

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Monday, 24 July 2023 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Members:

Chair: Councillor Musthak Ahmed

Vice Chair: Councillor Bodrul Choudhury

Councillor Ahmodur Khan, Councillor Abdul Malik, Councillor Abdul Mannan, Councillor Maisha Begum, Councillor Marc Francis, Councillor Asma Islam and Councillor Sabina Khan

Co-opted Members:

Jahid Ahmed and Halima Islam

Deputies: Councillor Shafi Ahmed, Councillor Saif Uddin Khaled, Councillor Amin Rahman, Councillor James King, Councillor Sabina Akhtar and Councillor Mohammad Chowdhury

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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A Guide to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Local Government Act 2000 established the overview and scrutiny function for every council, with the key roles of:

- Scrutinising decisions before or after they are made or implemented
- Proposing new policies and commenting on draft policies, and
- Ensuring customer satisfaction and value for money.

The aim is to make the decision-making process more transparent, accountable and inclusive, and improve services for people by being responsive to their needs. Overview & Scrutiny membership is required to reflect the proportional political makeup of the council and, as well as council services, there are statutory powers to examine the impact of work undertaken by partnerships and outside bodies, including the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and local health bodies.

In Tower Hamlets, the function is exercised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC). The OSC considers issues from across the council and partnership remit. The Committee has 3 Sub-Committees:

- Children & Education Scrutiny Sub Committee
- Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee
- Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee

The committee's quorum is three voting members.

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London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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Monday, 24 July 2023

6.30 p.m.

SECTION ONE

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS (PAGES 7 - 8)

Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest 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, please see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are reminded to declare the nature of the interest and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it's the Members' responsibility to declare any interests form and to update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of your interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services

3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

To consider call in requests on the below matters:

3.1 Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) 21/6/23 (Pages 9 - 42)

4. DRAFT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FORWARD PLAN 2023/24

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTION LOG (PAGES 81 - 84)

For the committee to review and note the Action Log.

6. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS (PAGES 85 - 106)



To review forthcoming decisions expected to be taken by the Mayor and identify any areas of further Scrutiny for committee.

7. VERBAL UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

To hear verbal updates from the Overview and Scrutiny Leads on their work across the Council.

8. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

To consider and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments to be presented to Cabinet.

The agenda for Cabinet on 26 July will be published by Tuesday 18 July and will be available from the Council's website here [Tower Hamlets Council - Agenda for Cabinet on Wednesday, 26th July, 2023, 5.30 p.m.](#)

8.1 Annual Strategic Delivery and Performance Reporting 2022/23

8.2 Budget monitoring report 2022-23 Outturn (inc Capital)

9. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

To receive any petitions (to be notified at the meeting).

10. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES (PAGES 107 - 118)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22 May 2023 and 19 June 2023.

11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

To consider any other unrestricted business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“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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SECTION TWO

13. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil Items

14. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil Items

15. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL) CABINET PAPERS

Nil Items

16. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

To consider any other exempt/ confidential business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

Next Meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 11 September 2023 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel



Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AT MEETINGS, NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Code of Conduct for Members at Part C, Section 31 of the Council's Constitution

(i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)

You have a DPI in any item of business on the agenda where it relates to the categories listed in **Appendix A** to this guidance. Please note that a DPI includes: (i) Your own relevant interests; (ii) Those of your spouse or civil partner; (iii) A person with whom the Member is living as husband/wife/civil partners. Other individuals, e.g. Children, siblings and flatmates do not need to be considered. Failure to disclose or register a DPI (within 28 days) is a criminal offence.

Members with a DPI, (unless granted a dispensation) must not seek to improperly influence the decision, must declare the nature of the interest and leave the meeting room (including the public gallery) during the consideration and decision on the item – unless exercising their right to address the Committee.

DPI Dispensations and Sensitive Interests. In certain circumstances, Members may make a request to the Monitoring Officer for a DPI dispensation or for an interest to be treated as sensitive interest.

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You will have 'Non DPI Interest' in any item on the agenda, where it relates to (i) the offer of gifts or hospitality, (with an estimated value of at least £25) (ii) Council Appointments or nominations to bodies (iii) Membership of any body exercising a function of a public nature, a charitable purpose or aimed at influencing public opinion.

Members must declare the nature of the interest, but may stay in the meeting room and participate in the consideration of the matter and vote on it **unless:**

- A reasonable person would think that your interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair your judgement of the public interest. **If so, you must withdraw and take no part in the consideration or discussion of the matter.**

(iii) Declarations of Interests not included in the Register of Members' Interest.

Occasions may arise where a matter under consideration would, or would be likely to, **affect the wellbeing of you, your family, or close associate(s) more than it would anyone else living in the local area** but which is not required to be included in the Register of Members' Interests. In such matters, Members must consider the information set out in paragraph (ii) above regarding Non DPI - interests and apply the test, set out in this paragraph.

Guidance on Predetermination and Bias

Member's attention is drawn to the guidance on predetermination and bias, particularly the need to consider the merits of the case with an open mind, as set out in the Planning and Licensing Codes of Conduct, (Part C, Section 34 and 35 of the Constitution). For further advice on the possibility of bias or predetermination, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting.

Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992 - Declarations which restrict Members in Council Tax arrears, for at least a two months from voting

In such circumstances the member may not vote on any reports and motions with respect to the matter.


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Further Advice contact: Janet Fasan, Interim Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer, Tel: 0207 364 4800.

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>24 July 2023</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of Janet Fasan Divisional Director Legal and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Call in - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) 21/6/23</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Joel West, Democratic Services Team Leader (Committee)
Wards affected	All

CONSIDERATION OF THE CALL IN

A call in request has been received on the decision of Cabinet, 21 June 2023 on Item 6.2 Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) 21/6/23

In accordance with the Council's call in procedure rules, the matter is referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) for its consideration and to decide whether to refer the matter back to Cabinet for further consideration. The following procedure is to be followed by the Committee for consideration of the Call In:

- i. Chair to invite a call-in member to present call-in.
- ii. Chair to invite members of the Committee to ask question.
- iii. Chair to Invite Cabinet Member to respond to the call-in.
- iv. Chair to invite members of the Committee to ask questions.
- v. Followed by a general debate.

