



Meeting of the

Tower Hamlets Council

Agenda

Wednesday, 28 February 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

VENUE

Council Chamber,
Whitechapel Town Hall
160 Whitechapel Road,
London E1 1BJ

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To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to be held in **COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL** at **7.00 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2024**

Stephen Halsey
Chief Executive



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Public Information

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Please note: It is also possible to attend meetings in person. Places in the public gallery are allocated on a first come, first served basis from the reception at the Town Hall on the day of the meeting.

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Public Information

The meeting is being held at the Council's Town Hall.

This guidance provides an overview of how the Budget Council meeting will work.

Full Council is made up of the Mayor and the 45 Councillors. The Budget Council meeting is a special meeting held every year, for the purposes of setting the Council's budget and Council Tax for the forthcoming financial year. The agenda typically comprise, as set out on the agenda front sheet:

- Apologies for absence from Members
- Declarations of Interests.
- Announcements from the Speaker or the Chief Executive of the Council.
- Petitions relating to the budget/Council Tax, in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme
- The Mayor and the Executive's proposals on the Council budget and the Council Tax.
- Any other items requiring the Council's approval

There are no Members' Questions or Motions on Notice at the Budget Meeting.

How can I watch the meeting?

Except when an exempt item is under discussion, the meeting will be broadcast live for public viewing via our Webcasting portal <https://towerhamlets.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>. Details of the broadcasting arrangements will be published on the agenda front sheet.

Public Attendance and Conduct at Meetings

The public may also watch the Council meeting in the public gallery. We request that you show courtesy to all present and do not interrupt the meeting. Whilst the intention is to not film the public gallery, it is possible that you may be filmed in the background. By attending the meeting you are agreeing to this condition.

Please also switch off mobile phones or turn them on silent. If the fire alarm rings please follow the instructions of the Facilities Staff who will direct you to the exits.

If you are scheduled to present a petition in person at the meeting, please sit in the reserved seating in the front row. You will be called to address the meeting at the appropriate time.

Procedure at the meeting.

Just before the start of the meeting, the macebearer will ask everyone to be upstanding for the Speaker. The Speaker of the Council is the Chair of the meeting and is in charge of the debate. Their role is to control the meeting, including the order of speakers, and to ensure that the business is carried out properly in accordance with procedural rules.

Whilst all Members may contribute to the discussions, only the Members physically present in the meeting room may vote on items requiring a decision in accordance with the regulations.

Budget Debate

At the start of the debate, the Mayor and/ or the Cabinet Member for Resources will present their proposals, as contained in the agenda. Once the Executive's proposals have been moved, the Speaker will invite the mover and seconder of any amendments in turn to speak and move their amendments. Any proposed amendments will be published on the website before the meeting (including Officers' comments) in the



supplementary pack. After all the amendments have been moved, the Council will debate the proposals. At the end of the debate, the Mayor or the Cabinet Member who has moved the proposals may exercise a right of reply.

Order of business

The Speaker may agree to change the order of business at the meeting. In addition, the Speaker may adjourn the meeting for a period of time or agree an extension to the time limit for the meeting (by up to half hour beyond the three-hour limit). To change the order of business, a Member will need to formally move a motion seeking approval for the requested change. Any such motions will be put to the vote.

Voting

Full Council will vote on each amendment in the order they were moved and finally the substantive budget motion moved by the Administration. The votes will be conducted through a roll-call vote of all Members present in the chamber. If there are an equal number of votes for and against an item of business, the Speaker will have a second or casting vote.

If the Council adopts the budget proposals without amendment, the decision will take effect immediately. If however, the Council votes to make any amendments to the budget proposals, it shall request that the Mayor reconsider the proposed budget in light of their amendments and resubmit the budget (amended or not) to a further Council meeting the following week.

If the Council still wishes to amend the Mayor's proposals, such a decision will require a two thirds majority of the Members present. If no valid amendment receives two thirds support, the Mayor's proposals are deemed adopted.

Decisions and Minutes

The decisions will be published on the website 2 days after the meeting. The draft minutes will be published around 10 working days after the meeting.

Publication of Agenda papers.

Electronic copies of the Council agenda will be published on the Council's Website on the relevant Committee pages at least five clear working days before the meeting.

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Publication of tabled papers and amendments

Any additional documents (such as the Mayor's report, amendments to the budget motions) will normally be published on the Council meeting website either shortly before or during the meeting.



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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. **TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

4. **TO RECEIVE PETITIONS**

The Council Procedure Rules provide for a maximum of four petitions to be discussed at the Budget Meeting of the Council where those petitions relate directly to the Council Budget and Council Tax.

There are no petitions for consideration at this meeting.

5. **BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2024/25**

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