

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Monday, 28 November 2022 6.30 p.m.
**Committee Room One - Town Hall, Mulberry
Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG**

Members:

Chair: Councillor Musthak Ahmed

Vice Chair: Councillor Abdul Mannan

Councillor Maisha Begum, Councillor Bodrul Choudhury, Councillor Marc Francis,
Councillor Asma Islam, Councillor Ahmodur Khan, Councillor Sabina Khan and
Councillor Abdul Malik

Co-opted Members:

Jahid Ahmed and Halima Islam

Deputies: Councillor Faroque Ahmed, Councillor Rachel Blake, Councillor
Mohammad Chowdhury, Councillor Saif Uddin Khaled, Councillor Kamrul Hussain and
Councillor Abdul Wahid

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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A Guide to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Local Government Act 2000 established the overview and scrutiny function for every council, with the key roles of:

- Scrutinising decisions before or after they are made or implemented
- Proposing new policies and commenting on draft policies, and
- Ensuring customer satisfaction and value for money.

The aim is to make the decision-making process more transparent, accountable and inclusive, and improve services for people by being responsive to their needs. Overview & Scrutiny membership is required to reflect the proportional political makeup of the council and, as well as council services, there are statutory powers to examine the impact of work undertaken by partnerships and outside bodies, including the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and local health bodies.

In Tower Hamlets, the function is exercised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC). The OSC considers issues from across the council and partnership remit. The Committee has 3 Sub-Committees which focus on health, housing and grants.

Public Engagement

OSC usually meets once per month (a few days before Cabinet, to allow scrutiny of decisions scheduled to be made there). These meetings are open to the public to attend, and a timetable for meeting dates and deadlines can be found [here](#). The committee's quorum is three voting members.

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 28 November 2022

6.30 p.m.

SECTION ONE

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS (PAGES 9 - 10)

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.

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.

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

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the 26th September 2022. (Pages 11 - 20)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th September 2022.

3.2 Minutes of the 24th October 2022.

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24th October 2022 – Pending.

4. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'



Nil items.

5. ACTION LOG

To note the Action Log.

6. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS (PAGES 21 - 50)

The Committee is asked to **note**:

1. The most recent editions of the Forward Plan.
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. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

7.1 CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS

To review resident access to services and consider how the council ensures its services are accessible for those who find it difficult to access digital provision.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

8.1 OSC WORK PROGRAMME

To note the scrutiny work programme

9. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

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

(Time allocated – 30 minutes).

10. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

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



10 .1 UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

To receive updates from the Scrutiny Leads:

Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee Chairs Scrutiny Lead Update:

- ❖ Attended Borough Commanders open day with Cllrs
- ❖ Visited St Andrew's Surgery – Bromley by Bow supporting Cllr Ahmodur Khan HASSC Chair
- ❖ Visited School in Lansbury Ward with the Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning
- ❖ Attended the Fosters Award day at Hailybery Centre in Stepney
- ❖ Attended cultural community events in the borough including Somali community in Whitechapel and Bromley Football club
- ❖ Met with Deputy Mayor and Corporate Director to understand portfolio issues and challenges
- ❖ Met with scrutiny network support officer to develop scope for the scrutiny challenge session.

Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Lead Update:

- ❖ Attendance of Community Safety (Walkabout) visit with Police and Members to get a sense of the minor offences/crimes being committed and the issues the police dealt with.
- ❖ Had discussion with Community Safety Lead Member on anti-social behaviour in Mercury Walk, particular laughing gas drug use.
- ❖ Attended Overview and Scrutiny awayday in Poplar to write the forward plan.
- ❖ Attended meeting with Scrutiny Support Officer to discuss Scrutiny Review on Women's Safety.

Health and Adults Scrutiny Lead Update:

- ❖ Had meeting with the Cllr Gulam Choudhury, Cabinet Lead Health, Wellbeing and Social Care to understand some of the key strategic issues faced by the council and has quarterly further planned meetings.
- ❖ Carried out site visits to GP surgeries e.g. St Andrews Health Centre and has further visits planned as part of the preparation for December's HASSC meeting.
- ❖ Engaged with scrutiny network support officer to develop the scope for HASSC scrutiny review on H&SC Workforce.

11. 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.”

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL SECTION (Pink Papers)

The exempt committee papers in the agenda will contain information, which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. If you do not wish to retain these papers after the meeting, please hand them to the Committee Officer present.

SECTION TWO

12. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL) CABINET PAPERS

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

(Time allocated 15 minutes).