It is open to the OSC to either resolve to take no action (which would have the effect of endorsing the original Cabinet decisions), or to refer the matter back to the Cabinet for further consideration setting out the nature of its concerns and possibly recommending an alternative course of action.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Overview and Scrutiny considers:

1. The contents of the attached report, review the Cabinet's decision (provisional, subject to call in) arising; and
2. Decide whether to accept the decision or to refer the matter back to the Cabinet with proposals and reasons.

INTRODUCTION

On 24 May 2023, the Mayor in Cabinet considered a report on Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2022 - 25 Capital Programme: Latest position.

As a result of discussions on the report it was **RESOLVED**:

1. Approve the revised Local Infrastructure Initiatives Programme consisting of LIF Programmes 1-3 as set out in paragraph 3.9-3.11 and Appendix 1 of the report.
2. Note the return of £17.285m of LIF from discontinued projects from LIF Programmes 1-3 to the main NCIL pot
3. Approve the proposed NCIL implementation framework for decision making on the allocation of future NCIL set out in paragraph 3.12 (Table 3) of the report to ensure that spending of NCIL remains in accordance with CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).
4. Approve the proposed NCIL allocations of £20.456m for 2023-24 to 2025/26 set out in paragraph 3.13 a-c of the report.
5. Note that decisions on project level allocations of NCIL on an annual basis to Capital Programme and Affordable Housing schemes, will be made via the Council's standard Capital Programme governance process up to Cabinet.
6. Note that decisions on the allocation of NCIL to individual grants will be made via the existing Council Grants process set out in the Cabinet Paper approved at the 29th of March 2023 Cabinet meeting.
7. Delegate approval of detailed PIDs and change notes for individual projects remaining to be delivered through LIF Programmes 1 – 3 to the Director, Planning & Building Control following consultation with the Mayor and Chief Executive.
8. Note the Equalities Impact Assessment / specific equalities considerations as set out in Paragraphs 4.1-4.4 of the report.

The decisions above have been Called-In by Councillors) Sirajul Islam, Sabina Akhtar, Shubo Hussein, Amy Lee, James King. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution.

In accordance with the OSC Protocols and Guidance adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 4th June 2013, any Member(s) who present(s) the "Call In" is (are) not eligible to participate in the general debate.

REASONS FOR THE CALL IN

The call in requisition from the Councillors noted above has provided reason(s) for the call-in. The reason(s) are replicated below:

The aforementioned Councillors, call in the above decision taken by Cabinet at its meeting on the 21/6/23, they do so on the following grounds:

It is in contravention to Part A, Article 3, Section 1, Subsections a, b, and e of the Borough of Tower Hamlets Constitution: 'Principles of Decision-Making':

A This decision does not seem proportionate to the desired outcomes.

Under section 1 of the Cabinet paper: 'Reasons for the decisions' the reason for the changes to the LIF/NCIL programme are given as: "administrative changes to the Council necessitated the review of the current NCIL (LIF) approach to ensure that delivery aligns with the priorities set out in the new Strategic Plan 2022- 26".

The 61 cancelled schemes within the LIF/NCIL can be delivered in line with the strategic plan as each scheme aligns with the 8 priorities individually or in combination.

- 25 of the cancelled schemes satisfy priority 4 'Boosting culture, business, jobs, and leisure'.
- 18 of the cancelled schemes satisfy priority 6 'empowering communities and fighting crime'
- Therefore, the cancelling of these schemes does not seem proportionate to the given reason for the making of the decision. As, delivering these schemes would better satisfy the given rationale for cancelling them.

B This decision does not seem to have been taken with due and proper consultation.

This report was taken to cabinet without the consultation of the Isle of Dogs and Roman Road neighbourhood forums and the community interest groups who had originally put forward some of the schemes listed for cancellation.

These groups are fundamental to the s106 process and could have/should be consulted on how their communities will be affected by the proposed changes.

The decision proposed the annual resident's survey as a method of consultation on how NCIL/LIF funding should be spent, this does not align with the government guidance on the matter. Government guidance states:

'(Charging authorities) should engage with the communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend the neighbourhood funding. Charging authorities should set out clearly and transparently their approach to engaging with neighbourhoods using their regular communication tools... ..The use of neighbourhood funds should therefore match priorities expressed by local communities, including priorities set out formally in neighbourhood plans.'

The annual resident's survey, whilst a useful tool for council to monitor its performance and collect data, is far less specific and does not specifically deal with the matter of how s106 funding should be spent within a community.

Furthermore, both the Isle of Dogs and Roman road have existing neighbourhood plans which include recommendations for NCIL spending – the cabinet report at section 3.10.c states:

'the council's chosen public engagement approach will ensure that the use of NCIL funds aligns to the priorities expressed by local communities, including those set out formally in the neighbourhood plans'

With the council's chosen public engagement approach being the ARS, it is not clear how the formal priorities detailed in the neighbourhood plans would be addressed unless they are by chance raised within the survey itself.

The report's suggestion that it would address the top boroughwide concerns as the consultation rationale for spending will therefore not necessarily align with what communities may have expressed as their priorities within their neighbourhood plans.

'using neighbourhood level statistics to ensure local priorities are being addressed. Is not consultation, it is statistical analysis that will be used to inform spending.'

E there is a lack of clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

Linking where this decision has deviated from subsections a and b is the lack of clarity of the desired aims of this decision – as detailed above the reason given for the cancelling of these schemes was to align with the new corporate goals which they already appear to do.

