

Cabinet



Wednesday, 29 November 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Agenda

Cabinet Members

Mayor Lutfur Rahman

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, 1 December 2023**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 8 December 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 25 October 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	Single Homeless Hostels – Contracts	25 - 34
	<p>Report Summary: Future contractual arrangements for the provision of support for residents of five hostels in the borough who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have been rough sleeping or are otherwise homeless;• often have complex support needs including mental health and substance misuse;• often become physically frail at a much younger age than the general population, necessitating increasing levels of care and support over time <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you</p>	
6.2	Tower Hamlets Young People’s Supported Housing Pathway contract extensions	35 - 42
	<p>Report Summary: The Tower Hamlets Young People’s Supported Housing Pathway (4 block contracts) is undergoing a transformative recommission to improve the Council’s accommodation and support offer for our children in our care and homeless young people. Due to unforeseen circumstances and unexpected staff changes this item requests to extend the current pathway contracts from the 1st December until the 1st June 2024 to ensure there is ample time to implement the new contract ensuring minimal disruption for our young people.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor) Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you</p>	
6.3	Tower Hamlets Young People’s Advocacy Service contract extensions	43 - 48

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Report Summary:

The Tower Hamlets Young People's Advocacy Service is undergoing a service review to plan a transformative recommission to improve the Council's support offer for our children in our care. Due to unforeseen circumstances and unexpected staff changes this item requests to extend the current service contract from 1st February until 1st December 2024 to ensure there is ample time to complete the service review, recommission and implementation of the new contract ensuring minimal disruption for our young people.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you

6 .4	Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan 2023-2028: A Tower Hamlets for All	49 - 118
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Report Summary:

A new Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan 2023-2028 is presented for agreement. It sets out a new shared vision and strategic framework for the borough that the Tower Hamlets Partnership can influence. It is informed by key findings from the 2021 census data, a state of the borough paper and views from stakeholder and community engagement. Residents, young people, community, faith, voluntary, and public service organisations have all contributed to its development.

Note – full Partnership Plan to follow

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Mayor
Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you

6 .5	Children and Families Strategy 2024-2029	119 - 160
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Report Summary:

This reports presents our partnership strategy for improving outcomes for children and families in the borough over the next five years.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Corporate Priority: TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education & skills

6 .6	Youth Justice Board Annual Report	To Follow
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Report Summary:

It is a constitutional requirement for Cabinet to review the Youth Justice Board annual plan. The plan sets out the priorities and strategic goals of the Youth Justice Board and operational frontline service delivery.

This report outlines the priority areas to be delivered over the next 24 months.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Corporate Priority: Accelerate Education

6.7 Review of the Major Events Policy, Victoria Park**161 - 170****Report Summary:**

This report asks Cabinet to consider and approve an updated Major Events Policy for Victoria Park. The original policy was agreed by Cabinet in 2011. A partial amendment to the policy was approved by Cabinet in 2021, in response to the impact of COVID-19 on events.

A full review of the Major Events Policy is being recommended to enable the Council to be competitive with other London venues and be able to hold a wider range of events in the park for the public and resident benefit.

The decision is a Key Decision as it would have a significant effect on the communities of two or more wards.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation
Corporate Priority: Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure

6.8 Parks and Open Spaces Capital Improvement Programme**171 - 182****Report Summary:**

The Parks Capital Improvement programme will enable investment into parks and open spaces. Investment improvements will include:

- Improvements to outdoor sports amenities
- Upgrades to parks and open spaces
- Upgrades to playground equipment in parks and open spaces including a number of Council managed housing estate playground areas

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation
Corporate Priority: Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure

6.9 New fees for the Garden Suite at St. Georges Town Hall – Register Office**183 - 224**

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Report Summary:

To agree fees being introduced by the Registration Service in order to provide customers with the option to have post wedding celebrations in the new Garden Suite at St. Georges Town Hall.

Wards: All Wards

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

Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you

6 .10 Nominations to Outside Bodies – Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust 225 - 228

Report Summary:

Wards:

Lead Member: Mayor

Corporate Priority:

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”.

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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. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 .1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business

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

Next Meeting of Cabinet:

Wednesday, 13 December 2023 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

