

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 13 December 2021 at 6.30 p.m., Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

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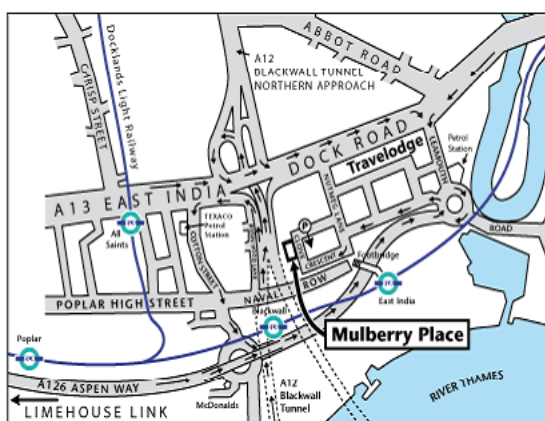
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<b>SECTION ONE</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>PAGE NUMBER(S)</b>
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>		
To receive any apologies for absence.		
<b>2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS</b>		<b>9 - 10</b>
<p>Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest 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, please see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.</p> <p>Members are reminded to declare the nature of the interest and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it's the Members' responsibility to declare any interests form and to update their register of interest form as required by the Code.</p> <p>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</p>		
<b>3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES</b>	<b>All Wards</b>	<b>To follow</b>
To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22/11/2021.		
<b>4. ACTION LOG</b>	<b>All Wards</b>	<b>11 - 24</b>
Members are asked to note the Action Log		
<b>5. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS</b>		
To receive any petitions (to be notified at the meeting).		
<b>6. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS</b>	<b>All Wards</b>	<b>25 - 56</b>
The Committee is asked to note:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The most recent edition of the Forward Plan.</li> </ol>		

2. The Forthcoming Decisions Plan (or 'Forward Plan') will be published at least **28 days before each Cabinet meeting** setting out information on all the Key Decisions that are expected to be taken at that meeting, along with other Cabinet decisions where known.
3. Publication dates for future Forthcoming Decision Plans are available on the [Cabinet web pages](#). In advance of being published on the new Plan, individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published as they are known and these are listed as [New Issues](#).

## 7. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

No decisions of the Mayor in Cabinet (24/11/2021) in respect of unrestricted reports on the agenda were 'called in'.

## 8. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

All Wards

### 8.1 Housing

All Wards

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To consider the council's progress against its strategic priorities for housing with a focus on scrutinising the delivery of new homes.

## 9. BUDGET & POLICY

### 9.1 Budget Consultation

All Wards

To review the budget consultation report and this is contributing to the budget setting process. process in line with the Council's priorities.

*Members are asked to refer to the report included in the Cabinet agenda 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.*

[Tower Hamlets Council - Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 15th December, 2021, 5.30 p.m.](#)

### 9.2 Youth Justice Annual Plan

All Wards

To review the priorities and strategic goals of the Youth Justice Board. The report is a policy framework item so will be presented to Cabinet and then Full Council.

Members are asked to refer to the report included in the Cabinet agenda 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

[Tower Hamlets Council - Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 15th December, 2021, 5.30 p.m.](#)

## **10. SCRUTINY CHALLENGE SESSION**

### **10 .1 Community Buildings**

**All Wards 59 - 60**

To track the progress of the recommendations arising from the Premises Charges and Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme Scrutiny Challenge Session.

### **10 .2 Scrutiny challenge session report: The extent to which the council's parking permit policy influences people's behaviour**

**All Wards 61 - 78**

To agree the findings and recommendations arising from the Parking Scrutiny Challenge Session.

## **11. UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS**

**All Wards To follow**

The Committee will receive updates from all the Scrutiny Leads in regard to their portfolio's. The written updates are attached any verbal updates will be presented at the meeting.

## **12. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS**

**All Wards**

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

## **13. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

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

## **14. 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.”

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#### **15. 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, 10 January 2022 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall,  
Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

# Agenda Item 2

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AT MEETINGS– NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER**

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### **(i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)**

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**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.



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### Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Reference	Action	Assigned to	Scrutiny Lead	Due Date	Response
<b>24/05 Meeting</b>	1. <u>BAME inequalities Commission Report</u> Note to be provided to O&S Committee on details of any allegations (individual claims of discrimination) presented to the Commission and how this has been taken forward.	Sharon Godman	OSC Chair	28/06	See attached appendix 1 for response (June OSC papers)
	2. <u>Air Quality Action Plan Report</u> Add an air quality monitoring station for the Council's Blackwall Depo due to Euro 6 Vehicle emission standards in the area (as part of Air Quality Report Recommendation)	Dan Jones & Dave Tolley	OSC Chair	28/06	Set up an air quality monitoring station for the Council's Blackwall Depot due to Euro 6 Vehicle emission standards in the area. This to take the form of an additional NOx tube to be included near the depot site. Completion date: 31 Aug 2021
<b>29/07 Meeting</b>	<u>Strategic Target Setting Briefing Session</u> 1. Submit recommendations from target setting briefing to Mayors Office. Mayor and IP officers to provide a response to committee comments/recs.	Mayor & Thorsten Dreyer	OSC Chair	13/08	Response received and circulated (via email) to O&S Members 29.01.2021
<b>28/07 Meeting</b>	1. <u>Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel Action Plan</u> Request a copy of the letter from the Mayor to the Home Office lobbying for further resources to 101 service	Ann Corbett & Stephen Bramah	OSC Chair	13/08	Complete
	2. <u>Outturn Budget 2020/21 Report</u> Request a briefing note on the ongoing squeeze on expenditure through the HRA and THH management fee	Ann Sutcliffe	OSC Chair	13/08	Complete

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Page 10	<p><b>20/09 Meeting</b></p> <p><u>Strategic Performance and Delivery Reporting Q1 2021-22</u></p> <p>1. The committee requested a written response to their recommendations/ comments from the target setting briefing session held in July 2021</p>	<p>Sharon Godman &amp; Thorsten Dreyer</p>	<p>OSC Chair</p>	<p>Sep 2021</p>	<p>Response sent to OSC Members via email on 29.09.2021</p>
	<p><u>Budget Monitoring Report period 3 2021/22</u></p> <p>1. Analyses on the impact a rise in inflation will have on council contracts</p>	<p>Hitesh Jolapara</p>	<p>OSC Chair</p>	<p>25/10</p>	<p>The current estimate for the annual costs of contract inflation for the General Fund is £3.1m. This includes an allowance for 2% on adult and children’s social care spot placements (for London Living Wage and Ethical Care Charter increases). If inflation was between 3% and 5%, this could increase the cost of inflationary increases to between circa £5m and £8m for the General Fund, depending on contract negotiations and individual uplift clauses in block contracts (which can reference increases to CPI/RPI of specific months). Please note that there are currently price pressures in the market across various service areas which could be experienced as block contracts come up for retender/extension, including pressures relating to increases in wage levels, fuel costs and food costs.</p>
	<p>2. What will the impact be of the NI increase for Health &amp; Social Care have on the Council both as an employer and as purchaser of services?</p>	<p>Hitesh Jolapara</p>	<p>OSC Chair</p>	<p>25/10</p>	<p>The one-off increased cost in 2022-23 of the NI increase (health and social care levy announced 7/9/21) for the Council as an employer is estimated at £1.4m for the General Fund. The government indicated that funding would be provided to public sector bodies for the extra cost burden.</p> <p>Providers of adult social care residential and community-based services could request funding from the Council of</p>

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Page 11	<p>3. What assumptions have other authorities made in the MTFS on the use of New House bonus?</p>	<p>Hitesh Jolapara</p>	<p>OSC Chair</p>	<p>25/10</p>	<p>circa £1m for the extra NI cost of providing care (cost for the request estimated as 1.25% NI increase on an assumed 80% staffing component of the £94m annual spend). Similarly, providers of children's social care may request an estimated circa £0.3m for the extra cost of providing care. It is unclear whether the government will provide funding through Councils to support social care providers directly for the extra NI cost or indirectly through allocation from the income raised from the health and social care levy. Providers of other services purchased by the Council could also request an increase of funding, especially for non-block commissioned services and the extra cost could be included in contract bids by providers for contracts coming up for retender/extension.</p> <p>See appended table for response</p>
	<p>4. A number of assets have lost income or have occurred additional costs. The Committee requested further information on what the council is planning to do with their physical assets and what the costs of these are (either direct costs or income forgone)</p>	<p>Ann Sutcliffe &amp; Vicky Clark</p>	<p>OSC Chair</p>	<p>25/10</p>	<p>Awaiting final response</p>

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Page 12	<b>25/10 Meeting</b>  <u>Cumulative Impact Assessment Report (Licensing)</u>  1. To provide a written note for Members on how they raise issues with licensed premises to enable a review	Dave Tolley & Dan Jones	OSC Chair	12/11	“Note for Members will be provided by end of next week (19.11.2021) and will be shared via email.”  Sent out to OSC Members via email on 15.11. 2021
	2. <u>Liveable Streets Programme Spotlight</u>  (a) Following the spotlight, OSC to write to the Mayor with their recommendations/ actions for	Cllr Mohammed Pappu	OSC Chair	11/11	Letter sent out to the Mayor, Cabinet lead and council officers (see appendix 2)
	(b) The Mayor to provide a written response to OSC’s recommendations on LV Programme	Mayor’s Office		10/12	
<b>22/11 Meeting</b>  1. <u>Waste and Recycling Service</u>  To provide a written response to the following Recommendations: a. The service must investigate the contamination of waste and recycling (not just in instances where URS vehicles breakdown). This impacts on residents confidence and behaviour and we must better communicate to residents what happens with contaminated waste. b. The service must improve the communications around recycling champions and raise awareness that small electrical items can be disposed at Ideas Stores	Cllr Asma Islam & Dan Jones	OSC Chair	20/12		

