

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 22 March 2021 at 6.30 p.m., [Online 'Virtual' Meeting -
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Members:

Chair: Councillor James King

Vice Chair: Councillor Bex White
Councillor Faroque Ahmed

Scrutiny Lead for Children & Education
Scrutiny Lead for Community Safety &
Environment

Councillor Marc Francis
Councillor Ehtasham Haque
Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan
Councillor Leema Qureshi
Councillor Andrew Wood

Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Regeneration

Scrutiny Lead for Health and Adults
Scrutiny Lead for Resources and Finance

Co-opted Members:

Halima Islam
James Wilson

Co-Optee
Co-Optee

Deputies:

Councillor Peter Golds, Councillor Zenith Rahman, Councillor Mohammed Pappu and Councillor John Pierce

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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	If in doubt as to the nature of your interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services		
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11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

To consider any other unrestricted business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“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 Papers)

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SECTION TWO

13. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL) CABINET PAPERS

To consider and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments to be presented to Cabinet.

(Time allocated 15 minutes).

14. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

To consider any other exempt/ confidential business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

Next Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 26 April 2021 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Online 'Virtual' Meeting -
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Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AT MEETINGS– NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Code of Conduct for Members at Part C, Section 31 of the Council's Constitution

(i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)

You have a DPI in any item of business on the agenda where it relates to the categories listed in **Appendix A** to this guidance. Please note that a DPI includes: (i) Your own relevant interests; (ii) Those of your spouse or civil partner; (iii) A person with whom the Member is living as husband/wife/civil partners. Other individuals, e.g. Children, siblings and flatmates do not need to be considered. Failure to disclose or register a DPI (within 28 days) is a criminal offence.

Members with a DPI, (unless granted a dispensation) must not seek to improperly influence the decision, must declare the nature of the interest and leave the meeting room (including the public gallery) during the consideration and decision on the item – unless exercising their right to address the Committee.

DPI Dispensations and Sensitive Interests. In certain circumstances, Members may make a request to the Monitoring Officer for a dispensation or for an interest to be treated as sensitive.

(ii) Non - DPI Interests that the Council has decided should be registered – (Non - DPIs)

You will have 'Non DPI Interest' in any item on the agenda, where it relates to (i) the offer of gifts or hospitality, (with an estimated value of at least £25) (ii) Council Appointments or nominations to bodies (iii) Membership of any body exercising a function of a public nature, a charitable purpose or aimed at influencing public opinion.

Members must declare the nature of the interest, but may stay in the meeting room and participate in the consideration of the matter and vote on it **unless:**

- A reasonable person would think that your interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair your judgement of the public interest. **If so, you must withdraw and take no part in the consideration or discussion of the matter.**

(iii) Declarations of Interests not included in the Register of Members' Interest.

Occasions may arise where a matter under consideration would, or would be likely to, **affect the wellbeing of you, your family, or close associate(s) more than it would anyone else living in the local area** but which is not required to be included in the Register of Members' Interests. In such matters, Members must consider the information set out in paragraph (ii) above regarding Non DPI - interests and apply the test, set out in this paragraph.

Guidance on Predetermination and Bias

Member's attention is drawn to the guidance on predetermination and bias, particularly the need to consider the merits of the case with an open mind, as set out in the Planning and Licensing Codes of Conduct, (Part C, Section 34 and 35 of the Constitution). For further advice on the possibility of bias or predetermination, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting.

Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 - Declarations which restrict Members in Council Tax arrears, for at least a two months from voting

In such circumstances the member may not vote on any reports and motions with respect to the matter.

Further Advice contact: Janet Fasan Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, Tel: 0207 364 4800.

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.31 P.M. ON MONDAY, 1 MARCH 2021

ONLINE 'VIRTUAL' MEETING - [HTTPS://TOWERHAMLETS.PUBLIC-I.TV/CORE/PORTAL/HOME](https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home)

Members Present:

Councillor James King (Chair)	
Councillor Bex White (Vice-Chair)	
Councillor Bex White (Vice-Chair)	– Scrutiny Lead for Children and Education
Councillor Faroque Ahmed	– Scrutiny Lead for Community Safety & Environment
Councillor Marc Francis	
Councillor Ehtasham Haque	– Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Regeneration
Councillor Denise Jones	
Councillor Gabriela Salva Macallan	– Scrutiny Lead for Health and Adults
Councillor Leema Qureshi	– Scrutiny Lead for Resources and Finance
Councillor Andrew Wood	

Other Councillors Present:

Mayor John Biggs
Councillor Sirajul Islam
Councillor Candida Ronald

Officers Present:

Kevin Bartle	– (Corporate Director, Resources and Governance)
Adam Boey	– (Senior Strategy & Policy Manager - Corporate)
Ann Corbett	– (Divisional Director, Community Safety)
Thorsten Dreyer	– (Head of Intelligence and Performance)
Sharon Godman	– (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation)
Afazul Hoque	– (Head of Corporate Strategy & Policy)
Hitesh Jolapara	– (Interim Divisional Director, Finance, Procurement & Audit)
Filuck Miah	– (Strategy and Policy Officer, Corporate Strategy and Policy)

Denise Radley	Team)
Will Tuckley	– (Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community)
David Knight	– (Chief Executive)
	– (Democratic Services Officer, Committees, Governance)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received at this meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS

The following Members for transparency declared a potential interest in relation to Item 9 Pre-Decision Scrutiny Questions:

- I. Councillor Marc Francis due to his wife Councillor Rachel Blake being the Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing; and
- II. Councillor Ehtasham Haque due to wife Councillor Sabina Akhtar being the Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit.
- III.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the 25th January, 2021

The Chair **Moved** and it was: -

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25th January 2020 be approved as a correct record of the proceedings and the Chair was authorised to sign them accordingly.

3.2 Minutes of 1st February, 2021

The Chair **Moved** and it was: -

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1st February 2020 be approved as a correct record of the proceedings and the Chair was authorised to sign them accordingly.

4. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

Nil Items

5. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS

Noted

6. COVID 19 - UPDATE

The Committee received an update from Covid-19 from Somen Banerjee – Director of Public Health, the main points of the questioning maybe summarised as follows:

The Committee:

- ❖ Was advised that since January there has been a significant improvement although the incidences of epidemic remain in the 25- to 34-year-olds and the 55- to 64-year-olds.
- ❖ Noted that across the Borough the highest levels are in Poplar; Bromley by Bow and Shadwell and the disparity trends to continue by ethnicity and is particularly prevalent amongst the Black African and Bangladeshi populations. Whilst there is still a disproportionately high number of cases in the Boroughs social housing.
- ❖ Noted that 40,000 Tower Hamlets residents have now had at least the first dose in terms of the priority the initial priority groups 80% of 80yrs and above; 78% of 75yrs to 79yrs and 39% of the clinically extremely vulnerable group. Although it was noted that this category has now been expanded from 9,000 based on the original criterion to 25,000 to the new criterion as clinically extremely vulnerable based on social variables such as ethnicity; deprivation and body-mass index. This has a particular effect on Tower Hamlets relative to other London boroughs as the number of clinically extremely vulnerable and has increased to a higher level than other boroughs across North-East London primarily because of ethnicity and deprivation.
- ❖ Noted that those individuals who are not taking up vaccine will be contacted to talk through if they have any issues about the vaccines and how those issues can be resolved.
- ❖ Noted that from the 1st of February 2021 a Vaccine Helpline funded by LBTH and supported with training and resources by GP Care Group had been established and is now open 7 days per week, between 8:00 am to 8:00 pm with multilingual staff to (i) answer queries; (ii) contact those who are vaccine hesitant; (iii) book appointments to local clinics and mass vaccination centres.
- ❖ Accepted that the impact of COVID-19 on communities was going to rely in part on the quality of communication regarding health risk and danger. Any co-ordinated approach by partners and stakeholders needs to take full account of the way life conditions, cultural values, and risk experience affect actions during a pandemic. Unfamiliarity with sociocultural, economic, psychological, and health factors within any community can jeopardise effective communication at all levels.
- ❖ Was advised that people with Learning Difficulties will now be prioritised for a Covid vaccine as they face a higher risk of death from Covid-19 and so will now be moved up the priority list.

- ❖ Noted that the Government is piloting a new diagnostic test, called a lateral flow test, for detecting the virus that causes Covid and to prioritise schools so when students go back to school, they will be given lateral flow tests in the school. However, the purpose of these lateral flow tests is to familiarise them with taking these tests at home so that it becomes part of routine life school children and children will self-administer lateral flow tests around twice a week. In addition, there will be an emphasis on families with an expansion of the availability of home testing through collection points.
- ❖ Noted that all businesses in England are now able to sign up to the Government's free COVID-19 workplace testing programme. Which is part of the Government's roadmap to cautiously lift restrictions, businesses of all sizes, including those with fewer than 50 employees, can register from today to order free lateral flow tests for their employees.
- ❖ Noted that approximately 1 in 3 people with Covid do not have symptoms, which means they could be spreading the virus in workplaces without knowing. As rapid testing detects cases quickly (in under 30 minutes) this means that positive cases can isolate immediately, breaking chains of transmission.
- ❖ Noted that regular testing could be the difference between a workplace being able to stay open and operational, or needing to close due to a Covid outbreak. It will therefore form a crucial part of the Government's plan to ease restrictions gradually and safely as we get back to a more normal life.
- ❖ Was advised that successful management of local outbreaks is a core element of NHS Test and Trace's ambition to break the chains of Covid transmission to enable people to return to and maintain a more normal way of life.
- ❖ Was informed that it in combating Covid it was critical to develop structures and ways of working, alongside existing emergency response mechanisms and to maximise their effectiveness.
- ❖ Commented that many Borough's Bangladeshi population live in extended families, often, with three generations under one roof. This means there are potentially a higher number of carriers who can infect an elderly relative. An older person also cannot effectively self-isolate when they are living in close quarters with their extended family.
- ❖ Indicated that all this makes Covid particularly troubling in Bangladeshi communities, some of which are, like Tower Hamlets, in the most deprived areas of the country, with poor health outcomes to match.
- ❖ Was pleased to note that going forward there would be increased use of the community-based venues for residents to get vaccinated **e.g.** GP Practices.
- ❖ Noted that there is emerging evidence on the long-term health effects of Covid **e.g.** long-term respiratory complications, thrombosis, heart failure, kidney injury, fatigue, joint and muscle pain, and metabolic abnormalities. However, long-term cohort studies are needed to better understand disease consequences in Covid patients.
- ❖ Noted that patients have experienced ongoing COVID-19 symptoms for several months after infection. These include fatigue, difficulties in

thinking, shortness of breath, chest pain, irregular or abnormal heart rhythm, and joint pain.

- ❖ Acknowledge that the pandemic is a chronic health crisis and clinicians will be required to maintain a state of high alert for an extended period
- ❖ Commented that the referendum in Tower Hamlets must be conducted safely against the backdrop of coronavirus restrictions, although there will need to be a risk assessment of key proceedings and put in place appropriate mitigations and additional measures to ensure that public health advice around physical distancing, proper hand hygiene and the use of face coverings is followed.
- ❖ Venues and staffing for the referendum are crucial, the Council should consider whether the venues they plan to use for polling and other election proceedings, including the count, allow for physical distancing. The Council also needs to consider whether they will need additional staff to assist with key aspects of the election in the context of Covid.
- ❖ Wanted to see early engagement with key stakeholders in the Borough including political parties, candidates, and agents is important, especially where normal arrangements may need to be adapted in line with Covid restrictions and public health advice.

In conclusion, the Chair thanked Somen Banerjee for his detailed presentation and to all members and guests for their contributions in the discussions on this topic.

7. UNRESTRICTED CABINET REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1 Strategic Performance & Delivery Reporting - Q3 2020/21

The Committee received and commented on the strategic delivery and performance report for quarter 3 2020/21. The main points raised in the discussion on the report may be summarised as follows:

The Committee:

- ❖ Noted that 15 performance indicators have been met or are exceeding their target and 8 are between the target and the minimum expectation, while 13 are falling short. Whilst the remaining 20 indicators are data only measures, do not have an outturn this quarter or they are based on the annual residents' survey which is due to take place in quarter 4.
- ❖ Noted that due to Covid some indicators for which data collection have been suspended or are not possible at present.
- ❖ Expressed concern that the number of adults supported into employment by the WorkPath service have fallen short of the minimum expectation as the labour market in the Borough continues to be particularly affected by the Covid and the lockdown measures to contain it. Also, like Inner London generally Tower Hamlets has experienced sharper decreases in those in paid employment when compared to Outer London.

- ❖ Noted that a greater proportion of Londoners across all age groups are now claiming unemployment related benefits compared with the rest of the Country.
- ❖ Expressed concern that younger people, especially those who have recently left education, have been especially hard hit by the economic impact of the pandemic. With youth unemployment increasing significantly.
- ❖ Stated that supporting and encouraging employers to provide opportunities for young people to access work experience, employment and training opportunities during this difficult period is vital. Previous recessions have highlighted the damaging long-term consequences of a period of unemployment when young to future earnings and employment outcomes, as well as on mental and physical health.
- ❖ Indicated their concern that in Quarter 2 the target for 22 per cent of household waste recycling was missed with only 19.8 per cent being achieved. However, officers (i) are redesigning the Service to improve recycling rates; (ii) are continuing to communicate the importance of recycling to residents and landlords to try and drive behavioural change; and (iii) can provide the Quarter 3 figures to the Committee once they become available.
- ❖ Noted that street cleansing service has been affected adversely by Covid as (i) a significant number of regular staff have been absent due to illness and/or self-isolation; and (ii) there has been a behavioural change in the Borough with people being at home has impacted on the cleanliness of local parks and seen the introduction of new technology to help identify hotspots and target resources to those areas quickly.
- ❖ Indicated that it was important to work with residents and businesses of Tower Hamlets to encourage and enable ways of dealing with waste
- ❖ Supported the Councils intention to collaborate with and provide leadership to businesses, housing associations and others that have a responsibility for managing waste.
- ❖ Recognised the challenges faced by the Service with (i) the number of businesses and people working in Tower Hamlets increasing; and (ii) 80 per cent of the population living in flats.
- ❖ Wanted the Service to think about food waste recycling from private blocks as well as from estates given the demand for this service from within private developments.
- ❖ Was informed that since the start of the pandemic, LBTH has provided food provisions to support residents in poverty. E.g. (i) processed 4,952 referrals to food banks and voluntary and community sector organisations supporting those residents experiencing food poverty; and (ii) in November agreed a grant of £100,000 to support the Tower Hamlets Credit Union and other initiatives to increase access to fair finance including the un-banked, under-banked and small businesses.
- ❖ Noted that LBTH have continued to target those groups most likely out of work and the Financial and benefits advice service is rapidly changing its offer to focus on the pandemic recovery.
- ❖ Wanted to know (i) what was considered the best way was to help people in need when seek help through the Council and its partner organisations in these difficult times with universal credit, rent, council

tax, financial debts, and support with other needs; and (ii) how the Council works with other specialist organisations in the Borough who they can refer people to if needed.

In conclusion, the Chair:

1. **Thanked** Mayor John Biggs; Will Tuckley and Thorsten Dreyer for their presentation and to all members and guests for their contributions to the discussion on this topic; and
2. **Indicated** that Street Cleanliness; Universal Credit Benefit Maximisation; WorkPath and Advice Programmes should be added to the Committees Action Log.

7.2 Budget monitoring report 2020-21 as at 31st December 2020 (period 9)

The Committee received and commented on the Council's projected outturn position against General Fund, Dedicated Schools Budget, Housing Revenue Account, and earmarked reserves for 2020-21, based on forecasts as of 31st December 2020. The main points of the discussion arising from questioning on the report may be summarised as follows:

The Committee:

- ❖ Noted that (i) the General Fund forecast position is a net overspend of £2.9m, a £3.2m deterioration on the P8 forecast; (ii) there is an underlying overspend of £15.2m in services (before contributions from reserves of £13m); and (iii) there are significant savings to be delivered in 2021/22, so strategically these are very challenging circumstances.
- ❖ Was troubled to note that (i) any overspend at the year-end will have to be financed from reserves; and (ii) the reserves position remains uncertain pending the delayed closure and audit of the Council's accounts for the period 2016 – 2020.
- ❖ Was concerned that the Council's response to the pandemic continues to overlay considerable complexity and uncertainty to forecasting, given that the financial impact ranges from additional expenditure requirements, increases in demand from vulnerable clients, consequential losses of income, unachievable savings and for services having to work differently.
- ❖ Was informed that the forecasting in this area is also affected both by the unknown length of the emergency and indeed the extent and depth of any consequential recession. Therefore, it was important the Council gets great clarity in respect of reporting and monitoring if it is to address it's a "very challenging" financial position and delivers the planned savings.
- ❖ Was advised that Tower Hamlets as are all councils is finding it impossible to plan for the pandemic as the Council is in the middle of trying to deliver services and the financial position has been running behind the delivery of services.

- ❖ Was informed that the underspend on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is to do with the day-to-day maintenance and repairs programme and not the long-term capital programme
- ❖ Wanted to know how the Council intends (i) to develop forecasts and projections to highlight areas of likely financial failure and to move to financial sustainability; (ii) to spend the Covid Emergency Funding for related expenditure.
- ❖ Noted that due to Covid whilst the Council has had underspends in Housing; Regeneration; Public Realm; Planning; Building Control that are not expected to see replicated in future years.
- ❖ Commented that if the Council is going to arrest the ongoing decline of the reserves it is essential that the responsible officers spend within their budgets.
- ❖ Wanted to receive an explanation on the reasons for the overspend in regarding Homeless Services

In conclusion, the Chair:

- A. **Thanked** Councillor Candida Ronald; Kevin Bartle; and Hitesh Jolapara for their presentation and to all members for their contributions in the discussions on this topic; and
- B. **Indicated** that the following should be added to the Committees Action Log (i) details of necessary and additional Covid-19 expenditure; (ii) the development of forecasts and projections to highlight areas of likely financial failure and move to financial sustainability; (iii) to spend the Covid Emergency Funding for related expenditure; (iv) Why there was an overspend in Homeless Services.

7.3 Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-2024

The Committee received and commented on the Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-23. The main points of the discussion on the report may be summarised as follows:

The Committee:

- ❖ Welcomed the partnership Community Safety Plan for 2021-24 and the priorities set out in the plan.
- ❖ Noted that the Crime and Anti-social behaviour continue to be a key priority for residents as highlighted in the Annual Residents Survey. From the 2019 survey we know 48% of residents said that crime and ASB as their top concern.
- ❖ Noted a number of indicators on concerns about ASB being problem that had risen over the year including:
 - A. People using or dealing drugs.
 - B. People being drunk or rowdy.
 - C. Noisy neighbours; and
 - D. Vandalism and graffiti.

- ❖ Noted in the report the Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on crime and ASB and as there was no Annual Residents Survey last year these indicators were also likely to rise. The Committee was pleased therefore that tackling neighbourhood crime and ASB is reflected as a priority in the Plan.
- ❖ Noted that LBTH had the highest level of reported ASB in London and that Covid and lockdown measures were contributing to rise in demand. It also noted that substance misuse is one the key drivers for ASB. The Community Safety Partnership confirmed that it was managing ASB levels using engagement, support and enforcement model for people engaged in substance misuse.
- ❖ Wanted to ensure partnership work with RSLs is reflected in the plan. Many larger ones are focused on addressing ASB with patrol services like Parkguard. It is particularly key LBTH ensures THH are achieving value for money from their ASB services now that patrol services have been passed directly to tenants and leaseholders.
- ❖ Questioned whether increase reporting of ASB a good sign of people's confidence in systems for reporting is or whether it was as a result of people seeing more ASB.
- ❖ Wanted to see performance indicators against the outcomes that the partnership is seeking to achieve to enable the partnership to measure progress and also for the public to be able to hold agencies to account.
- ❖ Wanted to see the delivery plan on tackling neighbourhood crime and ASB and have an opportunity to feed into this.
- ❖ Indicated that given the on-going discussion about the Chinese Embassy and the need for visible and protective security this should be a key priority.
- ❖ Stressed the need for clear communication to residents about how to report ASB and who is responsible for addressing as there is still confusion amongst residents as they are passed on by agencies.
- ❖ Agreed that engaging, empowering, and hearing the voice and concerns of local residents needs to be at the forefront of the delivery and annual review of the plan.

In conclusion, the Chair:

- A. **Thanked** Councillor Sirajul Islam; Denise Radley; and Ann Corbett for their presentation and to all members for their contributions in the deliberations on this topic.
- B. **Indicated** that the comments of the Committee would be presented to the by Cabinet before the report is submitted to Full Council; and
- C. **Stated** that as part of the Committee's work programme for 2021-2022 it will be important to review progress against this plan and welcomed the engagement of partners in the scrutiny process.