13. 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 & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 12 December 2022 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Committee Room One - Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG



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Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AT MEETINGS– NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Code of Conduct for Members at Part C, Section 31 of the Council's Constitution

(i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)

You have a DPI in any item of business on the agenda where it relates to the categories listed in **Appendix A** to this guidance. Please note that a DPI includes: (i) Your own relevant interests; (ii) Those of your spouse or civil partner; (iii) A person with whom the Member is living as husband/wife/civil partners. Other individuals, e.g. Children, siblings and flatmates do not need to be considered. Failure to disclose or register a DPI (within 28 days) is a criminal offence.

Members with a DPI, (unless granted a dispensation) must not seek to improperly influence the decision, must declare the nature of the interest and leave the meeting room (including the public gallery) during the consideration and decision on the item – unless exercising their right to address the Committee.

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, Director of Legal 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.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.33 P.M. ON MONDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

**COMMITTEE ROOM ONE - TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Musthak Ahmed (Chair)
Councillor Abdul Mannan (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Bodrul Choudhury (Member)
Councillor Marc Francis (Member)
Councillor Ahmodur Khan (Member)
Councillor Abdul Malik (Member)
Jahid Ahmed (Co-Optee) (Co-optee)
Halima Islam (Co-Optee) (Co-Optee)

Officers Present:

Kevin Bartle – (Interim Corporate Director, Resources & Section 151 Officer)
Sharon Godman – (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation)
Afazul Hoque – (Head of Corporate Strategy & Policy)
Ellie Kershaw – (Acting Director, Growth and Economic Development)
David Knight – (Committee Officer)
iluck Miah – (Strategy and Policy Officer, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation Service)
Denise Radley – (Corporate Director, Health, Adults & Community)
Debra Richards – (Principal Project Managers – Housing Delivery)
James Thomas – (Corporate Director, Children and Culture)
Nisar Visram – (Director of Finance, Procurement & Audit)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Asma Islam and Sabina Khan.

2. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair stressed to the Committee the importance of attending the training being organised to help them acquire and develop the necessary knowledge and skills e.g. to (i) provide a 'critical friend' challenge to the executive, external partner authorities, and agencies; (ii) reflect the voice and concerns of the public and its communities, (iii) take the lead and own the scrutiny process on behalf of the public; and (iv) make an impact on the quality of delivery of public services.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS

- I. Councillor Marc Francis in the interests of transparency declared that his wife Councillor Rachel Blake was the former lead member for the Councils Capital Programme including aspects of the Council's Housebuilding Programme.

4. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The Chair **Moved** and it was:-

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 28th July 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

The Committee considered the Call-in requests regarding the following In Individual Mayoral Decisions (IMD):

1. **No. 302** - 3-5 Arnold Road: Approval to increase project budget to enable build contract to be awarded. 8th September 2022; and
2. **No. 303** - Redevelopment of Bancroft and Wickford Street Garages, Mayor's Executive Decision Making - Wednesday, 14th September 2022.

The Committee **noted** that the above Individual Mayoral Decisions had been 'Called-In' by Councillor James King (signed also by Councillors Leelu Ahmed; Sirajul Islam; Amina Ali; Amy Lee; Shubo Hussain and Faroque Ahmed) in accordance with the provisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution.

Accordingly, the Committee considered:

- ❖ Individual Mayoral Decision No. 302 - 3-5 Arnold Road: Approval to increase project budget to enable build contract to be awarded published on 8th September 2022.
- ❖ Individual Mayoral Decision No. 303 - Redevelopment of Bancroft and Wickford Street Garages published on 14th September 2022.
- ❖ the "call in" requisition from the Call-in Members.
- ❖ representations by the Call-in Members; and
- ❖ representations from the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding, Councillor Kabir Ahmed.

In addition, the Committee **noted** the following alternative course of action proposed in the call-in to:

- A. Fund the increase in the contract for the Arnold Grove and Bancroft TMO/Wickford Street Schemes from Housing Revenue Accounts Reserves.
- B. Provide an impact and financial appraisal of funding the increase from different sources; and
- C. Keep, amend, or cancel the Gill Street scheme after a transparent impact and financial appraisal.

Councillor James King on behalf of the Call-in Members then formally presented to the Committee the reasons for the call-in and above-mentioned alternative course of action which also indicated:

- D. Tower Hamlets Council Strategic Plan 2022-2026 : Priority 2 states an ambition to 'deliver a minimum of 1000 social homes for rent per annum'. Priority 8 states the council will 'Deliver a balanced budget, innovate to improve value for money, deliver modern services, and improve customer satisfaction across council services. This Mayoral Decision does not provide value for money when £849,000 of spend is to be scrapped.