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	<p>c. The service needs to provide clarity on what additional costs RPs are incurring on waste which is being charged to leaseholders and this needs to be communicated to residents.</p> <p>d. To mitigate the issues caused by URS vehicles on estates, the council must support investment in vehicles to increase capacity. This must consider our growing population and regeneration and therefore needs to consider future need.</p> <p>e. The service must look at the impact of Northumberland Wharf on residents and strengthen the contract with the provider and explore what mitigation is needed.</p> <p>f. Explore how we can improve and expand the enforcement procedures we have in place. This may include publicising court cases where successful so people are aware that severe penalties may be given.</p> <p>g. The recent introduction of food waste recycling into the Bow Quarter has worked well. The council should continue to monitor the implementation at Bow Quarter and explore introducing more food waste recycling in other similar developments across the borough.</p> <p>h. There needs to be a greater focus and monitoring on whether contaminated recycling wheelie bins are being followed up within 24/48 hours to ensure it's been carried out effectively.</p>				
2.	<p><u>Budget Monitoring Report – Period 6 as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021</u></p> <p>Breakdown of the recent Autumn Budget and</p>	<p>Cllr Candida Ronald, Kevin Bartle &amp; Nisar</p>	<p>OSC chair</p>	<p>03/12</p>	<p>Attached appendix 3 for response</p>

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Page	Spending Review announcement and the projected implications for Tower Hamlets	Visram			
	Leisure Centre review report to be provided to OSC	James Thomas & Judith St John	OSC Chair	03/12	Circulated to OSC Members via email on 03.12.2021
	Provide a written note explaining why the decision to agree the extension of AEG wasn't a key decision	James Thomas & Judith St John	OSC Chair	03/12	<p>Explanation as to why the decision to agree the extension of AEG wasn't a key decision:</p> <p><i>The key decision was taken by Cabinet (January 2021) when approval was obtained in order to change the event capacity, maximum number of events per year and to further extend the contract. Cabinet authorised the Divisional Director – Legal Services, after consultation with the Corporate Director for Children and Culture, to execute and enter into all necessary agreements.</i></p>
13/12 Meeting					
10/01 Meeting					
24/01 Meeting					

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21/02 Meeting					
07/03 Meeting					

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### Appendix 1: New Homes Bonus Benchmarking

London Borough	What assumptions have you made in your MTFS on the use of New Homes Bonus (NHB)?	Are you holding any unallocated NHB as a reserve	If yes to question 2, what is the value of that reserve?
1	Currently only legacy, less than £2m	No	n/a
2	Loss of £2m pa (so, -£2m, -£4m, -£6m, -£8m across MTFS; will leave final value at nil	No	n/a
3	Assumption is payment for the fourth year of payments from 2019-20. Not assumed yet that there will be any additional funding in 2022-23 although this assumption will be revised before setting the budget. SR/Budget will make this clearer.	No	n/a
4	Assuming that NHB is no longer available from 2024/25.	No	n/a
5	No assumption of NHB in our 22/23 MTFS. Historically we had quite significant NHB payments which have now all dropped out. We will receive a small amount of legacy NHB + any award this year or returned NHB. We will treat this as one off so are not including in the MTFS	No	n/a
6	Currently use NHB to reduce general revenue costs, which would indirectly include offsetting costs around housing related expenditure. MTFS assumes that NHB will gradually reduce by the legacy payments and we will receive no more payment by 2023/24. However, we have assumed that we will continue to receive funding in future years from the new scheme which the government is currently working on but this will only be a fraction of what we have received in the past, i.e. 1 payment each year compared to 4-6 legacy payments each year	No	n/a
7	Use NHB as part of the total revenue funding.	No	n/a
8	NHB is baked into the base budget and we are forecasting a reduction in line with the model produced at Settlement last year.	No	n/a
9	Nil	allocated previously some NHB monies to	n/a



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		support housing initiatives (earmarked reserve)	
10	Only assuming legacy payments from previous years allocations and no further new funding. Therefore, we have built-in £0.565m in 21/22 which we are due this year and £0.492m for 22/23. Without any further info, we have assumed that the NHB will cease and be wrapped up in the fair funding review for now. Have not always met the threshold to receive NHB in recent years, so have made no assumption for receiving an additional allocation in 23/24 at this stage.	No	n/a
11	21/22 - £5.168m, 22/23 - £7.595m, 23/24 - £9.363m This is being reviewed in light of Housing Ministry changes.	Yes	£11.3k
12	We build out NHB into our MTFS and it just helps out the bottom line. We based the calc on the govt calculator.	No	n/a
13	Does not form a significant element of the financial resources and at this stage have rolled over the current funding as per the expected distribution under the current scheme.	No	n/a
14	Full use in year of receipt to fund revenue spend. To run down to zero in 2023/24 (as 2022/23 is the last year in the NHB calculator)	No	n/a
Tower Hamlets	Given the uncertainty in the amounts to be received and that payments in future will be significantly lower, the Council prudently reduced its reliance on NHB as a funding source in support of its general revenue budget and allocated £10.0m in 2021-22 to the revenue budget with the additional sum of £7.6m received placed into earmarked reserves.	Yes	£40m (31/3/20)

## Appendix 2

3 December 2021

### **Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Liveable Streets Recommendations**

Dear Mayor Biggs

Thank you for attending the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on Monday 25 October to discuss the Liveable Streets programme. It was a very productive discussion, and the Committee welcomes further engagement on the programme as we enter a period of review and consider how we can amend the programme to best meet the needs of all our residents.

The Committee encourages the council to really listen and respond to what our residents are telling us and this needs to be an iterative process given the nature of this programme and the wider perception of what other boroughs are doing. We must ensure that as we move through each stage of the programme, we are taking our residents with us and guiding them through what are transformative changes to their habits and behaviours.

We appreciate getting the balance right is always going to be challenging but keeping our residents and other stakeholders informed in a timely manner (not just through consultation) will be critical to the delivering the programme successfully.

It's clear to the Committee that we need to move swiftly to find a resolution to address the concerns our residents have raised, and this programme has become very polarising and damaging for our community. To this end, the Committee strongly suggests the following recommendations to help tackle and progress some of the key issues emerging from the programme.

The Committee recommends the following:

- R1.** That the council investigates the use of capital for a local green transition fund to support delivery of the wider agenda.
- R2.** That the Committee be provided with a copy of the letter from the Chief Executive of London Ambulance Service and a response to this in writing to understand how the issues have been addressed.
- R3.** That the council establish a mechanism for speedy and transparent responses to unforeseen negative impacts of the schemes when these are brought to our attention by residents and businesses.
- R4.** That the council establish a reporting facility for persistent speeding and provide a quick way for residents to report hotspots
- R5.** That the council establish a policy on resident exemptions so that future schemes and those currently being designed can take this into account. Need to be clear on what this means for residents in

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- car free developments.
- R6.** That the council open an ongoing, borough wide, listening platform (outside of specific consultations) so there is an ongoing process for residents to communicate with the council.
- R7.** That the council increase cycle parking provision in the borough and provide the committee with a note in writing with details how this will be delivered.

Thank you for consideration of the Committee's recommendations. We would be grateful if you can provide us with a written response which details how the recommendations will be addressed.

Yours Sincerely

**Cllr Mohammed Pappu**

Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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### Appendix 3

**Briefing note:** MTFS 2022 25 further update and future outlook

**Date:** 1 December 2021

**Author:** Nisar Visram, Director Finance, Procurement and Audit (Deputy s151 Officer)

## Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) Update Summary

This briefing note is designed to bring members up to date following the Spending Review 2021, announced by the Chancellor on 27 October, which set out departmental budgets up to 2024-25.

The Spending Review stated that departments would receive an increase in real terms funding over the three-year period 2022-23 to 2024-25. Core Spending Power (CSP) for local authorities is estimated to increase by an average of 3% in real terms each year over the period, which will **include** the proposed investment in Adult Social Care reform (including funding the Care Cap).

The Government Spending Power calculation assumes local authorities will enact the maximum available increases for Council Tax and the ASC Precept. The Spending Review has suggested a referendum level of 2% for Council Tax increases and an ASC Precept of 1% to be levied in each of the three years, however this will be confirmed in the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement (LG

The fair funding review and the business rates reset were not mentioned in the Spending Review so are likely to be delayed and the impact on the income for the Council is, therefore, unclear.

The provisional LGFS is expected to be received in mid-December and this will give a clearer view of the distribution of funding for local government and for individual local authorities. The Council's MTFS will be updated following receipt of the provisional LGFS.

The Council's position from the 2021-24 approved MTFS was a budget gap of **£19.1m** for 2022-23, which reduced to **£11m** after the planned usage of **£8.2m** from one-off reserves (we are already using £1.3m of our reserves to balance 2021-22).