8. CHAIRING OF THE MEETING

Councillor James King vacated the Chair and withdrew from the meeting.
Councillor Bex White assumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

9. CHALLENGE SESSION REPORT

9.1 Idea Store and Library Services Scrutiny Challenge Session

The Committee received and noted a report on the Idea Store and Library Services Scrutiny Challenge Session. The main points of the discussion on the report is outlined below:

The Committee noted that:

- ❖ Councillor Leema Qureshi had decided to hold a Finance and Resource Scrutiny Challenge Session to focus on the Council's revised approach to Idea Stores and library services.
- ❖ The Challenge Session had been underpinned by the following core questions:
 - A. To what extent of change will the revised approach for Idea Stores and library services impact on user groups from the community? What are the planned mitigation options and what's the evidence from users and residents?
 - B. Based on the public engagement what can be learnt and taken forward or changed about the suggested proposals for the revised approach to Idea Stores and library services?
 - C. What is the five-year vision for the future for the future of the Idea Stores and library services including future funding proposals and risk implications?
- ❖ The Challenge Session held virtually on 28 January 2021 was chaired by Councillor Leema Qureshi (Scrutiny Lead for Finance and Resources). The session had been structured to included: Chair's overview - reason for the enquiry and session outcome, was a presentation from the service led by Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit supported by council officers, Youth Council representatives provided service user feedback, Voluntary Sectors Children and Youth Forum Coordinator provided an external perspective from the Third Sector. The Challenge Session had resulted in the development of a number of recommendations set out in the attached report:

The Chair **Moved** and it was: -

RESOLVED to:

1. **Note** the attached Idea Stores and Library Services Scrutiny Challenge Session Report and agree the recommendations; and
2. **Agreed** to submit the attached report to the Mayor and Cabinet for an executive response.

9.2 How does the Council apply evidence-based and best practice to influence resident behaviour change to boost recycling rates?

The Committee received a report that outlined the findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (OSC) Challenge Session examining how the Council applies evidence-based and best practice to influence resident behaviour to boost recycling. A summary of the discussion on the report is outlined as follows:

The Committee noted that:

- ❖ The former Scrutiny Lead for Environment and Community Safety, Councillor Bex White had decided to hold this Challenge Session with the focus on how the Council applies evidence-based and best practice to influence resident behaviour change to boost recycling rates?
- ❖ Tower Hamlets had performed poorly in terms of recycling waste (23.2% of total waste is recycled) compared to other boroughs (Bexley 54.1%, Waltham Forest 31.6%, Greenwich 33.4%, Hackney 27.9%, City of London 29.9%) with only Newham lower at 16.9%. Whilst Executive Mayor John Biggs had set an ambitious target for Tower Hamlets of 35% recycling by 2022.
- ❖ The Challenge Session had aimed to understand how the Council has responded to the flagging recycling rates in the Borough, with a particular focus on influencing resident behaviour.
- ❖ The Challenge Session had been underpinned by the following core questions:
 - A. To what extent is evidence based and external research applied in how the Council uses its resources to achieve behaviour change on recycling?
 - B. How is the Council using outcomes of pilot projects to improve mainstream delivery?
 - C. How is the Council maximising the influence on residents including those schools who are very committed to increasing recycling?
 - D. Can the Council highlight any insights (behavioural change) on campaigns for resident engagement on recycling and the impact?
- ❖ The Challenge Session had been held virtually on 23 September 2020 and chaired by Councillor Bex White commencing with a Chair's overview, followed by a joint presentation from the former Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Realm, Councillor Asma Islam, supported by council officers.
- ❖ Resource London had also been invited to the session as they are (i) a London-wide partnership programme; and (ii) the Government efficiency resource body.
- ❖ Resource London works closely with Tower Hamlets Waste and Recycling Service and they had provided an external perspective on insights from research such as factors influencing recycling behaviour change.

The Chair **Moved** and it was: -

RESOLVED to:

1. **Note** the attached Scrutiny Challenge Session Report on how the Council applies evidence-based and best practice to influence resident behaviour change to boost recycling rates and agree the recommendations; and
2. **Agree** to submit the attached report to the Mayor and Cabinet for an executive response.

10. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

Following comments by the Committee the Pre-Decision Scrutiny Questions (PDSQ) were agreed for submission to the Cabinet on the 3rd March 2021 (**See attached appendix**).

11. UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

The Committee **noted** the updates that had been submitted from the Scrutiny Leads (**See attached appendix**).

12. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

12.1 Action Log 2020-21 Update

Noted

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As the agenda circulated contained no exempt/ confidential reports and there was therefore no requirement to exclude the press and public to allow for its consideration.

14. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Nil Items

The meeting ended at 8.33 p.m.
Chair, Councillor James King
Overview & Scrutiny Committee



Meeting of the

CABINET

Wednesday, 3 March 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

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5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to unrestricted business to be considered.

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Pre-decision scrutiny questions and officer responses and also the Overview and Scrutiny Committee consideration of the Community Safety Partnership Plan.

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Community Safety partnership Plan 2021-24 Comments from Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1st March 2021

The Committee welcomes the partnership Community Safety Plan for 2021-24 and the priorities set out in the plan.

Crime and Anti-social behaviour continues to be a key priority for residents as highlighted in the Annual Residents Survey. From the 2019 survey we know 48% of residents said that crime and ASB as their top concern. We also saw a number of indicators on concerns about ASB being problem had risen over the year including:

- People using or dealing drugs
- People being drunk or rowdy
- Noisy neighbours
- Vandalism and graffiti

As noted in the report the Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on crime and ASB and as there was no Annual Residents Survey last year these indicators were also likely to rise. The Committee was pleased therefore that tackling neighbourhood crime and ASB is reflected as a priority in the Plan.

The Committee held a Scrutiny Spotlight Session with Borough Commander and Cabinet member for Community Safety and Equalities in January 21 and some of the issues that came out from that session are outlined below:

ASB spotlight

The Committee:

- enquired the rationale behind three different ASB reporting systems and the confusion this brings to their constituents (tenants and residents) for reporting ASB. They further enquired if there were plans to integrate or streamline the ASB reporting systems;
- noted that LBTH had the highest level of reported ASB in London and that Covid and lockdown measures were contributing to rise in demand. It also noted that substance misuse is one the key drivers for ASB. The Community Safety Partnership confirmed that it was managing ASB levels using engagement, support and enforcement model for people engaged in substance misuse;
- wanted to understand the efforts being made to address car ASB (transportation of people to different locations in the borough), use of nitrous oxide and Air BnB properties being used for large gatherings and breaching Covid regulations;
- enquired on the level of collaboration between enforcement team, council's highway department and others in dealing with Car ASB, nitrous oxides in estates, use of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) in the context of ASB and the number of officers available for community policing;
- recommended ASB levels are compared with local populations when prioritising areas for action rather than a ward by ward basis; and
- requested the Community Safety Service to report back to O&S Committee in March 2021 on the consultation results and approach for ASB linked to nitrous oxide.

Borough Commander Spotlight

The Committee:

- raised concerns about the prolonged absences of Designated Ward Officers (DWO) and the impact this has on responding to ASB;
- questioned the recurrent use of Section 60 powers (stop and search) and wanted to understand how this impacted the relationship between the Borough Commander Unit (BCU) and community;
- heard how the BCU's partnership approach to 'Operation Continuum' benefited in tackling crime, disorder and violence linked to street-based drug markets and how the partnership approach benefited the Council and partners to use local intelligence and resources to support the BCU in disrupting perpetrators of crime and ASB linked to drug dealing;
- wanted to understand what happens to recovered money from illegal activities and they were informed that the Home Office makes allocations of seized assets according to formulas based on productivity to different BCUs;
- questioned the Borough Commander (BC) about the level of progress made to improve diversity and make the Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels more representative. The BC responded that the pandemic had impacted the ability to adequately assess the progress on ward panels being more representative; and
- questioned the BC about the volume of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) being issued to residents for breach Covid regulations and wanted further understanding as to which demography was most impacted and what happens the fines being collected.

On the Plan itself the Committee made the following comments:

- Ensure partnership work with RSLs is reflected in the plan. Many larger ones are focused on addressing ASB with patrol services like Parkguard. It is particularly key LBTH ensures THH are achieving value for money from their ASB services now patrol services have been passed directly to tenants and leaseholders.
- Questioned whether increase reporting of ASB is a good sign of people's confidence in systems for reporting or whether it was as a result of people seeing more ASB;
- The need to have performance indicators against the outcomes the partnership is seeking to achieve to enable the partnership to measure progress and also for the public to be able to hold agencies to account;
- The Committee would be keen to see the delivery plan on tackling neighbourhood crime and ASB and have an opportunity to feed into this;
- Given the on-going discussion about the Chinese Embassy and the need for visible and protective security this needs to be a key priority;
- As previously highlighted by scrutiny need for clear communication to residents about how to report ASB and who is responsible for addressing as there is still confusion amongst residents as they are passed on by agencies;
- That engaging, empowering and hearing the voice and concerns of local residents needs to be at the forefront of the delivery and annual review of this plan.

The Committee hopes our comments are considered by Cabinet before the report is submitted to Full Council. Finally, as part of the Committee's work programme for 2021-2022 it will be important to review progress against this plan and we will welcome the engagement of partners in the scrutiny process.

Cllr James King
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY QUESTIONS (PDSQ) FOR CABINET

Wednesday, 3 March 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

Item 6.1 Idea Stores Post Consultation Report	
Questions	Response
<p>1. It is recommended that Watney Market Ideas Store operates with only a single floor. However, the ground floor has a significantly smaller footprint for users than the upper floors due to it being the location of the various meeting, interview and staff rooms and the back office. If it is planned to use the ground floor as the single floor in operation and there are no plans to reconfigure the layout, the space available - particularly for bookshelves - will be extremely small. What is the expected impact in terms of loss of desk and shelf space as a percentage of the current capacity?</p>	<p>Our current plans, once the building is released as a Covid testing site, are to reconfigure the ground floor to maximise the space available and deliver the Library service from this space. However, options for the best use of the full space in the building are to be developed and as other services move into the building we may wish to explore better solutions. The advantage of using the ground floor is that ISWM is very popular with families and children and those with buggies would not have to negotiate the lift.</p>
<p>2. When does LBTH think the new Crossharbour Idea Stores would be open?</p>	<p>We are dependent on the planning application which is still in process as well as on the developers. We therefore can't give a firm timescale at this point. We believe it is likely to be approx. 5 years away.</p>

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6.2 Outcome of consultation on revised approach to day support in adult social care

Questions	Response
<p>1. The timetable to close the Physical Disability Day Opportunities, Riverside day centre and Pritchard's Road day centre with effect from 4 May 2021 seems very tight. Is there any mitigation so that this could be delayed until after September to allow for a transition to alternative provision?</p>	<p>The three centres are currently closed due to the pandemic and support is being provided by staff through alternative means. We are proposing discussions to agree plans with service users and their families at review meetings over March and April. Transition to new arrangements would then start and each plan will be individual to the person concerned. Section 3.7.4 of the report describes the transitional support available to people including a proposed transitions support worker for Pritchard's Road service users.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the staff redeployment period is until 27 July 2021 and the expectation is that whilst staff are redeployees, they will continue to provide support to service users as and when needed. Support could be via home visits or phone calls, mirroring the way support has been provided through lockdown.</p> <p>The three centres would not reopen following the easing of lockdown restrictions. Any change to the timescales would have a significant adverse impact on the budgetary position for adult social care and cause a prolonged period of uncertainty for service users following lockdown.</p>
<p>2. What research has been undertaken that breaks down of Physical Disability Day Opportunities users' ability to organise their own day support through a direct payment?</p>	<p>Direct payments (established in adult social care since 1997) can be made accessible to the vast majority of adult social care users with the right support. Experience has shown that this option can increase choice and control for individuals who need care and</p>

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	<p>support and be a very positive option in maximising independence. Support is available for anyone who is interested in pursuing this option. Around 20% of people who use adult social care in Tower Hamlets currently use direct payments.</p> <p>Review meetings with Physical Disability Day Opportunities service users are due to start in March. Part of the purpose of these will be to discuss who is interested in a direct payment and what support they might need. Section 3.7.21-4 of the report provides more information on direct payment take-up levels and the support available with this.</p>
<p>3. Have government grants been investigated as a funding stream for Physical Disability Day Opportunities provision and if so, please could you provide a list of which grants have been reviewed?</p>	<p>Day centres are non-statutory provision and there are no specific grants that can be separately applied for to fund this type of provision – the services are funded by General Fund.</p> <p>Should appropriate grants become available in the future, a bid could be made to enhance the model of day support and the hub provision.</p>
<p>4. Considering we are currently in a mental health crisis, has the impact of closing Pritchard’s Road day centre been assessed for users with mental health needs?</p>	<p>Yes, the report describes what service users say the impact of the pandemic has been on their mental health and wellbeing (see section 3.6.34-8 of the report), how we have supported Pritchard’s Road service users to date through this time (see section 3.1.15) and how we intend to support service users going forward. This includes how we plan to mitigate any potential negative impacts on mental health.</p>
<p>5. 3.7.15 states: “To start to transform services into community support hubs, we will initially run three projects from the community support hub starting from May 2021 at the latest10. These are based on the consultation results and Toynbee Hall co</p>	<p>Yes. The report has been developed with an awareness of changes to wider provision. The report doesn’t go into detail on what the community access project will involve (e.g. what Idea Stores or leisure centres, what activities, what days and times) as</p>

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<p>production work. These projects will be: 1. Community access: Facilitating visits to local Idea Stores, leisure centres and Linkage Plus centres to take part in activities” Has the full impact of reduced hours on the library & Ideas Stores and leisure centres been factored into the risk for the above provision.</p>	<p>the detail will be developed in partnership with service users and carers.</p>
<p>6. What agreements are in place to confirm that Independent Living Services – London, are London Living Wage employers?</p>	<p>People Plus run the Independent Living Service in Tower Hamlets for people with a direct payment. People Plus do not directly employ Personal Assistants or care workers, but rather support service users to do this directly.</p> <p>Direct payments to employ Personal Assistants cover London Living Wage to encourage pay at this level. A homecare agency that is not commissioned by the Council and purchased via a direct payment may not pay their care workers London Living Wage, though direct payment recipients are advised to consider this when choosing a home care agency. London Living Wage is a requirement in all our contracts, so this includes support staff directly employed by People Plus.</p>

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6.3 Bow bus gateway and timed closures exemptions considerations

1. Given that the High Court ruled that Transport for London's "Streetspace" plan treated London's taxi drivers unlawfully why do they remain excluded from bus gates (only allowed through if carrying a Bow based taxi card holder)?

There are numerous differences between the Streetspace scheme implemented by TfL and that which is presented within the Bow report, which it is important to understand. These are two very different traffic schemes. Differences include but not limited to the fact that all areas are accessible to taxis and other motor vehicles in Bow (in contrast in the "Streetspace" plan no taxis were permitted on a 0.4Km stretch of road); Tredegar Road and Old Ford Road are not key arterial A-roads unlike the A10 in the streetspace scheme ; and consideration has been given in the Bow scheme to the status of Taxis for accessible transport, with an exemption for Taxicard users. We also note that the "Streetspace" decision is under appeal.

The Bow scheme is being put forward in the shadow of a climate emergency and where children walk to and from school along Tredegar Road where levels of pollution are consistently higher than the national objective level of 40 µg m-3. This level of pollution is harmful and we know from other studies that children's lungs in Tower Hamlets are up to 10% smaller than average.

We have assessed our public sector equality duty in relation to proposals. As part of this we have recognised that licensed taxis do play a pivotal role in the transport system, especially given that it is obligatory for all vehicles to be fully accessible for wheelchair users.

In the Bow public consultation, a bus gate with 24/7 hours of operation was supported by the majority of respondents, and despite this, we have made amendments to the scheme in order

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	<p>to satisfy the needs of other members of the community, for example, those who need to use a vehicle or taxi to get around. Through our review and identification of groups likely to be impacted we have still further provided exemptions to the scheme such as for those with Taxicards limiting the impact on those using taxis as a form of accessible transport.</p>
<p>2. What will the air quality impact be on surrounding areas from diverted traffic?</p>	<p>Motor vehicle traffic that use an alternative route will be diverted on the main distributor routes such as the A11 and A12. These are designed to carry through traffic to reach longer distance destinations with greater capacity. These roads very often include wider footways and space between other road users and motor vehicles such as cycle lanes. In contrast, roads such as Tredegar Road have very narrow pavements and limited protection from vehicles both in terms of road safety and pollution levels.</p> <p>As part of the liveable streets proposals to be put to Cabinet today is a review of the scheme and air quality is a key factor that will be reviewed both internally and externally to the scheme area.</p>
<p>3. Given that the EqIA does now make clear that LTNs have a negative impact on the elderly why did we not allow a blanket exemption for the elderly to use the bus gates rather than restrict it only to those with carers and blue badges?</p>	<p>The EqIA identifies that those that have mobility issues and must use a motor vehicle will be negatively impacted. It is likely that this would be seen more in the elderly as a group but is not limited to this group. Therefore, the exemptions have been developed to meet the needs of those that would be more likely to</p>

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	benefit significantly from an exemption rather than a blanket across one group.
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6.7 Report on the outcome of the statutory consultation on the proposal to close The Cherry Trees Special School	
1. Proposal to close Cherry Trees School - this is the second recent closure that has been precipitated by a decline in quality and falling rolls (Raines being the other). What assurances can be given that the Authority is acting quickly to support struggling schools.	The Local Authority is developing its plan to bring strategic clarity and coherence to the local education system, building on the earlier school organisation work of the primary review and working closely with school leaders and its school improvement partner (THEP) to facilitate and foster a shared, system-level approach to school improvement and sustainability. This includes providing earlier and targeted support to schools that are underperforming and/or planning for reductions in funding caused by falling pupil rolls.
2. Cherry Trees site - is there any update on proposed uses of the Cherry Trees site?	The decision to close Cherry Trees has not yet been taken and so it would be too early to set out any plans for proposed use of the site. If the council does decide to close the school, then officers are ready to progress a review to determine the options for the short and long term use of the Cherry Trees accommodation. An update will be provided later this year.
3. Bowden House/Ben Jonson - assuming the closure of Cherry Trees goes ahead, what are the contingencies if the necessary works are delayed at Bowden House? Given the ongoing pandemic situation, it's not infeasible that works might be delayed.	Any delay to the building improvement works being undertaken at Ben Jonson will not prevent the new provision operating from September. With the small number of pupils moving from Cherry Trees and the existing facilities on site, these children can still be accommodated safely with their Education and Health Care needs being fully met.
4. General question regarding school closure consultations where responses to statutory consultations are very low or non-existent, does this give rise to any requirement to reopen the consultation. What assurances can be given that the low response rates are because of the pandemic? Were all respondents to the first consultations targeted for the second, statutory consultation?	Stakeholder engagement on these proposals has been carefully undertaken over an extended timeframe and adopting a proportionate and targeted approach, in line with central government consultation principles and in recognition of the 'socially distanced' requirements of the pandemic. Although the formal public response has been very low it is evident that the variety of consultation methods used has enabled a high level of engagement with key stakeholders, particularly with the families and staff. It is also evident that the school and its wider community understood the full nature and possible outcomes from these proposals. Given these circumstances it was not necessary to extend or reopen the public consultation to illicit formal responses to the statutory notices.
6.9 Report on the outcome of public representations received in response to the statutory proposal to close St Matthias Primary School: Decision on Closure of St Matthias Primary School.	
1. This will mean Christ Church C of E Primary School, Brick Lane will be the nearest CoE primary school but in a small constrained site and part of whose playground is in dispute, would it not be better to keep the St Matthias site and move the Christchurch school as that has more space if the school does ever needs to expand again, that would open up Christ Church for other public use?	The St Matthias School site is owned by the London Diocesan Board for Schools, so suggestions for its future use is a matter for the Diocese. At present the DfE requirements are that the site must continue to be used for education and community purposes. The Diocese will therefore have the option to consider whether the vacant site should be taken over by an existing school(s).

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6.12 Budget Monitoring Report 2020-21 as at 31 December 2020 (Period 9)

1. Regarding the Council Budget Monitoring Report as at 31st December 2020-21: could a full breakdown of the additional staffing costs relating to the Tower Rewards implementation be provided?

The 2020-21 part year effect forecast costs of the terms and conditions changes for each directorate are Children & Culture (£171k), Governance (£98k), Health, Adults & Community (£124k), Place (£327k) and Resources (£134k). This is based on current permanent and fixed term contract staff and is a part year effect in 2020-21 due to implementation during the year. Future years will be impacted by the full year effect and further incremental increases for staff not currently at the top spinal point of their grade.