The chosen method of consultation which this decision seeks to adopt would seemingly require NCIL funding to continue being spent on issues it is already being spent on:

The top 3 priorities identified in the 2021 ARS:

- crime and anti-social behaviour
- lack of affordable housing
- litter/dirt in the streets

Two of these examples align to corporate goals 6 and 7 (Crime/ASB and Litter) of which 18 and 32 cancelled schemes would have fulfilled respectively.

This suggests there is an incoherence of aims and outcomes, as why would these schemes need to be cancelled in order to better fulfil community priorities they are already set to fulfil.

There are also statutory and equalities issues with the decision:

At section 4. of the report which concerns Equalities implications there is not an acknowledgement that some of the cancelled schemes were earmarked for improved accessibility, the creation of inclusive equipment, measures that would improve air quality and other schemes that would have had direct impact on residents protected by the Equality Act 2010 – there is no guarantee that equal funding would be reinstated for residents in the communities these schemes that were set to take place. It is not acknowledged that they could be disproportionately affected by this decision.

At section 5 of the cabinet report, it lists environmental (incl. air quality) and crime reduction statutory implications as addressed:

“Environmental (including air quality) - The processes proposed in this document will ensure effective oversight in using NCIL to deliver infrastructure. This will mean that matters such as environmental issues will be appropriately accounted for in the delivery of local infrastructure.”

“Crime Reduction - The proposals set out in this report will enable the effective delivery of infrastructure using CIL. This infrastructure might include projects that will help reduce crime and disorder and decrease anti-social behaviour.”

It is not acknowledged at this section that some of the funding being returned into the NCIL pot, will be from cancelled schemes that were specifically earmarked to deal with both of these statutory implications with no guarantee that they will receive funding or be addressed in the same way with the new funding model.

ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED

- Revisit the consultation process associated with the report on the grounds that it is unconstitutional Part A, Article 3, Section 1, Subsection b, ‘This decision does not seem to have been taken with due and proper consultation.’
- Ensure that consultation has taken place with affected groups such as neighbourhood forums and community groups and rewrite the consultation process to utilise neighbourhood forums/plans as the primary consultation method (in areas without forums/plans carry out targeted community consultation) to ensure that the report is line with government guidance on s106 funding.
- Pause the cancellation of the s106 projects listed at appendix 1b of the report on the grounds that it is in contravention to Part A, Article 3, Section 1, Subsections a, and e of the Borough of Tower Hamlets Constitution:

- This decision does not seem proportionate to the desired outcomes.
 - there is a lack of clarity of aims and desired outcomes.’
 - Assessing the cancelled schemes to ensure that they do not already in line with the Council’s strategic plan as this was the given reason at 1.2. for bringing the paper to cabinet.
 - Under the proposed method for consultation some of the cancelled schemes at appendix.1b would also continue to qualify for NCIL funding as they align with the issues identified in the ARS and asking for re-submission seems incoherent for best use of resources and officer time.
 - Cabinet should re-assess whether any of these schemes would fit into the new NCIL programme and revise its blanket cancellation of the schemes at appendix 1b adding more schemes to the list at appendix 1a where appropriate.
 - Investigate as to whether the cancellation of certain schemes may have equality/statutory implications and subsequently; ensure residents with protected characteristics will receive like for like earmarked funding so they are not disproportionately affected by any decision to cancel schemes e.g., funding for accessible play equipment, dropped curbs etc.
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report


- None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – **Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL)**

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

- None.

Cabinet 21 June 2023	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Jennifer Peters, Director, Planning and Building Control	Classification: Unrestricted
Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL)	

Lead Member	Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding.
Originating Officer(s)	Sarah Wilks Infrastructure Planning Manager/Dudzile Moyo Principal Programme Officer
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	Yes
Reason for Key Decision	Financial threshold and significant impact on wards
Forward Plan Notice Published	24 April 2023
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	Providing homes for the future Accelerating education Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure Empowering communities and fighting crime Working towards a clean and green future

Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to set out the revised Local Infrastructure Initiatives Programme 2019 - 22 following the review of LIF Programmes 1-3 in August 2022. The report also sets out the proposed approach for the implementation of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL), which replaces the Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) approach that was agreed in Cabinet 6th December 2016 (revised October 2021).

Local Authorities under the CIL regulations are required to set aside 15% - 25% of CIL receipts depending on circumstances, as Neighbourhood CIL to be spent on local infrastructure projects or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. The regulations also stipulate that Local Authorities engage with local communities using their existing public engagement processes to ensure priorities for spending NCIL reflect what is expressed by the local communities.

The current Local Infrastructure Initiatives Programme approved in July 2019, consists of projects and sub-programmes valued at a total of **£29.3m**, all at different stages of delivery. In May 2022 the administrative changes within the Council brought about a review of the entire Capital Programme, necessitating the review of the Local Infrastructure Initiatives Programme to ensure delivery of Council projects align with the Council's priorities in the Strategic Plan 2022-2026. The revised Local Infrastructure Initiatives Programme which comprises of LIF Programmes 1-3 has been reduced in scope, with changes to budget and delivery timescales as set out in paragraph 3.9-3.11, with the detail of the outcome of the review set out in Appendix 1. Funding released from the programme is to be reallocated to the NCIL programme set out below.

The approach and processes for implementing NCIL for the borough have been revised to reflect the Council's delivery capacity and alignment with the Strategic Plan 2022-26, whilst also ensuring the Council meets its statutory obligations in the administering of NCIL as required by the CIL Regulations. The proposed approach for the implementation of NCIL is set in paragraph 3.12 - Table 2, in summary:

- a. 15% of CIL will be set aside as NCIL in areas without an adopted neighbourhood plan.
- b. 25% of CIL will apply to areas with an adopted neighbourhood plan, for planning permissions approved after the date the neighbourhood plan is considered adopted.
- c. The borough has been divided into 3 NCIL neighbourhood areas for the purposes of collecting and spending the NCIL.
- d. An NCIL implementation approach has been developed for NCIL investment into three programme pots considered to align with priorities in the Strategic Plan 2022-26 i.e. NCIL Community Grants that eligible local VCS organisations can apply for; Capital Projects for delivery by the Council informed by the Annual Residents Survey; Affordable Housing projects identified through the Council's affordable housing programme.

