

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

Friday, 28 May 2021


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Agenda Item 1

Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: 199	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place	Classification: Unrestricted
Liveable Streets Brick Lane	

Lead Member	Cllr Dan Tomlinson, Cabinet Member for Environment
Originating Officer(s)	Dan Jones, Divisional Director, Public Realm Chris Harrison, Programme Director
Wards affected	Banglatown and Spitalfields, and Weavers
Key Decision?	Yes
Forward Plan Notice Published	15 April 2021
Reason for Key Decision	Financial threshold
Strategic Plan Priority Outcome	Priority 2 – A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in. Priority 3 – A dynamic, outcomes-based council using digital innovation and partnership working to respond to the changing needs of our borough.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On Wednesday 30 October 2019 Cabinet approved the Liveable Streets programme, governance and delivery plan for 17 project areas.

The Liveable Streets programme will make fundamental improvements to the infrastructure on the street and open spaces and change the travel behaviour of residents, businesses and visitors to Tower Hamlets.

Through an online engagement forum, community meetings, co-design workshops, and liaison with Ward Councillors, the Liveable Streets team created a series of proposals to carry out improvements in the Brick Lane area. These proposals were presented to the Brick Lane community for comment through a public consultation from Wednesday 17 March to Wednesday 14 April 2021.

This report details the results of the public consultation and seeks approval on the final design and next steps.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

Recommendations:

For the reasons set out in this report, and having regard to the Council's public sector equality duty the Mayor is recommended to:

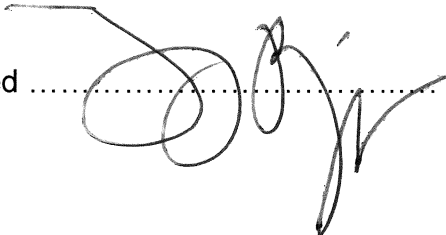
1. Consider the results of the engagement to date and public consultation of the Brick Lane area as part of the Liveable Streets programme (Appendix D).
2. Approve the final scheme design for the Brick Lane area as shown in Appendix B which includes but not limited to:
 - Timed closures on Brick Lane on Thursday and Friday between 5:30pm to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday between 11am and 11pm.
 - A school street on Underwood Road, Buxton Street and Hunton Street
 - One-way southbound on Deal Street between Underwood Road and Woodser Street.
 - Implementation of at least ten cycle hangers.
3. Approve the use of existing frameworks or term contracts to award an order up to the value of £1.1 Million for completion of the works.
4. Consider the Equalities Impact Assessment and specific equalities considerations summarised in paragraph 4 of the report and the full Equalities impact Analysis (EqIA) detailed in Appendix F; and
5. Approve the use of an Experimental Traffic Order for the works specified with the final scheme design shown in Appendix B to allow any objections, comments or observations to be made before a review is undertaken within 18 months of the order being made.

APPROVALS

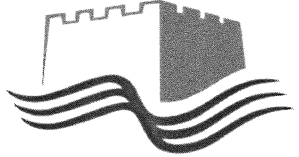
Approvals provided by the Corporate Director, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer through the normal Cabinet report procedures.

1. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in the attached report.

Signed  Date 26/5/21

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Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: 200	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place	Classification: Unrestricted
Liveable Streets Old Ford Road West	

Lead Member	Cllr Dan Tomlinson, Cabinet Member for Environment
Originating Officer(s)	Dan Jones, Divisional Director, Public Realm Chris Harrison, Programme Director
Wards affected	Bethnal Green, St Peters
Key Decision?	Yes
Forward Plan Notice Published	26 February 2021
Reason for Key Decision	Key Decision Threshold
Strategic Plan Priority Outcome	Priority 2 – A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in. Priority 3 – A dynamic, outcomes-based council using digital innovation and partnership working to respond to the changing needs of our borough.

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The Liveable Streets programme will make fundamental improvements to the infrastructure on the street and open spaces and change the travel behaviour of residents, businesses and visitors to Tower Hamlets.

Through an online engagement forum, community meetings, co-design workshops, and liaison with Ward Councillors, the Liveable Streets team created a series of proposals to provide improvements in the Old Ford Road West area. These proposals were presented to the Old Ford Road West community for comment through a public consultation exercise held between Thursday 19 November 2020 to Sunday 20 December 2020.

The consultation attracted 686 responses. All the proposals gained broad public support, with the majority of all responses falling into 'supportive' or 'very supportive' categories. Various alternatives were suggested through the consultation

period which have been considered by the project team and recommended, where feasible.