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Scrutiny Lead for Health and Adults Scrutiny Written Update – OSC Meeting 1st March 2021

Activities undergone by Cllr Gabriela Salva Macallan since the last update include:

Chaired the [8th February 2021 Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee Meeting](#)

Reports taken at the meeting:

- **Adult Learning Disability Health Scrutiny Challenge Session Report**
The report from March 2020 had not been signed off by the last year's committee and therefore the previous Chair Kahar Chowdary returned to present the findings from the spotlight session of March 2020. The committee also heard an update from officers regarding ALD from March 2020 to December 2020, taking in the experience which had arisen from covid-19. The committee updated recommendations with the intention of supporting the strategic planning and development work for adults with a learning disability. The committee will agree a complete report at their next meeting in April.
- **Older People Care Homes – Support During the Covid-19 Pandemic**
The committee heard from officers and family members of service users. Concerns were raised regarding the substantial loss of life at the care homes. I would like to commend and thank the home care workers, care home workers and social workers for all their work during Covid-19.
- **Budget 21/22 -** The committee discussed the impact of cuts to services and asked for further information regarding the commissioning of Grant Thornton to review and make recommendations for the redesign of services

Meetings attended:

- 28th January 2021 Scrutiny Challenge Session on Council's proposal for the revised approach to Idea Stores and Libraries
- 2nd February, 2021 Online 'Virtual' Meeting, Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board
- 10th February 2021 INEL JHOSC Committee Meeting
- 16th February 2021 COVID 19 Local Engagement Board
- 25th February 2021 1-2-1 with cabinet member Cllr Rachel Blake to discuss the Day Opportunities - day centres redesign SAV / HAC 003 / 21-22 and concerns around the impact of loss of staff to services

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Scrutiny Lead - Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Written Update –

OSC Meeting 1 March 2021

1. Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee Meetings 2020/21 held to date:

Two meetings of the H&R Scrutiny Sub-Committee have been held during this financial year (2020/21): the first on 3rd November 2020 and the last meeting on **Wednesday 10th February 2021** where we considered:

- A report on Social Landlords Performance with One Housing Group in attendance.
- The revised *Homelessness Reduction Act – One Year On* report with strengthened recommendations for action – which the sub-committee approved.
- A presentation from Tower Hamlets Homes updating the sub-committee on the Leaseholder Service Improvement Plan.
- A presentation from the Head of Regeneration providing the sub-committee with a comprehensive update on regeneration activity across the council.
- A presentation from the Housing Companies Manager and the Divisional Director for Housing updating the sub-committee on the position with the 2 Housing Companies: Seahorse Homes and Mulberry Housing Society.

2. Actions arising from H&RSSC Meeting held on 10th February 2021:

The minutes of the meeting are still being drafted and any actions have yet to be set out.

3. The Items to be considered at the next meeting on the 15th April 2021:

Item	Actions/Recommendations
Policy Framework Scrutiny Social Landlords Performance Report	A report on PRP performance alongside the third invited PRP to attend (yet to be selected).
Open Spaces Action Plan	A progress report updating the sub-committee on the actions taken to deliver the plan.
Spotlight Employment Support – Covid-19 Response	A presentation on the Council's response in supporting residents into employment who have been displaced by the Covid-19 pandemic, focussing on jobs and skills.
Spotlight Fire Safety Progress Report	Following on from the 2017 scrutiny review of fire safety, this item will update members on the Council's work in remediating ACM cladding from the Borough's high-rise blocks. Progress on the MHCLG's External Wall Survey and an update on legislation will also be provided.

4. Other Actions:

In my capacity as Chair of the Sub-Committee, I have had the following meetings with key officers from across the council and related organisations:

Date	Officer(s)	Area Discussed
23/11/20	Andy Simpson – Head of SPP (Place)	Key strategic priorities across Housing and Regeneration
24/11/20	Abul Kalam & Riad Akbar (Housing Options)	Temporary Accommodation and the Customer Service Improvement Project
25/11/20	Anne Sutcliffe – Corporate Director (Place) & Sripriya Sudhakar – Head of Regeneration (Place)	Wider regeneration projects across the council
1/12/20	Nicola Klinger Housing Companies Manager	Background on the council's 2 housing companies – Mulberry Homes and Seahorse Homes
2/2/21	Pam Bhamra Director of Operations THCH and Chair of THHF	Tower Hamlets Housing Forum and its various sub-committees

I have one further meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3rd March with the (Acting) Divisional Director for Growth and Economic Development Vicky Clarke) to discuss the specific area of employment support that we could scrutinise at the April 2021 meeting.

Scrutiny Lead for Resources and Finance Written Update – OSC Meeting 1st March 2021

Activities undergone by Councillor Leema Qureshi since the last update include:

- ❖ Carried out a scrutiny challenge session on reviewing the Council's revised Idea Stores and Library Services and prepared a scrutiny report on the session
- ❖ 1-2-1s with Cllr Ronald discussed and understand the budget including the consultation around the budget.
- ❖ Represented OSC at the Grants Determination Sub-Committee and covered some key lines of enquiries on the items discussed.
- ❖ 1-2-1 with Interim Corporate Director Kevin Bartle, discussed the budget in detailed including what needs to be done to balance the deficit in certain areas and surplus in certain areas and how can we minimise the overspend without getting the deficit from the reserves.

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Reference	Action	Assigned to	Scrutiny Lead	Due Date	Response
26/10 meeting	<p><u>1. Budget Monitor as at P5 for 2020/21</u> The Committee would require as part of the budget process in the next quarter a detailed breakdown of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid costs; • Recovery plans versus population vulnerability; and • What costs will not be reimbursed by Central Government. <p><u>2. Waste Service performance update</u> Next time, OSC wanted to see details of service improvement with particular reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements in waste heading for reuse; street cleansing and bulk waste collections; • How it is now easier for people to report mis-collections through IT systems • How agency staff are used; and • Action plans for the West of the Borough e.g. Weavers; Spitalfields and Whitechapel. 	Kevin Bartle Dan Jones	OSC Chair OSC Chair & Scrutiny Lead for Env & Comm Safety	Next time this item returns to OSC	
23/11 meeting	<p><u>1. Strategic Performance Monitoring</u> Details on mitigation of poor performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of adults supported into employment by the WorkPath • Young people entering the youth justice system for the first time • Level of household recycling (quarterly audited) <p>In addition, that more detail should be provided within any future report</p> <p><u>2. COVID-19 update</u> OSC to review the Mayor’s response to the Committee’s COVID Review</p> <p><u>3. Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) Guide</u> Sought clarification on what OSC is able to do/act on as a part of the CCfA process</p>	Thorsten Dreyer OSC members Adam Boey	OSC chair	Before next meeting	<p>1. PDSQs’ responses provided before Cabinet on 25 Nov.</p> <p>2. OSC to provide comments to Chair</p> <p>3. Adam to work with Matthew Mannion to develop a communications approach for Members, including examples showing how and when to use CCfA.</p>

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Agenda Item 4

<p>4/12 meeting Page 48</p>	<p>1. <u>COVID-19 Update</u> The committee requested clarification as to why E1 Health Centre and White Chapel Health Centre were exempt or not participating in the Vaccination 1st Wave Site for Tower Hamlets</p> <p>2. <u>WorkPath</u> To bring back and review WorkPath Services in next year's scrutiny WP</p> <p>3. <u>MTFS 2021 -24 (Budget Update)</u> The Committee requested more information on how and why temporary accommodation costs have arisen and the extent to which this is COVID and non COVID related?</p> <p>The Committee requested more information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Rates • Covid Gap • What support is available from Government • Council Tax Support <p>The Committee agreed to hold a session (prior to the budget scrutiny meeting) on understanding business rates reset</p> <p>4. <u>AOB</u> The Committee welcomed the Executives response to the Call in - Change the Band 3 policy but didn't change the PRS policy. OSC to delegate responsibility to Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee to review the PRS policy and implications for waiting list in 6 months' time</p>	<p>Dr Somen Banerjee</p> <p>Vicky Clark</p> <p>Karen Swift</p> <p>Kevin Bartle</p> <p>Kevin Bartle</p> <p>Karen Swift</p>	<p>OSC Chair</p> <p>OSC Chair</p> <p>OSC Chair</p> <p>Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Regeneration on Scrutiny Sub-Committee</p>	<p>Before next meeting</p> <p>OSCs next year WP date TBC</p> <p>Before next meeting</p> <p>Before 11 Jan 2021 Budget Scrutiny Meeting</p> <p>June 2021</p>	<p>The increase in costs was Covid related because the service accommodated 200 single homeless people into accommodation (mainly commercial hotels). For those who came in not all costs were recoverable from housing benefit. For example, provision of three meals a day and floating support in the commercial hotels to assist hotel management with supporting residents. Some residents were not entitled to benefits, so the cost of their accommodation was not recoverable. Furthermore, the nightly rate in the commercial hotels was above the eligible housing benefit amounts, so even for those who were entitled for housing benefit, the full cost was not recoverable.</p> <p>The Committee was provided (on 07.01.2021 the information via a briefing session which covered business rate reset. Business rates and council tax and Covid funding. Slides were circulated to O&S members and awaiting on the update slides for Covid funding.</p>
<p>07/01 Meeting</p>	<p><u>Business Rate Reset/ Council Tax Reset and Covid</u></p>				<p>The CTR caseload has increased from 29,268 in March 2020 to currently 31,626, it was as high as 32,482 in May 2020.</p>

	<p><u>Funding briefing</u></p> <p>1. On the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, the Committee sort for clarification on how much of the increase in the cost of the scheme was as a result of the decision to suspend the income floor for self-employed claimants as part of bringing in line with suspension of universal credit</p>	<p>Roger Jones</p>	<p>O&S Committee</p>	<p>By next Meeting.</p>	<p>Overall, the cost of awarding CTR over the same period has increased from £27.9m to £31.4m. Some of this increase will be down to new claims and some will be down to changes in circumstances on existing claims such as and changes in income (an example of this would be the SEISS payments which will impact on self-employed claims) or changes to the number of people in the household.</p> <p>The DWP suspended the Minimum Income Floor (MIF) used in the assessment of Universal Credit (UC) in April 2020. Since March 2020 the number of CTR claims with Self Employed income has dropped from 857 to 838, but of these the number that are UC claims has increased from 443 to 573. All of these are no longer affected by the MIF.</p> <p>As a result of this the number of cases affected by the Council's MIF has decreased from 297 to 261 during the same period. Where we are advised that the MIF is causing hardship, we are looking at each case to assess whether S13a could be used to mitigate the effect of the MIF. To date this year, we have awarded £133,137.67 under Section 13a provisions to address the impact of the MIF being applied.</p> <p>We have had 358 applications so far and awarded in 213 cases and have a further 29 applications still being considered.</p> <p>We have also awarded £1.7m under the Hardship Fund to those who were assessed as still having something to pay.</p>
<p>11/01 meeting</p>	<p><u>Budget Scrutiny</u></p> <p>1. The Committee did not agree that population</p>	<p>Thorsten Dreyer</p>			<p>The published <u>Tower Hamlets Borough Profile</u> contains a dedicated section on population growth and change.</p>

	<p>growth was reflected proportionately across all age groups. The committee were of the view that the biggest increase was amongst 20's 30's and 40's age group and not children and older people and want to understand the what the drivers are.</p> <p>2. The Committee requested to understand the mapping around other services that will be stepping in to provide the service provided by Support for Learning Services</p>	<p>James Thomas</p>	<p>OSC Chair</p>	<p>Slides 7 and 8 provide an overview of population growth by age groups. The committee should note the distinction between increases in numbers and proportionate increase. While numbers in a group may have increased more in one group than another in absolute terms, the same may not be always true for the proportionate increase within each age groups.</p> <p>An example: The growth in 0-19 is higher as a proportion than the growth in adults as a proportion. The rate is higher in CYP so you would expect to see a proportionately larger increase in demand for their services even if the total demand for services in the 20 - 39 age group is bigger in absolute numbers.</p> <p>Slides 17 to 19 summarise the main factors driving population growth in the borough.</p> <p>The SLS will retain expertise in all of the areas of SEND that it currently has so will still be able to offer schools advice and training on speech and language, literacy, physical disabilities, assistive technology and to carry out its duties in relation to deaf and visually impaired children and young people.</p> <p>The Early Help Service works with the whole family and seeks to address the individual needs of every family member; the needs of individual family members are considered within the context of the broader family. Where there are children with specific needs including those children and Young People with SEND, the service will work with the family to address any concerns, advocating with schools and service providers as necessary ensuring that assessments are undertaken where necessary and appropriate. The Service will identify voluntary sector services who offer appropriate support and will sign post or refer as appropriate. The service has established relationships with the Parents Advice Centre, Children with Disabilities Team and the GP Care Group Social Prescribers who offer advice, support and interventions specifically to families where there is a child/child with SEND.</p>
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					<p>and their families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development/training for council officers working with families of SI and PD, including Early Help, Area Inclusion Co-ordinators to improve support and sign-posting • Work with the local college provider to further develop support for SI pupils with sensory needs to enable pupils with SI needs do not need to leave the borough for post-16 education • Use of the Local Offer and SENCo training to signpost schools and parents to support for SPLD in assessing needs, support strategies and guidance • <i>Following a review of integrated therapies by health colleagues, commissioning of therapies will be increased, particularly Speech and Language Therapy, for those in nursery and primary school for the academic year beginning September 2021.</i> • Review the allocation of support within nationally recognised frameworks, informed by evidence of the educational effectiveness of the use of a range of approaches to support educational development such as group work which capitalises on the inclusion of children with SEND working with peers and using 1:1 interventions only when there is a clear educational benefit <p><i>Following the public consultation on the change of use of the High Needs Funding Block, 4 more posts (2 in HI, 2 in VI) were added back in to the structure to expand the level of statutory service provision. An increase in SI posts by 4 from the original staffing proposal</i></p> <p>The document was shared with the OSC Members via Democratic Services on 22.01.2021</p>
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	<p>3. The Committee asked if the Children’s Long-Term Recovery Plan (went to DfE) can be shared because it provided context of the savings for Children</p> <p>4. The Committee requested to understand more detail of the capital borrowing fund and if the treasury management strategy could be shared</p>	<p>James Thomas</p> <p>Kevin Bartle</p>			<p>The papers for this can be sourced from the Audit Committee 28.01.2021 here</p>
<p>Page 53</p> <p>25/01 meeting</p>	<p><u>ASB</u></p> <p>1. Service to report back to scrutiny in March regarding consultation results on a pragmatic approach to ASB linked to nitrous oxide.</p>	<p>Ann Corbett</p>	<p>OSC Chair</p>	<p>01.03.2021</p>	<p>This is the summary of the result of the public consultation on the proposal to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order to prohibit the possession or use of psychoactive substances (including nitrous oxide) and which is causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.</p> <p>The consultation ran from 4th January 2021 and closed on the 15th of February 2021. It was widely publicised on the council’s website, social media feeds, community platforms such as Online Watch Link (OWL), Tower Hamlets Housing Forum (THHF), Safer Neighbourhood Board, (SNB) and Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels.</p> <p>The consultation received 2584 visitors and 948 formal responses to the consultation, one of the highest responses for any consultation the council has undertaken.</p> <p>Of those 948 responses, 97.5% (924) were residents and overall, 93.7% (886) were in favour of introducing a PSPO. 89.4% (889) thought the PSPO should be boroughwide and 88.5% (838) said they had witnesses nitrous oxide misuse and that it made them feel</p>

	<p><u>Borough Commander Spotlight</u></p> <p>2. Borough Commander to provide demographic data on FPNs issued, and details on where money recovered goes</p>	<p>BC Marcus Barnett</p>		<p>01.03.2021</p>	<p>unsafe.</p> <p>The proposal is being progressed and is planned to be decided upon by cabinet in April.</p> <p>In relation to the demographic data on FPN's issued we sadly cannot break down the figures to show each individual Borough Command Unit or London Borough. The data is held centrally by the Metropolitan Police Service and the breakdown for London shows us that the large majority of the fines have been issued to young men from 18 to 30 years old: 16% Asian, 12% Black & 70% White. Gender: 77% male, 1% not specified and 22% female.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Pete Shaw has tried to find out what happens in regards to the money from the fines issued, however at this point we are not able to identify this specifically with the response from our central command team being that they believe it goes back to the government for it to then be redistributed however they feel suitable.</p>
<p>01/03 Meeting</p>	<p><u>Covid Update</u></p> <p>1. The Committee wants to understand the protocol or mitigation plans which will be in place for managing risk of Covid spikes (through social mixing) during the campaign period for and after the forthcoming election/referendum</p>	<p>Robert Curtis and Will Tuckley</p>	<p>O&S Committee Chair</p>	<p>22.03.2021</p>	<p>The risk assessments are being driven from the GLA with additional information relating to premises and staffing being added as part of our own project planning and risk assessments compiled for Will and associated Officers (See below).</p> <p>The issue with spikes, as we all know, is we can only prepare for the worst scenario with masks, provision of sanitiser, social distancing, ventilation, bubbles for staff, sneeze screens provided and appropriate training provided which will apply to the main three project areas namely postal vote opening, polling day and the count (GLA).</p> <p>In addition, GPC have and continue to be updated and all of the implications and scenarios are being discussed and addressed at the highest level through project boards both internal and external, where we are represented, along with advice from PHE, the</p>

					<p>Electoral Commission, Government (Cabinet Office) and the GLA.</p> <p>We are also liaising with our own Corporate Health & Safety (Tracey Gorbell) and Shuheda Uddin who is assisting us with the provision of PPE (Senior Commissioning Manager) In addition, I have also held a meeting with Rachel Buttrick and Andy Liggins and this will continue to be the case as we approach the official timetable.</p> <p>This is the responsibility of the Constituency Returning Officer (Althea Loderick - CEO Newham) who is the senior officer from the lead authority for the Constituency (City and East), Will Tuckley as Counting Officer for the Referendum and the Mary Harpley who is the Greater London Returning Officer (GLRO) for the GLA all of whom are working closely together to get the precautions in place where considered necessary.</p>
	<p><u>Strategic Performance Q3 -2020/21</u></p> <p>2. The Committee wants to understand how the recycling rates and street cleaning performance is calculated</p>	Thorsten Dreyer		22.03.2021	See attached Evidence Appendix 1/1b for this response
	<p><u>Budget Monitoring Report as at 31.12.2020 (period 9)</u></p> <p>3. The Committee wants more detail information on delivery target for Legal Service and modernisation of the registration service (as part of the savings tracker) and what this means</p>	Janet F		26.04.2021	
	<p>4. The Committee requests more detailed information on the HRA approved capital programme for period 9</p>	Hitesh Jolapara		22.03.2021	See attached Appendix 2 for this response
	<p>5. The Committee requests an explanation on why</p>				

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 56</p>	<p>the Resources directorate has an overspend of £4.6m (indicated in the Cabinet Budget Monitoring report for period 9) for temporary accommodation, the basis of this overspend and why it has gone unnoticed for so long?</p>	<p>Karen Swift</p>			<p>In previous years it was not uncommon practice to only report gross overspends in Directorates and thus this specific overspend was being offset by underspends elsewhere. The Council's Finance Improvement Plan is looking to improve budget management and such reporting protocols have now been updated with the need to report all significant under and overspends, which is now taking place and has resulted in this particular overspend being brought to members' attention. The £4.6m overspend relates to the Housing Subsidy loss from placing Homeless clients into temporary accommodation (T.A.). Rents for T.A. are charged at current Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates + £40, in line with other London Boroughs. This cost is met through the client's Housing Benefit claim. LBTH claim back the Housing Benefit payment through its subsidy claim at 90% of 2011 LHA rates and the £4.6m represents the difference between the Housing Benefit paid out for T.A. and the amount it can claim back from central government. The rates being paid for TA are higher than the grant received from government and thus if the Council was able to procure more cost-effective accommodation, the level of spend would reduce.</p>

<i>Performance Indicator Template</i>	
<i>Code</i>	SB5.3 (NI 192)
<i>Short title</i>	<p>Level of Household Recycling</p> <p>Longer Title: Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting</p>
<i>Rationale</i>	<p>The indicator measures percentage of household waste arisings which have been sent by the Authority for reuse, recycling, composting or anaerobic digestion. This is a key measure of local authorities' progress in moving management of household waste up the waste hierarchy, consistent with the Government's national strategy for waste management.</p> <p>The waste hierarchy ranks waste management options according to what is best for the environment. It gives top priority to preventing waste in the first place. When waste is created, it gives priority to preparing it for re-use, then recycling, then recovery, and last of all disposal (e.g. landfill)</p> <p>The Government expects local authorities to maximise the percentage of waste reused, recycled and composted. This indicator monitors an authority's performance in reducing the amount of waste that is sent to landfill, incineration or energy recovery.</p> <p>The Waste Management Strategy sets the future direction for waste, recycling and cleansing services, in order to deliver environmental improvements across the whole borough.</p> <p><u>Access the Waste Management Strategy online</u></p>
<i>PI Type</i>	Strategic
<i>New Indicator</i>	No

<i>Settings</i>	
<i>Collection Settings</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculation - None. Quarterly data is audited by wastedataflow in arrears. • Target Source - None • Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculation - sum quarterly activated data • Target Source - Quarters
<i>Trend</i>	Trend Calculation Type: Year to Year Trend (compare the same period in previous years to calculate trend) because the amount of waste collected per household may be seasonal.
<i>Reporting Period</i>	Financial Year
<i>Data source</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly data from Cory Environmental Services and Bywaters, the contracted waste disposal and material recovery facility providers. • Quality assured in-house by the Environmental Services Technical Officer. • Uploaded onto Wastedataflow on a quarterly basis and officially verified by Wastedataflow.
<i>Gauge Format Type</i>	Aim to Maximise - high values are better than low values

