



Meeting of the

# Tower Hamlets Council

## Agenda

**Wednesday, 17 May 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

### **VENUE**

Council Chamber,  
Whitechapel Town Hall  
160 Whitechapel Road,  
London E1 1BJ

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

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to be held in **COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL** at **7.00 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2023**

Stephen Halsey  
Interim Chief Executive



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## Public Information

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### Meeting Webcast and Public attendance

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## **Public Information – Overview of the Annual Council Meeting**

Full Council is made up of the Mayor and the 45 Councillors. The Annual Council meeting is a special meeting held every year - mainly for the purposes of electing a Speaker of the Council and appointing and electing Members to the Council's Committees. The Council meeting may also consider any other business set out in the agenda. This could include a State of the Borough Debate and/or any reports requiring its approval. Full details of the agenda items are set out in this agenda pack. There are no Petitions, Members' Questions or Motions on Notice at the AGM.

### **Watching the meeting via the webcast**

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### **Attendance at the meeting**

Whilst the meeting is open to the public, there is a limited public gallery and seating for the public will be restricted.

Members of the press must contact the Communications Team in advance.

No one will be admitted who has not collected a ticket and you are strongly advised to watch the meeting on the webcast instead.

When attending a meeting, we also request that you show courtesy to all present and do not interrupt the meeting. Please also switch off mobile phones or turn them on silent. Please also note that whilst we seek to avoid specifically filming the public gallery, you may appear in the background. By attending the meeting, you are agreeing to this condition.

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

### **Election of/ role of the Speaker of the Council**

Just before the start of the meeting, the macebearer will ask everyone to be upstanding for the Speaker. The first item of business at the AGM is to seek nominations and elect a new Speaker of the Council for the year ahead. The process for electing a new Speaker at the Council meeting is as follows:

- The current Speaker of the Council will address the meeting on their term of office. Councillors may then thank the outgoing Speaker.
- The Council will elect a new Speaker of the Council.
- Speaker's transfer of Office ceremony.
- The new Speaker will address the Council meeting.

The Speaker's role in relation to Full Council is to Chair the meetings, controlling proceedings (including the order of speakers), and to ensure that the business is carried out properly.

### **Order of business**

The Speaker may agree to change the order of business at the meeting. The Speaker may also adjourn the meeting for a period of time. They may also agree to extend the meeting (by up to half hour, beyond the three-hour limit), as set out in the Council Procedure Rules.



### **Voting and Decision**

The items requiring a decision will normally be determined by a simple majority vote or by the Speaker gaining the ascent of the meeting. Where necessary, the Speaker may conduct a roll call vote, recording whether each Member wishes to vote in favour, against or wishes to abstain. If there are an equal number of votes for and against an item of business, the Speaker will have a second or casting vote.

### **Copies of Council Meeting documents and tabled papers**

Any additional documents (including list of nominations for committee places) will normally be published on the Council meeting website either shortly before or during the meeting. [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee) Council documents are also available on 'Mod.Gov' iPad, Android and Windows tablet apps downloadable for free from their respective app stores.

### **Minutes**

The draft minutes will be published around 10 working days after the meeting.



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## Council

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### 1. ELECTION OF SPEAKER

To elect a Councillor to serve as Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2023/24 or until a successor is appointed, whichever is the sooner.

(Note: Section 4 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1972 provide that the election of the chairman (which post the Council has resolved to title 'Speaker' in Tower Hamlets) shall be the first item of business transacted at the Annual Meeting of the Council and that in the case of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall give a casting vote in addition to any vote they may have).

### 2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

To elect a Councillor to serve as Deputy Speaker of the Council for the municipal year 2023/24 or until a successor is appointed, whichever is the sooner.

### 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

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

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

If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice



prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services.

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	To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 15 March 2023.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>	
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