

Cabinet



Wednesday, 24 April 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.



Public Information

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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, 26 April 2024**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 3 May 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 27 March 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.

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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	Community Engagement Strategy 2024-28	17 - 72
<p>Report Summary: The Community Engagement Strategy outlines the council's vision for community engagement over the next four years and how we will achieve it.</p> <p>This strategy outlines what community engagement is and why it is important to the council, our guiding principles, and the actions we will take to achieve the outcomes.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Mayor Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you</p>		
6.2	Women's Safety Action Plan	73 - 88
<p>Report Summary: The Women's Safety Action Plan includes details on work the Council and partners are taking to improve women's safety across the borough. The Action Plan is based on recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Board.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Safer Communities Corporate Priority: Empower Communities and Fight Crime</p>		
6.3	New Social Housing Regulatory Functions and Nominees to Adopt Responsibilities	89 - 102
<p>Report Summary: For Cabinet to approve the nominated council positions to take on additional responsibilities that have derived from the changes to social housing regulations and has created two new functions as summarised below:</p> <p>Regulation 1. Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023</p> <p>Regulative Function "Health and Safety Lead" – to monitor Health & Safety compliance in</p>		

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social housing including assessing risks and providing advice to Cabinet on how the risk should be managed.

Regulation

2. Charter for Social Housing Residents/
Consumer Standards

Regulative Function

“Responsible Person” - to oversee compliance with the new consumer standards. The requirement is noted in the Charter for Social Housing Residents.

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

6.4 Tower Hamlets Young People’s Supported Housing Pathway

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Report Summary:

The tender for the Young People Supported Housing Pathway (YPSHP) went live on 18th of September 2023 and closed on 17th of November 2023. After the moderation and evaluation of the tenders had concluded, the highest scorers in 3 of the 5 lots in the YPSHP were unable to demonstrate that the provision would provide best value and quality for our children. The current contracts in the YPSHP are delivered through four block contracts with three providers. These contracts will expire on 31st May 2024.

The report will ask Cabinet to approve the retendering of the YPSHP and an extension to the existing contracts which will shortly come to an end. This will ensure service continuity and the commencement of a procurement exercise will enable contracts to be awarded to suitably qualified providers when the existing contract extensions have ended. A four-month awarding period will allow for engagement with stakeholders, followed by a four-month mobilisation period to establish; data systems, partnerships, estates, facilities, and service pathways.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Deputy
Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and
Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Corporate Priority: All Priorities



Report Summary:

The robust and rigorous evaluation of the Children and Young People’s Health and Wellbeing service (CYPHWS) procurement concluded the bid did not deliver best value. The proposed timeline would award the contract by November 2024 and enable mobilisation in the Summer term. On this basis, the Mayor in Cabinet is asked to approve extensions for two contracts 1) School Health and Wellbeing Service and 2) Integrated Young People’s Health and Wellbeing Service (Safe East).

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

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

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11. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Next Meeting of Cabinet:

Wednesday, 22 May 2024 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