The discussion on the Call-In can be abridged as follows:

The Committee:

- ❖ **Noted** that the Call-In asks why an uplift of £4.49 million to fund the Arnold Grove site and an uplift of £3m Bancroft Tenant Management Co-operative (TMC) and Wickford Street garages site could be funded from alternative sources **e.g.** including but not limited to underspends within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), reserves within the Housing Revenue Account, commuted sums from off-site affordable housing contributions which have not yet been spent.
- ❖ **Noted** that the Call-In states that **(i)** the cancellation of the Gill Street site is unexplained and not necessary in order to free up HRA funds; and **(ii)** the report provides no appraisal of the risks and outcomes of this decision.
- ❖ **Noted** that the cancellation of the development at Gill Street loses 15 units for social and affordable rents, a new community space and other new community facilities for the St. Vincent's Estate in Limehouse.
- ❖ **Noted** that the Call-In indicates that it is felt that the decision cancels a scheme on which £848,000 has already been spent and was considered by those councillors who had called in the report to be a waste of council resources.
- ❖ **Noted** that the Budget Monitoring report that had been presented to July's Cabinet had indicated that there is an £8.3million underspend in the Housing Revenue Account, which will be allocated to Reserves if not used by the end of the year. (**Appendix A - 2021-22 Period 12 Budget Monitoring Report** refers).

- ❖ **Noted** from the Call-In that it was felt that this deficit could easily absorb the proposed increase in the Arnold Grove and Bancroft Tenant Management Organisations (TMOs)/Wickford Street contracts without having to cancel an existing scheme.
- ❖ **Understood** from the Equalities Impact Assessment (**EqIA**) within the report that it is recognised that whilst there was a need to build 62 units at Arnold Grove and 33 units at Bancroft/Wickford Street failed to assess the cancellation of the loss of 15 units at the Gill Street site.
- ❖ **Noted** that the call-in requisition from the Councillors had provided the following alternative course of action to (1) fund the increase in the contract for the Arnold Grove and Bancroft TMO/Wickford Street Schemes from Housing Revenue Accounts Reserves; (2) provide an impact and financial appraisal of funding the increase from different sources; and (3) keep, amend, or cancel the Gill Street scheme after a transparent impact and financial appraisal.
- ❖ **Noted** that the Councils Strategic Plan 2022-2026 (a) Priority 2 states an ambition to 'deliver a minimum of 1000 social homes for rent per annum'; and (b) Priority 8 states the Council will 'Deliver a balanced budget, innovate to improve value for money, deliver modern services, and improve customer satisfaction across council services.
- ❖ **Noted** that the Call-in Members felt there was sufficient money available in Housing Revenue account to pay for the uplift in Arnold Rove and the Bancroft and Wickford St Garages development and then Gill St Development would be part of the broader review of the housing Review Account Capital program, which would then come later in the year and then that would give all the stakeholders and potential stakeholders more time to scope out (1) what would be the best use of that site, (2) how the Council pays for it; and (3) how to not waste the £850,000 that the Council's has already invested in this scheme.
- ❖ **Noted** the impact on capital program of the volatile economic situation which has reduced growth prospects and heightened uncertainty about the future. This means that, the Council does not have the money in the capital program to deliver all three programs and has had to go for the programs that will deliver the largest amount of social housing units.
- ❖ **Noted** that whilst the Tower Hamlets has had seven years of a non-volatile economic situation the Council is now having to confront increasingly stringent budgets and has to be prudent how it operates within the established three-year capital program.
- ❖ **Noted** that whilst a refresh of the approved HRA new council homes programme is due to be presented to Cabinet in October 2022, where new schemes will be added, and budget allocations adjusted within the overall budget envelope that is affordable within the HRA Business Plan. However, with the planning consent for these schemes are due to expire in four months, approval for an increase in the budget is required sooner than October 2022 to

ensure the development of new homes for social rent on this site can proceed and any delay will have an impact on overcrowded households and those living in temporary accommodation, many of which fall into one of the protected groups.

As a result of a full and wide-ranging discussion

The Chair **Moved** and it was:-

RESOLVED

That the decisions be **reaffirmed** in regard to:

- ❖ No. 302 - 3-5 Arnold Road: Approval to increase project budget to enable build contract to be awarded. 8th September 2022; and
- ❖ No. 303 - Redevelopment of Bancroft and Wickford Street Garages, Mayor's Executive Decision Making - Wednesday, 14th September 2022.

6. ACTION LOG

Noted the updated Action Log and the Committee.