The Council's MTFS funding assumptions have improved in three main areas:

- Business Rates - the most recent intelligence continues to suggest that the planned Business Rates reset is more likely than not to be delayed by a further year from 2022-23 to 2023-24. (£14.5m one off benefit in 22-23). This is a short term gain that helps next year but not the total MTFS, as the reset is just slipping a year.
- Revenue Support Grant – a net forecast increase to include assumed recycling of New Homes Bonus funding (replacing the previous grant). (£2.8m in 22-23 and £4.8m in 23-24). We have had no confirmation of what the Government intends to do with New Homes Bonus – a consultation was completed in early 2021 and it is forecast that funding could be repurposed as part of the settlement.
- Council Tax – property growth forecast to be 3.5% in 22-23 (rather than 3% originally budgeted) and estimated reduction in LCTRS claimants in future years (following the increase in 20-21 and 21-22 due to the pandemic). (£0.7m in 22-23 and £1.4m in 23-24)

The detailed settlement will be published in mid to late December 2021 and this will outline specifically the funding the council will receive. There is a risk that the Government may vary the distribution of funding as part of its levelling up agenda, with potentially sums being redistributed out of London.

There are unavoidable growth pressures and savings delays/write off currently under review, risks of ongoing costs from the pandemic and from the wider economy which provide a backdrop of uncertainty and caution when setting our Medium Term Financial Strategy going forward. Further details on these items are outlined below.

## Review of Savings

The Council is not introducing new savings for 22-23, however the savings already approved by Council would need to be delivered or the budget gap would increase (and alternative savings would

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need to be found). Council has previously approved savings totalling £19.5m in 21-22, £9.2m in 22-23 and £7.2m in 23-24.

Officers have carried out a review of existing savings plans to identify savings that could be at risk of delivery or require more time to deliver. This review has identified £2.3m of savings which may be undeliverable and £2.4m of savings which may need to be re-profiled to later years, taking into account the impact of the pandemic on greater commercialisation opportunities (including property rentals), changes to the Idea Store Strategy following stakeholder consultation, and to allow time for service redesign and system improvements in HR and legal services.

### **Review of growth and inflation requirements**

There remain significant risks around the impact of inflation on the council's budgets. The MTFS currently allows for 2% pay inflation (£3.8m per annum) and 2% non-pay inflation (£3.1m per annum). Current inflation is running comparatively higher than recent years (CPI 3.1% & RPI 4.9% in September 2021). At present, above target inflation is expected to be temporary and CPI is expected to return to around the 2% target in the medium term.

Officers are currently also reviewing growth pressures and any growth requests approved would increase the level of planned use of reserves for 2022-23, if compensatory savings are not to be found, and increase the budget gap for future years.

### **Budget Forecast and Covid-19**

The Council's budget monitor is forecasting almost to budget; however this is after the application of £19.6m in one off COVID grant funding to meet pandemic related pressures in year. Although many of the costs are one off in nature, there are potentially ongoing impacts of the pandemic on Care services, temporary accommodation, lower economic activity, and shortfalls in income collection. The full ongoing impact of these costs upon the council's finances have yet to be fully ascertained.

### **Council Tax**

The MTFS assumes a Council Tax increase of 1.99% in each of the next three years 2022-23 to 2024-25, in line with the current expectation of the government's referendum level (and therefore the Core Spending Power calculation for local government funding). The Government set out in the spending review that it expects councils to increase Council Tax by 1.99% and to levy an additional 1% for the Adult Social Care Precept.

The 1.99% increase provides extra income of £2.424m (22-23), £2.760m (23-24) and £3.092m (24-25).

A Band D council taxpayer in Tower Hamlets currently pays £1,476.92 per annum including the GLA element (£1,113.26 Council element and £363.66 GLA element). Each 1% increase in Council Tax, would add approximately 21p extra a week (£11.13 per year) for a Band D property (excluding any increases that could come from the GLA element). This is before any discounts, reliefs or benefits. Those on low incomes would still receive support through the LCTRS, including 100% relief for those on the lowest incomes.

The Covid-19 pandemic has reduced the collection rate and it has increased significantly those claiming benefits including through the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS). As at the end of September 2021, the Council had collected 45.8% of Council Tax compared to 46.5% over the same period in 2020, with collection levels lower than last year and pre-pandemic levels. The cost of the LCTRS scheme rose from £26.7m in 2019-20 to £31.6m in 2020-21. The level of claimants has remained at the increased pandemic level to date (estimated £33.2m cost in 2021-22).

### **Adult Social Care (ASC) Precept**

The latest iteration of our MTFS assumes an Adult Social Care (ASC) Precept of 1% for each of the next three years and that this will be allocated to support ASC demographic pressures. The LGFS will confirm both the referendum level for Council Tax increases and the maximum level of the ASC

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Precept. At 1%, the ASC Precept provides extra income of £1.212m (22-23), £1.380m (23-24) and £1.546m (24-25) which is a contribution towards the estimated ASC demographic pressures of circa £5m per annum based on our latest understanding of population and care need trends.

### **Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**

Local authorities are permitted to increase housing rents by a maximum of CPI + 1%. Any rent increase is based on the September CPI figure which has now been announced as 3.1%. The Council will need to consider the increase for 2022-23.

Similarly, tenanted service charges are normally subject to an inflationary increase. A decision will need to be taken on rental increases with consideration of the sustainability of the HRA business plan going forward.

### **Fees and Charges**

The MTFS currently assumes an increase of £420k for 2022-23 which contributes towards the budget gap. Charges are either statutory or discretionary and broadly aim to cover costs.

Inflation from September (CPI 3.1% & RPI 4.9%) have been utilised as a guide for setting charges, together with other factors such as service demand, the cost of providing services, benchmarking with other Councils and the impact on residents. Some figures are rounded for practical purposes.

### **Budget consultation**

The Budget Consultation closed on 15 November 2021. The results will be presented to Cabinet on 15 December. Changes can then be made to the Budget Report prior to its presentation to Cabinet in January 2022.

### **Budget setting timetable**

#### **Budget Consultation Results - Cabinet 15 December 2021**

#### **Budget Report 2022-23 and MTFS 2022-25 - Cabinet 5 January 2022**

- Including Capital, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Dedicated Schools Budget (DSB)
- Agreement of Council Tax Base calculation for 2022-23. Delegation will be requested from Cabinet for the S151 Officer to agree future year's calculations.

#### **Fees and Charges Report - Cabinet 5 January 2022**

- Agreement of Fees & Charges (£420k saving already 'baked in' to the approved 2022-23 budget)

#### **Budget Report 2022-23 and MTFS 2022-25 - Cabinet 26 January 2022**

- Including Capital, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Dedicated Schools Budget (DSB)

#### **Full Council March 2022**

- Budget Report 2022-23 and MTFS 2022-25 (including Capital, HRA and DSB)
- Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Investment Strategy Report and Capital Strategy Report for 2022-23



## **THE FORWARD PLAN**

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## Forward Plan November 2021

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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<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Strategic delivery and performance reporting – Q3 2021/22</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on the delivery and implementation of the council's Strategic Plan		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 23/02/22
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Mayor
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A
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 (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) <a href="mailto:sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk">sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>
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

<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Building Safety Management Shadow Framework</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	For Cabinet to approve the Shadow Building Safety Management Framework in preparation for the impending Building Safety Act.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>

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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>There has been consultation with CLT, Place DLT, THH, Asset Management and the Capital Delivery Board and Tower Hamlets Housing Forum.</p> <p>Presentations to impacted services and departments.</p> <p>A LBTH/THH cross-departmental Building Safety Bill working group has been set up to share information and work through the requirements of the Bill.</p>		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	<p>Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) <a href="mailto:Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p>		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Building Safety Bill		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Future of Commercial Road Car Pound</b>	Ward Bethnal Green; Stepney Green	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>The Commercial Road Car Pound site at 585-593 Commercial Road is used by the Council to accommodate various Public Realm services. However, the site is not fully utilised. It has potential for redevelopment and could be sold for a significant capital receipt. The report proposes that the site is declared surplus to requirements and sold.</p>		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 26/01/22
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Current LBTH occupiers of the Car Pound Site</p> <p>N/A</p>

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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 (Director of Integrated Growth and Development) <a href="mailto:vicky.clark@towerhamlets.gov.uk">vicky.clark@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	External Valuation Feasibility Study		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Fully Exempt (the whole report will be exempt)		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Disposal of property at 53 Antill Road, E3 5BT</b>	Ward Bow West	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	Sale of 53 Antil Road London E3 5BT, a property previously acquired under Compulsory Purchase Order powers.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 15/12/21		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	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	Karen Swift (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	No, Unrestricted		

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consider this report in private session and if so why?			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Learning Disability Health Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee Challenge Session: Update and Action Plan</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>A Health Scrutiny challenge session took place on the 10th March 2020 reviewing “How health and social care is supporting adults with a learning disability to live independent lives in Tower Hamlets”. This scrutiny session focused on three main areas of the Learning Disability Strategy: Health, Accommodation and Employment. The challenge session report was compiled providing documentation of the sessions and including recommendations to be actioned upon. Due to the outbreak of the coronavirus-19 pandemic in the UK, the report was signed-off in February 2021. The report was updated against the March position and included an impact assessment of the pandemic for the learning disability population.</p> <p>This report presents the action plan in response to the Health Scrutiny challenge session report for Cabinet approval.</p>		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 15/12/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	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  ‘Learning Disability Health Scrutiny Challenge Session Report’, 08 February 2021  Living Well In Tower Hamlets - The Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2017-2020
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	NA
Contact details for comments or additional information	Warwick Tomsett Joint Director, Integrated Commissioning warwick.tomsett@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be	‘Learning Disability Health Scrutiny Challenge Session Report’, 08 February 2021

