor and the 45 Councillors. The agenda typically comprises:

- Apologies for absence from Members
- Declarations of Interests.
- Minutes of the previous meeting.
- Announcements from the Speaker or the Chief Executive of the Council.
- Petitions.
- Mayor’s report followed by Opposition Leader’s response.
- Administration and opposition debates
- Reports requiring Council approval
- Member Questions (30 minutes)
- Motions from Members received on notice.
- Any Urgent motions from Members. The same rules of debate that apply to motions with notice apply to these motions.

The process for considering these items is set out on the covering reports for the agenda item.

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Publication of tabled papers

Any additional documents (such as the Mayor’s report, amendments to motions and urgent motions) will normally be **published on the Council meeting website** either shortly before or during the meeting.



Procedure at the virtual meetings.

The Speaker of the Council is the Chair of the meeting and is in charge of the debate. Their role is to control the meeting, including the order of speakers, and to ensure that the business is carried out properly. The Speaker will confirm the expected meeting etiquette for a virtual Council meeting, including the following:

- That participants may speak at the invitation of the Speaker.
- All participants microphones must be **muted** when not speaking.
- Where necessary, participants may switch off their cameras when not speaking to save bandwidth.
- Participants **must alert** the Democratic Services contact if they experience technical difficulties, particularly a loss of connection, or if they need to leave the meeting, as soon as possible.

Order of business

The Speaker may agree to change the order of business at the meeting. In addition, the Speaker may adjourn the meeting for a period of time or agree an extension to the time limit for the meeting (by up to half hour beyond the three-hour limit).

Voting

The items requiring a decision will normally be determined by the Speaker confirming that Members agree with the recommendation. Where necessary, the Speaker may conduct a roll call vote. Democratic Services will read out the name of each Councillor present and will ask them to confirm whether they are in favour, against or wish to abstain.

Decisions and Minutes

The decisions will be published on the website 2 days after the meeting. The draft minutes will be published around 10 working days after the meeting.



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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

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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.

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.

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.

3. MINUTES

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To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 18th November 2020.

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



5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS **43 - 48**

The Council Procedure Rules provide for a maximum of four petitions to be discussed at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

The attached report presents the received petitions to be discussed. Should any additional petitions be received they will be listed to be noted but not discussed.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Council's Constitution provides for the Elected Mayor to give a report at each Ordinary Council Meeting.

A maximum of six minutes is allowed for the Elected Mayor's report, following which the Speaker of the Council will invite the leader of the opposition group to respond for up to two minutes should he so wish.

7. ADMINISTRATION MOTION DEBATE **49 - 50**

To debate a Motion submitted by the Administration in accordance with Rules 11 and 13 of the Council's Constitution. The debate will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.

8. OPPOSITION MOTION DEBATE **51 - 54**

To debate a Motion submitted by the Opposition Group in accordance with Rules 11 and 13 of the Council's Constitution. The debate will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.

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

9.1 Report of General Purposes Committee, Senior Leadership Review **55 - 72**

To consider the report of the General Purposes Committee into implications in respect of the Statutory Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer posts as a result of a Senior Leadership Review.

Note – this report contains exempt appendices.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil items.



11. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 73 - 76

The questions which have been received from Councillors to be put at this Council meeting are set out in the attached report. A maximum period of 30 minutes is allocated to this agenda item.

12. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL 77 - 86

The motions submitted by Councillors for debate at this meeting are set out in the attached report.