****Support for Customers who cannot access Digital Services****

In response to the performance data on satisfaction level of residents who are unable to access services digitally. The Committee noted concerns expressed by Councillor Marc Francis that:

- ❖ The data provided is in relation to the whole of the Borough in terms of access services digitally and it would have been more useful if that information had been broken down between the in-house and outsourced providers to provide a comparative analysis to measure just how significant that impact has been and is continuing to be on customer access.
- ❖ constituents have expressed concerns about the difficulty that they are having, in engaging with the Council online whether it is about (i) reporting missed bin collections; or (ii) the inability to get through to parking or housing services.
- ❖ prior to the pandemic residents were able to talk to staff directly when they had issues in areas such as council tax and housing. However, despite the easing of restrictions people are being increasingly directed to access services online, leading to concerns people are not getting the help they need at a time of crisis. Therefore, immediate steps need to be taken to provide in person advice to help support people in greatest need.

****Performance data on number of young people attending and number of those achieved accredited outcomes****

- ❖ The performance data for the period April 2021 – March 2022 has seen an increase in the number of contacts, participants, recorded outcomes, and accredited outcomes leading up to the end of Q4 last financial year.
- ❖ This achievement has been supported by a number of factors such as increased 'on-line activities;' 'outreach' and 'detached' work. This has allowed youth providers to put on a wider selection of activities that have appealed to young people keen to come out and re-engage in a youth club setting post Covid. In addition, parents and carers have also been very flexible in allowing young people to engage due to the negative impact of Covid has had on young people being isolated and on their mental health and well-being.

Finally, the Chair thanked Councillor Frances for highlighting his concerns in regard to these issues.

7. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS

The Committee **noted**:

1. The most recent editions of the Forward Plan.
2. The Forthcoming Decisions Plan (or 'Forward Plan') is 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.
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8. STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE MONITORING

8.1 P3 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Committee considered a report included in the Cabinet - Wednesday, 28th September 2022 5.30 p.m. that provided details on the Council's financial performance to ensure it is supporting the Council priorities and provides residents with value for money. The main point of the discussion summarised as follows:

The Committee

- ❖ Wanted to understand **(i)** if the Council's savings targets are on track; **(ii)** if there are any significant overspends and the reasons behind this; **(iii)** the main financial risks facing the Council; **(iv)** the implications

those risks will have on decisions; **(v)** and what actions are being taking to tackle these.

- ❖ **Noted** that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is forecasting (i) an adverse variance of £0.5m when compared with budget. It is assumed that this balance will be transferred from general HRA balances at year-end; and (ii) an unbudgeted energy cost pressure totalling £2.4m for gas and electricity in 2022/23.
- ❖ **Noted** that these costs are partly recoverable from leaseholders where they relate to communal areas and this additional income has been reflected separately in the forecast.
- ❖ Was **informed** that further cost increases in 2023/24 will result in an unbudgeted cost pressure of £8m which will need to be met from existing HRA income streams. Whilst other variances in the HRA relate to delegated budget, which is forecasting a year-end favourable variance of £0.7m.
- ❖ **Noted** that the management fee is forecasting a year-end adverse variance of £0.4m and the non-delegated budget is forecasting a year-end favourable variance of £1.6m.
- ❖ **Noted** that the forecasts are based on usage data provided by the Council's energy providers over the summer period and this review will continue throughout the year. As the Council is facing significant pressure this year as a result not only of energy price increases but also inflation and the projected increases to the National Living Wage.
- ❖ **Noted** that through a new government scheme energy prices for non-domestic energy customers such as businesses, charities and public sector organisations will be cut – protecting them from rising energy costs, whilst the government will collaborate with suppliers to reduce wholesale energy costs – and the significant rises in bills that businesses have seen this support is in addition to the Energy Price Guarantee for households.
- ❖ **Considered** that it was important to promote the benefits of flexible retirement to the Council employee as it would (i) help staff work to continue working in the LBTH for longer, by varying the nature or pattern of work in the lead-up to retirement, (ii) assist succession planning by retaining valuable skills and experience which can be passed on to other staff; and retaining valuable staff reduces the time and costs of recruitment and training.
- ❖ **Observed** that are assumptions being made about overspends in the first half of the year and then towards the end of the financial year or even the after the financial years close **e.g.**, there have been times when LBTH has found itself with a surplus on what was projected.
- ❖ **Noted** that whilst additional funding was to be made available for social care the Council is now facing additional costs that have not yet been quantified although it is anticipated that the money which is for discharge support will have some rules or requirements attached to it. It is expected that local systems will need to continue to make best use of existing resources, to support safe and effective discharges within local priorities. This should build on existing joint arrangements and best practice and be agreed locally. Therefore, the Better Care Fund in 2022/3 will become more important than ever as the single joint

planning process for health and social care to use pooled resources to deliver better outcomes for people living at home and those being discharged from hospital.