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available?	Living Well In Tower Hamlets - The Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2017-2020		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Canon Barnett Primary School Academy Conversion</b>	Ward Spitalfields & Banglatown	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This item will ask for Cabinet approval for completion of lease arrangements and commercial transfers related to the academy conversion of Canon Barnett primary school. The school received an academy order from the Secretary of State. The school has indicated its wish to convert to academy status and join the Mulberry Trust. Once applications from school governing bodies have been approved by the Secretary of State the expectation is that local authorities will work with schools on all transfer matters.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 15/12/21		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Children, Youth Services, Education and Equalities (Statutory Deputy Mayor)		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Parents and staff  Consultation undertaken by the school's governing body and the Mulberry Trust.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	NA		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Steve Nyakatawa (Director of Education) <a href="mailto:steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk">steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>		
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		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Additions to the Approved Capital Programme 2021-22 to 2023-24</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes



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<p><b>Summary of Decision</b></p>	<p>Following the approval of the £626.566m capital programme for the period 2021-2024 by Cabinet on 26th January 2021 and £17.083m for additional capital projects approved by Cabinet on 30th June 2021, further capital projects which support the Council's strategic priorities have been identified and, where funding sources are available for allocation, have been progressed through the capital governance process.</p> <p>This report seeks approval by Cabinet for schemes that have been considered by the Capital Strategy Board for inclusion into the 2021-24 Approved Capital Programme and for those where formal changes to the agreed budget or scheme detail is required at the earliest opportunity, to ensure that the pace of delivery is maintained.</p> <p>This report will also seek approval for the LIF3 Programme.</p>		

<p><b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision</p>	<p><b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21</p>		
<p><b>Community Plan Theme</b></p>	<p><b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b></p>		
<p><b>Cabinet Member</b></p>	<p>Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing</p>		
<p>Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place</p>	<p>N/A Targeted consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the information provided in the PIDs.</p>		
<p>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?</p>	<p>Initial EIAs form part of the PID approval process for individual capital programme areas</p>		
<p>Contact details for comments or additional information</p>	<p>Vicky Clark (Director of Integrated Growth and Development) <a href="mailto:vicky.clark@towerhamlets.gov.uk">vicky.clark@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p>		
<p>What supporting documents or other information will be available?</p>	<p>The Council's 2021-24 Approved Capital Programme – Cabinet 30th January 2021</p>		
<p>Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?</p>	<p>No, Unrestricted</p>		
<p><b>Title of Report</b></p>	<p><b>LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Re-Visit Findings and Action Plan</b></p>	<p>Ward All Wards</p>	<p>Key Decision? No</p>

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<b>Summary of Decision</b>	The findings of the 2021 LGA Peer Challenge revisit and resulting action plan. This item outlines how we intend to address the recommendations made by the LGA team following their September visit.
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<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 26/01/22		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Mayor		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Mayor, relevant portfolio holders, CLT, DLTs and relevant service managers  Following the release of the review team findings, they will be shared widely across the council with officers and members and a core team will develop actions to address issues are appropriate. These actions will also be shared widely with council officers and members and refined as required		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	The review has not yet taken place, but an Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken when the action plan is developed		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	The findings of the 2021 Peer Review team		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Annual Plan for the Youth Justice Board 2021/22</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	It is a constitutional requirement that the Cabinet reviews this plan. The plan sets out the priorities and strategic goals of the Youth Justice Board. This report highlights the current priority areas to tackle which include disproportional representation, and steps to reduce first time entrants.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Council</b> 19/01/22
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>

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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Children, Youth Services, Education and Equalities (Statutory Deputy Mayor))		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	NA		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	NA		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Richard Baldwin (Divisional Director, Supporting Families) richard.baldwin@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
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		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Review of the Licensing Act Cumulative Impact Assessments</b>	Ward Bethnal Green; Spitalfields & Banglatown; St Peter's; Weavers	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	A review of the consultation on the cumulative impact assessment for licensed premises within Brick Lane and Bethnal Green.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b>  <b>Council</b> 17/11/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in; TH Plan 3: Strong, resilient and safe communities</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	A full 12 week open consultation has been undertaken and is submitted as part of the report
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the	No

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result of this Assessment?	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Dan Jones (Director, Public Realm) dan.jones@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Tower Hamlets Digital Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan</b>
	Ward All Wards
	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	A strategy and action plan to improve digital inclusion across Tower Hamlets in partnership

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Mufeedah Bustin, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio) Mufeedah.Bustin@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Mayor and Cabinet, Senior officers and service managers Key Partners (PEG), community groups and residents  A cross-organisational steering group will develop the strategy and action plan consulting a range of organisations and residents through surveys, one to one conversations, community researchers and evidence gathered in steering group meetings
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	The Equality Impact Assessment of the strategy and action plan will be completed as part of the drafting process and will be finalised before draft report goes to CLT
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) <a href="mailto:sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk">sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None
Is there an intention to	No, Unrestricted

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consider this report in private session and if so why?			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Harriott, Apsley &amp; Pattison (HAP) Houses Regeneration Scheme</b>	Ward Stepney Green	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>This report seeks agreement to progress the delivery of a regeneration project at Stepney for the redevelopment of Harriott, Apsley, Pattison Houses (the Site).</p> <p>Approval of this report's recommendations will help facilitate the delivery of the scheme and, more broadly the delivery of a regenerated estate, providing a great place for residents to live with high-quality new homes and a new community centre.</p>		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 15/12/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Residents of Harriott, Apsley, Pattison Houses. Wider neighbouring residents that may be impacted by the development. Redcoat Community Centre &amp; Mosque. Vibrance. Tower Hamlets Adults Social Service.</p> <p>Extensive community consultation has been carried out with residents for the past 2 years including an estate regeneration ballot.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	An EQIA has been carried out and there are mainly positive impacts. The negative impacts have all been mitigated.
Contact details for comments or additional information	Rupert Brandon, Karen Swift Interim Head of Housing Supply rupert.brandon@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Rehousing guides for resident and non-resident leaseholders, secure tenants. Landlord offer to all residents. Schedule of land interests to be acquired.
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Commercially sensitive information relating to the financial model of the scheme. Viability information to be exempt as it provides commercial information.

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<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Letting of Bromley Public Hall</b>	Ward Bromley North	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	As part of the relocation of the Registrar Services to St Georges Town Hall, Bromley Public Hall is now surplus to requirements. In order to avoid ongoing security and maintenance costs, the decision has been made to let the property. The Place Scheme of Delegation requires lettings achieving over £100,000 to be taken to Cabinet, and delegated authority is sought for the Director of Place to authorise any letting		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 15/12/21		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)		
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	Vicky Clark (Director of Integrated Growth and Development) vicky.clark@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?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Appendix providing financial and personal details of interested parties and levels of bids.		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Liveable Streets Shadwell consultation outcome report</b>	Ward Spitalfields & Banglatown; Weavers	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This item presents the results of a public consultation for the Liveable Streets Shadwell scheme.  Recommendations:  1.Receive and conscientiously consider the results of the engagement to date and public consultation of Shadwell Liveable Streets.		

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	<p>2.Approve the proposed scheme designs for the Shadwell area as part of the Liveable Streets programme.</p> <p>3.Approve the use of existing frameworks or term contracts to award an order up to the value determined for completion of the works.</p> <p>4.Implement under changes to the existing traffic order.</p>
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<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 15/12/21		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Public Key partners Other Directorates</p> <p>Full consultation including online and paper surveys, collaborative co-design workshops and business surveys</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	Dan Jones (Director, Public Realm) dan.jones@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Appendices will be included		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted N/A		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>2022-23 Budget Consultation Outcome</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This report presents the outcome of the 2022-23 budget consultation with businesses, residents and key stakeholders.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 15/12/21		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>		

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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Businesses, Residents & Key Stakeholders Public Consultation – 4 October 2021 to 15 November 2021		
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 and Section 151 Officer) 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		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Fees and Charges 2022-23</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	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.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 05/01/22
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	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?	EIAs are being carried out for any new charges and where charges have increased above inflation.