The revised LIF Programmes 1-3 sees some LIF projects to the value of £17.285m cancelled and it is proposed that the LIF funding is returned into main NCIL pot and re-allocated to the NCIL 23/24 programme onwards. The pending LIF Programme 4 was also withdrawn because of the review, with no decisions made on LIF income collected in 2021/22. This report proposes the allocation of £20.456m in total of LIF income reallocated from LIF Programmes 1-3 and unallocated LIF collected in 2021/22 and 2022/23 to the NCIL programme as set out in paragraph 3.11.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve the revised Local Infrastructure Initiatives Programme consisting of LIF Programmes 1-3 as set out in paragraph 3.9-3.11 and Appendix 1.

2. Note the return of £17.285m of LIF from discontinued projects from LIF Programmes 1-3 to the main NCIL pot
3. Approve the proposed NCIL implementation framework for decision making on the allocation of future NCIL set out in paragraph 3.12 (Table 3) to ensure that spending of NCIL remains in accordance with CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).
4. Approve the proposed NCIL allocations of £20.456m for 2023-24 to 2025/26 set out in paragraph 3.13 a-c.
5. Note that decisions on project level allocations of NCIL on an annual basis to Capital Programme and Affordable Housing schemes, will be made via the Council's standard Capital Programme governance process up to Cabinet.
6. Note that decisions on the allocation of NCIL to individual grants will be made via the existing Council Grants process set out in the Cabinet Paper approved at the 29th of March 2023 Cabinet meeting.
7. Delegate approval of detailed PIDs and change notes for individual projects remaining to be delivered through LIF Programmes 1 – 3 to the Director, Planning & Building Control in consultation with the Mayor and Chief Executive.
8. Note the Equalities Impact Assessment / specific equalities considerations as set out in Paragraphs 4.1-4.4

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Council has a statutory duty under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended) to set aside 15-25% of CIL income as NCIL for local communities to support local development by involving them in decision making processes on local investment of infrastructure, and anything else that addresses the demands that development places on an area.
- 1.2 The Council's existing approach to NCIL was adopted by Cabinet in December 2016 (as amended) and named the Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF). However, administrative changes to the Council necessitated the review of the current NCIL (LIF) approach to ensure that delivery aligns with the priorities set out in the new Strategic Plan 2022-26. This has resulted in changes to the existing LIF Programme that require a Cabinet decision. The proposed new approach to NCIL also needs formal approval in order to enact and ensure funding is spent in good time to benefit local communities.

2. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 The Council is required to approve the new NCIL approach and sub-programme allocations in order to not further delay the spending of NCIL funds currently held by the Council. This would undermine the Council's ability to provide the necessary level and quality of infrastructure to support both existing residents and to accommodate residential / commercial and associated population growth.
- 2.2 The alternative option is to continue with the existing LIF programme approach. This is not recommended as it would not adequately deliver the Council's priorities set out in the new Strategic Plan 2022-26.

3. **DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

Background

Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Regulations

- 3.1 CIL is a pounds per square metre charge on most new development that is paid to the Council and is used to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of the area.
- 3.2 R59F of the CIL Regulations (2010 as amended) enables Councils to set aside 15% of CIL receipts (capped at £100/Council tax dwelling in the area) increasing to 25% (uncapped) where there is a neighbourhood plan in place.
- 3.3 The Regs (R59F) enables the Council to allocate a portion of CIL receipts to be spent on local priorities, with spending of this portion subject to a wider definition of:

*'a) funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.'*
- 3.4 The wider definition means that the neighbourhood portion can be spent on things other than infrastructure (as defined in point a) provided it is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.
- 3.5 The Government Guidance on CIL (paragraph 146) requires the Council to engage with the local communities where development has taken place, before deciding on how to spend the NCIL, and ensure that expenditure reflects the priorities expressed by the local people. The use of existing engagement mechanisms is encouraged. Where a Neighbourhood Plan is adopted in the borough, CIL guidance advises that the Council and communities should consider how NCIL could be used to deliver the infrastructure identified in the neighbourhood plan as required to address the demands of development, whilst also having regard to the infrastructure

needs of the wider area. The Government Guidance on CIL (paragraph 151) also specifically sets out that NCIL can be used to fund Affordable Housing.

Local Infrastructure Fund Programme

3.6 The existing NCIL approach for the borough was formally approved by Cabinet on the 6th December 2016 and in the revised report of 27th October 2021. Three LIF Programmes were approved:

- LIF Programme 1 – approved in Cabinet, July 2019/Oct 2021
- LIF Programme 2 – approved in Cabinet, September 2020
- LIF Programme 3 – approved in Cabinet, October 2021

3.7 In August 2022 the LIF programme underwent a review to ensure that the delivery of local infrastructure improvements funded through NCIL was in alignment with the Council’s Strategic Priorities set for 2022-26. The LIF Programme changes reduce the scope of the LIF programme with impacts to overall programme budget, number of projects to be delivered and timescales. Appendix 1 shows the outcome of the LIF programme review, with details of projects remaining in the LIF programme including their delivery status and the projects being discontinued.

Table 1: LIF profile current (22/23) vs revised programme

LIF Programme	Current programme			Revised programme	Variance (re-allocated to NCIL)
	Total (£m)			Total (£m)	(£m)
LIF 1 (up to 2019)	6.35		LIF 1	3.537	2.813
LIF 2 (19/20)	6.056		LIF 2	3.264	2.792
LIF 3 (20/21)	16.857		LIF 3	5.177	11.680
	29.263			11.978*	17.285
LIF 4 (21/22)	2.349				2.349
LIF 5 (22/23)	0.822				0.822

*Includes £525,000 of projects that are currently paused awaiting further details.