- ❖ **Agreed**, that it would be useful if the committee could get a note once the announcement of how much funding LBTH is to receive and clarification on how that money will be utilized in this current financial year or whether it is going to be put into a reserve to be utilized in 2023-24 onwards.

In conclusion, the Chair thanked Councillor Saied Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living), Nisar Visram Director of Finance (Deputy S151) all attendees for a really helpful and informative discussion on how **(i)** resources have been deployed appropriately in line with the Councils priorities and **(ii)** levels of financial performance.

9. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

9.1 CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Item deferred.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

10.1 OSC WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report that set out the 2022/23 work programmes for the:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee.
- Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee; and
- Children & Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

The report also described the work programmes for the Scrutiny Leads:

- Resources & Finance; and
- Environment & Community Safety.

The Committee:

- ❖ **Noted** that the work programme has been informed by a councillor workshop session, discussion with all councillors at first Sub-Committee meetings, and in consultation with senior officers and partner agencies.
- ❖ **Noted** that the Work Programme also used intelligence from a range of sources including the Mid pandemic residents survey, council performance reports, annual complaints data and horizon scanning on key national, regional, and local issues that scrutiny may want to engage with.

- ❖ **Noted** that the gambling policy had been added for consideration at the October meeting of this Committee which as a budget and policy framework item needs to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that Work Program will remain agile and flexible to accommodate any new significant issues that are likely to have an impact on residents and wider community.
- ❖ **Noted** that Housing Scrutiny on 20th October had agreed subject to formal confirmation that it would consider (i) Social Landlord's Performance and Parking on Estates; and (ii) Council representation on the boards of social landlord's meeting.

As a result of discussions

The Chair **Moved** and it was:-

RESOLVED

Agreed the proposed Scrutiny Work Programme 2022-23 as set in Appendices 1-6 of the report.

11. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

The Chair asked that members inform him of any particular questions that they wanted to be raised with the Mayor in Cabinet on the 28th of September 2022.

12. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

13. UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

The Committee received and noted the updates that had been received from Scrutiny Leads in regard to their portfolio's.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As the agenda circulated had no exempt/confidential reports and there was therefore no requirement to exclude the press and public to allow for its consideration.

15. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL) CABINET PAPERS

Nil items.

16. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Nil items.

17. MEETING CLOSED

As there was no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed and reminded Members that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 24th October 2022, 6.30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8.13 p.m.

**Chair, Councillor Musthak Ahmed
Overview & Scrutiny Committee**



THE FORWARD PLAN

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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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Title of Report	Approval of the action plan arising from the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-committee's Fire Safety Review Report (September 2021)	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	The Mayor and Cabinet are asked to approve the actions which follow the report of the Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee's review on fire safety in the borough. This review was requested by the sub-committee's Chair in the wake of the fire at New Providence Wharf on 7 May 2021.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22		
Community Plan Theme			
Cabinet Member			
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	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		
Title of Report	Customer Service Updates and Improvements – Combined Report	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	The report provides an update on customer services across the council. It also outlines actions to make necessary improvements and makes recommendations for noting, approving and recommending to Cabinet.		

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	The report includes an update on the 4 key access channels:- Telephone Website Social Media and Face to face
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 28/09/22		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Community and Voluntary Sector Partners All Council Directorates Community and Voluntary Sector Partners All Council Directorates		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Raj Chand (Director, Customer Services) raj.chand@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		
Title of Report	Development of London Dock School – Appropriation for Planning Purposes and use of Section 203 Powers (Rights of Light)	Ward St Katharine's & Wapping	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Authority is sought to grant S.203 Planning Powers to assist with the development of London Dock School and appropriation of Rights of Light Matters		

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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 14/12/22		
Community Plan Theme	Accelerate Education		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
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	Stephen Shapiro (Acting Director of Property and Major Programmes) Stephen.Shapiro@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Copy of the draft Injunction Report from Rights of Light Specialist Existing Planning Permission		
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 valuations received from the external consultant is exempt as it provides sensitive material for future negotiations		
Title of Report	Secure Children's Home for London and Pan-London Commissioning Vehicle	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>Children with particularly complex needs, including those who are at significant risk of causing harm to themselves or others, including risk to life, can be placed in a secure children's home when no other type of placement would keep them safe. There is a significant shortage of national secure children's home provision as highlighted by OfSTED and London has no provision. The numbers of children placed are small, but the placements expensive. Further, where places are not available, the alternatives, often requiring multiple ratios of staff for each child, are amongst the costliest placements for children's services. For example, the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) recently highlighted more than twenty local authorities paying over £20K per week (equivalent to £1 million per year) and one case of £49,680 per week (equivalent to over £2 million per year).</p> <p>There are few children requiring secure welfare provision and in the last eight months to July 2022 the numbers per local authority in London ranged from zero to three, with further children being referred but unable to be placed because of</p>		