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Contact details for comments or additional information	Nisar Visram (Director of Finance, Procurement & Audit) nisar.visram@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		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Tenancy Agreement Review and Recommendations (Post-Consultation)</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>The council consulted its tenants on proposed changes to the tenancy agreement. The statutory consultation took place over 6 weeks between 6th and 17th October 2021.</p> <p>This report advises Mayor and Cabinet of the outcome of the consultation process and seeks approval to proceed with the introduction of the revised tenancy agreement, including a decision on whether to rescind the second succession policy.</p>		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 26/01/22
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>All Priorities</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	See above  Statutory consultation with the council's tenants was undertaken between 6th and 17th October 2021.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes, Equality Analysis Quality Assurance Checklist has been completed and a full EIA has been completed.
Contact details for comments or additional information	Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Consultation website: Tenancy Agreement Review   Let's Talk Tower Hamlets

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Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Response to Overview and Scrutiny's Challenge Session on Empowering Communities – engaging our diverse community at a locality level</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This report formalises the service's response to the overview and scrutiny's challenge session recommendations on engaging communities – engaging our diverse community at a locality level taken to Cabinet on 26 January 2021.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 26/01/22		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>All Priorities</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place			
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 (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Appendix 1: Overview and Scrutiny Challenge Session Report on Empowering Communities – engaging our diverse community at a locality level  Appendix 2: Service Action Plan – Response to Scrutiny Recommendations		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Specification for Leisure Capital Investment</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	The report sets out a proposed investment programme for the Leisure estate,		

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based on the objectives of the Leisure Strategy, the condition of each facility and an assessment of the subsequent financial viability of the estate.

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 26/01/22
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>TH Plan 4: Better health and wellbeing.</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>1) Place 2) Health, Adults &amp; Community 3) Finance, Procurement and Audit 4) Public</p> <p>Internal consultation: Yes External consultation: Yes</p> <p>A consultation process will be shortly underway to seek residents' views on the proposals to re-procure the leisure management contract for May 2024, and proposed changes to the Leisure estate that run in parallel to that process. Internal colleagues have been and will continue to be consulted on the financial viability of the proposed investment, and the appropriate procurement route for engaging with contractors / service providers in due course.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Judith St John (Director, Commissioning and Culture, Children's Services) judith.stjohn@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<p>1) 21016-JO-101 - John Orwell - Condition Survey 2) 21016-JO-101 - John Orwell M&amp;E - Condition Report (A3) 3) 21025 John Orwell Sports Centre Structural Building Fabric Condition Survey Rev 001 4) 21025 Mile End Leisure Centre Structural Fabric Condition Survey Rev 001 5) 21016-ME-101 - Mile End M&amp;E- Condition Report (A3) 6) 21025 Poplar Baths Leisure Centre and Gym Structural Fabric Condition Survey Rev 001 7) 21016-PB-101 - Poplar Baths - Condition Report (A3) 8) 21012-101 - LBTH St Georges Pool - Follow Up Survey 9) J6440 St Georges Pool Controls 10) 21003 St Georges Leisure Centre Structural Condition Report Rev 003 (July 2021) 11) 21003 St Georges Leisure Centre Structural Condition Report Rev 003 (July 2021)</p>

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	12) 21025 Whitechapel Leisure Centre Structural Fabric Condition Survey Rev 001 13) 21016-WS-101 - Whitechapel Sports M&E - Condition Report (A3) 14) 21025 York Hall Leisure Centre Structural Fabric Condition Survey Rev 001 15) 21016-YH-101 - York Hall M&E - C		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) The report will include a section on the anticipated revenue costs of a number of options for delivering the future Leisure management contract. This information is commercially sensitive, and access to it at this stage would provide prospective bidders with an advantage over the Council in any ensuing negotiations as part of a procurement. The relevant exemption is as follows: 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Delivery Report – Housing and Homes</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This report sets out the Council's delivery activity in the area of the housing over the last years		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 26/01/22
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, Cabinet Member for Housing
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A - report is for noting only  N/A - report is for noting only
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A - report is for noting only
Contact details for comments or additional information	Karen Swift (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

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<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Contracts Forward Plan 2021/22 – Quarter Three</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This report presents the contracts being procured during quarter three. The report also sets out the Contracts Forward Plan at Appendix 2 to the report. 2. The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>All Priorities</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	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 Assessment?	No. Contact specific EQIA is expected to be completed by respective contract owners as part of the Directorate approval		
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?	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		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Strategic delivery and performance reporting – Q2 2021/22</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on the delivery and implementation of the council's Strategic Plan		

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<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Mayor		
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?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) 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		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Budget monitoring report 2021-22 as at 30th September 2021 (period 6)</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	Budget monitoring report 2021-22 as at 30th September 2021 (period 6)		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21		
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>All Priorities</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place			
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been			

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carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Nisar Visram (Director of Finance, Procurement & Audit) nisar.visram@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Disposal of Bromley Hall School and Associated land at Aberfeldy to Poplar HARCA</b>
	Ward All Wards
	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	To dispose of Bromley Hall School and adjacent surplus land to Poplar HARCA. Poplar HARCA intend to incorporate Bromley Hall School into their wider development as part of the Lochnagar Scheme.

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 15/12/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>All Priorities</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Mayor
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A Internal Consultation
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes
Contact details for comments or additional information	Vicky Clark (Director of Integrated Growth and Development) vicky.clark@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Site Plan
Is there an intention to consider this report in	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Appendix 1 –financial information regarding the Poplar HARCA offer.

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private session and if so why?			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Planning for School Places 2021/22 Review and Recommendations</b>	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This report is the annual review of planning for school places. It explains the current position, projected demand, and proposals to increase and reorganise school provision to ensure the right provision is in the right place at the right time.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Children, Youth Services, Education and Equalities (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Along with the 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, community groups, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union, local Members of Parliament. Secretary of State for Education.  A number of pre-statutory and statutory consultations for individual schools (or groups of schools) for proposed changes to school organisation have been undertaken during the 2020/21 and beginning 2021/22 school years
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes - Specifically in relation to school organisation changes.
Contact details for comments or additional information	Steve Nyakatawa (Director of Education) <a href="mailto:steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk">steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	LBTH Primary School Planning (Catchment) Areas - Commissioning of new school places - Report on the first stage consultation on the proposed amalgamation of Old Church Nursery and Marion Richardson Schools (including Equalities Impact Assessment - The Local Plan's approach to allocating school sites - Summary of funding streams available
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted



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<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Plan – Validation of Submission</b>	Ward Bow East; Bow West	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	The Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Plan will be formally submitted for consideration by the Council on 1 October 2021. The Council is now required to assess the submission against the statutory requirements for neighbourhood plan submissions, and decide whether the plan should be put forward for further consultation and examination. The Council is not required at this stage to make an assessment of the suitability of the plan for adoption by the Council.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>None – relevant consultation already undertaken (see above)</p> <p>The Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum ran a public consultation between 15 March and 25 April 2021. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, no public events could be held during the consultation period, but leaflets announcing the consultation were hand-delivered to residents and businesses in the neighbourhood area, an online survey was conducted via the forum’s email lists, and the statutory consultees were contacted. A copy of the neighbourhood plan was made available on the forum’s website, and a copy was sent to the Council along with an announcement that the consultation would be taking place.</p> <p>Details of the consultation activities (including activities undertaken at earlier stages of the neighbourhood plan development process) can be found in Appendices 2-4.</p> <p>As part of that consultation process, an issue was identified with the boundary of the neighbourhood plan area. The boundary included a small area that is under the planning authority of the London Legacy Development Corporation.</p> <p>Following discussions between Council officers, members of the Neighbourhood Forum and officers from LLDC, the Neighbourhood Forum decided to amend the boundary to exclude the area within LLDC authority. In order to ensure the legality of the amendment, a second consultation was carried out solely on the matter of the boundary change. This second consultation took place between 5th July and 15th August 2021.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Screening Tool carried out 28/19/2021, no further assessment needed
Contact details for comments or additional	Jennifer Peters (Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control, Place)

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information	Jennifer.Peters@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	? Appendix 1: Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Plan ? Appendix 2: Consultation Statement ? Appendix 3: Summary of Consultation Responses, September 2021 ? Appendix 4: Basic Conditions Statement ? Appendix 5: Equalities Impact Assessment Screening ? Appendix 6: SEA/HRA Screening Determination Letter		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Liveable Streets Brick Lane review outcome report</b>	Ward Spitalfields & Banglatown; Weavers	Key Decision? Yes
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	This item presents the results of a review of the Liveable Streets Brick Lane scheme, which was installed in August 2021.  This item seeks a decision on the future of the closure of sections of Brick Lane to motorised traffic, from 5:30pm-11:00pm Thursdays and Fridays, and 11:00am-11:00pm Saturdays and Sundays.		

<b>Decision maker</b> Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 24/11/21
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education and skills</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Public Key partners Other Directorates  Two-week public consultation with the residents, businesses and key stakeholders in the Brick Lane Liveable Streets area.  Consultation documents with paper survey were sent out to everyone within the consultation area, as well as hosting a survey online.  Queries were responded to via a dedicated email address, phone line, chat forum on Talk Tower Hamlets site.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this	Yes, the EqIA has been updated based on the results of the review and recommendations.

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Assessment?	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Dan Jones (Director, Public Realm) dan.jones@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Appendices included in the report pack
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted





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<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director Place	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Scrutiny Spotlight: Housing</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Karen Swift, Director of Housing
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards

## Summary

This report details the council's progress against its strategic priorities for housing with a focus on the delivery of new homes. The scrutiny spotlight provides a summary of the following areas:

- Housing projects delivered;
- Work in progress;
- Planned work inc. key housing challenges; and
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) update.


## Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Review and note the council's progress against its strategic priorities for housing with a focus on scrutinising the delivery of new homes.
2. Consider areas of concern (where service performance is impacted) in developing pre-decision scrutiny questions.

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<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> Sharon Godman, Director Strategy, Improvement and Transformation	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Tracking Recommendations - Premises Charges and Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	David Freeman, Strategy & Policy Manager
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards

## Summary


The presentation for Premises Charges and Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme will outline the progress achieved to date on the recommendation made by OSC since carrying out the scrutiny challenge session in Nov 2019.

## Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Review and note the progress of the recommendations arising from the Premises Charges and Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme Scrutiny Challenge Session.
2. Consider areas of concern or where the recommendation has not been delivered in developing pre-decision scrutiny questions.

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<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p><b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b></p> <p>Monday, 13 December 2021</p>	 <p><b>TOWER HAMLETS</b></p>
<p><b>Report of:</b> Sharon Godman Director of Strategy Improvement and Transformation</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p><b>Scrutiny challenge session report: The extent to which the council's parking permit policy influences people's behaviour</b></p>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Filuck Miah Strategy and Policy Officer, Corporate
<b>Wards affected</b>	(All Wards);

## Executive Summary

This report sets out the findings and recommendations from the Scrutiny Challenge Session on the extent to which the council's parking permit policy influence's people's behaviour. The Report makes eight recommendations for agreement by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the attached Overview and Scrutiny Challenge Session Report and agree the recommendations; and
2. Agree to submit the attached report to the Mayor and Cabinet for executive response to the recommendations;

## 1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 This paper submits the report and recommendations of the scrutiny challenge session on the extent to which the council's parking permit policy influence's people's behaviour for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## 2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 To take no action. This is not recommended as the scrutiny challenge session provides recommendations for the council's parking and mobility service as parking is cross cutting and an integral part for delivering council's priorities such as post pandemic recovery.

### **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 Tower Hamlets has a densely growing population projected to reach approximately 360,000 by 2027 and the use of transport plays an important role in supporting people to manage their lives such as getting to work, staying in touch with friends and family and provides transportation access to vital services such as education and healthcare. The British Parking Association suggests that parking continues to frustrate both drivers and non-drivers alike but that it remains an important transport component in people's everyday life, with many holding opposing views for and against on the subject.
- 3.2 The challenge session report also seeks to examine the impact of the certain influences such as ULEZ expansion, car free developments, Permit Transfer Scheme, hotspot areas and the switch to electric vehicles as the borough looks to tackle the climate emergency.
- 3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee held a scrutiny challenge session on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 focussing on the extent to which the council's parking permit policy influence's people's behaviour and it was chaired by Cllr Faroque Ahmed.
- 3.4 The challenge session was underpinned by the following:
- How will the council manage the future demand for parking provision with the projected population growth and also support post pandemic business growth?
  - How will the council continue to maintain its current levels of parking surplus given the extrinsic change factors
  - How has the council encouraged residents and businesses to switch to EV's and ensure they understand the implications for ULEZ expansion scheme and any insights that helps to understand residents behaviour and receptiveness to change, particularly those from lower economic background?
  - What has been the feedback from residents to date? How well is the transfer scheme working and level of monitoring in place to detect and manage online fraud?

- Learning from others on how they use parking to achieve other key priorities including reduction of air pollution, encouraging health lifestyles, prioritising economic recovery, reducing the reliance on cars.

3.5 The challenge session involved a range of stakeholders including:

- Cabinet Member for Highway and Public Realm and supported by council officers;
- Director for Capital Traffic Management and Parking Ltd;
- Interim Policy and Programme Manager for Parking Service for Hackney Council; and
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members.

3.6 The challenge session resulted in the committee making the following recommendations:

**Recommendation 1**

That the Parking and Mobility Service reviews the parking and permit policies to ensure that:

- (a) It embeds a documented approach such as a Parking Enforcement Plan for policies such as pricing, control parking zones, permit schemes in order to manage the highway and parking demand; and
- (b) It should also detail how these relate to the other council priorities such as climate change, air quality and liveable street and school streets.

**Recommendation 2**

That the Parking and Mobility Service consider the following options to better utilise available parking space and incorporate health impact assessments alongside equality considerations to understand the impact they will have on:

- (a) Reviewing business permit spaces where feasible and how multi-use bays can be better utilised to support the post pandemic economic recovery;
- (b) Selective use of removal of individual space markings within bays (where there is a high footfall and demand for parking) to support capacity within a limited footprint; and
- (c) Selective application for increasing the use of kerb parking where footways are unusually wide, increasing carriageway width and in some cases allowing the removal of yellow lines (where there is a high footfall and demand for parking) to support capacity within a limited footprint.

**Recommendation 3**

That the Parking and Mobility Service considers ensuring EV charging points have a maximum stay policy in place to facilitate capacity for others to charge

**Recommendation 4**

That the Parking and Mobility Service reviews the current Permit Transfer Scheme and should include assessing flexibility for residents who may need a short break from vehicle ownership without it impacting their right of accessing the permit when they choose to purchase the vehicle.

**Recommendation 5**

That the Parking and Mobility Services uses a targeted approach via CEO monitoring activities to address hotspot areas and co-ordinate with ASB and

Enforcement officers to use sanctions where necessary such as ASB orders and temporary use CCTVs to act as deterrence, meet compliance and incentivise behaviour change.

#### **Recommendation 6**

That the Parking and Mobility Services considers the option of setting its emission-based pricing policy over a longer period (for example three years) to help influence buyer behaviour and make the change towards lower emission vehicles.

#### **Recommendation 7**

That the Parking and Mobility Service considers expanding the use of car clubs (EV's) as a single borough wide solution for the council, thus reducing further need for costly public service permits and encourage other large employer partners within the borough to sign up with the scheme such as home care providers.

### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The challenge session examined the impact on the different groups of public space users and occupations. The recommendations arising from the scrutiny challenge aims to improve parking access for a diverse range of residents including ethnic minorities, disabled and elderly residents and those from low-income families.

### **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
  - Consultations,
  - Environmental (including air quality),
  - Risk Management,
  - Crime Reduction,
  - Safeguarding.
  - Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.
- 5.2 [Report authors should identify any other specific issues relevant to consideration of this report. Including, but not limited to, the issues noted above. This section of the report can also be used to re-emphasise particular issues that Members must have considered before taking the decision (for example issues that may come up if an objection was taken to court). Note – Paragraph 5.1 MUST NOT be deleted.]

### **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. If any of the recommendations are taken forward and have financial implications, these will need to be costed and reported to a further meeting.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 If the recommendations are approved alterations may be required to road traffic orders etc. Legal Services will be pleased to provide assistance when the full details of the proposals are known'

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### **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

#### **Linked Report**

- NONE

#### **Appendices**

- Scrutiny Challenge Session Report: The extent to which the council's parking permit policy influences people's behaviour

#### **Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)**

#### **List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

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## Overview and Scrutiny Challenge Session Report

The extent to which the council's parking permit policy influences people's behaviour

13/12/2021

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## Chair's Foreword

I am pleased to present this report which focuses on understanding how the council's parking permit policy influences resident behaviour.

Tower Hamlets has a growing population which is projected to reach approximately 360,000 by 2027 and the use of vehicles continues to be the key mode of people moving around the borough. It helps people to get to work, stay in touch with friends and family, contribute to society and enables access to vital services like healthcare.

The British Parking Association report<sup>1</sup> suggests that parking continues to frustrate both drivers and non-drivers alike. Crucially the industry recognises that parking remains an important factor in people's everyday life, with many holding opposing views on the subject.

This report acknowledges that parking management and delivery continues to evolve. The impact of Covid-19 could lead to reduced demand if more people continue to work from home, but equally there are significant new developments and infrastructure projects planned in the borough over the next decade which will likely significantly impact parking. Therefore, this report considers some of the challenges that the council's Parking and Mobility Service face when managing the highway and traffic and what mitigation is needed to meet future demand.

We know that attitudes towards congestion, safety and the environment will continue to influence parking policy in the borough. Therefore, this report explores the impact of specific influences such as ULEZ expansion, car free developments, Permit Transfer Scheme, hotspot areas and the switch to electric vehicles as we try to tackle the climate emergency.

This challenge session provided the Overview and Scrutiny Committee an opportunity to scrutinise the sustainability of the council's approach to parking and traffic management. It is clear from the evidence heard that parking is an integral element of not only the transport strategy but also many of the other council's priorities and aspirations. The Committee has made seven recommendations and hopes that the Mayor and Cabinet take these forward and work with Overview and Scrutiny to ensure that the council has a robust parking and traffic management policy for years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members, officers and external partners who attended and supported the discussion, provided valuable insights, and shaped the recommendations of this report.