3.8 Changes to the LIF programme will be managed in accordance with the corporate capital governance change management process and the unspent LIF balance will be returned into main pot NCIL. The existing LIF Programme Working Group structure will continue to ensure the revised LIF programmes 1-3 have adequate monitoring and control processes, with monthly reporting to the Capital Delivery Working Group and Board as part of capital programme governance processes. Decisions on project level amendments will continue to be approved by the Director, Planning & Building Control.

- 3.9 The £17.285m unspent balance from the revised LIF Programmes 1-3 will be re-allocated into the main NCIL pot. As a result of the LIF Programme review, income collected in years 2021/22 and 22/23 (£3.171m) was not allocated to projects and therefore has been retained in the main NCIL pot. The total of £20.456m will be apportioned across the proposed NCIL areas as shown in Table 2 and will be spent in accordance with the new NCIL implementation arrangements set out in Table 3.

Table 2: Available NCIL per Area

	NCIL Area 1	NCIL Area 2	NCIL Area 3	Total NCIL
	Total £m	Total £m	Total £m	£m
Reallocated from LIF	5.146	6.362	5.777	17.285
Collected 21/22	0.471	0.929	0.949	2.349
Collected 22/23	0.313	0.465	0.044	0.822
Total NCIL available per area	5.930	7.756	6.770	20.456

The Neighbourhood CIL Implementation Approach

- 3.10 The revised NCIL approach for the borough follows discussions with the Mayor, Lead Member, Director for Planning & Building Control and officers from the Infrastructure Planning team. The agreed approach meets the CIL regulatory requirements, the needs of the borough residents and delivery capacity of the Council. Table 3 below sets out the proposed NCIL implementation framework for the annual allocations of NCIL funds.

Table 3 – NCIL implementation framework

<p>a) <u>NCIL Apportionment</u></p> <p>15% of CIL collected from liable developments is to be applied to all NCIL areas without a neighbourhood plan in place.</p> <p>25% of CIL collected from liable developments within the neighbourhood plan boundary is to be applied where there is an adopted neighbourhood plan. There are two adopted Neighbourhood Plans in Tower Hamlets - Isle of Dogs and Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Plans. The 25% applies to planning applications decided after the neighbourhood plan was considered adopted.</p>
<p>b) <u>NCIL Area Boundaries</u></p> <p>Three NCIL neighbourhood areas 1-3 have been established for the purposes of spending NCIL as shown in the map below. These are considered to be proportionate to the level of levy receipts and scale of the proposed development to which the neighbourhood funding relates.</p>



The NCIL funds collected in each NCIL area will only be spent on projects that benefit that neighbourhood area. The NCIL area in which it was collected e.g NCIL collected in NCIL Area 2 will be spent within NCIL Area 2 to benefit the neighbourhood area.

c) Public Engagement/Consultation

The Council will use existing engagement/consultation processes to gather views on what the local people consider to be a priority for local infrastructure improvements within their local neighbourhoods. The Council carries out an Annual Residents Survey (ARS) to gather residents' feedback on the Council, local area and the quality of the services. The NCIL allocations will be informed by the residents' feedback through that survey. The survey questions are closely tied to service priorities e.g – the last ARS 2021 identified that the top three concerns out of a list of 15 concerns from the borough-wide statistics were:

- crime and anti-social behaviour
- lack of affordable housing
- litter/dirt in the streets

The top concerns would be used to inform the NCIL allocations for capital projects for that year using neighbourhood level statistics to ensure local priorities are being addressed.

Whilst the CIL regulations do not specify a specific process for agreeing how NCIL should be spent, the Council's chosen public engagement approach will ensure that the use of NCIL funds aligns to the priorities expressed by local communities, including those set out formally in the neighbourhood plans.

As set out in section d(i) below, the Council is to allow the public to access NCIL by bidding for funds through the grants programme. This in itself means that the public will have direct engagement and access to the funding to support delivery of their priorities.

d) NCIL Programme funding

The agreed approach for NCIL funding is the three sub-programmes below in order of priority and dependent on the amount of NCIL collected for the year.

- i. Community Grants Programme – NCIL funding will be ring-fenced for the grants programme pot for community projects that address the demands development places on that area as per CIL Regulations (2010) and also reflecting the strategic priorities of the Council. This funding will enable local VCS groups to bid for different types of grants for delivering services and activities that respond to the diverse needs in communities. The grant programme will be developed and managed by the Corporate Strategy and Communities team as approved in the Cabinet Report of 29th March 2023 (Supplementary Agenda 1: Voluntary and Community Sector – Grants Policy & Outcomes Framework). All assessments for the NCIL grant awards will be undertaken internally, and recommendations agreed by the Grants Determination Subcommittee.
- ii. Capital Projects – NCIL funding will be ring-fenced for the delivery of a handful of capital projects in the capital programme. These will be selected and formalised through the Council’s Capital Programme governance process, up to Cabinet. All projects will align with priorities for delivery of infrastructure services identified through the Annual Residents Survey.
- iii. Affordable Housing Projects – NCIL funding will be ring-fenced for the delivery of affordable housing projects in the capital programme. These will be selected and formalised through the Council’s Capital Programme governance process, up to Cabinet.
- iv. Programme Management Fees: 3-4% of NCIL collected p.a will be ring-fenced for a 3-year period towards costs of the staff that administer NCIL and any associated monitoring, reporting and communications. Any unspent funds will be added back into main NCIL pot.

NCIL Proposed Allocations 2023/24

3.11 A total of £20.456m¹ is available for allocation to the three sub-programmes set out in the new NCIL framework above.

a) Community Grants Programme (2023/24 – 2026/27) - £11.964m

A total of £11.964m will be ring-fenced for the delivery of the VCS Grants Policy and Outcomes framework for three and a half years (October 2023-March 2027) to fund the grant pots shown in the table below.