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<i>Data type</i>	Percentage <i>With numerator, denominator</i>
<i>Year introduced</i>	2009
<i>Format</i>	Two decimal places

Guidance / How to Measure

<i>Purpose</i>	Contributes to Strategic Plan Outcome 5: <i>People live in a borough that is clean and green.</i> See rationale
<i>Formula Guidance</i>	<p>Formula: $(X/Y) * 100$</p> <p>X = Tonnage of household waste collected by the authority (or on behalf of the authority) which is sent for reuse, recycling, composting or anaerobic digestion.</p> <p>Y = Total tonnage of household waste collected by the authority (or on behalf of the authority)</p> <p>The percentage of household waste arisings which have been sent by the authority for reuse, recycling, composting or anaerobic digestion.</p> <p>This was previously collected as BVPI 82a and 82b in 2007/08.</p> <p><i>'Household waste'</i> means those types of waste which are to be treated as household waste for the purposes of Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 by reason of the provisions of the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992. The amounts deemed to be collected shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All waste collected by Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) under Section 45(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, <i>plus</i> • All waste arisings from Civic Amenity (CA) Sites established under Section 51(1)(b) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, <i>and</i> • Waste collected by third parties for which collection or disposal reuse or recycling credits are paid under Section 52 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. <p>For the avoidance of doubt <i>'Household waste'</i> <u>includes</u> waste from the following sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste collection rounds (including separate rounds for collection of recyclates) • All waste listed under schedules 1 and 2 of the Controlled Waste Regulations. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Litter and refuse collected under section 89(1)(f) and waste arising from the discharge by a WCA/WDA of its duty under section 89(2) - this typically comprises street cleaning waste, park litter and gully sweepings - Bulky waste collections, where "bulky waste" is defined as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any article of waste which exceeds 25 kilograms in weight • Any article of waste which does not fit, or cannot be fitted into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a receptacle for household waste provided in accordance with section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990; or (b) where no such receptacle is provided, a cylindrical container 750 millimetres in diameter and 1 metre in length <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garden waste collections; - Household clinical waste collections. • Hazardous household waste collections; • Re-used waste material from household sources as defined below; • Clearance of any waste put out in contravention to section 46 of the EPA 1990 (e.g. 'side waste') • Any other household waste collected by the authority <p>Household waste does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach cleansing wastes (i.e. produced by the specific activity of cleaning up a beach)

- Rubble (including soil associated with the rubble)
- Clearance of waste deposited in contravention to Section 33 of the EPA 1990 (fly-tipped waste)
- Vehicles (whether abandoned or not)
- Grass cuttings, leaves etc in parks
- Gully emptyings collected by the authority under the Highways Act
- Incinerator residues (even if the residues are not landfilled)
- Home composted waste
- Trade waste

Tyres should only be counted if they are 'household waste', i.e. they are collected from a house or Civic Amenity Sites or taken directly from the vehicle. If in doubt, they should not be included.

'Civic Amenity Site' means places provided by the WDA at which persons resident in the area may deposit their 'household waste' (services provided under Section 51(1)(b) of the Environmental Protection Act or under the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act). Please note that materials collected at Civic Amenity Sites are only to be counted by disposal authorities except in the case of those London Boroughs and Metropolitan Districts which are not disposal authorities but which provide civic amenity sites under the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act.

Where an authority does not separate waste, they collect into household and commercial, figures must be based on a documented survey/study to ascertain the proportionate content of the waste. It is advisable to agree the sampling methodology with an external auditor in advance to ensure agreement on the adequacy of sampling.

'Recycling' means the reprocessing in a production process of the waste materials for the original purpose, or for other purposes, but excluding energy recovery.

This includes material collected for recycling by waste collection authorities (e.g. from kerbside collection, bring sites or street recycling bins), waste disposal authorities (e.g. from civic amenity sites), and by third party private/voluntary collections sent for recycling on behalf of the WCA/WDA

It excludes material collected for recycling which is subsequently rejected to disposal whilst under the possession or control of the WCA/WDA. Rejects may occur at collection, during sorting (e.g. at a Material Recycling Facility) or at the gate of the reprocessor. All recycling rejects should be excluded from the numerator.

Contamination Rates at MRFs: Where a MRF is used by a number of authorities to calculate the amount of waste sent for recycling, authorities may use the plant's overall contamination rate if there is no more accurate information on the individual authority's waste stream.

Recycling can include material within the residual waste stream that is subsequently separated out and sent for recycling. For example, recycle taken from residual waste sorted at transfer stations or Material Recycling Facilities (MRFs), recycling outputs from Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT).

In order to be included in the numerator the waste must be delivered to, and accepted by, a company, individual or organisation which will reprocess waste that is in an acceptable form for inclusion in a recycling process. This includes waste that is exported for recycling (compliant with rules on the transfrontier shipment of waste).

'Composting' means the controlled biological decomposition and stabilisation of organic substrates, under conditions that are permanently aerobic and that allow the development of thermophilic temperatures as a result of biologically produced heat. It results in a final product that has been sanitised and stabilised, is high in humic substances and can be used as a soil improver, as an ingredient in growing media, or blended to produce a top soil that will meet British Standard BS 3882, incorporating amendment No 1. In the case of vermicomposting these thermophilic temperatures can be foregone at the point the worms are introduced. Output from a Mechanical Biological Treatment facility which is sent for composting, as defined above, can also be included in the numerator.

'Anaerobic Digestion' means, the biological decomposition and stabilization of organic substrates in the absence of oxygen and under controlled conditions in order to produce biogas and a digestate. It results, either directly or after subsequent aerobic treatment, in a

final product that has been sanitised and can be used as a soil improver, as an ingredient in growing media or blended to produce a top soil that will meet British Standard BS 3882, incorporating amendment No 1. If it meets the standards referred to above, then it should be included in this indicator.

Only waste delivered to and accepted by an individual or organisation (including central or community composting or anaerobic digestion facilities) that is in an acceptable form for inclusion in a composting or anaerobic digestion process can be included in the numerator. If the material delivered to these facilities needs to be sorted, then it is only the material sent into the composting process that is to be reported against this indicator. Where the treatment involves anaerobic digestion followed by composting (or vice versa) the tonnage is based on the quantity entering the first biological process. Home composting is not to be included.

'Reused items' means items removed from the municipal waste stream and specifically the household waste element for its original or a different purpose without processing or treatment in a waste recovery operation (other than for repairing or refurbishing). Items for reuse would come from material which has been discarded as household waste and is in the possession of a WCA/WDA, before being sent for reuse. It may also include items for reuse that are separated from the household waste stream by third parties on behalf of the WCA/WDA and/or for which reuse credits are paid. Reused items may come from:

- items from WCA/WDA bulky waste collections, kerbside collections;
- Items disposed of at civic amenity sites;
- items received and passed on by the WCA/WDA itself
- Items received and passed on by third parties working on behalf of the WCA/WDA.

Any reuse that is not done on behalf of the WCA/WDA should be excluded.

Where weighted tonnages of reused items are not available, the Furniture Reuse Network's set of average weights should be used (see link below):

Where relevant waste is collected in one year and recycled/composted in the next because there is a delay due to the need for further processing, e.g. refrigerators and freezers, count the collection and recycling/composting when they occur, even if they are different years.

Any household waste (regardless of the process it has been subject to) that is used for daily landfill cover or roads on landfill sites does not count as recycling/ reuse or composting.

How to Measure

Between data being entered into WasteDataFlow and it becoming the finalised version released to the public and passed to various statistical reviews, it must go through a number of checks to ensure its accuracy. The latter stages of this "data validation" are carried out by organisations external to Tower Hamlets. Before reaching this point a number of internal checkpoints must be passed and signed off to ensure that the data is accurate.

The levels which data moves through are shown below, as well as who is responsible for it at those levels. **Data will be acquired using authority's WasteDataFlow returns once the "data validation" reaches Level 35.**

Level of progression	Approved by
Level 0 - Level 10	Data Entry user - Local Authority
Level 10 - Level 20	Data Entry user - Local Authority
Level 20 - Level 30	Administrator user - Local Authority
Level 30 - Level 35	National Level 1 user - WDF
Level 35 - Level 40	National Level 2 user - Environment Agency
Level 40 - Level 50	National Level 3 user - DEFRA

The percentage rate is calculated as below:

For Unitary Authorities (UAs), percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling,

	<p>composting or anaerobic digestion is calculated as: $X/Y \times 100$, where: X = Tonnage of household waste collected by the authority (or on behalf of the authority) which is sent for reuse, recycling, composting or anaerobic digestion. Y = Total tonnage of household waste collected by the authority (or on behalf of the authority)</p>
<p><i>Worked Example</i></p>	<p>(This example is applicable to all reporting organisations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household waste collected directly for recycling = 30,000 tonnes • Household waste rejected for recycling = 500 tonnes • Household waste sent for reuse = 300 tonnes • Household waste sent for composting = 8,000 tonnes • Recyclate sorted from residual waste MRF = 2,200 tonnes • Total household waste = 100,000 tonnes <p>$X = (30,000 - 500 + 300 + 8,000 + 2,200) = 40,000$ tonnes $Y = 100,000$ tonnes $X/Y \times 100 =$ $(40,000 / 100,000) \times 100$ NI 192 = 40.00%</p> <p>An example of the service's data collection spreadsheet is shown on page 10. Below there is an explanation on how the unverified household recycling rate is calculated (please see lines number of the spreadsheet sample on page 10.)</p> <p>Household recycling rate (line 47) = (Total household recycled, composted & reused (line 41) / Total household waste (line 42)) x 100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total household recycled, composted & reused (line 41) = RCC recycled and reused (line 7) + MRF recycled (line 6) + Textile reuse and recycled (line 11) + Dirty MRF recycled (lines 16, 17, 18, 19) + Mechanical Sweepings recycled (line 20) + RCC composted (line 10) + Food and Garden waste composted (line 9) ○ Total household waste (line 42) = Total household recycled composted and reused (line 41) + Dirty MRF residual waste (lines 25, 26, 27, 28) + Street Sweepings residual waste (line 29) + RRC residual (line 30) + Household general waste collections (line 31) + MRF rejects (lines 32, 33) + Food & Garden rejects (lines 34) + Clinical waste (line 35) + Gulley waste (line 36). <p>The methodology employed by WasteDataFlow to calculate the PIs can be downloaded from the WasteDataFlow website</p>
<p><i>What to look out for</i></p>	<p>Household waste is defined as waste from streets and parks and homes. There is no distinction, either in the collection method or the definition, of waste collected from people's homes and waste collected from the streets. Waste is everything put out - comprising of items that are for disposal (residual waste) and items that are for recycling.</p> <p>Monthly outturns are checked by the service and uploaded onto Wastedataflow on a quarterly basis, after which they are verified. There will therefore be a disparity between the sum</p>

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	<p>of the monthly unaudited data and the audited quarterly outturn.</p> <p>The waste disposal and materials recovery facility services are currently contracted out. Changes to these contracts may impact on the way the measure is collected, collated, calculated and reported and the frequency.</p>
<i>Other Guidance</i>	<p>See full government guidance note - WasteDataFlow: http://www.wastedataflow.org/htm/datasets.aspx http://www.wastedataflow.org/documents/guidancenotes/Specific/GN63_Question_100_Data_Entry_v2.0h.pdf</p>
<i>Scope / Data Source</i>	<p>Responsible Officer (Data owner and collator) = Richard Williams</p> <p>Data supplied by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elena Samitier, Environmental Services Technical Officer - Waste Management, Operational Services 2. Catherine Cooke, Environmental Improvement Team Leader, Operational Services 3. Fiona Heyland, Environmental Services Improvement Manager, Operational Services 4. Richard Williams, Business Manager Operational Services 5. Bywaters 6. Cory 7. Scope
<i>Other notes</i>	<p>Is the measure cumulative? Yes</p>

<i>Data Quality</i>	
<i>PI Accuracy of Information</i>	<p><i>What governance checks are undertaken by services or third party to assure accuracy?</i></p> <p>The checks to assure accuracy of data: Composition analysis review undertaken in May 2018 by 'Resource Futures'. Composition analysis used to calculate percentage of recyclable materials into Cory / McGraths by type (eg. 5% paper, 2% glass etc). A review of the composition is likely to be undertaken on a bi-annual basis.</p> <p>External Procedure: Cory's / McGrath's: Loads weighed (weighbridge) to provide tonnage received. Composition analysis applied for calculation as described above and sent to LBTH Waste Team on a monthly basis. Bywaters: Loads weighed (weighbridge) to provide tonnage received. Assessment of percentage of load contaminated undertaken and evidence provided to LBTH on regular basis for scrutiny. Calculation to extract percentage of contaminated load from overall load weight undertaken. Data received from external contractors, as per the service level agreements and validated monthly.</p> <p>Internal Procedure: Quality checks undertaken by Environmental Services Technical Officer and Team (example: IT controls, spot checks on site (at Bywaters), sampling, reviewing unexpected data).</p> <p>Inbuilt controls and validation on WasteDataFlow upload.</p>
<i>PI Collections Systems and Procedure Notes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a monthly basis, the Environmental Services Technical Officer receives, through the contractor's online platform, management information in the form of an excel spreadsheet. Management information consists of the tonnes of waste collected by type. • Data is quality assured by the Environmental Services Technical Officer (see PI accuracy of information). The composition analysis is undertaken by the contractors prior to making the data available. • Information is entered onto an internal data collection spreadsheet (example screenshot

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- The Performance Indicator (unverified) is calculated as explained in the formula guidance section
 - This unverified monthly data is used by management for monitoring and contract management purposes
 - On a quarterly basis, the sum of three months of data is submitted by the Data Entry User in to Wastedataflow (Elena Samitier). WDF will calculate N192 based on the information given.
 - Once the data is validated by Wastedataflow (to Level 35), the Council will be able to access the validation report with the NI192 included via Wastedataflow portal.
 - The table below shows the progression of data through WasteDataFlow for English Authorities.

	Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun)	Quarter 2 (Jul-Sep)	Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec)	Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar)
LA data submission deadline (lv30)	30th Sept	31st Dec	31st March	30th June
Stage 1 validation (Lv35)	End Oct	End Jan	End April	End July
Stage 2 validation	End Nov	End Feb	End May	End Aug
Data received by Defra	End Dec	End March	End June	End Sept
Publication of final results (annual figures Lv40)	Nov / Dec	Nov / Dec	Nov / Dec	Nov / Dec

NI192: Percentage HH waste sent for Reuse, Recycling or Composting (Provisional)

	Q1 2020/21	Q2 2020/21	Q3 2020/21	Q4 2020/21	Annual Total 2020/21	
HH waste sent for recycling, reuse or composting	4,036.61	4,364.10	-	-	8,400.70	tonnes
Total HH Waste Collected	23,242.71	21,875.67	-	-	45,118.38	tonnes
Reuse, Recycling and	17.4%	19.9%	-	-	18.6%	per cent

Third Party Information

The Council's waste data contracts include checks in place to ensure data is accurate. The contract includes data sharing. GDPR is not applicable as no personal information is collected.

Ownership

Portfolio Holder	▪ Cabinet Member for Environment
Divisional Director	Divisional Director Public Realm
IP Lead	Vicky Allen
SP Lead	Andy Simpson
SP Lead (Deputy)	Abidah Kamali

Targets (see below)

Current target	Internal target, 2020-21 is 22%
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Benchmarks

Data Source	What is the source of the benchmark? Wastedataflow on a [quarterly/annual basis]
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Coverage	<i>What are we benchmarking against i.e. national, England, London, specific benchmark group (specify who that includes)?</i> England-wide data so any comparators can be chosen.
Availability	<p><i>When is the benchmark data available? What frequency and what is the time lag if any? For example, does the benchmarking come at the same time as our outturn or is there a time lag (ie. a quarter in arrears)?</i></p> <p>One Quarter in arrears from Wastedataflow</p>
Benchmark commentary	<p><i>Is there any commentary relevant to the Benchmark that we should include in the commentary when we report, i.e., commentary that would aid understanding of the benchmark?</i></p> <p>Officers should take account of characteristics of the borough when benchmarking against other LAs.</p>

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An example of the service's data collection spreadsheet.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	N	O	R
1	Household Waste									
2										
3	Recycling									
4										
5		Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Qrt1	Qrt2	Total
6	Bywaters- Co mingled recycled	581.21	787.89	776.00	865.67	618.66	877.43	2145.10	2361.76	9279.83
7	RRC - Recycled and Reused	6.76	17.84	60.58	46.47	46.53	59.77	85.18	152.77	493.58
8	RRC- Rubble	0.00	0.00	27.33	17.08	22.28	18.60	27.33	57.96	150.81
9	Envar- Food and Garden waste composted	161.65	64.35	61.60	54.93	50.87	84.03	287.60	189.82	999.38
10	RRC Composted	0.00	5.88	10.53	9.23	9.94	9.74	16.41	28.91	71.66
11	Textiles- reused/recyded	40.88	42.12	44.57	44.66	43.03	46.33	127.57	134.02	551.08
12										
13	Residual Recycling									
14										
15		Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Qrt1	Qrt2	Total
16	McGrath- Bulky Recyled	40.07	47.59	101.54	107.87	101.77	124.24	189.20	333.89	1054.82
17	McGrath-Contaminated recycling recovered	0.00	0.00	9.63	34.33	19.64	8.30	9.63	62.27	159.27
18	McGrath - Street Cleansing recovered	116.42	135.60	143.21	107.41	115.09	112.48	395.23	334.98	1312.33
19	McGrath - URS residual waste recovered	135.85	154.15	159.00	160.39	140.03	152.43	449.00	452.86	1694.79
20	SweepTech- Mechanical Sweepings recovered	82.37	85.42	89.41	98.82	102.39	91.83	257.19	293.04	1305.65
21										
22	Residual									
23										
24		Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Qrt1	Qrt2	Total
25	McGrath- Bulky	20.69	26.99	57.42	61.05	55.93	61.81	105.10	178.78	565.41
26	McGrath-Contaminated recycling	0.00	0.00	2.85	10.15	5.80	9.36	2.85	25.31	116.93
27	McGrath - Street Cleansing	117.44	137.14	144.75	107.93	116.47	112.06	399.33	336.45	1323.94
28	McGrath - URS residual waste	253.07	287.17	296.20	298.79	260.87	283.97	836.44	843.62	3190.93
29	SweepTech- Mechanical Sweepings	38.05	39.46	41.30	45.65	47.31	44.48	118.82	137.44	599.98
30	RRC -residual waste	0.00	23.14	93.85	107.97	115.90	100.72	116.99	324.59	947.10
31	Residual HH waste (Kerbside/Communal/ Schedule 2)	5608.62	5803.13	6180.67	5480.33	5387.96	5511.12	17592.42	16379.41	66976.95
32	Bywaters - Gate rejects	0.00	13.28	10.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.05	0.00	30.49
33	Bywaters - Through the MRF rejects	136.69	268.68	303.64	211.17	286.21	238.47	709.01	735.85	3155.28
34	Envar - F&G rejects	1.63	0.65	0.62	0.55	0.51	0.85	2.91	1.92	10.09
35	SRCL - Clinical Waste	3.64	2.07	2.01	0.00	1.24	0.67	7.72	1.91	18.14
36	Gully residual	13.64	9.36	10.60	30.18	15.96	31.28	33.60	77.42	311.90
37										
38	Summary Figures									
39										
40		Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Qrt1	Qrt2	Total
41	Total Household recycled, composted and reused	1165.20	1334.96	1445.54	1520.55	1238.02	1556.85	3945.71	4315.42	16850.72
42	Total Household waste	7105.60	7658.86	8318.51	7582.45	7287.79	7676.90	23082.97	22547.14	90940.82
43										
44	Performance Indicators									
45										
46		Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Qrt1	Qrt2	Total
47	NI 192 Recycling Rate	16.40%	17.43%	17.38%	20.05%	16.99%	20.28%	17.09%	19.14%	18.53%
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Level of Cleanliness - Litter

This measure is based on a national methodology to assess the cleanliness of streets and the public realm relating to litter. Surveys of a sample of areas are carried out monthly across the borough. Results of all the surveys will be combined to get the annual result. Areas are scored against a national benchmark of cleanliness levels for litter, and the measure is expressed as the percentage of areas surveyed which meet or exceed the cleanliness standard. Expressed as a percentage of streets that are acceptably clean.