**Clr Faroque Ahmed**  
**Scrutiny Lead for Environment and Community Safety**



<sup>1</sup> [BPA Public Perceptions of Parking Dec2020](#)

## Summary of Recommendations

<b>R1</b>	<p>That the Parking and Mobility Service reviews the parking and permit policies to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) It embeds a documented approach such as a Parking Enforcement Plan for policies such as pricing, control parking zones, permit schemes to manage the highway and parking demand; and</li> <li>(b) It should also detail how these relate to the other council priorities such as climate change, air quality and liveable street and school streets.</li> </ul>
<b>R2</b>	<p>That the Parking and Mobility Service consider the following options to better utilise available parking space and incorporate health impact assessments alongside equality considerations to understand the impact they will have on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Reviewing business permit spaces where feasible and how multi-use bays can be better utilised to support the post pandemic economic recovery;</li> <li>(b) Selective use of removal of individual space markings within bays (where there is a high footfall and demand for parking) to support capacity within a limited footprint; and</li> <li>(c) Selective application for increasing the use of kerb parking where footways are unusually wide, increasing carriageway width and in some cases allowing the removal of yellow lines (where there is a high footfall and demand for parking) to support capacity within a limited footprint.</li> </ul>
<b>R3</b>	<p>That the Parking and Mobility Service considers ensuring EV charging points have a maximum stay policy in place to facilitate capacity for others to charge.</p>
<b>R4</b>	<p>That the Parking and Mobility Service reviews the current Permit Transfer Scheme and should include assessing flexibility for residents who may need a short break from vehicle ownership without it impacting their right of accessing the permit when they choose to purchase the vehicle.</p>
<b>R5</b>	<p>That the Parking and Mobility Services uses a targeted approach via CEO monitoring activities to address hotspot areas and co-ordinate with ASB and Enforcement officers to use sanctions where necessary such as ASB orders and temporary use CCTVs to act as deterrence, meet compliance and incentivise behaviour change.</p>
<b>R6</b>	<p>That the Parking and Mobility Services considers the option of setting its emission-based pricing policy over a longer period (for example three years) to help influence buyer behaviour and make the change towards lower emission vehicles.</p>
<b>R7</b>	<p>That the Parking and Mobility Service considers expanding the use of car clubs (EV's) as a single borough wide solution for the council, thus reducing further need for costly public service permits and encourage other large employer partners within the borough to sign up with the scheme such as home care providers.</p>

## Reason for Enquiry

- 1.1. In October 2019 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) held a spotlight on the council's Transport Strategy 2019-2041, which included some discussion and actions on council's Parking Services<sup>2</sup>.
- 1.2. As part of the OSC's work programme 2021/22<sup>3</sup>, the committee aimed to build on the spotlight review they undertook in 2019, focussing in more detail on the council's Parking Services.
- 1.3. In looking at the issue of parking, the Committee supports the council's long term ambitions to reduce the dependency of petrol and diesel vehicles to protect the environment and support the climate emergency agenda. The Committee also understands that there is an immediate need to manage the current demand for parking and align this with future demand.
- 1.4. The Committee wanted to better understand:
  - how the council's current parking permit scheme influences people's behaviour on parking;
  - the likely impact on the scheme and parking in general because of more planned car free dwellings, expansion of London's ULEZ boundaries, residents' motivation to switch to electric vehicles; and
  - any learning from neighbouring authorities and experts as part of developing longer-term sustainable parking solutions.

## Methodology

- 2.1. This challenge session was chaired by Cllr Faroque Ahmed, Scrutiny Lead for Environment and Community Safety and took place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.
- 2.2. The Committee heard from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm supported by council officers holding responsibility for the Parking Service, and external witnesses including Capital Traffic Management and Parking Ltd and London Borough of Hackney.
- 2.3. The scope of the challenge session sets out the following key questions:
  - How will the council manage the demand for parking provision with the projected population growth to reach 361,400 by 2027 and also support post pandemic business growth?
  - How will the council continue to maintain its current levels of parking surplus given the extrinsic change factors such as:  
Mayor of London's ULEZ expansion scheme coming into force on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021; more planned car free dwellings; drop in footfall from passing trade for businesses and work from home culture; and inflationary costs to public transport.
  - How has the council encouraged residents and businesses to switch to EV's and ensured they understand the implications for ULEZ expansion scheme, and captured any insights that help to understand residents behaviour and receptiveness to change, particularly those from lower economic background?

<sup>2</sup> [Council's Transport Strategy](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22](#)

- What has been the feedback from residents to date? How well is the transfer scheme working and what level of monitoring is in place to detect and manage online fraud?
- What learning can the council take to help understand how use parking to achieve other key priorities including reduction of air pollution, encouraging health lifestyles, prioritising economic recovery, reducing the reliance on cars.

#### 2.4. Members in Attendance

Councillor Faroque Ahmed	Scrutiny Lead for Environment and Community Safety
Councillor Mohammed Pappu	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair
Councillor Bex White	OSC Member
Councillor Gabriela Salva-Macallan	OSC Member
Councillor Leema Qureshi	OSC Member
Councillor Marc Francis	OSC Member
Halima Islam	OSC Member
James Wilson	OSC Member
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	Cabinet Members for Highways and Public Realm
Councillor Kabir Ahmed	Ward Councillor

#### Evidence heard from witnesses, guests and council officers

David Pye	Director, Capital Traffic Management & Parking Ltd
Gossica Anichebe	Interim Policy and Programme Manager for Parking Service – Hackney Council
Dan Jones	Director of Public Realm
Michael Darby	Head of Service, Parking and Mobility Services

#### Challenge Session supported by

Filuck Miah	Strategy and Policy Officer, Corporate
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## Key Findings and Recommendations

### Recommendation 1

That the Parking and Mobility Service reviews the parking and permit policies to ensure that:

- It embeds a documented approach such as a Parking Enforcement Plan for policies such as pricing, control parking zones, permit schemes in order to manage the highway and parking demand; and
- It should also detail how these relate to the other council priorities such as climate change, air quality and liveable street and school streets.

- 3.1. The Committee received a presentation from the Parking and Mobility Service on its approach to the borough's parking and permit policy. The Committee felt that some of the policy areas could convey contradictory messages to residents and other public space users and are not consistent with the council's priorities. For example, encouraging reduced vehicle usage and not addressing the number of vehicle ownership could pose challenges on the volume of vehicles using up public space for parking for longer periods of time. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm explained that the rationale for reducing vehicle usage is part of the council's active travel policy and involves promoting this through various linked schemes, including school streets and liveable streets programmes, which

will primarily support aims to reduce in borough shorter vehicle journeys and tackle the climate emergency.

- 3.2. The Committee also heard from Hackney Council's Interim Policy and Programme Manager for Parking Services who detailed their Parking and Enforcement Plan (PEP). Their PEP is their principal policy and strategy document for parking services and includes a range of policies, plans and vision for the service across a five year period. It sets out objectives and recommendations on what and how they will deliver these and considers the impact on different stakeholder groups in Hackney.
- 3.3. Council officers acknowledged that further work needs to be undertaken to develop written policies, such as a PEP. This must set out their approach to pricing, control parking zones (CPZ) and how they intend to manage the demand of the highway and flow of traffic whilst linking it to the strategic aims set out within the council's Transport Strategy but also factoring other key priorities and strategies.

### **Recommendation 2**

That the Parking and Mobility Service consider the following options to better utilise available parking space and incorporate health impact assessments alongside equality considerations to understand the impact they will have on:

- (a) Reviewing business permit spaces where feasible and how multi-use bays can be better utilised to support the post pandemic economic recovery;
- (b) Selective use of removal of individual space markings within bays (where there is a high footfall and demand for parking) to support capacity within a limited footprint; and
- (a) Selective application for increasing the use of kerb parking where footways are unusually wide, increasing carriageway width and in some cases allowing the removal of yellow lines (where there is a high footfall and demand for parking) to support capacity within a limited footprint.

- 4.1. The Committee enquired whether the council has sufficient capacity to manage the number of vehicles in the borough and if not, how does the current policy address the issue of growing demand and capacity. The Committee felt that some of the criteria for parking in neighbouring mini zones were overly complex, unnecessary and difficult to interpret for residents. The Cabinet Member informed the Committee that managing capacity using mini zones helps to free up spaces next to a person's property, home or street and further aims to reduce shorter journeys (a key objective for the scheme). The Cabinet Member also outlined that the overall number of parking spaces generally matched the number of allocated parking permits but accepted that there is a variance on the threshold for demand and supply of parking across different parts of the borough
- 4.2. The Committee also sought clarity on the impact on parking capacity as a result of rolling out the Traffic Management Orders (TMO) for housing estates. The service confirmed that control parking on estates will be implemented to meet compliance of health and safety requirements. The service suggested that this is likely to impact on parking capacity and as due to the TMO, it may lead to some spill over on to surrounding areas, for which residents will need to either apply for a parking permit or use casual parking. The service advised that it was not able to quantify further specific levels of impact on parking capacity but informed the Committee that they will monitor the situation as its implemented.
- 4.3. The Director of Capital Traffic Management and Parking Limited outlined some possible options to address local parking pressures for the council's consideration. This detailed approaches to increase capacity and improve the use of space where there is a limited

footprint. This included a review of the use of business permit spaces and where feasible the application of multi-use bays to support post pandemic economic recovery, changing the use of 'T' marking within bays at specific locations where there is high demand for parking and high footfall and also where kerb space for parking could be increased using unusually wide footways.

- 4.4. The Committee acknowledged that the above suggestions could help to address the capacity issues but equally, the Committee felt that it was important to gauge the impact that the changes above could have on other public space users possibly making streets less permeable for other public space users.

**Recommendation 3**

That the Parking and Mobility Service considers ensuring EV charging points have a maximum stay policy in place to facilitate capacity for others to charge.

