



Meeting of the

Tower Hamlets Council

Agenda

Thursday, 4 March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

VENUE

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

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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 THURSDAY, 4 MARCH 2021**

Will Tuckley
Chief Executive



Public Information

Viewing Council Meetings

Except where any exempt/restricted documents are being discussed, the public are welcome to view this meeting through the Council's webcast system.

Physical Attendance at the Town Hall is not possible at this time.

Meeting Webcast

The meeting is being webcast for viewing through the Council's webcast system.

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Public Information – ‘Accessing and Participating in Remote’ Meetings

In line with recent Government legislation, the Budget Council meeting will be held as a ‘remote meeting’ through the Microsoft Teams app and broadcast live on the Council’s Webcasting portal <https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>.

The meeting will follow, as far as possible, the standard procedures for such meetings subject to any special requirements for remote meetings set out in the Council’s– ‘Virtual Meeting Addendum’. In the event of a technical difficulty, the meeting arrangements may be altered or the meeting adjourned to a later date.

This guidance provides an overview of how the Budget Council meeting will work. Full Council is made up of the Mayor and the 45 Councillors. The Budget Council meeting is a special meeting held every year, for the purposes of setting the Council’s budget and Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year. The agenda typically comprise, as set out on the agenda front sheet:

- Apologies for absence from Members
- Declarations of Interests.
- Announcements from the Speaker or the Chief Executive of the Council.
- Petitions relating to the budget/Council Tax, in accordance with the Council’s Petitions Scheme
- The Mayor and the Executive’s proposals on the Council budget and the Council Tax.
- Any other items requiring the Council’s approval

There are no Members’ Questions or Motions on Notice at the Budget Meeting.

Procedure at the 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 meetings, 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

Budget Debate

At the start of the debate, the Mayor and/ or the Cabinet Member for Resources will present their proposals, as contained in agenda. Once the Executive’s proposals have been moved, the Speaker will invite the mover and seconder of any amendments in turn to speak and move their amendments. Any proposed amendments will be published on the website before the meeting (including Officers’ comments) in the supplementary pack. After all the amendments have been moved, the Council will debate the proposals. At the end of the debate, the Mayor or the Cabinet Member who has moved the proposals may exercise a right of reply.



Voting and Decision

Full Council will conduct a roll call vote on each amendment in the order they were moved and finally the substantive budget motion moved by the Administration. The Head of Democratic Services will read out the name of each Mayor and Councillor present and will ask them to confirm whether they are in favour, against or wish to abstain.

If the Council adopts the budget proposals without amendment, the decision will take effect immediately. If however, the Council votes to make any amendments to the budget proposals, it shall request that the Mayor reconsider the proposed budget in light of their amendments and resubmit the budget (amended or not) to a further Council meeting the following week.

If the Council still wishes to amend the Mayor's proposals, such a decision will require a two thirds majority of the Members present. If no valid amendment receives two thirds support, the Mayor's proposals are deemed adopted.

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.

Copies of Council Meeting documents

Electronic copies of the agenda documents will be published on the Council's Website on the Council meeting page at least five clear working days before the meeting.

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee.

Any additional documents (such as motions on petitions for debate or amendments to the budget proposals) will normally be published on the Council meeting website either shortly before or during 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. **TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

4. **TO RECEIVE PETITIONS**

The Council Procedure Rules provide for a maximum of four petitions to be discussed at the Budget Meeting of the Council provided they are related to the Council's Budget and Council Tax.

There are no petitions for consideration at this meeting.



5. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2021/22

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To consider the proposals of the Mayor and Executive for the Council's Budget and Council Tax 2021-22, as agreed at the Cabinet Meeting on 27 January 2021.