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	<p>a lack of availability.</p> <p>There is an opportunity now to develop and establish secure children’s home (SCH) provision in London to bring additional capacity to the market, with funds provided by the Department for Education, but this requires a Pan-London approach.</p> <p>It is proposed that a company, owned by London local authorities, should be established to oversee the build, and contribute to the development of the operating model for the new SCH provision, as well as the commissioning arrangements to run the service. The PLV will be a means to share the risks and benefits associated with developing and running the SCH, with a key benefit being that places at the new provision will be prioritised for the London local authorities who opt in to join the PLV.</p> <p>In the long term, it is intended that the PLV’s remit will include other key pan-London commissioning arrangements that will improve the lives of London’s children and young people.</p>
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 14/12/22
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	DLT, CLT, MAB, Cabinet. This consultation process is held with LIIA, who have consulted with ALDCS.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Equalities Impact assessments as part of the overarching programme across the Pan London Placements Commissioning Programme (PLPCP). [Please complete the Equalities screening tool at the end of this form to determine whether an equalities analysis will be required. If you require further support, please see the guidance and template on the intranet.]
Contact details for comments or additional information	Susannah Beasley-Murray (Divisional Director of Supporting Families) susannah.beasley-murray@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Resources & Commissioning - London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (liia.london)
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so	No, Unrestricted

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why?			
Title of Report	Liveable Streets Review	Ward Bethnal Green West; Spitalfields & Banglatown; St Katharine's & Wapping; Weavers	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Review of proposed removal of traffic management schemes implemented under the Liveable Streets programme.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 25/01/23		
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Relevant internal and external stakeholders including, but not limited to, emergency services, local schools and Transport for London have also been consulted. Surveys on the proposals have been issued to residents in the areas directly affected. The survey is also available for the general public to complete.		
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?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	MTFS and Budget 2023-26 Report	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report sets out the issues and actions which inform the development of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2023-26.		

Decision maker	Cabinet
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Date of decision	04/01/23		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted. The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; 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?	N/A		
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		
Title of Report	Planning for School Places 2022/23 - Review and Recommendations	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report is the annual review of planning for school places. It explains the current position, projected demand, and any proposals to increase and reorganise school provision to ensure our school provision is provided where it is needed when it is needed.		

Decision maker	Cabinet		
Date of decision	14/12/22		
Community Plan Theme	Accelerate Education		
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	NONE NONE		

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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) steve.nyakatawa@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		
Title of Report	Homecare for Adults- contract extension and recommissioning of services	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Report seeking permission to extend the contracts for the provision of homecare services for adults and to restart the recommissioning and tender process leading to the award of new homecare contracts for adults.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 14/12/22
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
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?	Not required
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 available?	Contract award for homecare services for adults 2017

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Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Possibly- depends upon whether we are required to list the current contract values by provider if so these would be commercially sensitive. However, this is currently a framework contract with no guaranteed contract value.		
Title of Report	Budget Monitoring 2022/23 Quarter 2 including Capital	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	Budget Monitoring 2022/23 Quarter 2 including Capital		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 14/12/22		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
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?			
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		
Title of Report	Fees and Charges 2023-24 Report	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	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.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 14/12/22		
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Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; 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		
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		
Title of Report	Fees and Charges 2023-24 Report	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	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.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 14/12/22
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted. The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been	EIAs are being carried out for any new charges and where charges have increased above inflation

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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?	N/A
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted
Title of Report	Harriott, Apsley, Pattison (HAP) Houses Regeneration Scheme Update
	Ward Stepney Green
	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>In March 2022, planning consent was granted for the redevelopment of Harriott, Apsley and Pattison Houses, known as HAP, for the delivery of 412 new homes and the re-provision of the existing community space. The scheme will provide high quality replacement homes for existing residents, new council homes for families in housing need and new homes for sale to help fund the scheme.</p> <p>This report will provide an update on the progress towards the delivery of the estate regeneration, including decant status and leaseholder buy-backs and seek approval for the preferred delivery model with a developer partner. A further report will be presented to Cabinet in early 2023 to seek approval on the use of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers to empower the Council to acquire all land and property interests within the site boundary ('Order Land') necessary to facilitate the delivery of the scheme and s203 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.</p>