This report details the results of the public consultation, the alternatives considered and the reasons why they have or have not been included, seeks approval on the final design, and outlines the next steps of the project.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

Recommendations:

For the reasons set out in this report, and having regard to the Council's public sector equality duty the Mayor is recommended to:

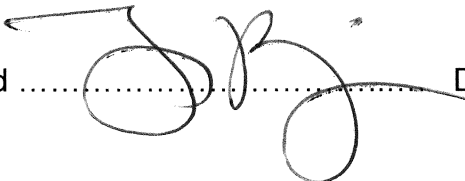
1. Consider the results of the engagement to date and public consultation of the Old Ford Road West area as part of the Liveable Streets programme (Appendix D);
2. Approve the final scheme design for the Old Ford Road West area, (Appendix B);
3. Approve the use of existing frameworks or term contracts to award an order up to a value of £1 Million for the completion of the works;
4. Consider the Equalities Impact Assessment and specific equalities considerations summarised in paragraph 4 of the report and the full Equalities impact Analysis (EqIA) detailed in Appendix F;
5. Approve the use of an Experimental Traffic Order for the works specified within the final scheme design as shown in Appendix B to allow any objections, comments or observations to be made before a review is undertaken within 18 months of the legal traffic order being made.

APPROVALS

Approvals provided by the Corporate Director, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer through the normal Cabinet report procedures.

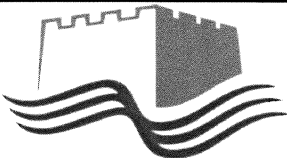
1. **Mayor**

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in the attached report.

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Agenda Item 3

Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: 201	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Karen Swift, Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration	Classification: Unrestricted
Approval of report and recommendations following the Scrutiny Challenge Session: The Homelessness Reduction Act (2017) One Year on	

Lead Member	Councillor Danny Hassell, Cabinet Member for Housing
Originating Officer(s)	Una Bedford, Strategy & Policy Officer (Place)
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	16 March 2020
Reason for Key Decision	This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria.
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities: 2. A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in. 3. A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working to respond to the changing needs of our borough.

Executive Summary

This report details the recommendations of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-committee following the scrutiny challenge session held on 2nd March 2020. The challenge session set out to understand the impacts of the new Act on residents and on the council, which have arisen from the implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA - 2017), which came into effect from 3rd April 2018.

The challenge session was held just before the first National lockdown was introduced because of the emerging Covid-19 pandemic. Consequently, the Council's scrutiny activities were curtailed with the resumption of its activity in the autumn of 2020.

Over that period, the membership and chair of the H&RSSC changed and work to improve the Housing Options Service was progressed. At the first "re-convened" meeting held on 3rd November 2020, Members were not able to approve the report and its findings, due to the effluxion of time, and requested that:

1. A resumed/additional challenge session be arranged to re-explore the matters raised in the report and draft new recommendations, if appropriate.

2. Any resumed/new challenge session to include consideration of evidence provided by councillors from beyond the sub-committee.

After further discussion between the Chair and senior officers, it was agreed that the report arising from the challenge session would be distributed to both current and previous sub-committee Members for them to review content and suggest amended recommendations.

In the time between holding the challenge session and the resumption of the H&RSSC meetings, the Housing Options Service has continued to push forward with its transformation programme and has developed its operational practices to encompass appropriate ways of working as necessitated by the pandemic. Therefore, as a consequence of time moving on since the original scrutiny challenge session, while all the recommendations are accepted by the Housing Options Service, some of the recommendations within this report will not be progressed until such time that we move out of national lockdown and return to normal business as usual activity - see recommendations 1, 2 and 5 within the Action plan.

Other recommendations, namely 2,3,7 and 8, have already been superseded by the operational changes arising from the pandemic. It is important to note that the Housing Options Service has, since the original scrutiny challenge session, embarked on the Customer Access Programme, including the soon to be launched new automated customer self-service (ACD) programme and commenced the Homelessness Transformation Programme. This will ensure service is more efficient, offers better outcomes and service improvement for applicants. The Action Plan in Appendix 2 clearly demonstrates where the Housing Options Service has moved forward since the original challenge session and provides the rationale where certain recommendations will be followed at a later date or have been adapted due to changes in the delivery of the Housing Options Service.

As a result, the original report and recommendations emanating from the challenge session has been amended, as discussed with the Chair and current members, to reflect the progress of the Housing Options Service. The final report and recommendations were approved at the recent meeting of the H&RSSC on 10th February 2021.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

Recommendations:

The Mayor is recommended to:

1. Consider the report (Appendix 1) of the scrutiny challenge session on Homelessness Reduction Act (2017) One year on and agree the action plan (Appendix 2) in response to the report recommendations.

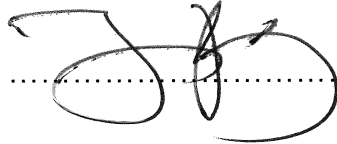
APPROVALS

Approvals provided by the Corporate Director, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer through the normal Cabinet report procedures.

1. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in the attached report.

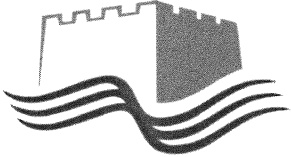
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Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: 202	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Kevin Bartle, Interim Corporate Director, Resources	Classification: Unrestricted
Pass Through Policy – London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council Procedure for granting Tower Hamlets Contractors Admitted Body Status to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Fund	

Lead Member	Councillor Ronald, Lead Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector
Originating Officer(s)	Hitesh Jolapara Miriam Adams
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	Yes
Forward Plan Notice Published	15 April 2021
Reason for Key Decision	Financial Threshold
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	1. People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities. 2. A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in. 3. A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working to respond to the changing needs of our borough.