Litter and refuse grades – Highway and hard surfaces

	
Grade A No litter or refuse	Grade B Predominately free of litter and refuse apart from some small items
	
Grade C Widespread distribution of litter and/or refuse with minor accumulations	Grade D Heavily affected by litter and/or refuse with significant accumulations

✓ Acceptable

✗ Unacceptable

Litter and refuse grades – Parks & Open Spaces

	
Grade A No litter or refuse	Grade B Predominately free of litter and refuse apart from some small items
	
Grade C Widespread distribution of litter and/or refuse with minor accumulations	Grade D Heavily affected by litter and/or refuse with significant accumulations

✓ Acceptable

✗ Unacceptable



Formula Guidance

Our Strategic Measure reports LITTER only. However, we do measure other cleanliness indicators based on the Ex NI195 Cleanliness Indicator for Litter, Detritus, Graffiti, Fly-posting.

Litter

There is no statutory definition of litter. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (s.87) states that litter is ‘anything that is dropped, thrown, left or deposited that causes defacement, in a public place’. This accords with the popular interpretation that ‘litter is waste in the wrong place’.

However, local authority cleansing officers and their contractors have developed a common understanding of the term and the definition used for NI 195 (and for the LEQSE) is based on this industry norm.

Litter includes mainly synthetic materials, often associated with smoking, eating and drinking, that are *improperly* discarded and left by members of the public; or are spilt during waste management operations.

Measurement

- Grade A is given when the local environment is completely free from litter, graffiti, flyposting and detritus;
Grades B-D is given when the local environment has varying degrees of a single or multiple elements.
- Grade B is given when some litter / graffiti / flyposting / detritus is present, but it is minor in nature and it is likely that many people would not notice its presence.
- Grade C is given when litter / graffiti / flyposting / detritus is present on the local environment to the extent that it is likely to be clearly visible to people using the area, and visible at a distance from at least one end of a 50m transect;
- Grade D is given when fly-posting is extensive throughout much of the local environment and is clearly visible and obtrusive to people passing through the street scene, and visible from any point on a 50m transect.

How To Measure

Number of transects inspected / number of transects graded A or B for litter. Expressed as a percentage.

Grade A and Grade B are considered ‘acceptably clean’.

For example, where 80 sites have been inspected and 70 sites have graded either A or B the calculation would give: $(70/80) * 100 = 87.5\%$

Procedure:

1. LBTH put together an annual schedule of wards that will be inspected on a monthly basis

2. LBTH put together a monthly schedule of transects to be inspected
 1. Schedule to inspect 5 wards per month
 2. Schedule to incorporate approximately 16 transects per ward
 3. Schedule to incorporate surveying of all land uses that exist across LBTH
 3. LBTH send organisation undertaking survey (Preceptor) excel sheet, consisting of list of transects to be inspected broken down by ward, land use.
 4. LBTH send organisation undertaking survey Defra guidance on how to grade street cleanliness. To resend on a monthly basis when required.
 5. Organisation undertaking will use a print-out list / hand held devices to record the grade of each transect list provided by LBTH. Organisation will use the survey specification, to assess the level of cleanliness for each transect. Grades are A, B, C or D, with A being the cleanest and D being the least clean.
 6. The organisation will digitally photograph the transect and save the image with the location name.
 7. The organisation will save the results of the inspections (incorporating date, inspector and date) in addition to the digital photographs and send to LBTH electronically or by hand via USB.
 8. Training from LBTH can be provided for points 4-7
 9. LBTH receives information in the form of an excel spreadsheet. The project manager randomly checks 10 - 25% of the images against the guidance to check that the grading is being applied correctly.
 10. Project manager calculates the total number of clean transects/ street
 11. Calculation based on total transects clean (A or B) divided by total number of transects inspected * 100 to produce a monthly %
- Points 3-11 are repeated on a monthly basis

Detritus

There is no statutory definition of detritus, however, local authority cleansing officers and their contractors have developed a common understanding of the term and the definition used for the NI 195 (and for the LEQSE) is based on this industry norm.

Detritus comprises dust, mud, soil, grit, gravel, stones, rotted leaf and vegetable residues, and fragments of twigs, glass, plastic and other finely divided materials. Detritus includes leaf and blossom falls when they have substantially lost their structure and have become mushy or fragmented.

Graffiti

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Graffiti is defined as any informal or illegal marks, drawings or paintings that have been deliberately made by a person or persons on any physical element comprising the outdoor environment, with a view to communicating some message or symbol etc. to others.

Graffiti should be recorded if it is visible from relevant land and highways (in other words, from the survey transect), on the surface of any building, wall, fence or other structure or erection, where that surface is readily visible from a place on that land or highway to which the public have access.

Fly-posting

Fly-posting is defined as any printed material and associated remains informally or illegally fixed to any structure.

Fly-posting includes any size of material from small stickers up to large posters - often advertising popular music recordings, concerts and other events.

Fly-posting *excludes* formally managed and approved advertising hoardings and valid, legally placed signs and notices. It also *excludes*:

- business cards and handbills placed under vehicle windscreen wipers and vehicle door handles;
- illegal displays on movable objects such as advertising A boards, billboards on movable bases on farmland and other open land, and on 'barrage balloons' etc...

Fly-posting should be recorded if it is visible from relevant land and highways (in other words, from the survey transect), on the surface of any building, wall, fence or other structure or erection, where that surface is readily visible from a place on that land or highway to which the public have access.

PHOTO GALLERY - LITTER

Litter - Grade B

Grade B for litter is defined as: 'Predominantly free of litter except for some small items'.



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Litter - Grade C

Grade C for litter is defined as: 'Widespread distribution of litter and refuse, with minor accumulations'.



PHOTO GALLERY - LITTER

Litter - Grade D

Grade D for litter is defined as: 'Heavily littered, with significant accumulations'.



PHOTO GALLERY - DETRITUS

Detritus - Grade B

Grade B for detritus is defined as: 'Predominantly free from detritus except for some light scattering'.



PHOTO GALLERY - DETRITUS

Detritus - Grade C

Grade C for detritus is defined as: 'Widespread distribution of detritus, with minor accumulations'.



Detritus - Grade D

Grade D for detritus is defined as: 'Extensively covered with detritus with significant accumulations'.



PHOTO GALLERY - GRAFFITI

Graffiti - Grade B

- but it is minor in extent

Grade B for graffiti is defined as: 'Some graffiti is present,

- and many people passing through the local environment would not notice it'.



Graffiti - Grade C

- clearly visible to people passing through the local environment, and

Grade C for graffiti is defined as: 'Graffiti is present to the extent that it would be

- visible at a distance from at least one end of a 50m transect'.



PHOTO GALLERY - GRAFFITI

Graffiti - Grade D

Grade D for graffiti is defined as: 'Graffiti is - extensive over a large part of the 50m transect - and is likely to be clearly visible and obtrusive to people passing through the local environment, - and visible for m any point on the transect'



PHOTO GALLERY - FLYPOSTING

Flyposting - Grade B

Grade B for flyposting is defined as: Some flyposting is present, This can include tie-bands or other forms of fastening which remain after a notice has been removed'.

- but it is minor in nature

- and it is likely that many people would not notice its presence.



PHOTO GALLERY - FLYPOSTING

Flyposting - Grade C

Grade C for flyposting is defined as: 'Flyposting is present in the local environment

- to the extent that it is likely to be clearly visible to people using the area, - and visible at a distance from at least one end of a 50m transect'.



Flyposting - Grade D

Grade D for flyposting is defined as: 'Flyposting is: - extensive throughout much of the local environment

- and is clearly visible and obtrusive to people passing through the street scene, - and visible from any point on a 50m transect'.



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Action Log Item: The Committee requests more detailed information on the HRA approved capital programme for period 9

RESPONSE

The latest information in relation to the HRA Capital programme at a summary level is out below:

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) forecast £18.632m underspend

HRA P9 Capital Monitoring

Theme	Directorate	November Budget	P9	Actual	Variance
		2020-21	Forecast	P9	Nov Budget
		(£m)	2020-21	(£m)	Vs P9
		(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	Forecast
		(£m)	(£m)	(£m)	(£m)
Annual Rolling Programme	HRA	24.512	17.814	9.129	(6.698)
Approved Programme	HRA	52.889	40.955	13.298	(11.934)
Total		77.401	58.769	22.427	(18.632)

The approved HRA budget for 2020/21 is £77.401m. The forecast for the year is £58.769m, which represents 76% of the budget.

The spend to date is £22.427m which is 29% of the budget. The HRA capital programme is forecast to underspend by £18.632m in 2020/21.

The major variances are described below:

Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) - Annual Rolling Programme

Budget £24.512m
Forecast: £17.814m
Variance: (£6.698m) underspend

Of the £24.512m budget, THH are projecting spend of £17.814m, an underspend of £6.698m is anticipated at year end. This is principally due to an underspend in the Mechanical and Electrical programmes for council dwellings, which have been hampered by COVID-19.

Approved Programme – First 1,000 Homes

Budget £52.889m
Forecast: £40.955m
Variance: (£11.934m) underspend

Works commenced to deliver 150 new council homes in March 2020, and to deliver a further 17 new homes in December 2020. Progress on some sites is ahead of schedule, but on others, there have been issues which have caused delays to physical starts on site, many of which have been beyond the council's control such as challenges associated with utility providers and agreement of wayleaves and easements with third parties. This has resulted in underspend and at P9 it is no longer possible for the 2020/21 delivery targets programmed by the contractors to be met.

Further detail are set out below:

HRA capital programme monitor 2020-21 Period 9

Theme	Directorate	Programme	Nov Budget 2020-21 (£m)	P9 Forecast 2020-21 (£m)	Actual P9 (£m)	Variance Nov Budget Vs P9 over / (under) spend forecast (£m)
Annual Rolling	Housing Revenue Account	Housing Capital Programme	24,512	17,814	9,129	(6,695)
Approved Prog	Housing Revenue Account	Ocean Estate Regeneration	0,719	0,719	0,006	0,000
		Blackwall Reach	2,145	2,145	1,238	0,000
		Phase 2a Infill Pipeline Schemes (1-4-1)	10,565	7,000	4,469	(3,565)
		New Supply - On site	11,95	3,000	2,103	(8,950)
		New Supply Preconstruction (Phase 1)	6,856	4,000	1,701	(2,854)
		Mayor's Priority - Housing	2,717	2,717	0,242	0,000
		Phase 2b Mixed Tenure Schemes (1-4-1)	2,563	6,000	3,700	3,437
		The Purchase of 5106 Properties	15,374	15,374	(0,159)	0,000
Approved Programme Total			52,889	40,955	13,298	(11,934)
HRA Total			77,401	58,769	22,427	(18,632)



THE FORWARD PLAN

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The Forward Plan is published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting.

In addition, new issues and changes to existing issues will be published on the website as soon as they are known.

The web pages also contain past Forward Plans and publication deadlines for future Plans. To visit the web pages go to <http://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>.

Tower Hamlets Council **Forthcoming Decisions Plan**

What is this document?

The Forthcoming Decisions Plan (or 'Forward Plan') contains information on significant decisions that the Council expects to take over the next few months.

As a minimum this will include notice of:

- All Key Decisions to be taken by the Mayor or Cabinet.
 - This could include decisions taken at public meetings or taken individually at other times.
- Budget and Policy Framework Decisions (for example the Budget Report itself and major policies to be agreed by Council as set out in the Constitution)

In addition the Council aims to publish all other decisions to be taken by the Mayor and/or Cabinet.

Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish notice of all key decisions at least 28 days before they are taken by the Executive. Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Section 3 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions can be taken by the Mayor, the Mayor in Cabinet or an officer if it has been expressly delegated.

Publication of Forthcoming Decisions

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page, whilst this 'Forthcoming Decisions Plan' collating these decisions will be published regularly, as a minimum at least, 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required.

Urgency

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution have to be followed.

Make your views known

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about a Forthcoming Decisions is to contact the lead officer, or Cabinet Member (where stated), listed. You can also view the Council's [Consultation Calendar](#), which lists all the issues on which the Council and its partners are consulting.

Information about the Decision Makers

Further information on the Mayor and Members of the Cabinet can be found on the Council's [website](#).

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed on the front page.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
 - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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<p>Summary of Decision</p>	<p>This report informs the council of the outcome of the four week period of public representation in response to the statutory notice on the proposal for the amalgamation (merger) of Cubitt Town Infants' and Cubitt Town Junior Schools from April 2022.</p> <p>This would require the closure of Cubitt Town Infants School and extending the age range of Cubitt Town Junior School, to establish a 3FE entry, all-through 3-11 Primary School.</p> <p>It recommends for the Mayor in cabinet to consider a decision on whether or not to formally proceed with plans for the schools' merger that would take effect from the 1st April 2022. Cubitt Town Infants School would therefore officially close on 31st March 2022</p> <p>The report includes a summary of representations received and any responses made; risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.</p>		

<p>Decision maker Date of decision</p>	<p>Cabinet 03/03/21</p>		
<p>Community Plan Theme</p>	<p>TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills</p>		
<p>Cabinet Member</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Housing</p>		
<p>Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place</p>	<p>Along with the general public, the following stakeholders were invited to make representations: Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union. Secretary of State for Education.</p> <p>A stage one consultation was held in the Summer term 2020. This was followed by Cabinet on 21 October 2020, agreeing to publish a statutory notice and proposal, for a four week formal consultation between 16th November 2020 and 16th December 2020. During this statutory consultation period all interested stakeholders were invited to send any comments and or objections to the</p>		

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	Council. The statutory notice was published at the schools' and on the Council website and advertised in the Docklands & East London Advertiser.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	YES		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Christine McInnes (Divisional Director, Education and Partnerships) christine.mcinnnes@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Notice • Copies of all representations received in response to the statutory proposal • Analysis of feedback from the statutory proposal • LA Pupil Projections 2020-2028 • Report on support to be provided to school staff • Summary analysis on the current financial position of both schools • Equalities Assessment (to be updated) 		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the outcome of public representations received in response to the statutory proposal to close Shapla Primary School • Decision on Closure of Shapla Primary School. 	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	<p>This report informs the council of the outcome of the four week period of public representation in response to the statutory notice on the proposal to close Shapla Primary School.</p> <p>It recommends for the Mayor in cabinet to consider a decision on whether or not to formally proceed with plans for Shapla Primary School to officially close on 31st August 2021</p> <p>The report includes a summary of representations received and any responses made; risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.</p>		

Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	03/03/21
Community Plan	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration,

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Theme	education and skills		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Housing		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Along with the general public, the following stakeholders were invited to make representations: Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union. Secretary of State for Education.</p> <p>A stage one consultation was held in the Summer term 2020. This was followed by Cabinet on 21 October 2020, agreeing to publish a statutory notice and proposal, for a four week formal consultation between 16th November 2020 and 16th December 2020. During this statutory consultation period all interested stakeholders were invited to send any comments and or objections to the Council. The statutory notice was published at the schools' and on the Council website, and advertised in the Docklands & East London Advertiser.</p>		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	YES		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Christine McInnes (Divisional Director, Education and Partnerships) christine.mcinnnes@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the outcome of public representations received in response to the statutory proposal to close Shapla Primary School Decision on Closure of Shapla Primary School. 		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Report on the outcome of public representations received in response to the statutory proposal to close Cherry Trees Special School. Decision on Closure of Cherry Trees Special School.	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report presents the outcome of the four week period of public representation in response to the statutory notice on the proposal to close Cherry Trees Special School.</p> <p>It recommends for the Mayor in cabinet to consider a decision on whether or not to formally proceed with plans for Cherry Trees Special School to officially close</p>		

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	<p>on 31st August 2021</p> <p>The report includes a summary of representations received and any responses made; risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.</p>
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Housing
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Along with the general public, the following stakeholders were invited to make representations: Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union. Secretary of State for Education.</p> <p>A stage one consultation was held in the Summer term 2020. This was followed by Cabinet on 25 November 2020, agreeing to publish a statutory notice and proposal, for a four week formal consultation between 4 December 2020 and 4 January 2021. During this statutory consultation period all interested stakeholders were invited to send any comments and or objections to the Council. The statutory notice was published at the schools' and on the Council website and advertised in the Docklands & East London Advertiser.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	YES
Contact details for comments or additional information	Christine McInnes (Divisional Director, Education and Partnerships) christine.mcinnnes@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Notice • Copies of all representations received in response to the statutory proposal • SEMH Policy • Analysis of feedback from the statutory proposal • Report on support to be provided to school staff • Summary analysis on the current financial position of Cherry Trees Special School • Equalities Assessment (to be updated)
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so	No, Unrestricted

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why?			
Title of Report	Report on the outcome of public representations received in response to the statutory proposal to close St Matthias Primary School. Decision on Closure of St Matthias Primary School.	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report informs the council of the outcome of the four week period of public representation in response to the statutory notice on the proposal to close St Matthias Primary School.</p> <p>It recommends for the Mayor in cabinet to consider a decision on whether or not to formally proceed with plans for St Matthias Primary School to officially close on 31st August 2021</p> <p>The report includes a summary of representations received and any responses made; risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Housing
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Along with the general public, the following stakeholders were invited to make representations: Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union. Secretary of State for Education.</p> <p>A stage one consultation was held in the Summer term 2020. This was followed by Cabinet on 25 November 2020, agreeing to publish a statutory notice and proposal, for a four week formal consultation between 4 December 2020 and 4 January 2021. During this statutory consultation period all interested stakeholders were invited to send any comments and or objections to the Council. The statutory notice was published at the schools' and on the Council website and advertised in the Docklands & East London Advertiser.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	YES

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Contact details for comments or additional information	Christine McInnes (Divisional Director, Education and Partnerships) christine.mcinnnes@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Notice • Copies of all representations received in response to the statutory proposal • Analysis of feedback from the statutory proposal • LA Pupil Projections 2020-2028 • Report on support to be provided to school staff • Summary analysis on the current financial position of St Matthias Primary School • Equalities Assessment (to be updated) 		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Outcome of consultation on revised approach to day support in adult social care	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report will set out the outcome of a consultation on a new model of day support for adult social care and will seek approval on the final model.</p> <p>The report is a follow-up to the 28th October 2020 Cabinet report on day support. The October report described a new model with the following changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have fewer day centre service buildings overall 2. To use day service buildings as community support hubs 3. To help people who need adult social care to use a bigger range of daytime activities 4. To support people to organise their own support through direct payments <p>These proposals include previously agreed savings of £317,000 per year from 2021-22 and proposes additional savings of £252,000 as part of the 2021-24 Medium-Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>Public consultation on these proposals ran from 9 November 2020 to 4 January 2021. This item will describe the outcome of the consultation and will present final proposals for the future of day support in adult social care for agreement.</p> <p>As in the October report, there is a direct impact of these changes on the Council's in-house day centres for older and disabled people (Riverside and Physical Disability Day Opportunities) and for people who need mental health support (Pritchards Road).</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21
Community Plan	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

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Theme			
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	To be outlined in report. Consultation proposals will be included as part of the item.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes. An Equality Impact Assessment will be included in the report.		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Claudia Brown (Divisional Director of Adults Social Care) Claudia.Brown@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Strategic performance and delivery reporting – Q3 2020/21	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on the delivery and implementation of the council's Strategic Plan.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Mayor
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A None - this is a performance and delivery update
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional	Sharon Godman (Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance)

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information	sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Approval of extension to existing Servelec contract and SaaS hosting arrangement	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report will request that the Mayor in Cabinet approve an extension to the existing Servelec contract. Servelec provide the Council with a case management solution utilised by Adults and Children's Social Care.</p> <p>The financial value of the change of contract exceeds the threshold for delegated decisions.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/01/21
Community Plan Theme	People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Housing, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None None
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Richard Baldwin, Claudia Brown, Adrian Gorst (Divisional Director, Children's Social Care) richard.baldwin@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director of Adults Social Care) Claudia.Brown@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, IT) adrian.gorst@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None

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Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	George Green's Almshouses - Transfer of RTB grant to new Charitable Incorporated Organisation	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	The organisation is changing its status from a charitable organisation to becoming a charity of the same name but constituted as a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. They also wish to become a Registered Provider. As part of the registration process they require the Council's approval to transfer the Right to Buy Grant previously issued to them by the Council to the new organisation.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/01/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Statutory Deputy Mayor for Community Safety, Faith and Equalities
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Legal Department and Committee Services Team Internal consultation
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A
Contact details for comments or additional information	Lindsey Gibson, Tracey St Hill, Nicole Layton, Karen Swift (Executive Support Relationship Manager) lindsey.gibson@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Principal RSL Partnerships Officer) tracey.sthill@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Executive Support Team Leader, Place Nicole.Layton@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	LBTH Grant Agreement George Green's Almshouses Trustees Report & Financial Statements for year ending 31.3.2019. George Green's Almshouses model Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted

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Title of Report	Procurement of the Leisure Management Contract	Ward All Wards; Bethnal Green	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report outlines the borough's current leisure provision and seeks challenges created by Covid-19 In one or two sentences set out what the item is about The Leisure Management Contract (LMC) is responsible for the management and governance of the borough's 6 leisure centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Orwell Sports Centre • Mile End Park Leisure Centre & Stadium, • St. George's Leisure Centre • Tiller Leisure Centre • Whitechapel Sports Centre & • York Hall Leisure Centre <p>The LMC was awarded to GLL for a 15-year period in 2004. This contract expired in April 2019 and was extended for a further 3 years ending in April 2022 following Cabinet approval in September 2017.</p> <p>This report seeks approval to re-procure the leisure management contract at the end of the existing contract term</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/01/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Strategic Procurement Board, Place Directorate, London Sport, Sport England None
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No. The existing leisure management contract ends in 2022 and re-procuring a new contract is a key decision with a cost in excess of £1 million that impacts all wards in the borough and requires Cabinet approval
Contact details for comments or additional information	Judith St John (Divisional Director, Sports, Leisure and Culture) judith.stjohn@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	29th July 2020 Cabinet Report: Safe and Viable Reopening of Leisure centres
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Fully Exempt (the whole report will be exempt)

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Title of Report	Fees and Charges 2021-22	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Fees and charges are reviewed annually as part of the financial and business planning process. This ensures that they are set at the appropriate level for the prevailing economic circumstances and represent good practice in terms of the Council's aim to provide value for money.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/01/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and Voluntary Sector; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted. The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and Voluntary Sector; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Full EIAs will not be required for any of the proposals as, if they are agreed, there will be no or a minimal impact on protected groups
Contact details for comments or additional information	Kevin Bartle (Interim Corporate Director, Resources) Kevin.Bartle@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted

Title of Report	Amending the Policy on Housing Succession	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report seeks to amend the Council's policy on housing succession and replace it with a new succession policy that accords with regulatory requirements and best practice.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet Not before 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Statutory Deputy Mayor for Community Safety, Faith and Equalities

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Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A No consultation required on this decision		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes, EQIA will be included as an appendix to the Cabinet report.		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Lindsey Gibson, Nicole Layton, Mark Slowikowski, Karen Swift (Executive Support Relationship Manager) lindsey.gibson@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Executive Support Team Leader, Place Nicole.Layton@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Strategy, Policy and Performance Manager) Mark.Slowikowski@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Report and Recommendations following Housing Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-committee Challenge session on 2nd March 2020 'The Homelessness Reduction Act (2017) – One year on'	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This item submits the report and recommendations of the Housing and Regeneration Overview Scrutiny Sub-committee challenge session and the recommendations arising from the session for implementation.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Statutory Deputy Mayor for Community Safety, Faith and Equalities
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this	N/A N/A

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consultation take place	
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A
Contact details for comments or additional information	Una Bedford, Lindsey Gibson, Nicole Layton, Karen Swift Strategy and Policy Officer (Place) Una.Bedford@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Executive Support Relationship Manager) lindsey.gibson@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Executive Support Team Leader, Place Nicole.Layton@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Appendix 1: Report of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee 'The Homelessness Reduction Act (2017) – One year on'.
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted
Title of Report	Contracts Forward Plan 2020/21 – Quarter Three
	Ward All Wards
	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report presents THE contracts being procured during quarter 4. The report also sets out the Contracts Forward Plan at Appendix 1 to the report. 2. The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender.