Table 4: Total Value of Community Grants per annum

Grants Programme	Annual Budget (£)
Mayor’s Community Grants Programme ²	2,518,000
Small Grants Programme	800,000
Emergency Grants	100,000
Total Annual Grants	3,418,000

Table 5: Total Community Grants by NCIL area

NCIL AREA	Total Grant per NCIL Area £m (3.5 years)
NCIL 1	3.988
NCIL 2	3.988
NCIL 3	3.988
Total	11.964

The NCIL funding above replaces £11.964m of the General Fund funding previously agreed by Cabinet in the 29th March 2023 to deliver the VCS Grants Policy and Outcomes Framework and associated grants programme. There are no other changes to or limitations on the Community Grants Programme as a result of the funding change.

Projects funded through the Community Grants Programme are required to deliver one or more of the outcomes in the accompanying prospectus and are therefore expected to align with the requirements for NCIL spend as set out in the CIL Regulations (2010). In addition, all shortlisted grants will be reviewed by the Infrastructure Planning Team to ensure that they accord with the NCIL requirements.

In addition, once the value and location of the grants awarded is known, adjustments will be made to the annual allocations for Capital Projects and Affordable Housing projects (from new NCIL funding received) by the Infrastructure Planning Team to ensure the correct spatial funding split across the 3 NCIL areas. Any annual adjustments and the addition of new funds will be approved by Mayor in Cabinet as part of budget reporting.

¹ Includes £525,000 of projects that are currently paused awaiting further details.

² This will work alongside the annual funding contribution of £982,000 from Public Health which will fund health related outcomes that is part of the Local Community Fund.

This paper seeks approval of the specific funding amounts required for the approved VCS Grants Policy and Outcomes Framework and associated grants for the next 3.5 years, substituting up to the General Fund allocation previously made. NCIL should be available to fund the on-going grants programme, subject to meeting the criteria for spend, in perpetuity, with specific funding amounts to be agreed once the outcome of any future grant programme is known.

**b) Capital Projects Programme and Affordable Housing Programme
2023/24 - £8.292m**

A total of £8.292m will be ringfenced for the Capital Projects Programme and Affordable Housing Programme. The breakdown between the two pots and allocations to individual projects will be made through the Council's Capital Programme governance process, up to Cabinet and in consideration of other available funding sources. All capital projects will align with the priorities for the delivery of infrastructure identified through the Annual Residents Survey.

c) Programme Management Costs 2023/24 - £200k

Programme Management Costs for 23/24 to manage the delivery of remaining projects in LIF Programmes 1-3 and establish the new NCIL process will not exceed £200k. Any remaining balance will be returned to the Capital Projects Programme and Affordable Housing Programme pots.

- 3.12 It should be noted that NCIL funding is, and will continue to be, allocated retrospectively (i.e. once the funds have been received) with any allocations set through a report to Cabinet.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 NCIL is a publicly led process that provides an opportunity for local people to participate in the decision-making processes for local improvements in their areas. Priorities for local infrastructure funding are determined via the Annual Residents Survey which asks local people to highlight issues of concern pertaining to service delivery that they would like to see addressed in the borough. The Annual Residents Survey uses set quotas to ensure that the sample surveyed is representative and reflective of the characteristic of the borough. The data is also weighted to the known profile of Tower Hamlets residents on ethnicity, age, gender and working status. This ensures views of hard-to-reach demographic groups are still considered at an equal proportion to the population in the final data.
- 4.2 To ensure there is not a disproportionate impact on individuals or groups that share a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, the Capital Programme governance approval process requires an Equality Impact Assessment to be undertaken for each individual project. As individual projects come forward the Capital Programme Working Group will, in

accordance with the Equality Act 2010, assess and ensure that opportunities for positive equalities outcomes are being maximised and any project that will lead to differential impact is varied to mitigate the differential impact.

- 4.3 A detailed Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken to support the decision making on grants awards. It will present options to mitigate any potential negative impacts for protected characteristics groups.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- Best Value Implications - The proposals set out in this document align with the Council's Best Value Duty –The proposals have regard to economy, efficiency, governance and effectiveness in that they add a layer of oversight to the allocation of funding collected through CIL to deliver infrastructure.
- Environmental (including air quality) - The processes proposed in this document will ensure effective oversight in using NCIL to deliver infrastructure. This will mean that matters such as environmental issues will be appropriately accounted for in the delivery of local infrastructure.
- Risk Management - The proposals in this document also seek to ensure that the allocation of NCIL to infrastructure projects is better informed. This will help mitigate the risk of funding not being allocated to the most needed or deliverable infrastructure projects.
- Crime Reduction - The proposals set out in this report will enable the effective delivery of infrastructure using CIL. This infrastructure might include projects that will help reduce crime and disorder and decrease anti-social behaviour.

- 5.1 [Report authors should identify any other specific issues relevant to consideration of this report. Including, but not limited to, the issues noted above. This section of the report can also be used to re-emphasise particular issues that Members must have considered before taking the decision (for example issues that may come up if an objection was taken to court). Note – Paragraph 5.1 MUST NOT be deleted.]

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 The Council has a statutory duty under the CIL Regulations 2010 to set aside 15% of CIL income as NCIL in areas where there is no neighbourhood plan and 25% where there is a neighbourhood plan in place
- 6.2 The existing approach to NCIL was adopted in Cabinet in December 2016 and has been reviewed by the current administration. This report is seeking approval of the revised Local Infrastructure initiatives programme, resulting in

a reduction in the amount of NCIL being committed by £17.285m from the original programme of £29.3m. This uncommitted sum will be transferred to the NCIL pot and is available for allocation from 2023/24 onwards. The report is also seeking approval to allocate £20.456m from this pot for schemes from 2023/24 to 2025/26 as detailed in para. 3.13 of this report, subject to them meeting the criteria for spend. When the community grants have been approved, there will need to be a report back in December on the amount of NCIL that has been utilised and how much monies from the General Fund or Public Health grant is still required.