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 22/02/23
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Internal consultation: with Finance and Procurement External consultation: with HAP Residents Panel will take place through regular monthly meetings</p> <p>Internal and External consultation</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this	No, but a full EQIA has been carried out and was appended to the last report to Cabinet on this scheme in December 2021

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Assessment?	
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?	HAP Regeneration Scheme Cabinet report: 15th December 2021
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted
Title of Report	Strategic Delivery and Performance report (22/23) – Quarters 1&2
	Ward All Wards
	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report will set out service performance against targets for Q1 and Q2 measuring progress against the Strategic Plan for all of the reportable strategic measures.

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 14/12/22
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
Cabinet Member	Mayor
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None None
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?	N/A
Is there an intention to	No, Unrestricted

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consider this report in private session and if so why?			
Title of Report	Gambling Policy 2022-2025	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	<p>To agree the statutory consultation on the Gambling Policy 2022 -2025</p> <p>The report details proposed changes to the Gambling Policy that must be reviewed every three years. These proposed changes have been subject to public consultation.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Council 16/11/22		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member			
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?			
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		
Title of Report	Record of Corporate Directors Actions 2022/23 Q2	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	<p>This report sets out, for noting by Cabinet, the Corporate Director's Actions taken under Rule 10 (section 50 Record of Corporate Director's Actions (RCDA) - Waiving of Procurement Procedures) in Part C – Codes and Protocols of the Council's constitution.</p> <p>The section states that Corporate Director's Actions in respect of contracts over £100,000 must be reported to Cabinet for noting and this report fulfils this</p>		

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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
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	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		
Title of Report	Recommendation for Direct Award of Learning Disability Supported Accommodation Contracts AHS5141, AHS5144 and AHS5142	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The Mayor and Cabinet will be asked to approve the direct award of two contracts for Learning Disability Supported Accommodation that will provide 24-hour care and support to people with high and complex needs. These contracts will replace 3 existing contracts AHS5141 and AHS5144 due to expire in March 2023 and AHS5142 due to expire in May 2023.</p> <p>The Cabinet report will outline the basis for this recommendation which is made in recognition that the care and support is provided as an integral part of service delivery from specialist accommodation that is required to meet HMO and CQC standards. Accommodation of this type is scarce in Tower Hamlets and as the accommodation and support are provided together the options for moving the support to another location is limited due to the lack of alternative provision and</p>		

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	will also not be preferable in terms of continuity of care.
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None 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	Warwick Tomsett Joint Director, Integrated Commissioning warwick.tomsett@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		
Title of Report	1 Hour Free Parking for Markets	Ward Bethnal Green East; Bethnal Green West; Lansbury; Shadwell; Spitalfields & Banglatown; Weavers	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	To provide a facility for visitors to the various Markets around the borough to be able to obtain a one hour free parking session on market days.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22		
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency		

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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	Dan Jones (Director, Public Realm) dan.jones@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		
Title of Report	Reintroduction of four main parent Controlled Parking Zones	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	To return to the position where resident parking permit holders can park all day anywhere in the main zone in which they live. Also, to extend the concession whereby a resident permit holder can park in any other zone in the borough from 3 hours to 5 hours.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None None
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this	Yes

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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?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2022 - 25 Capital Programme: Latest position	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The three-year Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2021/22 and future years from 2022-25 of £411.927m, of which £323,129m is allocated to the new council homes programme, was approved by Full Council on 16th March 2022. Following a review and refresh of the approved programme, to reflect the ambitions of the new administration, a revised HRA Capital Programme has been proposed.</p> <p>This report seeks approval by Cabinet for a revised HRA Capital Programme for the three-year period from 2022-25, for which funding has been identified and allocated.</p> <p>Subject to budget approval, new schemes that have been added to the Capital Programme will be progressed through the governance process to ensure that the pace of delivery is maintained.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22
Community Plan Theme	Homes for the future
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None None
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes
Contact details for	Stephen Shapiro

