

# Cabinet



**Wednesday, 21 February 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, 23 February 2024**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 1 March 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 31 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>Planning for School Places 2024/25 Review and Recommendations</b>	<b>23 - 108</b>
	<p><b>Report Summary:</b> This is the council's annual report on its review of pupil place planning in Tower Hamlets. It explains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the current position on the provision of school places in the borough;</li><li>• the projected demand for school places in future years;</li><li>• the steps being taken to manage the sufficiency and sustainability of school places in accordance with the council's school organisation strategy.</li></ul> <p>The report also serves to inform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• decisions on education capital investment planning and future bids to the DfE's new school programmes; the medium to longer term commissioning or decommissioning of places for children and young people with SEND; discussions with school and trust leaders around required changes to current SEND provision to meet emerging needs.</li></ul> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor) <b>Corporate Priority:</b> Accelerate Education</p>	
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Determination of Admissions Arrangements for 2025/26</b>	<b>109 - 204</b>
	<p><b>Report Summary:</b> This is the annual report to determine the Local Authority's school admissions arrangement for community schools for 2025/26 school year.</p> <p><b>Wards:</b> All Wards <b>Lead Member:</b> Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor) <b>Corporate Priority:</b> Accelerate Education</p>	
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Reduction and Recycling Plan Progress Report - Quarter 3, 2023</b>	<b>205 - 228</b>



**Report Summary:**

Tower Hamlets Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) 2023-2025 was approved by Cabinet in September 2023.

A report detailing progress of the RRP is due at Cabinet on a quarterly basis.

This report provides an update for Quarter 3, 2023-24.

**Wards:** All Wards  
**Lead Member:** Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate  
Emergency  
**Corporate Priority:** A clean and green future

**6.4 Beatrice Tate School Expansion - 41 Southern Grove, London E3 4PX****229 - 272****Report Summary:**

Mayoral approval is sought through an IMD to award a contract to Alexander James Limited to complete the build out of an extension addition to the Beatrice Tate School main building.

1. Approve the increase in budget as stated in the restricted Appendix 1 to enable the build contract to be awarded.

2. Approve of the contract award to Alexander James Limited for the construction of the extension for the tendered contract sum as stated in the restricted Appendix 1

3. Approve the use of £600,122.68 from the HNCPA budget.

4. Note the funding sources for this scheme.

5. Note the Employers Agent recommendation is to award the contract to Alexander James Limited as set out in the Commercial Price Evaluation Report in Appendix 1.

6. Note the Equalities Impact Assessment as set out in Paragraph 5 of this report.

**Wards:** Mile End  
**Lead Member:** Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)  
**Corporate Priority:** TH Plan 1: Tower Hamlets will be a fair, inclusive and an anti-racist borough.?

**7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT****8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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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**

Nil items.

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

### **Next Meeting of Cabinet:**

Wednesday, 27 March 2024 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