- 6.3 The Council should only allocate NCIL funding to a project that meets the criteria after sufficient funds have been banked and not commit any spend against future funding. The proposed funding allocations outlined in this report remain within the amounts received from developers. NCIL received in subsequent years will be ringfenced to ensure sufficient resources are available in 2027/28 to fund the next 3 years of the grants scheme and will be monitored in the MTFs. If there is any shortfall, or the NCIL criteria is not met, budgets in the General Fund would be required to offset this which may result in either growth or savings depending on the outcome of the future grants process.
- 6.4 Any costs incurred relating to schemes that were cancelled as part of the review of the original NCIL programme will represent abortive costs and will be charged to revenue. There is no budget allocation for any abortive costs and they would represent an MTFs pressure.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 The report details the legal basis upon which CIL Is collected and may be allocated in paragraph 3. Legal Services has nothing to add to this summary. The equalities impacts are adequately summarised and explained in paragraph 4.
- 7.2 Assurance is provided that projects funded through the Community Grants Programme will be expected to align with the requirements for NCIL spend as set out in the CIL Regulations (2010) and that all shortlisted grants will be reviewed to ensure compliance.
- 7.3 Looking at Appendix 1 (“Revised LIF Programme”), the status of various projects is outlined. Appendix 1b details those proposals which will fall to be cancelled to allow the funding to be reallocated to meet new Council priorities set out in the current Strategic Plan 2022-26. In many cases, no spend has yet occurred. Indeed, it would appear that little, if anything, has been undertaken to bring these proposals forward. In these cases, the risk of challenge is assessed as being low for the very fact that the proposals have not progressed into meaningful spend and activity. However, there may be a slightly increased risk of challenge for those projects where some spend has occurred, yet the project is proposed to be cancelled. In these cases (a total of 6 projects), it is advisable that the officers should record on the project file the reason for the placing of an individual project on the list in Appendix 1b. In

all cases, the LIF Funding is to be returned to the main NCIL pot for reallocation to reflect the Council's current strategic objectives.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- 6th December Cabinet Report: Item 5.11 - Engagement and Governance relating to the CIL Neighbourhood Portion
- 27th October 2021 Cabinet Report: Item 6.3 – Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) Virements to the Approved Capital Programme 2021-22 to 2023-24

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Revised LIF Programme

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A

Appendix 1a: Completed / In Progress / Paused

Project	LIF Programme	LIF Area	Description	Delivery Lead	LIF Allocated	Status	Spend / Committed to date	Net amount, to be reallocated
Island Garden Café and Public Toilets	1	4	Construction of new build single storey café with public toilet access to replace the existing café on site.	Capital Delivery	£250,000	Complete	£250,000.00	£0.00
Island Garden Café and Public Toilets	3 - Capital Programme	4	Additional Funding	Capital Delivery	£100,000	Complete	£100,000.00	£0.00
Youth Provision Investment Programme	3 - Capital Programme	3, 4	Following a review of youth provision, a programme of upgrade works required to the buildings which are continuing to be used to deliver youth services has been established.	Capital Delivery	£1,050,000	In progress	£1,050,000.00	£0.00
Development Co-ordination Pilot Programme	3	1, 3, 4	'Quick Win' initiatives for the purposes of mitigating the cumulative impacts of construction.	Development Co-ordination	£188,000	In progress	£188,000.00	£0.00
Development Co-ordination Programme	2	3 £150k, 4 £100k	Development of a function to coordinate construction, mitigating impacts on local people and maximising benefits	Development Co-ordination	£250,000	In progress	£250,000.00	£0.00
Living Greening Walls (Street Greening Programme) £400k	2	3	Installation of living green walls at Cyril Jackson Primary School (Limehouse)	Environmental Health	£50,000	Complete	£50,000.00	£0.00

Living Greening Walls (Street Greening Programme) £400k	2	3	Living Green Walls at the Old Palace Primary School (Bromley by Bow)	Environmental Health	£33,000	Complete	£33,000.00	£0.00
Living Greening Walls (Street Greening Programme) £400k	2	3	Living Green Walls at Bygrove Primary School	Environmental Health	£15,000	Complete	£15,000.00	£0.00
Living Greening Walls (Street Greening Programme) £400k	2	3	Aberfeldy Parklet	Environmental Health	£100,000	Paused	£100,000.00	£0.00
Contingency	3	1, 3, 4	Contingency	Infrastructure Planning	£300,000	In progress	£300,000.00	£0.00
Infrastructure Delivery Coordination Pilots Programme	1	4	Delivery of a pilot programme to develop new and innovative ways that utilities and local infrastructure can be better planned, coordinated and delivered	Infrastructure Planning	£620,000	In progress	£620,000.00	£0.00
Infrastructure Programming Team (LIF Pro 1)	1	1, 2, 3, 4	Development of a function to coordinate construction, mitigating impacts on local people and maximising benefits	Infrastructure Planning	£180,000	Complete	£180,000.00	£0.00
Infrastructure Programming Team (LIF Pro 2)	2	1, 2, 3, 4	Development of a function to coordinate construction, mitigating impacts on local people and maximising benefits	Infrastructure Planning	£150,000	Complete	£150,000.00	£0.00