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comments or additional information	(Acting Director of Property and Major Programmes) Stephen.Shapiro@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		
Title of Report	Seahorse Homes Limited and Mulberry Housing Society Limited	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report discussed the future of Seahorse Homes Limited, the Council's wholly owned housing company. It also sets out the future of Mulberry Housing Society Limited, a community benefit society in which the Council held a minority share.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22
Community Plan Theme	Homes for the future
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
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	Will Tuckley (Chief Executive) will.tuckley@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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Title of Report	Report on outcome of the preliminary stakeholder consultation (pre-statutory) on the proposal for the amalgamation of The Bishop Challoner RC Federation Girls' and Boys' Schools	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report presents the outcome of the preliminary stakeholder consultation (pre-statutory) on the proposal to establish a single 11-19 mixed gender secondary school, through the amalgamation (merger) of The Bishop Challoner RC Federation Girls and Boys Schools.</p> <p>The report explains the background and reasons for this first stage of consultation; the responses received with the views of parents, pupils, staff and the general public. Its purpose is to enable the Mayor in cabinet to decide whether or not the council should proceed to the next stage of the process, which would be to issue a statutory notice informing of the intention for the two schools to amalgamate.</p> <p>The report includes a summary of representations received and any responses made; risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Along with the general public, the following stakeholders were invited to make representations:</p> <p>Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union. Secretary of State for Education</p> <p>An informal full public consultation will take place between September and October 2022, the feedback from this will inform this report to cabinet and the recommendations herein.</p>		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Required		

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Contact details for comments or additional information	Steve Nyakatawa (Director of Education) steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Statutory Notice (Short Version) • Informal consultation paper, further information and response form • Feedback from the informal public consultation on the proposal • Equalities Impact Assessment • Organisational Change Policy (HR) 		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	George Green Change of Designation from Complex Needs to Autistic Spectrum Condition - Formal Decision following statutory notice.	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The report informs cabinet of the outcome of the four week period of public representation in response to the statutory notice on the prescribed alterations to George Green's School to change of designation of the current resource based provision to ASC and increase the number of places within the provision from 15 to 20 from 1 January 2023.</p> <p>The report also includes a summary of representations received during the Statutory Notice period and any responses made; updated information on risk and opportunities; officer's recommendations; decisions available to the Mayor in Cabinet.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 30/11/22
Community Plan Theme	Accelerate Education
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>The following stakeholders have been invited to make representations as part of the consultation process:</p> <p>Parents and carers, students, Roman Catholic and Church of England Dioceses, Council of Mosques, Head Teachers, school staff, school governors, community groups, including Water Babies, neighbouring Local Authorities, the National Education Union, local Members of Parliament, Harbinger School, Water Babies.</p>

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	<p>A stage one public consultation was held between 9th May and 17th June 2022. The feedback from this, and that received during the 4-week statutory notice period, following Cabinet's agreement, has informed this report to cabinet and the recommendations herein.</p> <p>The statutory notice period ran between the 2nd September and the 30th September 2022.</p> <p>During the consultation stage and the statutory notice stage all interested stakeholders have had the chance to send objections or comments to the school and the Council.</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	Steve Nyakatawa (Director of Education) steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage One Consultation Report • Statutory Notices • Equalities Impact Assessment • Representation Received 		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Strategic delivery and performance reporting – Q1 and Q2 2022/23	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on the delivery and implementation of the council's Strategic Plan.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 14/12/22
Community Plan Theme	
Cabinet Member	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	No

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carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	
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
Title of Report	Determination of School Admission Arrangements for 2024/25
	Ward All Wards
	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This is the annual report to determine the Local Authority's school admissions arrangement for community schools for 2024/25 school year.

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 25/01/23
Community Plan Theme	Accelerate Education
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Public The council is legally required to determine its school admission arrangements every year and consult the public, if there are any proposed changes. Given that changes are being proposed there will be a full public consultation with a report on the responses available as part of the cabinet report.
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) steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Proposed admission arrangements and over subscription criteria in 2024/25 for: ? community nursery classes ? community primary schools. ? community secondary schools

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	<p>Proposed schemes coordinating admissions in 2024/25 for:</p> <p>? Reception and Year 7</p> <p>? In-Year admissions</p> <p>Published Admission Number for each school in Tower Hamlets for 2024/25</p>		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Annual Schools Report 2021-2022	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>A summary analysis of the 2022 results compared to the pre-pandemic performance in 2019 is provided including for Children in Our Care (CIOC). The report highlights successes, challenges and barriers to further progress. The report also highlights THEP support and interventions in primary and secondary schools to raise achievement through system leadership.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 22/02/23
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None None
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) steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	NA
Is there an intention to consider this report in	No, Unrestricted

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private session and if so why?			
Title of Report	The Council's 2023-24 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2023-26	Ward	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report sets the budget for the financial year 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the years 2023-26.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Council 02/03/23
Community Plan Theme	
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted. The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; 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?	N/A
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

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