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/01/21
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	As above Necessary consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the council's policies and procedures. Where required, consultation with service users and stakeholders will be undertaken as part of the project and budget approval process.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this	No. Contact specific EQIA is expected to be completed by respective contract owners as part of the Directorate approval

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Assessment?			
Contact details for comments or additional information	Kevin Bartle (Interim Corporate Director, Resources) Kevin.Bartle@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Report and appendices include details of all contracts to be awarded.		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	The Council's 2021-22 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021-24	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report sets out the draft budget for the financial year 2021-22.</p> <p>The report reviews and updates the assumptions made in setting the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the years 2020-23 and incorporates a new financial year, 2023-24, to maintain the Council's three-year MTFS.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Council 24/02/21
Community Plan Theme	A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and Voluntary Sector; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted.</p> <p>The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and Voluntary Sector; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted.</p> <p>Public Consultation – October 2020 – December 2020</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A
Contact details for comments or additional information	Kevin Bartle (Interim Corporate Director, Resources) Kevin.Bartle@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other	N/A

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information will be available?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Annual Council Performance & Delivery Report 2020/21	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on delivery of the council's Strategic Plan in 2020/21.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/05/21		
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in		
Cabinet Member	Mayor		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A None - this is a performance and delivery update		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance) sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Proposal for the introduction of a Borough Wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPo) to restrict individuals who ingest, inhale, inject, smoke, possess or otherwise use psychoactive substances (e.g. nitrous oxide)	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes

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	and which is causing or likely to c		
Summary of Decision	<p>The consultation exercise relating to the extension of the responsible drinking Public Spaces Protection Order resulted in a significant number of residents' requesting a variation to the order to include the possession and use of nitrous oxide canisters which is not offence contained within the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016.</p> <p>Following initial feedback so far, this proposal has been amended to restrict individuals who ingest, inhale, inject, smoke, possess or otherwise use psychoactive substances (e.g. nitrous oxide) and which is causing or likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to members of the public.</p> <p>It was not possible to include a variation at the time but as a result of analysis there appears to be an evidence base to consider the introduction of a PSPO. An extensive consultation exercise will follow to determine whether a PSPO including determining the wording of the prohibition is necessary and the geographical boundaries within the borough to which the PSPO if introduced will apply.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 28/04/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth Services and Education
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Internally – Public Health, Substance Misuse Services, Neighbourhood Operations and Management. Clean and Green, Parks and Open Spaces, Trading Standards, Town Centre Team, ward councillors.</p> <p>Externally – MOPAC, Police, Safer Neighbourhood Board, Tower Hamlets Homes, Popla Harca and other Registered Providers, Neighbourhood Watch, Ward Panels and residents,</p> <p>London Boroughs of Hackney and Newham, City of London Corporation, third sector providers including Safe East, Spotlight, RESET and Osmani Trust</p> <p>Council's online consultation platform, council's community safety website, ward councillors, ward panels, Neighbourhood Watch 'OWL', Community Safety Newsletter, Bangla e-newsletter</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes, will be completed as part of the report
Contact details for comments or additional information	Ann Corbett (Divisional Director, Community Safety) ann.corbett@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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What supporting documents or other information will be available?	NA		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Approval of the new Intermediate Housing Policy	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This item seeks approval of the new Intermediate Housing Policy which supports the developing Intermediate Housing Register of Interest.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/03/21		
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Housing		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Internal and External stakeholders Yes		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes in January 2021		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Una Bedford, Karen Swift Strategy and Policy Officer (Place) Una.Bedford@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Appendix 1: Intermediate Housing Policy 2021 Appendix 2: Equality Impact Assessment for the Intermediate Housing Policy		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	DWP Kickstart Programme Wage Considerations	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Kickstart is a DWP initiative created to help mitigate for 16-24 year olds on		

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	universal credit the impacts of the Covid-19 economic crisis, through supporting paid six month work experience placements including training and personal development. DWP will pay 100% of age relevant National Minimum wage plus pension and national insurance. The purpose of the report is to agree the LBTH Kickstart pay policy as a direct employer of Kickstart trainees with reference to LBTH's position as a London Living Wage employer and a member of the Living Wage Foundation. The report also acknowledges the council's current financial situation in making its recommendations
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/03/21		
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	CLF boroughs and JCP Consultation has been undertaken with partner CLF boroughs and JCP to discuss implications and compare approaches to LA becoming Direct Employers for Kickstart. The Mayor and Lead Member for Growth and Economic Development have also been consulted.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Vicky Clark, Aelswith Frayne (Divisional Director for Growth and Economic Development) vicky.clark@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Interim Head of Employment and Skills) aelswith.frayne@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Planning obligations are legal obligations entered into by the developer in an agreement with the local planning authority under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) in order to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal.		

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The Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides updated guidance on how planning obligations will be secured from new development. Once adopted, this updated SPD will replace the 2016 version.

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/03/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Planning, Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Social Inclusion
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>The consultation process described above has included consultation with internal service areas, Councillors, interested parties and the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two rounds of internal consultation were undertaken seeking input from key service areas. • A Members workshop was held in June 2020 and a Members briefing was held during the first public consultation (18th May 2020) to update Councillors on the process and consultation timeframes • Two rounds of public consultation were undertaken. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The first consultation commenced on 13th March 2020 and was initially planned to run for six weeks. Due to the disruption resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, this consultation was extended by four weeks and closed on 25th May 2020. o The second consultation commenced on 8th October 2020 and ran for six weeks, finishing on 19th November 2020. • The public consultations included the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Consultation information and documents were published on the Council's consultation website, Let's Talk Tower Hamlets o An email providing details of each consultation was sent to the Local Plan database, Affordable Workspace providers in the borough and those who had asked to be informed of progress o Hard copies of documents were made available for public inspection at the Town Hall o An online Q&A session was held during the second consultation. This was promoted on the Let's Talk Tower Hamlets webpage and to Members o Each consultation period was advertised in the East London Advertiser • Following each public consultation, a consultation statement was prepared summarising the process, feedback received and how the responses have contributed to the final draft of SPD.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The Planning Obligations SPD will provide guidance on how planning obligations are to be secured from new development, including obligations relating to affordable housing, adaptable and accessible housing and employment and upskilling of local people.</p> <p>Following two rounds of public consultation on the draft Planning Obligations</p>

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	<p>SPD this Quality Assurance checklist has been reviewed and updated. No additional equalities concerns were raised during this process. The Planning Obligations SPD provides further detail and guidance on the implementation of Local Plan policies and as such is considered to be accordance with the Local Plan Integrated Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Based on the Qualities Assurance Checklist a full Equalities Assessment will not be undertaken as due regard to the nine protected groups is embedded in the proposal and the proposal is considered to have low relevance to equalities.</p>		
Contact details for comments or additional information	<p>Lindsey Gibson, Nicole Layton, Matthew Pullen, melissa spearman (Executive Support Relationship Manager) lindsey.gibson@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Executive Support Team Leader, Place Nicole.Layton@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Infrastructure Planning Manager) matthew.pullen@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Planning & Building Control Melissa.Spearman@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<p>Final Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Statement Quality Assurance Checklist Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Statement</p>		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	<p>No, Unrestricted</p>		
Title of Report	Contracts Forward Plan 2020/21 – Quarter Four	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report presents THE contracts being procured during quarter 4. The report also sets out the Contracts Forward Plan at Appendix 1 to the report. 2. The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/03/21
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>As above</p> <p>Necessary consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the council's policies and procedures.</p> <p>Where required, consultation with service users and stakeholders will be undertaken as part of the project and budget approval process.</p>
Has an Equality Impact	No. Contact specific EQIA is expected to be completed by respective contract

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Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	owners as part of the Directorate approval.		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Kevin Bartle (Interim Corporate Director, Resources) Kevin.Bartle@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Report and appendices include details of all contracts to be awarded		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-2024	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This item provides an overview of Tower Hamlets Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan 2021-2024. The CSP Plan presents the Community Safety Partnership's approach and priorities to achieving a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour in Tower Hamlets up to 2023.</p> <p>The new CSP plan is supported by a comprehensive strategic assessment that draws on data from across the partnership to identify trends, patterns, and drivers relating to crime and anti-social behaviour. It has also been informed by extensive consultation and engagement with partners across the system, with community groups, and with Tower Hamlets residents.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Council 17/03/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth Services and Education
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Community Safety Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement process to collect resident and community safety partners feedback to the development of the plans key priority areas • 8 week formal consultation process on the proposed plan/identified priority areas
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No

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Contact details for comments or additional information	Ann Corbett (Divisional Director, Community Safety) ann.corbett@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Idea Stores Post Consultation Report	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report gives information and results from the public consultation on Idea Stores and asks for a decision to be made on the possible changes to this service discussed in the public consultation.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>During consultation this included The Public Key Partners Staff Politicians</p> <p>Post consultation we will engage with the asset management team.</p> <p>A public consultation has been undertaken via the consultation hub. This has been publicised through multiple channels and throughout the life of the consultation. Those without internet access were able to complete this over the phone. Two Focus Groups were also arranged (online due to Covid Restrictions)</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes. An initial one was done prior to public consultation and a revised one will be done following. It will be a key appendix to the report
Contact details for comments or additional information	Teresa Heaney (Interim Customer Services Programme Director) teresa.heaney@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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What supporting documents or other information will be available?	EqIA Statistical and Demographic Analysis		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) provision at Ben Jonson School'	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>As part of the Borough SEN Strategy and Implementation Plan for Social, Emotional and Mental Health Primary provision, Bowden House Special School and Ben Jonson Primary Schools have formed a partnership to jointly run a Social Emotional Mental Health provision, on the Ben Jonson site. This partnership would enhance the educational offer for both schools and benefit all Tower Hamlets children with SEMH needs.</p> <p>This report presents the outcome of the stage one consultation, and the public representations received in response to the statutory Notice on the proposal to establish a 12 place Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) provision at Ben Jonson School from September 2021 It also presents the outcome of the public representation received in response to the statutory notice on the proposal for a prescribed alteration to Bowden House School and Ben Jonson School, to establish a 12 place Special Educational Needs provision from September 2021.</p> <p>The report explains the background and reasons for the proposals; the links with the possible closure of Cherry Trees School. It details the consultations undertaken; the responses received with the views of parents, pupils, staff and the general public. It recommends for the Mayor in Cabinet to consider the decision on whether or not the council should agree the proposal and formally proceed with plans to establish a 12 place Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) provision at Ben Jonson School from 1st September 2021, and the prescribed alteration to Bowden House School, to establish a 12 place co-educational, primary, non-residential, Special Educational Needs provision from September 2021 on the Ben Jonson site. The two provisions will be integrated.</p> <p>The report will include equalities impact assessment; risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Housing

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<p>Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place</p>	<p>The following stakeholders have been invited to make representations: Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, community groups, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union, local Members of Parliament.</p> <p>Stage one public consultation commenced in Summer 2020 with the publication and consultation on the social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) implementation plan, and the consultation on the proposal for the closure of Cherry Trees which included consultation with all parents, and staff who are currently working with pupils likely to be transferred to the Ben Jonson SEMH provision. Feedback from these consultations has informed this report to cabinet and the recommendation herein.</p> <p>Ben Jonson school governors undertook a further four week period of statutory consultation from 7 January 2021 to 4 February 2021. During this statutory consultation period all interested stakeholders were given an opportunity to send objections or comments to the school.</p>		
<p>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		
<p>Contact details for comments or additional information</p>	<p>James Thomas (Corporate Director, Children and Culture) James.Thomas1@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>		
<p>What supporting documents or other information will be available?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEMH Strategy for meeting Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs for Primary Age Children in Tower Hamlets • The Cherry Trees School Closure (1st stage consultation) • Statutory Public Notices • Public Consultation Paper (1st stage consultation) • Analysis of the Responses to the Statutory Public Notices 		
<p>Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?</p>	<p>No, Unrestricted</p>		
<p>Title of Report</p>	<p>Budget monitoring report 2020-21 as at 31st December 2020 (period 9)</p>	<p>Ward All Wards</p>	<p>Key Decision? No</p>

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Summary of Decision	Budget monitoring report 2020-21 as at 31st December 2020 (period 9)
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Decision maker Date of decision	Overview & Scrutiny Committee Cabinet 03/03/21		
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Hitesh Jolapara (Interim Divisional Director, Finance, Procurement & Audit) hitesh.jolapara@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Determination of Limehouse Neighbourhood Forum Application	Ward Spitalfields & Banglatown; Weavers	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Neighbourhood forum designations expire five years after they are initially granted. The designation of the Limehouse Community Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the Limehouse Neighbourhood Planning Area therefore expired on 1 December 2020. The Forum has submitted an application to be re-designated. This report assesses the application against the relevant legislation and guidance.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

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Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Planning, Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Social Inclusion		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>All people who have asked to be added to the planning policy database have been sent an email regarding the consultation; all local councillors have also been contacted. A public notice has been placed in the East End Advertiser to reach further stakeholders.</p> <p>A public consultation is taking place between 3 December 2020 and 27 January 2021. This is beyond the statutorily required six weeks, to account for the holiday period. There is a statutory timeframe which means a decision on the designation must be made within 13 weeks of the consultation beginning. Because of this, and the internal Tower Hamlets reporting timeframes, it is not possible to wait until the consultation has finished to bring this issue to DLT. At the DLT stage, this report therefore recommends that the decision be moved to the next stage of reporting, and that the final decision will be conditional on an assessment of the consultation responses. The CLT report will provide more detail on consultation responses, and the MAB and CAB reports will be accompanied by a consultation statement as an appendix.</p>		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Screening Tool carried out 10/12, no further assessment needed		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Steven Heywood, Jennifer Peters, Marissa Ryan-Hernandez (Planning Officer, Plan Making Team) Tel: 020 7364 4474 Steven.Heywood@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control, Place) Jennifer.Peters@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Plan Making Team Leader)		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<p>Appendix 1: Limehouse Community Forum Application Form</p> <p>Appendix 2: Limehouse Neighbourhood Area Map</p> <p>Appendix 3: Limehouse Community Forum Constitution</p> <p>Appendix 4: Equalities Impact Assessment Screening</p> <p>Appendix 5: Consultation Statement (to be appended from MAB onwards)</p>		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Determination of Spitalfields Neighbourhood Forum Application	Ward Spitalfields & Banglatown; Weavers	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Neighbourhood forum designations expire five years after they are initially granted. The Spitalfields Neighbourhood Forum designation is therefore due to expire on 5 April 2021. The Forum has submitted an application for the designation to be renewed. This report assesses the application against the relevant legislation and guidance.		

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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 03/03/21		
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Planning, Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Social Inclusion		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>All people who have asked to be added to the planning policy database have been sent an email regarding the consultation; all local councillors have also been contacted. A public notice has been placed in the East End Advertiser to reach further stakeholders.</p> <p>A public consultation is taking place between 3 December 2020 and 22 January 2021. This is beyond the statutorily required six weeks, to account for the holiday period. There is a statutory timeframe which means a decision on the designation must be made within 13 weeks of the consultation beginning. Because of this, and the internal Tower Hamlets reporting timeframes, it is not possible to wait until the consultation has finished to bring this issue to DLT. At the DLT stage, this report therefore recommends that the decision be moved to the next stage of reporting, and that the final decision will be conditional on an assessment of the consultation responses. The CLT report will provide more detail on consultation responses, and the MAB and CAB reports will be accompanied by a consultation statement as an appendix.</p>		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Screening Tool carried out 10/12, no further assessment needed		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Steven Heywood, Nicole Layton, Jennifer Peters, Marissa Ryan-Hernandez (Planning Officer, Plan Making Team) Tel: 020 7364 4474 Steven.Heywood@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Executive Support Team Leader, Place Nicole.Layton@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control, Place) Jennifer.Peters@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Plan Making Team Leader)		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<p>Appendix 1: Spitalfields Neighbourhood Forum Application Form</p> <p>Appendix 2: Spitalfields Neighbourhood Area Map</p> <p>Appendix 3: Spitalfields Neighbourhood Forum Constitution</p> <p>Appendix 4: Spitalfields Neighbourhood Forum Standing Orders</p> <p>Appendix 5: Spitalfields Neighbourhood Forum Appendices Pack</p> <p>Appendix 6: Equalities Impact Assessment Screening</p> <p>Appendix 7: Consultation Statement (to be appended from MAB onwards)</p>		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Bow bus gateway and timed	Ward	Key Decision?

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	closures exemptions considerations	Bow East; Bow West	Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The proposals for the Bow Liveable Streets project were presented to Cabinet on 25 November 2020, the following notes the decisions made and the purpose of this report.</p> <p>This item presents the considerations and recommendations for an exemption scheme in respect of vehicles belonging to blue badge holders and sets out the options for the operation of the Roman Road bus gateway and Coborn Road timed closure. This includes hours of operation and potential exemptions for local blue badge holders, carers and potentially other local groups</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet Not before 03/03/21
Community Plan Theme	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in
Cabinet Member	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
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Public Key Partners Other Directorates</p> <p>Four-week public consultation with the residents, businesses and key stakeholders in the Bow Liveable Streets area.</p> <p>Consultation documents with paper survey were sent out to everyone within the consultation area, as well as hosting a survey online.</p> <p>Queries were responded to via a dedicated email address.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes, an EqIA has been carried out for the project based on the results of the consultation and for this report in regard to the exemption scheme. The EqIA for the Bow project will be updated to reflect the decision of this report and as detailed design progresses.
Contact details for comments or additional information	Inlia Aziz, Kristina Coxall, Lindsey Gibson, Chris Harrison, Nicole Layton (Assistant to Chief Executive's PA) inlia.aziz@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Project Centre Kristina.Coxall@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Executive Support Relationship Manager) lindsey.gibson@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Liveable Streets Technical Director) Chris.Harrison@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Executive Support Team Leader, Place Nicole.Layton@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Liveable Streets Bow Cabinet report, 25 November 2020

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Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted
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<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>22 March 2021</p>	
<p>Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director Place</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Spotlight on New Town Hall</p>	

<p>Originating Officer(s)</p>	<p>Filuck Miah , Strategy and Policy - Corporate</p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>All wards</p>

Summary

Purpose:

Review the progress on the plans for the New Town Hall and how this is being delivered.