Executive Summary

The Council presently does not have an agreed procedure for Pass Through-granting Contractors Admitted Body Status to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Pension Fund. To date this has been done on a case by case basis. It is good practice to have a standard agreed policy in place to provide certainty for all impacted organisations.

Occasionally, the Council may opt to outsource some of its functions. This is not the norm, however ensuring that employees of the Council who TUPE across to contractors receive the same pension protection on TUPE is key. The default position to date has been to outsource contracts with contractors taking full responsibility for all pension risk. This has meant that contractors normally price pension costs within the quoted contract price and, in some cases, may prevent smaller contractors, who may be best placed to deliver the service, from tendering. The alternative is for the Council to share some pension risk with the Contractor under a Pass Through arrangement.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

Recommendations:

The Mayor is recommended to:

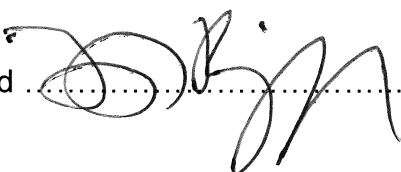
1. Approve the Pass Through Policy for granting the Tower Hamlets Contractors Admitted Body Status to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Pension Fund as set out in Appendix 1.

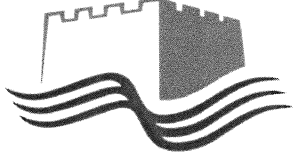
APPROVALS

Approvals provided by the Corporate Director, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer through the normal Cabinet report procedures.

1. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in the attached report.

Signed  Date 26/5/21

<p>Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma</p> <p>Decision Log No: 203</p>	 TOWER HAMLETS
<p>Report of: David Courcoux, Head of the Mayor's Office</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Nominations to Outside Bodies</p>	

Lead Member	Mayor John Biggs
Originating Officer(s)	David Courcoux, Head of the Mayor's Office
Wards affected	All Wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	N/A
Reason for Key Decision	This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria.
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	A dynamic outcomes-based Council using digital innovation and partnership working to respond to the changing needs of our borough.

Executive Summary

It is the responsibility of the Mayor to nominate representatives to certain Outside Bodies on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council.

Paragraph 3.3 of the report lists proposed appointments to outside bodies for the Mayor to consider. Although all appointments are reviewed regularly, they are, unless stated elsewhere in this report, valid until such time as they are amended or renewed by a Mayoral decision.

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

Recommendations:

The Mayor is recommended to:

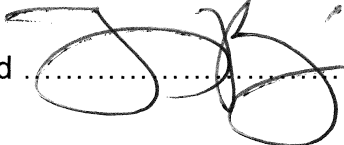
1. Agree the nominations to outside bodies as shown in Paragraph 3.3 of the report.

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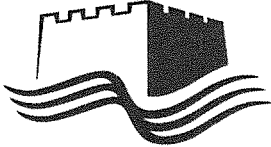
Approvals provided by the Corporate Director, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer through the normal Cabinet report procedures.

1. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in the attached report.

Signed  Date 26/5/21.

Agenda Item 6

Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: 204	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place	Classification: Unrestricted
Ceremony fees for St George's Town Hall	

Lead Member	Mayor John Biggs
Originating Officer(s)	Kathy Constantinou/Superintendent Registrar
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria.
Reason for Key Decision	N/A
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	All priorities

Executive Summary

The Registration service is moving to St. Georges Town Hall. Due to the delayed building work and relocation of the service to the new building, the Registrars move will happen in 3 phases starting from 25th May 2021. The service has been advised it has to vacate Bromley Public Hall by the end of September 2021. No more ceremony bookings can therefore be taken for BPH beyond September 2021. The service urgently needs to introduce new ceremony fees for SGTH to reflect the new building and ceremony rooms to enable the team to begin taking bookings for September 2021.

There are more ceremony rooms at St. Georges and a new fee scale has been introduced to reflect the refurbishment and room sizes now available. Additional fees will be introduced by next financial year once a caterer has been appointed to lease the space at SGTH so that the service can create wedding packages to include refreshments/catering.

Proposed new fees are as follows:

<u>TOWER SUITE</u>	Simple (half room) Max 40	Enhanced (whole room) Max 120
Monday to Thursday	£220	£400
Friday	£275	£450
Saturday	£350	£550
Sunday/Bk Hols	N/A	£850

<u>HAMLET SUITE</u>	Max 10	Max 20
Monday to Thursday	£150	£200
Friday	£200	£250
Saturday	N/A	£325
Sunday/Bk Hols		£850

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

Recommendations:

The Mayor is recommended to:

1. Agree the new fees.

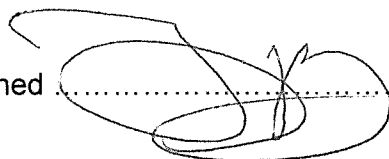
APPROVALS

Approvals provided by the Corporate Director, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer through the normal Cabinet report procedures.

1. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in the attached report subject to a review of demand and pricing, including further benchmarking against neighbouring boroughs, ahead of the 2022 Budget setting of fees and charges.

Signed



Date

22/5/21