

Cabinet



Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

**C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent,
London, E14 2BG**

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Agenda

Mayor John Biggs

Cabinet Members

Councillor Asma Begum	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Children, Youth Services, Education and Equalities (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Rachel Blake	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Work, Economic Growth and Faith)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	(Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Sports)
Councillor Danny Hassell	(Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Asma Islam	(Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Candida Ronald	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin	(Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury*	(Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)

* Not a formal Cabinet Member at this time.

[The quorum for Cabinet is 3 Members]

Further Information

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



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A Guide to CABINET

Decision Making at Tower Hamlets

As Tower Hamlets operates the Directly Elected Mayor system, **Mayor John Biggs** holds Executive powers. The Mayor has appointed nine Councillors to advise and support him and they, with him, form the Cabinet. Their details are set out on the front of the agenda.

Which decisions are taken by Cabinet?

Executive decisions are all decisions that aren't specifically reserved for other bodies (such as Development or Licensing Committees). In particular, Executive Key Decisions are taken by the Cabinet or by the Mayor as Individual Mayoral Decisions.

The constitution describes Key Decisions as an executive decision which is likely

- a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, above £1million; or
- b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the borough.

Upcoming Key Decisions are published on the website on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page through www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee

Published Decisions and Call-Ins

Once the meeting decisions have been published, any 5 Councillors may submit a Call-In to the Service Head, Democratic Services requesting that a decision be reviewed. This halts the decision until it has been reconsidered.

- The decisions will be published on: **Friday, 24 September 2021**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 1 October 2021**

Any Call-Ins will be considered at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee can reject the call-in or they can agree it and refer the decision back to the Mayor, with their recommendations, for his final consideration.

Public Engagement at Cabinet

The main focus of Cabinet is as a decision-making body. However there is an opportunity for the public to contribute through making submissions that specifically relate to the reports set out on the agenda.

Members of the public may make written submissions in any form (for example; Petitions, letters, written questions) to the Clerk to Cabinet (details on the previous page) by 5 pm the day before the meeting.

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5.30 p.m.

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| 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | |
| To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS | 11 - 12 |
| Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine; whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer. | |
| Members are also reminded to declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it is the Members' responsibility to identify any interests and also update their register of interests form as required by the Code. | |
| If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services. | |
| 3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES | 13 - 20 |
| The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 8 September 2021 are presented for approval. | |
| 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR | |
| 5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | |
| 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. | |
| 5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee | |

(Under provisions of Section 30, Rule 59 of the Constitution).



6. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1	Understanding the impact of Covid-19 in Tower Hamlets – follow-up	21 - 62
	<p>Report Summary: This report identifies and quantifies the wider impact of Covid-19 pandemic on Tower Hamlets, looking at a number of key areas. It predicts the future impact on residents and businesses over the medium and long term, identifying challenges and opportunities going forward. This report is a follow-up to an impact assessment presented to Cabinet in July 2020.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>	
6.2	LB Tower Hamlets Poverty Review	63 - 122
	<p>Report Summary: The review will consider the borough's approach to tackling poverty, the impact of the pandemic, and make short and long term recommendations to inform future short term and longer-term poverty reduction interventions by the council and its partners.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio) Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>	
6.3	Strategic delivery and performance reporting – Q1 2021/22	123 - 152
	<p>Report Summary: This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on the delivery and implementation of the council's Strategic Plan</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Mayor Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</p>	
6.4	Budget monitoring report 2021-22 as at 30th June 2021 (period 3)	153 - 208
	<p>Report Summary: Budget monitoring report 2021-22 as at 30th June 2021 (period 3)</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>	

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6 .5 New Electric Vehicle Charging Delivery Plan 2021-2025 and funding towards new public charging points. 209 - 244

Report Summary:

Part 1: Approval of new EV Charging Delivery Plan for 2021-2025. This document sets out our approach to charging points delivery over the next 5 years.

Part 2: Approval for £500,000 of CIL funding to facilitate a £1,500,000 bid to the OZEV (Office for Zero Emission Vehicles). The total of £2,000,000 would fund the installation of 250 public fast chargers (7kw-22kw) across the borough by the end of March 2023 as set out in the EV Charging Delivery Plan.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning,
Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm
– (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)
Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

6 .6 AHSCS5019 Domiciliary and Personal Care Contracts Extension 245 - 256

Report Summary:

The current Domiciliary and Personal Care contracts in Tower Hamlets are due to come to an end on 6th February 2022.

Work is underway to re-procure these contracts with a focus on coproduction and an outcomes-based approach. These services are vital to supporting people in their own homes and the engagement of people who use the services and their carers is critical to developing the best possible outcomes framework and specification. An extension of the current contracts for six months will provide sufficient time for this work and approach to be carried out.

The work that has been carried out to date has identified that there could be benefits in the reprocured contract being longer in term than the existing contract, as such a change in the length of the contract from 5 years up to 9 years including extensions (dependent on further consultation with the market), is being sought.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Corporate Priority: All Priorities



6.7 Outcome of public representations to the statutory Notice on the proposal to amalgamate Harry Roberts Nursery and Ben Jonson Primary School	257 - 318
<p>Report Summary: 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 Harry Roberts Nursery and Ben Jonson Primary School from 1 January 2022.</p> <p>This would require the closure of Harry Roberts Nursery School and extending the age range of Ben Jonson Primary School, to establish a three form entry (3FE), all-through 3-11 Primary School with 60 FTE Nursery. 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 January 2022. Harry Roberts Nursery School would therefore officially close on 31st December 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> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Children, Youth Services, Education and Equalities (Statutory Deputy Mayor) Corporate Priority: TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills</p>	

6.8 Affordable Self-Build on Council Owned Land – Disposal and marketing of sites	319 - 422
<p>Report Summary: The Mayor has committed to support up to 50 self-build homes over the period 2018-22. Following Cabinet approval for the Self-Build Policy and Guidance in March 2020, 2 council-owned sites (Christian Street and Lark Row) were marketed for self-build on the GLA Small Sites Portal. Following receipt and scoring of bids (on both quality and cost of proposals), the council is now looking to dispose of the two sites to preferred bidders by way of a long lease which will ensure that affordability is maintained in perpetuity.</p> <p>The council is now also looking to market and dispose the next two sites in the programme for self-build (Pigott Street and Smythe Street), following the same process that was undertaken for the first 2 sites. Finally, officers are also seeking delegated authority to follow the same process that is proposed for Pigott Street and Smythe Street for any future council-owned sites that are added to the Self-Build Programme.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Housing Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</p>	

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Report Summary:

Authority is sought to grant a lease renewal to the existing tenant at a rental level which exceeds the delegated thresholds. At the same time Council liabilities will be waived, arrears resolved and a schedule of works undertaken.

Wards: Shadwell
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)
Corporate Priority: A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Should the Mayor in Cabinet consider it necessary, it is recommended that the following motion be adopted to allow consideration of any exempt/restricted documents.

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

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

9. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

10. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 .1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business

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

10.2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(Under provisions of Section 30, Rule 59 of the Constitution).

11. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil items.

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

Next Meeting of the Committee:

Wednesday, 27 October 2021 at 5.30 p.m. in C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