This cover report accompanies the presentation slide deck on New Town Hall.

The contents of the slide deck include:

- New Town Hall Financing
- Changing the way we work
- Resident Hub and Local Presence

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Review the accompanying presentation in order to inform discussion for this item at the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

22 March 2021

Mayor John Biggs

Ann Sutcliffe – Corporate Director Place

Yasmin Ali – Project Director



Purpose of the session



Overview and Scrutiny request for spotlight session on the new Town Hall, covering:

- New Town Hall programme update and timescales
- Covid implications and how potential changes are being addressed
- Financing and long term savings
- New Town Hall 'Front Door' and the relationship with Whitechapel Idea Store
- Whitechapel Idea Store future model and staff/books implications
- New Town Hall library space including events, meetings and classes that currently take place in Whitechapel Idea Store
- Do we have to 'buy out' of the lease at Mulberry Place
- Cabinet members accommodation



New Town Hall Background



- January 2015 - The Former Royal London Hospital Grade 2 listed building, purchased by the Council
- July 2015 - Previous decision Mayor at Cabinet in April 2015 withdrawn and new report requested
- November 2015 - Cabinet agreed RLH Whitechapel to be the preferred location for new 'Civic Centre' and agree to appoint the professional team to develop design to RIBA Stage 3
- June 2017 - Cabinet- Capital estimate adopted and approved CEO to enter into a Pre-Construction Services Agreement and initiate Main works contractor procurement.
- Feb 2018 - Following Stage one of a two-stage tender, Bouygues UK awarded PCSA
- May 2018 - Planning approval granted for refurbishment and partial demolition of the retained heritage building and new build providing new civic space council chambers, office space, library facilities and resident/customer facing functions
- August 2018 - Enabling works contract commences to carry out Asbestos removal and other temporary works to prepare the site and retained building for the main works contractor
- November 2018 - IMD agreed to authorise CEO to enter a JCT Design and Build Contract with Bouygues UK
- December 2018 - Main work Contract signed with Bouygues UK



Progress



Progress of project delivery?

Will council be moving in without having to negotiate a lease extension on Mulberry Place?

Do we have to buy out of the lease clause at Mulberry Place.

- The contracted Design & Build works are to complete in **Spring 2022**

A post contract fit out in planned over **Spring/Summer 2022**

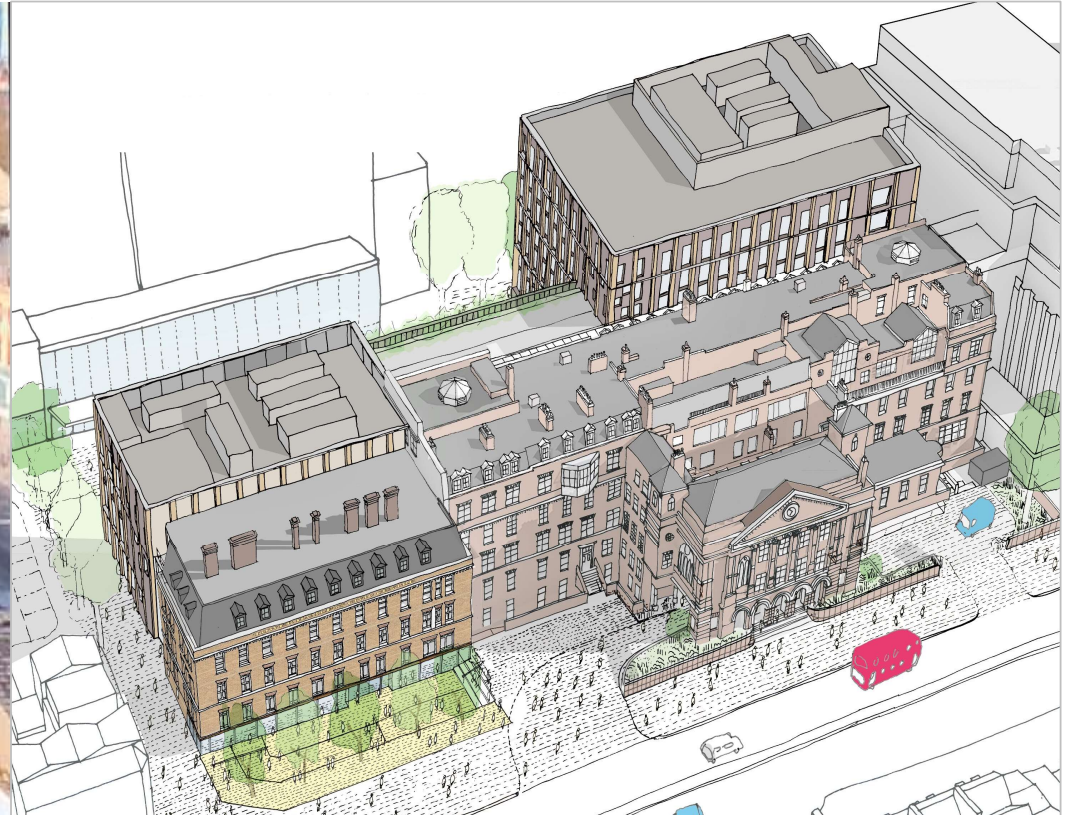
A phased moves programme commences **Summer to Autumn 2022**

London Square - works to the public realm behind the new Town Hall - 80% of land in in Barts Ownership 20% in LBTH the designs are developing to be delivered post practical completion of Town Hall. The project team are exploring inclusion of 'Old Flo' into the design, subject to required approvals and funding.

- Mulberry Place completion of phased move of staff by December 2022
- Remedial works in Mulberry Place Jan/Feb 2023
- Mulberry Place lease expires in March 2023, there are no buyout clause provisions in the lease.



The new Town Hall



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Changing the culture and the way we work



Has there been any change implications as a result of COVID and how are these being addressed within the plans? Will it be adequate for the Council and how will this work in terms of the current remote working arrangements because of COVID/Post COVID?

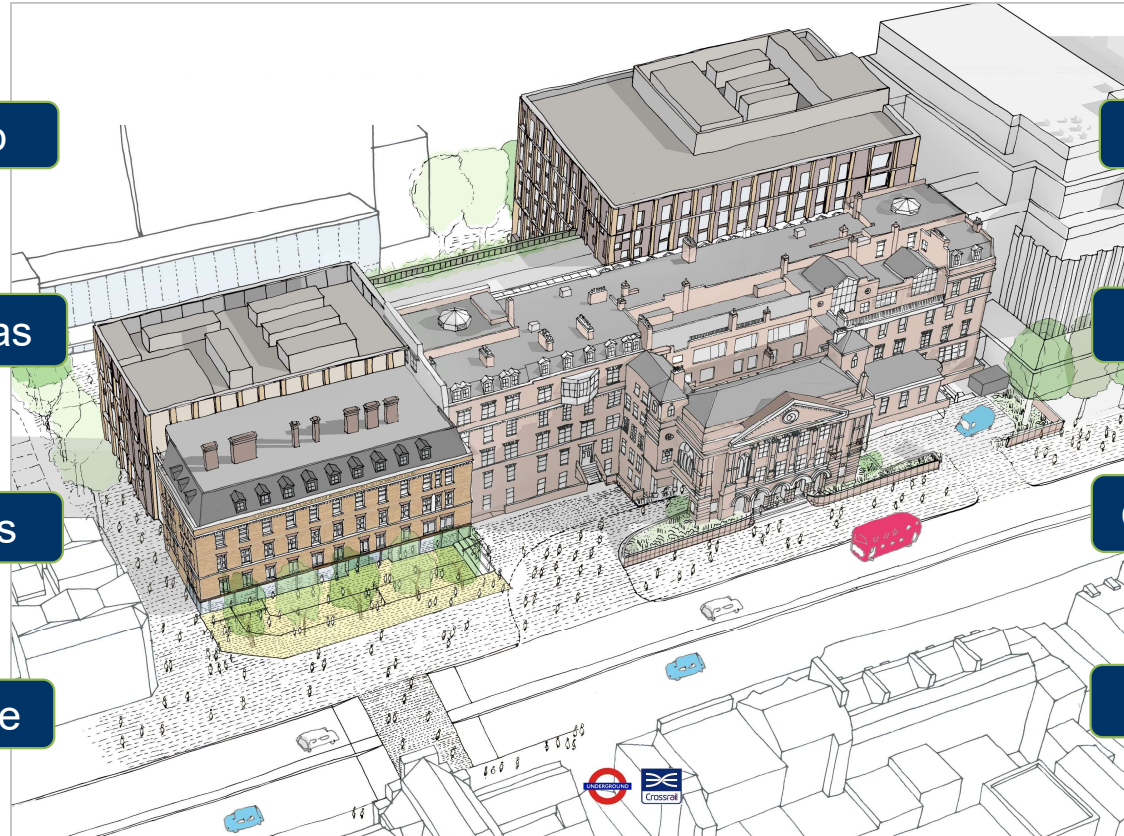
- Changing the way we work engagement programme is underway with staff
- We have reviewed our desk to staff ratio from 6:10 to 4:10
- Office accommodation floor plans revised - Planning 1397 workstations including our three partners THH, CCH and Police
- Members accommodation is included on the 2nd floor of the retained building – the space is under review in light of new ways of working
- More flexible working furniture within the building for different work styles
- Engagement underway with staff on facilities within our buildings in a post covid environment
- Elements of the covid layout will be considered alongside the revised plans i.e. one way systems around the floor layouts



Changing the way we work – principles being explored



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Engagement



- Continuing our engagement plan with staff and stakeholders
- Since December 2020 - 3 engagement sessions have been held with staff on 'Changing the way we work'
- CLT lead on changing the way we work is James Thomas, Corporate Direct Children & Culture
- Next engagement at the Staff Conference 26 March
- Staff engagement surveys
 - All Staff
 - Managers
 - Teams
- Engagement underway with THH, CCG & Police on the impact of covid and their requirements
- Members Consultative Steering Group meetings are held quarterly



New Town Hall Project Budget



- Approved budget £123.35m
- Works Cost £114.5m
- Project oncosts £8.85m
- £70m spend to date anticipated at end of 2020/21
- The project is/will be financed by borrowing (£119m) and the balance from revenue/reserve contributions

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New Town Hall - Savings



- Overall savings across three sites **£3,671,068**
- Accommodation revenue savings AJH – 2022/23 **£225,480**
- Accommodation revenue savings MP/JOH – 2023/24 **£3,445,588**
- On target for the early release of Albert Jacob House revenue savings in 2022/23
- Staff within Albert Jacob House and John Onslow House due to move to Mulberry Place by June 2021
- Mulberry Place lease expires March 2023

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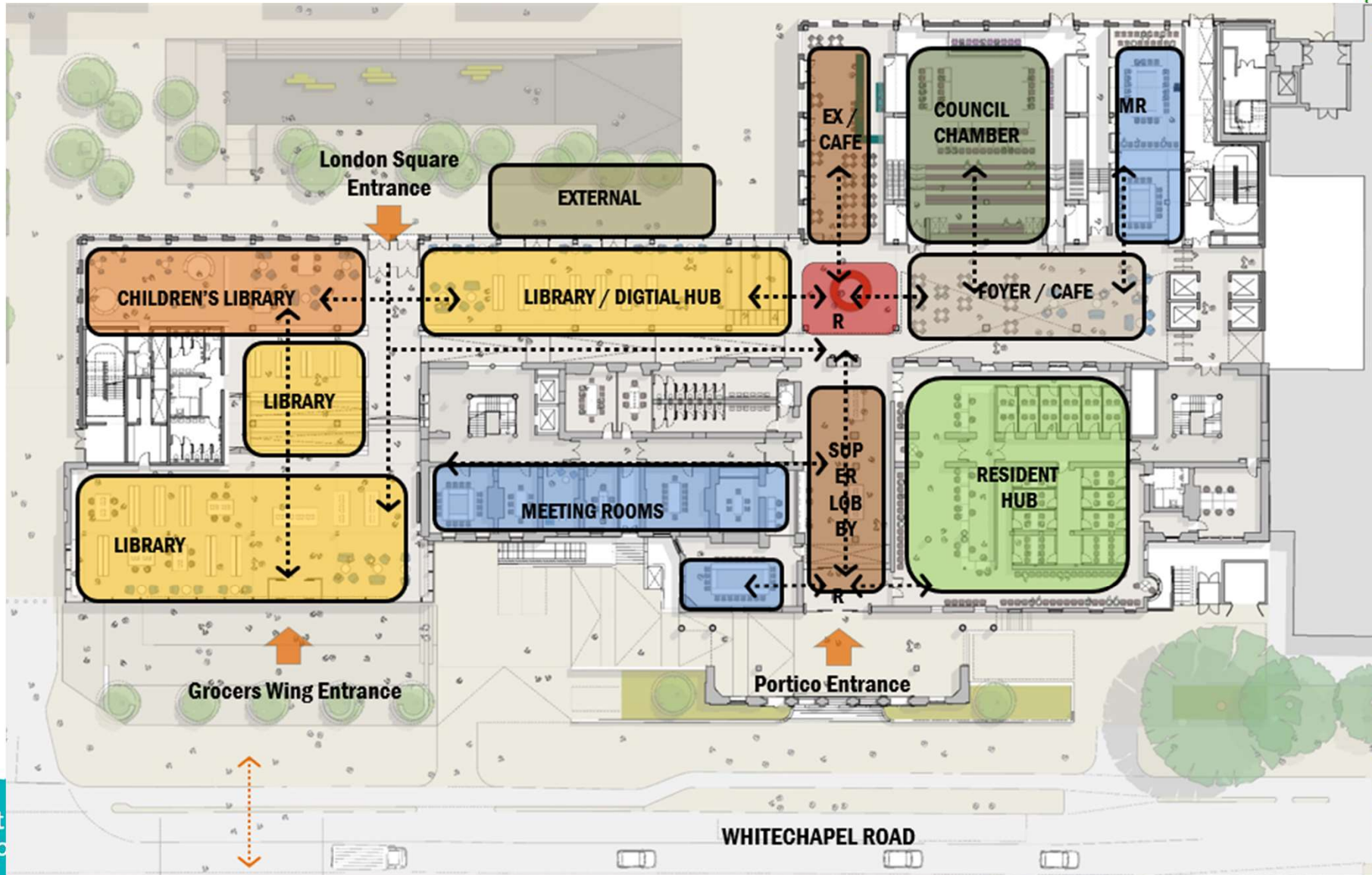
New Town Hall Ground Floor offer

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Ground Floor Layout

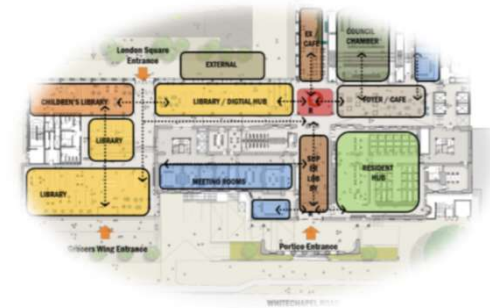


Customer Offer



The ground floor of the new town hall will be a permeable 'local presence' space, accessible from all directions. It will include the following key facilities:

- **Reception**
- **Children's Library**
 - This will replace the current children's library in IS Whitechapel
 - The space here will be larger than the current children's library
 - We hope to encourage visitors to the hospital to drop in and join.
- **Library**
 - This space will hold our popular adult offer
 - Provide seating and workstations for visitors to use the internet, browse the papers or meet with friends
- **Digital Hub**
 - This space will be dedicated to those wanting to transact online and to helping residents to bridge the digital divide
- **Café**



Customer Offer



- **Resident Hub**

- Will provide mainly appointment-based opportunities for residents to meet with officers from frontline services.
- It will have 8 interview rooms with dual access and 5 meeting rooms off of the main area.
- Some of the interview rooms (5) will be dedicated for housing purposes
- Others will be bookable by any service and or Members.
- The space will be staffed so that those unable to book an appointment over the phone/online and those with real emergencies can be accommodated.
- The space will also cater for those wishing simply to drop in to scan and provide documentary proof.

- **Mini exhibition zone**

- **Council Chamber and event space**



Customer Experience



- Residents can find what they need and enjoy their visit to the New Town Hall. They can interact with technology, good signage and staff, in order to
 - Record their arrival for an appointment
 - Access information
 - Decide where they want to go
- Residents can use the building for their own purposes
 - Meet friends in the café, browse materials in the library or engage with exhibition materials.
 - Potential to hire the foyer / Café and Council Chamber for significant events (outside hours)
 - Discover the history and rich culture of the borough through exhibition materials
 - Flexible comfortable 'third space' offer for all residents



Customer Experience

- The **Resident Hub** will help us change the dynamic with residents who need services
 - No counter or 'ticketing' to manage cues. Most meetings will be pre-booked appointments
 - Ability for those in crisis to drop in and book an appointment
 - Comfortable waiting spaces (including some more private space for those who may be most vulnerable).
 - Encourage people to use and explore the rest of the ground-floor if they do have to wait
 - Provide materials from library that make waiting in the resident hub a less 'institutional' experience
 - Encourage and support people to self-serve



Whitechapel Cultural Campus



The new Town Hall will be at the heart of the Whitechapel Cultural Campus and work in tandem with the library, learning and information offer available at Idea Store Whitechapel across the road. Capturing the unique creative energy of Whitechapel, the two sites would exploit the synergies. The current proposals are as follows:

- The children's and popular adult book offer will move to the ground floor of the new Town Hall
- The main library will remain in the current building but will include more space for study. It will focus on
 - Study
 - Development
 - employability and learning
- The creative industries adult learning provision will move into Whitechapel IS
 - increasing opportunities for local residents to explore and engage with the arts including photography, painting drawing, screen printing etc.



Whitechapel Cultural Campus



- WorkPath and its comprehensive employability offer will be based in Whitechapel IS
 - This will enable us to fully exploit and maximise the recent investment in the Business Zone.

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This new focus on learning, employability, and support for small businesses, in the existing building will sit alongside the further development of the existing Health offer,



Specific O&S Queries



More detailed explanation of how the Idea Store will work in the Town Hall and what changed use there will be in the Whitechapel Idea Store. Is there a budget for books

- NTH site will provide a library service and access to online services for residents through a Digital Hub.
- The focus will be on children and families
- There will also be an adult library service focussing on new titles, popular fiction and non-fiction general collections, our Core Collection, and the London Collection.
- We may need to identify some additional funding for an increase in stock. (part be off-set by the reduction in floor space required at IS Watney)
- The NTH will also present a shop window opportunity for our Local History and Archive service
- Idea Store Whitechapel will continue to provide library, learning and information services, and these will complement the new services at the NTH.
- The store will provide a wide range of adult fiction and non-fiction books, there will be a greater focus on teenagers and study. It will include
 - Health Zone (the largest collection of health-related books in London, complemented by health-related adult learning),
 - Business Zone (a comprehensive collection of materials, activities and adult learning for small businesses and start-ups),
 - a Surfing Space providing free internet access.
 - Work Path will deliver employability training from this site and an increase adult learning offer, particularly around the creative arts will be delivered from the store



SS2

I think this question is answered on the Whitechael campus slides, just need to add the point on more books <@Teresa Heaney>

Sarah Steer, 15/03/2021

Specific O&S Queries



Will any librarians be made redundant or more Idea store staff be employed?

- The move to the New Town Hall will not require any more staff redundancies beyond those recently agreed by Cabinet as part of the IS Review.
- A further review of the whole IS service is planned for 18 months time.
- This will look at the needs of the whole borough.



Specific O&S Queries



Need to know about the events, meetings and classes that currently take place in Whitechapel Idea Store, where the children's library will be and if there is a proposal for a café on both sites.

- Before the pandemic Idea Store Whitechapel provided a large part of the 8,000 adult learning courses provided by the Idea Store Learning service across the borough, including
 - ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
 - Foreign languages
 - Performing arts, fashion & textiles, and more
- Plans are under way to relocate the creative industries adult learning offer to Idea Store Whitechapel, becoming an essential part of the 'cultural campus' between the store and the NTH
- Library services provide reading and cultural events, regular activities for children, teenagers and older residents, book groups, conversation clubs, and more
- During the pandemic we have developed a strong online offer in both adult learning and library and this will continue, but we also expect a full return to activities on site when the restrictions are lifted.
- An important element of the Idea Store Whitechapel offer is the presence of a café that contributes to the 'third place' feel and purpose of the site. This will continue in future, although it will be relocated from the top floor to a more prominent position on the Ground Floor. The NTH will have its own café. However, given its position within the building and the target audience it is unlikely the two cafes will be in competition.





Q&A

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Thank you

<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>22 March 2021</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Ann Corbett, Divisional Director Community Safety</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Spotlight on Domestic Abuse</p>	

<p>Originating Officer(s)</p>	<p>Onyekachi Ajisafe, Corporate Strategy and Policy</p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>All wards</p>

Summary

Purpose: Review the extent of Covid-19 impact on Domestic Abuse and effectiveness of partners response

This cover report accompanies the presentation slide deck on Domestic Abuse.

