

Cabinet



Wednesday, 25 October 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Agenda

Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Cabinet Members

Councillor Maium Talukdar	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor))
Councillor Kabir Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding)
Councillor Saied Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)
Councillor Suluk Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Equalities and Social Inclusion)
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care)
Councillor Abu Chowdhury	(Cabinet Member for Safer Communities)
Councillor Iqbal Hossain	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation)
Councillor Kabir Hussain	(Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency)
Councillor Abdul Wahid	(Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Growth)

[The quorum for Cabinet is 3 Members]

Further Information

Reports for consideration, meeting contact details, public participation and more information on Cabinet decision-making is available on the following pages.



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A Guide to CABINET

Decision Making at Tower Hamlets

As Tower Hamlets operates the Directly Elected Mayor system, **Mayor Lutfur Rahman** holds Executive powers and takes decisions at Cabinet or through Individual Mayoral Decisions. The Mayor has appointed nine Councillors to advise and support him and they, with him, form the Cabinet. Their details are set out on the front of the agenda.

Which decisions are taken by Cabinet?

Executive decisions are all decisions that aren't specifically reserved for other bodies (such as Development or Licensing Committees). In particular, Executive Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor either at Cabinet or as Individual Mayoral Decisions.

The constitution describes Key Decisions as an executive decision which is likely

- a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, above £1million; or
- b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the borough.

Upcoming Key Decisions are published on the website on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page through www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee

Published Decisions and Call-Ins

Once the meeting decisions have been published, any 5 Councillors may submit a Call-In to the Service Head, Democratic Services requesting that a decision be reviewed. This halts the decision until it has been reconsidered.

- The decisions will be published on: **Friday, 27 October 2023**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 3 November 2023**

Any Call-Ins will be considered at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee can reject the call-in or they can agree it and refer the decision back to the Mayor, with their recommendations, for his final consideration.

Public Engagement at Cabinet

The main focus of Cabinet is as a decision-making body. However there is an opportunity for the public to contribute through making submissions that specifically relate to the reports set out on the agenda.

Members of the public may make written submissions in any form (for example; Petitions, letters, written questions) to the Clerk to Cabinet (details on the previous page) by 5 pm the day before the meeting.

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PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There will be an opportunity (up to 15 minutes) for members of the public to put questions to the Mayor and Cabinet Members before the Cabinet commences its consideration of the substantive business set out in the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

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

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

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

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

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The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 September 2023 are presented for approval.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to unrestricted business to be considered.

5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(Under provisions of Section 30, Rule 59 of the Constitution).

6. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1	MTFS and Budget Scene Setting 2024-27	27 - 38
Report Summary: This report sets out the issues and actions which inform the development of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2024-27 and budget for 2024-25 including timescales and next steps.		
Wards: All Wards		
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
Corporate Priority:		
6.2	Continuation of Business Rates Pooling	39 - 42
Report Summary: This report requests approval to continue membership in the 8 Authority Pool for Business Rates for 2024-25.		
Wards: All Wards		
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
Corporate Priority: Invest in public services		
6.3	Record of Corporate Directors Action 23-24 Q1	43 - 48
Report Summary: 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. 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 requirement.		
Wards: All Wards		
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
Corporate Priority:		



6 .4	Contracts Forward Plan (Quarter 2 2023/2024)	49 - 80
<p>Report Summary: This item presents proposed procurement activity, that is scheduled to be undertaken during quarter two of the 2023/2024 financial year, where the total value exceeds £1m and therefore requires prior approval from Cabinet.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Corporate Priority:</p>		

6 .5	Action Plan Response to Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee Review and Recommendations Report on 'Workforce Shortages Across The Health and Care Sector'	81 - 110
<p>Report Summary: This report presents the action plan response from the Northeast London Integrated Care Board (NEL ICB) and the Council to the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee (HASSC) review report regarding 'Workforce Shortages Across The Health and Care Sector' in Northeast London.</p> <p>Wards: Lead Member: Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>		

6 .6	Tower Hamlets - Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23	111 - 140
<p>Report Summary: The annual report outlines the achievements of the Safeguarding Adults Board, its subgroups and partner agencies over the period 2022 to 2023.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Corporate Priority:</p>		

6 .7	Additional Licensing Houses in Multiple Occupation Designation	141 - 156
<p>Report Summary: To consider renewing the additional licensing – houses in multiple occupation designation. Appendices for this item can be found in an agenda supplement pack.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you</p>		

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6 .8 Tower Hamlets New Local Plan: Regulation 18 Consultation Draft 157 - 172

Report Summary:

Cabinet will be asked to approve the Regulation 18 Local Plan – Consultation Draft for statutory consultation. The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012, as amended. The draft Plan contains a proposed vision and objectives for Tower Hamlets over the next 15 years to 2038, a spatial strategy, new planning policies and site allocations.

Appendices for this item can be found in an agenda supplement pack.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Corporate Priority: All Priorities

6 .9 Statutory Transfer Scheme to support the proposed transfer of town planning powers from the London Legacy Development Corporation to Tower Hamlets 173 - 240

Report Summary:

The Mayor of London has confirmed their intention that the London Legacy Development Corporation’s Town Planning powers will be transferred back to each of the four London boroughs that have land within the Corporation’s planning boundary.

To enable the transfer of planning powers back to Tower Hamlets secondary legislation will be made by Parliament and the Mayor of London will prepare a Statutory Transfer Scheme (STS) under section 216 of the Localism Act 2011.

The STS lists the rights and liabilities to be transferred, including records of planning decisions, un-determined planning applications, planning enforcement cases, appeals, planning obligation agreements and receipts, Community Infrastructure Levy receipts. Transfer of staff has been scoped out of the STS.

Confirmation that Tower Hamlets will consent to the STS with the Mayor of London is required.

Agreement for Tower Hamlets Council to consent to the STS a Key Decision because communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards: Bow East and Bromley North Wards.

Wards: Bow East; Bromley North
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you



Report Summary:

This report recommends amendments to the Tower Hamlets Homes Articles of Association, particularly in relation to the Board of Directors, due to the transfer of services being brought back in-house on 1st November 2023.

Wards: All Wards

Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding

Corporate Priority: Homes for the future

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Should the Mayor in Cabinet consider it necessary, it is recommended that the following motion be adopted to allow consideration of any exempt/restricted documents.

“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)

The Exempt / Confidential (Pink) 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.

9. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

10. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 .1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to exempt/confidential business to be considered.



10 .2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(Under provisions of Section 30, Rule 59 of the Constitution).

11. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

12. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Next Meeting of Cabinet:

Wednesday, 29 November 2023 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

