

# Cabinet



**Wednesday, 31 January 2024 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](http://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, 2 February 2024**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 9 February 2024**

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 3 January 2024 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

<b>6 .1</b>	<b>Budget Report 2024-25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-27</b>	<b>17 - 446</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> This report sets the budget for the financial year 2024-25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the years 2024-27.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living <b>Corporate Priority:</b> All Priorities</p>		
<b>6 .2</b>	<b>HRA Strategy</b>	<b>To Follow</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> This report presents a strategy for the Housing Revenue Account for the years 2024-27.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living <b>Corporate Priority:</b> All Priorities</p>		
<b>6 .3</b>	<b>HRA Fees and Charges</b>	<b>447 - 454</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b> This report details the proposed changes to fees and charges for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the financial year 2024-25.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living <b>Corporate Priority:</b> All Priorities</p>		



<b>6 .4</b>	<b>Contracts Forward Plan 2023/24 Q3</b>	<b>455 - 476</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b>  This report presents the contracts being procured during quarter three. The report also sets out the Contracts Forward Plan at appendix 2 to this report.</p> <p>The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender.</p>		
<p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards  <b>Lead Member:</b> Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living  <b>Corporate Priority:</b> All Priorities</p>		

<b>6 .5</b>	<b>Corporate Equalities Plan 2023-2026</b>	<b>477 - 502</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b>  This report sets out the Council’s corporate equality priorities over the next three years to achieve our vision to build a strong, inclusive and fair borough addressing inequalities through the services we provide, the money we spend, the people we employ and working effectively with our partners to ensure better outcomes for those living, working and studying here. Working in parallel to ensure our workforce reflects the community.</p>		
<p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards  <b>Lead Member:</b> Cabinet Member for Equalities and Social Inclusion  <b>Corporate Priority:</b> All Priorities</p>		

<b>6 .6</b>	<b>Procurement and delivery of new electric vehicle charging points 2024-2026</b>	<b>503 - 508</b>
<p><b>Report Summary:</b>  This report seeks mayoral approval for officers to undertake three procurement projects for installing over 2000 new electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the borough in 2024.</p> <p>This report also seeks mayoral approval to delegate the contract awarding for each of the above procurement exercises to the director of the public realm.</p>		
<p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards  <b>Lead Member:</b> Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency  <b>Corporate Priority:</b> A clean and green future</p>		





**Report Summary:**

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. This report is seeking approval on the use of Section 203 powers of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (HPA 2016), to expedite the scheme for the purposes of land transfer matters and to deal with third party rights and easement. This report is also seeking an in principal approval of using Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) powers. A further report will be presented to Cabinet in late 2024, to make the CPO which will empower the Council to acquire all land and property interests within the site boundary ('Order Land') necessary to facilitate the delivery of the scheme.

**Wards:** Stepney Green  
**Lead Member:** Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding  
**Corporate Priority:** A council that works for you and listens to you

**Report Summary:**

The report will recommend that the Mayor in Cabinet approves the option to enter into a three-year Licence to Occupy with AEG Presents Limited for a set number of days per annum yet to be agreed and in line with the major events policy for Victoria Park.

The report will recommend that the Mayor in Cabinet authorises the Corporate Director of Communities to arrange for the completion of all necessary agreements in relation to the three-year licence to occupy.

The decision to enter into a three-year Licence to Occupy with AEG Presents Limited will enable the Council to receive a licence fee subject to a Premises Licence being granted.

**Wards:** All Wards  
**Lead Member:** Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation  
**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”.

### **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, 21 February 2024 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