The contents of the slide deck include:

- National and local policy landscape
- Culturally Sensitive Provision
- Funding
- Impact of pandemic
- IDVA provision
- Adult and children social care
- Housing for victims
- Next steps

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Review the accompanying presentation in order to inform discussion for this item at the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE

Spotlight

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NOTES: This is the list used to prepare the Slidedeck, the points were highlighted by Onye. So far all of the points have been covered in the slides.

Proposed Scope for Domestic Abuse spotlight

- Impact of the pandemic on Domestic Violence (DV) levels (locally & nationally), including demographics
- Cultural barriers faced with victims, and provisions in place to counteract these
- The housing approach to DV during the pandemic and workplan going forward.
- Impact of the pandemic on safeguarding interventions such as Children & Adult Social Care referrals and DV flags
- Prevention, Treatment and Victim Support (and impact of Covid on these, if any)
- The Council's revised VAWG strategy, what it implements, and relevant Council provision
- Disparities in funding streams for Domestic Abuse, and how these can be streamlined into one single funding source.
- The additional request Onye sent re CS partnership arrangements. Check email sent

COUNCILLOR SIRAJUL ISLAM

NATIONAL POLICY LANDSCAPE

New Domestic Abuse Bill

- The Domestic Abuse (DA) Bill will come into effect in April 2021.
- The Bill will ensure DA victims get priority need status to access housing.
- There has been extensive MOPAC consultation with service providers in England and LBTH.
- Tower Hamlets has already incorporated some of the recommendations as a good practice borough.
- Home Secretary launched Public Awareness Campaign - #YouAreNotAlone.

MOPAC and London Councils

- Tackling Domestic Abuse is a priority in the Mayor's Policing and Crime Plan. Various funding streams are available and LBTH has benefited from them.

Housing

- Non-statutory guidance has been published for Registered Providers of Social Housing (RPSH) stating that essential moves to support those fleeing domestic abuse should continue to be a priority during the pandemic.
- Where there is excess need in borough for accommodation, rooms can be booked through a national programme.

LOCAL POLICY LANDSCAPE

The Council's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2019 - 2024

- 2019-2024 VAWG Strategy signed off at Cabinet.
- Strategic oversight from Community safety Partnership
- Three priorities include to:
 - *ensure support and protection for victims*
 - *work with perpetrators*
 - *work with communities to raise awareness and challenge misogyny*
- Extensive Delivery Plan developed and driven through the multi-agency VAWG Steering Group.

Projects & Initiatives

- Multiple **projects** and **commissioning**: FGM Project, DHR's, SDAC, DAHA, IRIS, WISER Project, Beyond the Streets - support for women involved in prostitution
- **Increased caseworkers** –additional funding secured to include IDVAs within Housing, DWP, GPs, court, police station
- **Sanctuary** security installations
- **MARAC** Coordination of most high risk cases – adopted good practice virtual model and review recently completed
- **Campaigns**, (Domestic Abuse No Excuse Campaign, White Ribbon Campaign, Ask Angela Campaign, Ask Ani, Safe Spaces Scheme, You Are Not Alone)
- In house DV **duty line** for professionals which is unique to TH

CULTURALLY SENSITIVE PROVISION

- LBTH ranked 16th most ethnically diverse in the UK
- Two thirds of our residents belonging to minority ethnic groups
- The last Census revealed 60-70% of non-English speakers were women
- English and Bengali are the two most used languages
- Intersectionality: a unique experience of abuse when gender intersects with other inequalities (e.g., sexuality, ethnicity, immigration status, disability)

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VAWG Strategy Service User Consultation (2018) showed the following barriers:

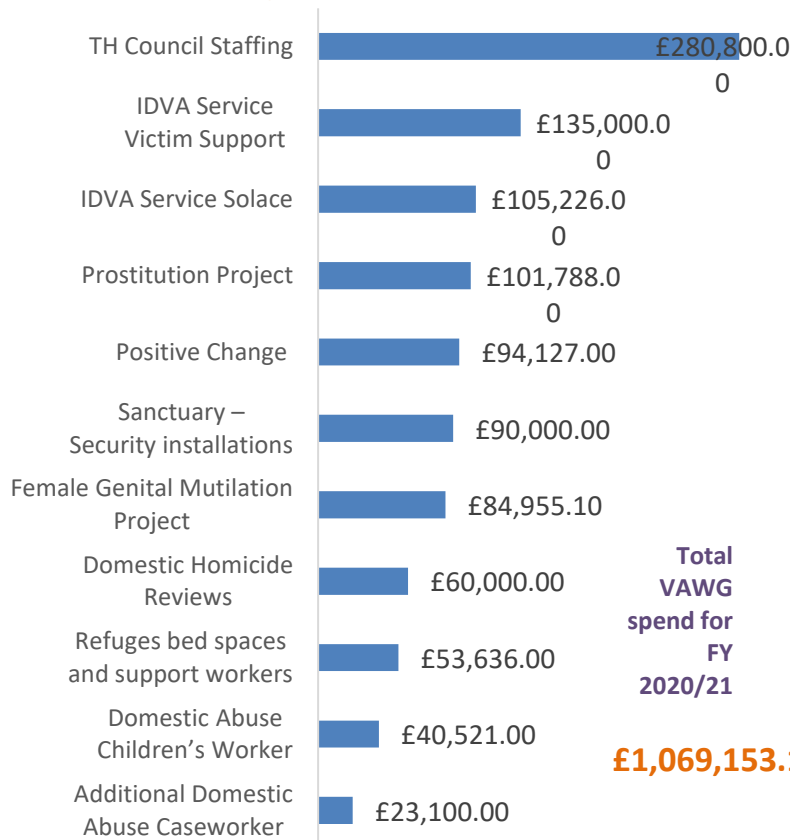
- *lack of awareness*
- *fear of breaking up family*
- *victims accessing services was*
- *mistrust/fear of agencies*
- *language barrier*

Specific culturally sensitive provision

- BAME specific projects and provision including BAME Refuge, FGM Project.
- Bengali speaking staff within key services.
- Targeted promotion of DV services in Bengali and Somali.
- Multi-lingual training and resources available.
- VAWG training addresses cultural barriers.
- 16 Days of Activism Campaign focussed on 'A Country a Day' to raise awareness of survivor experiences from different cultures.

FUNDING

Total value of funding



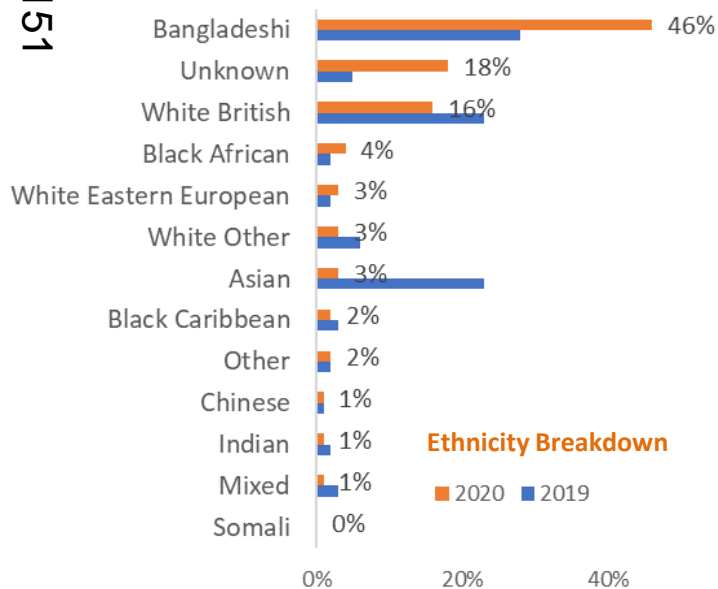
Headlines

- 2020 benchmark against 19 London boroughs shows LBTH ranked 14th in total budget spend on domestic abuse advocacy per annum
- Boroughs with the lowest level advocacy provision have the highest domestic homicides (Redbridge, Tower Hamlets, Hillingdon)
- LBTH is joint 13th (with Redbridge) out of 17 boroughs for total number of domestic abuse advocates
- Government funding allocations are mostly for charities

IMPACT OF PANDEMIC

Area / Service	DA Trend
Police recorded offences (London)	Up
Police recorded offences (LBTH)	Up
<i>Demand on commissioned service providers</i>	Up
<i>Housing referrals with DA</i>	Up
<i>Children Social Care referrals with DA</i>	Up
<i>Adults Social Care referrals with DA</i>	Down

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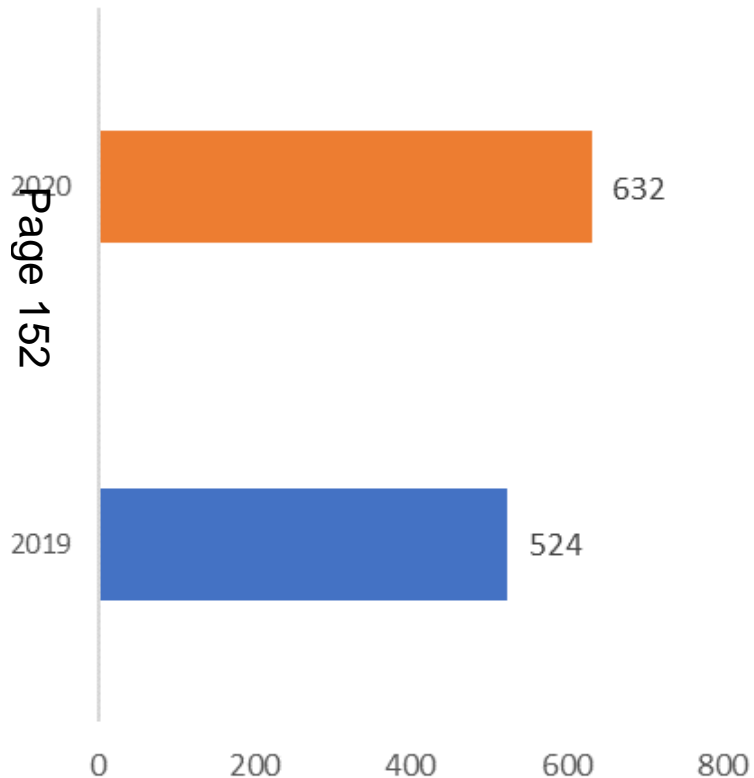
- Increase in domestic abuse globally, nationally and locally.
- Police recorded offences shows domestic abuse in 2020 is above the 5-year average.
- 21% increase in referrals for IDVA services.
- Housing with domestic abuse shows an increase of 48% (64) in 2020 compared to 2019
- Children Social Care domestic abuse referrals went up by 21% (281) in 2020 compared to 2019.
- Adult Social Care domestic abuse referrals went down by 15% (29).

Ethnicity Breakdown of referrals

- Bangladeshi group with the highest referrals
- Slightly higher than borough demographics which could be due to cultural and language barriers compounding domestic abuse

IDVA PROVISION

Number of victims referred for IDVA support 2019 and 2020



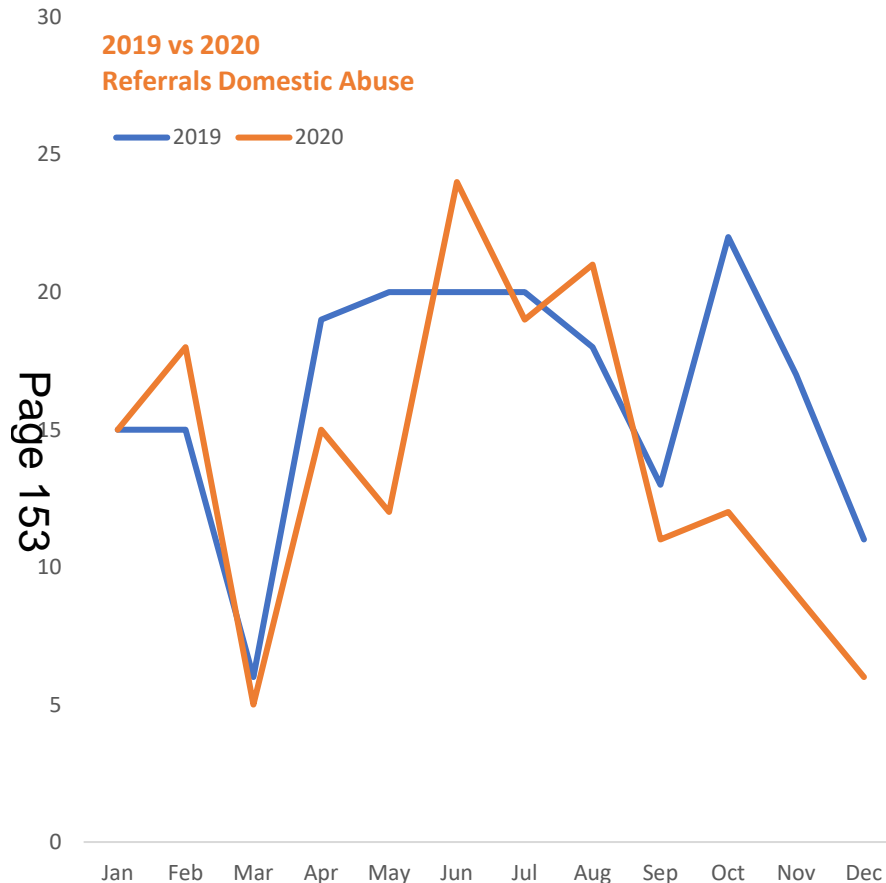
Impact

- 21% Increase in demand seen and at capacity
- Increased funding secured to meet demand

What we are doing?

- Newly commissioned provider - Solace Womens Aid.
- Increased provision to cater for demand, includes DWP IDVA, Housing IDVA and Housing Caseworker.
- TOTAL: 13.5 caseworkers due to funding for 6 additional workers
- TOTAL number of LBTH victims supported through IDVA's and range of other local provision:
 - 1st Jan – 31st Dec 2019 = 1085
 - 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2020 = 1549

ADULT SOCIAL CARE



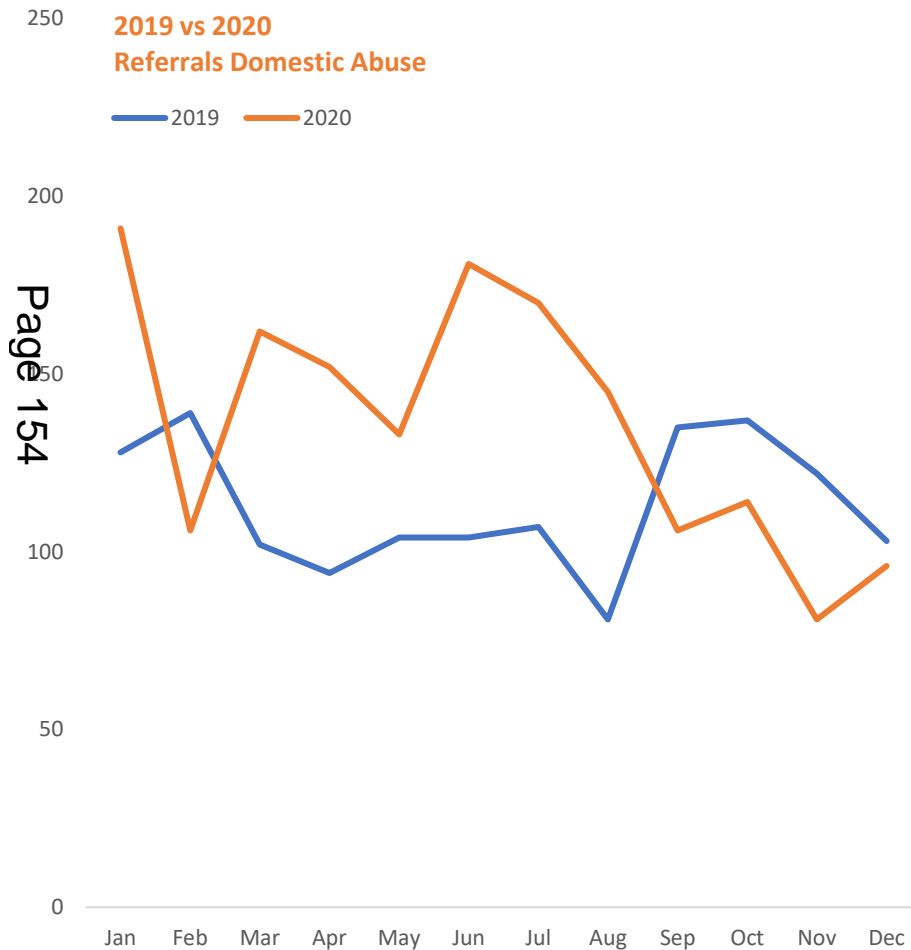
Impact

- The data shows a 15% drop in DA referrals (29 cases)
- Total referrals for 2019 was 196
- Total referrals for 2020 was 167

Adult Safeguarding – what we are doing?

- Due to pandemic, Increased remote/virtual working
- Guidance issued to staff about virtual working to ensure continued safeguarding
- Staff training on abuse to ensure continued good practice
- Continued awareness raising of DV in ASC

CHILDREN SOCIAL CARE



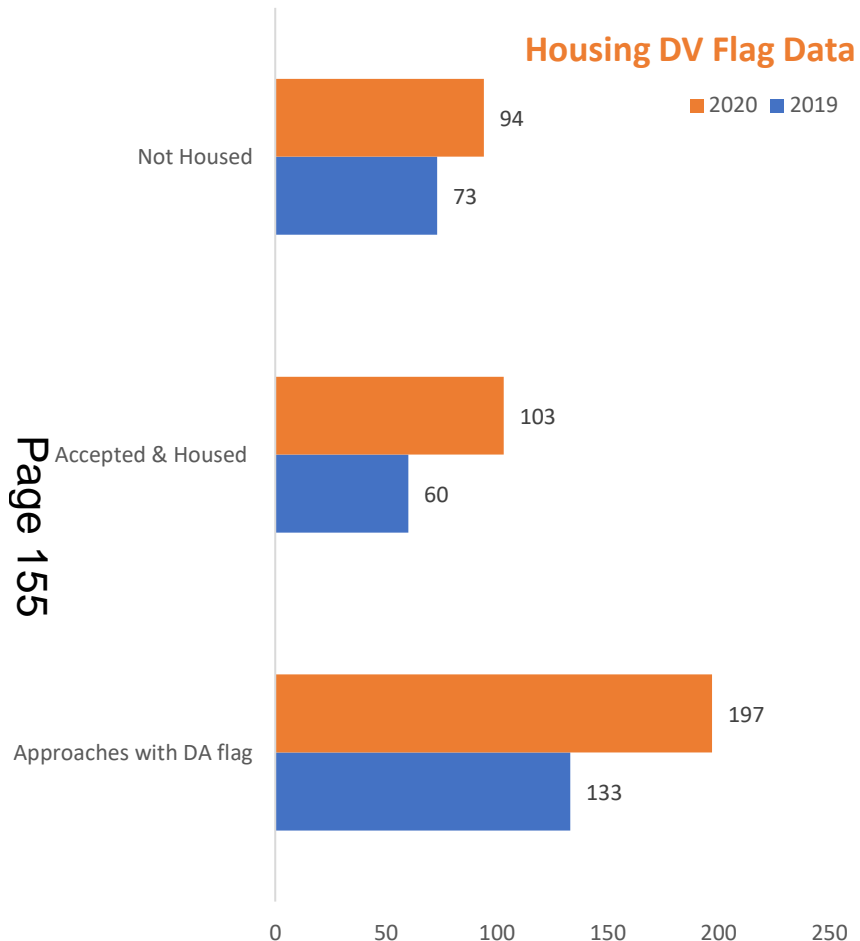
Impact

- 21% increase in DA referrals (281 cases)
- Total referrals for 2019 was 1356
- Total referrals for 2020 was 1637

CSC – What we are doing?

- Review of training programme on DA for Social Workers to ensure support
- Review and strengthen the DA risk assessment tool
- Increased support for DA perpetrators via Positive Change Programme
- New TH Safeguarding Children Partnership (THSCP) arrangements and priorities in place (i.e. DA Task and Finish Group)

HOUSING FOR VICTIMS



Impact

- Number of domestic abuse approaches increased by 48% during pandemic
- Total DA approaches in 2019 was 133
- Total DA approaches in 2020 was 197

Housing – What we are doing?

- DAHA Accreditation in progress
- Continue partnership working with registered Providers of Social Housing
- Implement recommendations from the DA Bill (most already in place)
- Prioritise move on accommodation
- Offer Lifetime tenancy
- Removal of local connection rule
- Funding secured for Housing IDVA/caseworker

NEXT STEPS

- Continuing strategic oversight from Community Safety Partnership, Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children's Executive
- Implement all DA Bill recommendations
- Commitment from police to improve detection rates
- New police Predatory Offender Unit
- Commitment from RPSHs/Housing to achieve DAHA accreditation
- New Children and Families Safeguarding Partnership arrangements