- 5.1. The Committee sought clarity on the number of dedicated electric vehicle (EV) charging bays available for charging vehicles as the evidence suggested that of the 98 parking bays, only 23 are dedicated electric vehicle charging bays. The Committee questioned whether this implied that many of the vehicle parking bays with electric charging points do not have a maximum stay policy, which would increase accessibility for more users and help with capacity as numbers of EV's grow. The Committee were concerned that having a low number of maximum stay policy for charging point bays may dissuade people from investing in electric vehicles.
- 5.2. The Cabinet Member confirmed that remaining 75 parking bays currently do not have a maximum stay policy for people to charge their vehicles and they could be used by other non-electric vehicle users. However, the council intends to explore how it can ensure bays with charging points have a maximum stay policy to help with the increased volume of EV's needing to be charged. This would be subject to the review of different types of charging points available in the market. The Cabinet Member also confirmed that there were further bids in place to strengthen the capacity of charging points and respond to increased demand, and that they expect anywhere in the region of 150-250 fast charging points to be made available for 2022/23. The Cabinet Member informed that this municipal year they will be allocating some of the 150 already approved electric vehicle charging points to help with the demand.

**Recommendation 4**

That the Parking and Mobility Service reviews the current Permit Transfer Scheme and should include assessing flexibility for residents who may need a short break from vehicle ownership without it impacting their right of accessing the permit when they choose to purchase the vehicle.

- 6.1. The Committee believes that the current PTS offer is inflexible as it does not allow permit holders who wish to take a break from vehicle ownership for a longer period without it affecting their right to a permit in the future. The Committee felt that the current 28 day period needs to be significantly extended to support the recommendation and factor in assessment of needs. The current PTS is based on the households and not individuals and therefore this will also need to be considered when undertaking the wider review on PTS including the terms and conditions.
- 6.2. The Committee considered if the PTS policy could be extended to accommodate those households where people were living in an overcrowded property but are not the primary



tenancy holders such as living with parents or co-habiting. The Cabinet Member informed that where there are overcrowding issues the PTS policy is designed to manage the capacity and availability of parking spaces and it is currently restricted to overcrowded households with permits moving to a larger property.

- 6.3. The service reiterated the view that there is a strict criteria for the PTS which had been reviewed in 2018 and considered situations where residents may have been housed outside of the borough temporarily and then returned back to Tower Hamlets at a later date, at which point the service would honour if they were previously permit holders. One of the issues for the Committee here is the applicable time frame. The 28 days criteria was originally set up to allow people change their vehicle to another. However, the service was prepared to re-visit this aspect of the PTS when they undertake the wider review and consider the feasibility of this.
- 6.4. The Committee felt that the setup of the PTS is a compromise, one which was never satisfactory or fair allowing only overcrowded families to qualify. The Committee felt that the PTS could conversely support residents who were downsizing as this would help to free up larger properties, alleviate overcrowding issues and enables other families to move into those properties.
- 6.5. The Committee also enquired on the level of involvement that the service has in relation to the council's infrastructure or improvement projects, such as Community Infrastructure Levy or Section 106 agreements impacting the highway, traffic and parking and if the service had any veto powers to reject planning applications based on parking requirements. The service informed that all major infrastructure or improvement projects such as schools and leisure centres that is likely to impact the highway will involve highways, traffic and parking team in some capacity. Where appropriate they will be consulted upon (become part of the project team) to determine likelihood of impact on existing parking or the feasibility for incorporating new parking into development schemes. The service confirmed that they are only notified of the successful planning applications.
- 6.6. The Committee cited Isle of Dogs and inferred that being car free is only applied to social housing tenants and not privately owned dwellings who have dedicated underground parking spaces available to them and that many of these underground parking spaces are sitting empty thus adding to parking pressures to the surrounding highway. The Committee's view is that more discussion on parking spaces with developers needs to happen at an earlier stage of planning in order to alleviate some of the highway parking pressures issues.
- 6.7. The Committee examined the issue of those residents who need their vehicle for work purposes but would be impacted if they are offered a car free development sited property such as mobile care workers and mini cab drivers. The Committee also scrutinised the council's long-term thinking on demand for future parking spaces and how local parking pressure will be managed given that petrol and diesel cars will be obsolete in the next decade and replaced by an increasing number of electric vehicles, situated alongside more car free developments.

**Recommendation 5**

That the Parking and Mobility Services uses a targeted approach via CEO monitoring activities to address hotspot areas and co-ordinate with ASB and Enforcement officers to use sanctions where necessary such as ASB orders and temporary use CCTVs to act as deterrence, meets compliance and one which incentivise behaviour change.

- 7.1. The Committee scrutinised the level of monitoring taking place by civil enforcement officers (CEO) for parking bays that are situated in hotspot areas and largely occupied by vehicle maintenance and repair establishments. The Committee raised their concerns that there is evidence that both signage and road markings have been tampered with, such as spraying over signage and road markings and that vehicle registrations plates are often concealed thus potentially avoiding fixed penalty notice (FPN). Moreover, nearby residents feel that the area was unsightly, and that it also invited other antisocial behaviours (ASB).
- 7.2. The service outlined that extensive work has been undertaken with local businesses, including creating dedicated bays for businesses to use (required to purchase permits for the use of this), so that it frees up the bays that nearby residents need to use. The service informed that one of the vehicle maintenance and repair business had consistently disregarded road traffic and parking compliance and subsequently the ASB and enforcement team issued the garage with an ASB order. The service went on to add that these hotspots are monitored by CEO and reported back to the service and if businesses continue to disregard the order then they can be taken to court. The Cabinet Member confirmed that they will take on the Committee's concerns and review the hotspot areas with targeted monitoring activities until the situation is resolved. The Committee felt that where the issue is persistent then the use of temporary CCTV's may help to draw out any irregular practice and be used as a visible deterrent for encouraging other types of ASB behaviour occurring.

**Recommendation 6**

That the Parking and Mobility Services considers the option of setting its emission-based pricing policy over a longer period (for example three years) to help influence buyer behaviour and make the change towards lower emission vehicles.

- 9.1. The council's Parking and Mobility Service outlined their pricing structures to support managing the highway and traffic. This includes permit pricing incentives for lower emission vehicles, surcharge for diesel vehicles on causal parking, permit surcharge for diesel vehicles ownership and permit surcharge for second and third permit per household. Additionally, to support a number of businesses in their post pandemic economic recovery efforts, the service suspended a number of the business bays to encourage outdoor dining and changed some of the parking restrictions to support the businesses. The Committee, in principle supported some of the measures that were presented but with the caveat that the more complicated a system becomes the more costs will increase for residents and that this should also be factored in when considering pricing policies.
- 9.2. The discussion highlighted the issue that deprived areas of community could be discriminated against if they are not able to afford electric vehicles. They cost more, relative to petrol vehicles, and therefore having higher charges for petrol-based vehicles will disproportionately impact poor sections of the community.
- 9.3. Hackney Council's Interim Policy and Programme Manager for Parking Services informed that their pricing approach is based over a longer period so that residents can see what they are likely to pay and help to influence buyer behaviour in changing to a lower emissions vehicle. The Director of Capital Traffic Management and Parking Limited suggested using a visible sliding scale emissions-based pricing structure. This helps to reduce discounts offered to lower emission vehicles as their numbers increase, and conversely higher emission vehicles have increased charges over a longer period to better incentivise to transition to low or no emissions vehicle, some of which the parking service is already applying. This option also enables the council to monitor the change in car ownership usage through the pay by phone system and facilitates the review of each year's tariff and the

discount that could be applied so that over time this brings it back into line as car ownership changes.

#### **Recommendation 7**

That the Parking and Mobility Service considers expanding the use of car clubs (EV's) as a single borough wide solution for the council, thus reducing further need for costly public service permits and encourage other large employer partners within the borough to sign up with the scheme such as home care providers.

- 10.1. The Committee raised the issue that car clubs impact resident parking adversely by taking up more spaces in resident parking bays and creating additional parking pressures for some areas in the borough. The Cabinet Member advised that car clubs are arrangement schemes across many of the London boroughs, and are used to incentivise the reduction of outright vehicle ownership and often subscribed for use on a needs basis.
- 10.2. Hackney Council's Interim Policy and Programme Manager for Parking Services informed the Committee that their approach on the use car clubs supports some of their car free development agenda and encourages people to use these to help reduce parking pressures. Whilst the Director of Capital Traffic Management and Parking Limited outlined the benefits of using a single source car club provider, allowing the council to hold a strong position to set the standards in the borough, vehicle types, pricing and availability and as usage increases over time transfer some of the bays to the car clubs particularly for those areas which are car free developments. Equally, the service provides a number of public service permits for front lines to carry out their duties, therefore increased car club usage by the council for front line services may offset some of the permit costs and reduce the number of vehicles required on road.

## **Conclusion**

- 11.1. This challenge session provided the Overview and Scrutiny Committee a chance to scrutinise the council's current approach to its parking permit policies and how it influences resident's behaviour. It is clear from the evidence heard that parking is an integral element of not only the transport strategy but many of the other council's priorities and aspirations. Striking the right balance for parking to accommodate the diverse needs of the borough remains an ongoing challenge. The Committee supports the council's ambition to reduce petrol and diesel vehicles to protect the environment and has made recommendations within this report to facilitate the uptake of electric vehicles. The Committee also understands that there is an immediate need to manage the current demand for parking and align this with future demand and have proposed recommendations to help with this.
- 11.2. Overall, the Committee has made seven recommendations and hopes that the Mayor and Cabinet take forward these recommendations and work with Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure that the council has a sustainable and robust policy approach parking and traffic management to accommodate a growing population.

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