



Meeting of the

# Tower Hamlets Council

## Agenda

**Wednesday, 21 July 2021 at 7.00 p.m.**

### **VENUE**

Council Chamber, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Town Hall, Mulberry Place,  
5 Clove Crescent,  
London E14 2BG

### **Meeting Webcast**

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

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG** at **7.00 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY 2021**

Will Tuckley  
Chief Executive





## Public Information

The meeting is being held at the Council's Town Hall– with some Members in attendance and other participants joining from remote locations.

Full Council is made up of the Mayor and the 45 Councillors. It's responsibilities include: deciding the Council's overall policies and setting the budget for the year. It also appoints the Council's Committees at the Annual Meeting. In addition, the Council provides opportunities to discuss local issues and is a means by which the Mayor and Cabinet can be held to account in public

The agenda for this ordinary Council meetings comprises:

- Apologies for absence from Members
- Declarations of Interests.
- Minutes of the previous meeting.
- Announcements from the Speaker or the Chief Executive of the Council.
- Petitions for presentation (over 30 signatures) or for debate (over 2000 signatures). A maximum of 4 Petitions that meet the criteria may be discussed taken in the order of receipt.
- Mayor's report followed by Opposition Leader's response. Written report to be published shortly before the meeting.
- State of the Borough debate
- Reports requiring Full Council approval
- Member Questions (30 minutes). Questions not put to receive a written response.
- Motions from Members received on notice, (including any amendments received) subject to time constraints.
- Any Urgent motions from Members.

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

### **How can I watch the meeting?**

Except when an exempt item is under discussion, the meeting will be broadcast live for public viewing via our Webcasting portal <https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>. Details of the broadcasting arrangements will be published on the agenda front sheet.

### **Public Attendance and Conduct at Meetings**

We welcome all members of the public to the gallery to watch the Council meeting. However, we request that you show courtesy to all present and do not interrupt the meeting. The intention is not to specifically film members of the public, however, it is possible that you may be filmed in the background. By attending the meeting you are agreeing to this condition.

Please also switch off mobile phones or turn them on silent.



If you are scheduled to present a petition at the meeting, please sit in the reserved seating in the front row and you will be called to address the meeting at the appropriate time



If the fire alarm rings please follow the instructions of the Facilities Staff who will direct you to the exits.

### **Procedure at the meeting.**

Just before the start of the meeting, the macebearer will ask everyone to be upstanding for the Speaker. The Speaker of the Council is the Chair of the meeting and is in charge of the debate. Their role is to control the meeting, including the order of speakers, and to ensure that the business is carried out properly. The Speaker will confirm the expected meeting etiquette for Council meeting, including the following:

- The Speaker will determine the order of speakers - usually from a list of speakers.
- That any online participants must mute their microphones when not speaking.
- They may also switch off their cameras when not speaking to save bandwidth.
- All Members may contribute to the discussions, but only the Members physically present in the chamber may vote.

### **Order of business**

The Speaker may agree to change the order of business at the meeting. In addition, the Speaker may adjourn the meeting for a period of time or agree an extension to the time limit for the meeting (by up to half hour beyond the three-hour limit). To change the order of business, a Member will need to formally move a motion seeking approval for the requested change. Any such motions will be put to the vote.

### **Voting**

The items requiring a decision will normally be determined by a show of hands or an electronic vote (by Members present in the meeting room). If there are an equal number of votes for and against an item of business, the Speaker will have a second or casting vote.

### **Decisions and Minutes**

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

### **Publication of Agenda papers.**

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

To view meeting papers and to be alerted when agendas have been published visit: [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee). Council documents are also available on 'Mod.Gov' iPad, Android and Windows tablet apps downloadable for free from their respective app stores.

### **Publication of tabled papers**

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



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## Council



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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS**

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Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine; whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are also reminded to declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it is the Members' responsibility to identify any interests and also update their register of interests form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services.

**3. MINUTES**

**11 - 18**

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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

**5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS**

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

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



## 6. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

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

## 7. STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE

An opportunity for the Mayor and the Councillors to give their views on the 'State of the Borough'.

## 8. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

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| <b>8.1</b> | <b>Annual Report of the Standards Advisory Committee</b>                              | <b>23 - 46</b>   |
|            | To consider the annual report of the Standards Advisory Committee.                    |                  |
| <b>8.2</b> | <b>Annual Report of the Audit Committee</b>   | <b>47 - 66</b>   |
|            | To consider the annual report of the Audit Committee.                                 |                  |
| <b>8.3</b> | <b>Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Board</b>                                 | <b>67 - 94</b>   |
|            | To consider the annual report of the Corporate Parenting Board.                       |                  |
| <b>8.4</b> | <b>Annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>                           | <b>95 - 114</b>  |
|            | To consider the annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.                 |                  |
| <b>8.5</b> | <b>Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22</b>                                   | <b>115 - 126</b> |
|            | To consider the Overview and Scrutiny work programme for the 2021-22 municipal year.  |                  |
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| <b>9.</b>  | <b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>   |                  |
| <b>9.1</b> | <b>Appointment of a Chair of the Strategic Development Committee</b>                  | <b>127 - 130</b> |
|            | To consider appointments for the vacant Chair of the Strategic Development Committee. |                  |



**9.2 Extensions of the 6-month attendance rule**

To consider a request for an extension to the 6-month attendance rule for Councillors.

**10. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

135 - 138

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

**11. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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