Infrastructure Programming Team (LIF Pro 3)	3	1, 2, 3, 4	Development of a function to coordinate construction, mitigating impacts on local people and maximising benefits	Infrastructure Planning	£130,000	Complete	£130,000.00	£0.00
Aston Street/ Whitehorse Road Open Space	1	1	Improvements to the park space as a stand-alone project, outside the programme relating to play and ASB, subject to community consultation	Parks and Open Spaces	£80,000	Complete	£80,000.00	£0.00
Bethnal Green Garden	3	1	Resurfacing of MUGA	Parks and Open Spaces	£100,000	Complete	£100,000.00	£0.00
Improvements to Alton Green Open Space	2	3	Feasibility for redevelopment / improvements to existing green space	Parks and Open Spaces	£50,000	Complete	£50,000.00	£0.00
Improvements to St James Gardens	2	3	Improved facilities including play equipment	Parks and Open Spaces	£200,000	Complete	£200,000.00	£0.00
Inclusive Playgrounds	3 - Capital Programme	1, 4	Whitehorse Adventure playground / McDougall Gardens	Parks and Open Spaces	£250,000	Multi - Complete / In progress	£250,000.00	£0.00
Meath Gardens - Renovation of Pillars	3	1	Renovation of pillars at entrance of Meath Gardens to address health and safety concerns	Parks and Open Spaces	£30,000	Complete	£16,430.00	£13,570.00
Millwall Park*	3	4	Refurbishment of changing rooms. To be delivered as part of existing wider park improvements scheme.	Parks and Open Spaces	£100,000	Complete	£100,000.00	£0.00

Mudchute Farm Improvements	2	4	To include the provision of disability access	Parks and Open Spaces	£150,000	Complete	£150,000.00	£0.00
Mudchute Farm Improvements	3	4	Re-surfacing of path and upgrades to additional paths and including other public realm improvements. To be delivered as part of existing wider farm improvements scheme.	Parks and Open Spaces	£250,000	Complete	£250,000.00	£0.00
Pennyfields Park Improvements	2	3	Feasibility for the redevelopment/improvements to existing park	Parks and Open Spaces	£25,000	Complete	£25,000.00	£0.00
Quality Parks	3 - Capital Programme	4, 1	Island Gardens Path Resurfacing/Masthouse Terrace Feasibility/Whitehorse Open Space & Aston Street	Parks and Open Spaces	£125,000	Multi - Complete / In progress	£125,000.00	£0.00
Ravenscroft Park*	3	1	Refurbishment of playground, landscaping including installation of bins and some benches.	Parks and Open Spaces	£120,000	Complete	£120,000.00	£0.00
Ropemakers Field - Improvements to Cycling Routes	3	3	Feasibility for improvements to cycle routes	Parks and Open Spaces	£25,000	In progress	£20,000.00	£5,000.00
Shadwell Basin Improvements	2	1	Feasibility and Concept design work relating to improvements to Shadwell Basin	Parks and Open Spaces	£50,000	Complete	£50,000.00	£0.00
Spitalfields City Farm Improvements*	3	1	Improvements to farm access, toilets and integration between farm and Allen Gardens. To include addressing Health & Safety issues within the farm.	Parks and Open Spaces	£300,000	In progress	£300,000.00	£0.00

St Georges Garden	3	1	Improvements to playground and installation of benches and bins	Parks and Open Spaces	£120,000	In progress	£120,000.00	£0.00
Stepney City Farm	2	1	Improvements to public realm and upgrades to farmer's market	Parks and Open Spaces	£190,000	Paused	£190,000.00	£0.00
Stepney Green Gardens	3	1	Installation of benches/seating	Parks and Open Spaces	£30,000	In progress	£30,000.00	£0.00
Water Fountains	2	3	Installation of water fountain in Ropemakers Field and other sites TBC	Parks and Open Spaces	£70,000	In progress	£70,000.00	£0.00
Water Fountains	2	1	Installation of water fountains in Bethnal Green	Parks and Open Spaces	£75,000	In progress	£75,000.00	£0.00
Pennyfields - Cycle Permeability	3	3	Delivery of small-scale cycle permeability improvement scheme to improve access to the forthcoming Future Cycle Route 5	Parks and Open Spaces / Transport & Highways	£15,000	Paused	£15,000.00	£0.00
East of Borough Area Action Plan (Poplar Leaside Enabling Delivery Programme)	1	3	Delivery of a number of evidence studies for the East of the Borough Area Action Plan.	Place Shaping	£390,000	Complete	£390,000.00	£0.00
Poplar Leaside Enabling Delivery Programme - Underspend	1	3	Remaining balance from the original £519k allocated budget.	Place Shaping	£129,000	Complete	£129,000.00	£0.00

Central Area Good Growth	1	3	Delivery of Design Guidance SPD for the Central Area of the Borough	Place Shaping	£105,000	Complete	£105,000.00	£0.00
High Density Guidance	1	3, 4	Delivery of High-Density Guidance for high density developments	Place Shaping	£40,000	Complete	£40,000.00	£0.00
South Poplar Master Plan	1	3	Delivery of supplementary planning document for the development of land within the South Poplar area of the borough.	Place Shaping	£170,000	Complete	£170,000.00	£0.00
Poplar High Street Public Realm Improvements	2	3	Poplar High Street Public Realm/Bus service improvements (LIF financing public realm improvements)	Public Realm	£220,000	Paused	£220,000.00	£0.00
Smart Bins	1 - Capital Programme	1, 2	Delivery of 48 smart bins as an addition/replacement of street bins across LIF Areas 1 & 2.	Public Realm	£243,000	In progress	£243,000.00	£0.00
Warning Signs on Dog Fouling Programme	2	4	Warning signs around the LIF Area 4	Public Realm	£15,000	In progress	£15,000.00	£0.00
Recycling and Litter Improvement Programme	2	1 £100k, 3 £150k, 4 £100k	Details to be agreed with the LIF WG	Public Realm	£350,000	In progress	£148,500.00	£201,500.00
Recycling and Waste Bins (Birbeck Street, Kay Street and Elsa Street)	3	1	i. Feasibility work to assess recycling storage locations in LIF 1, including Kay Street, Elsa Street and Birkbeck Street. ii. Sourcing recycling bins for LIF 1, including Kay Street, Elsa	Public Realm / High Streets Team	£250,000	In progress	£250,000.00	£0.00

			Street and Birkbeck Street. iii. Activate a THH asset for a community food waste project iv. Carry out consultation activities for the food waste pilot involving local residents, businesses, market traders, place stakeholders, landowners, council organisation and schools; v. Pilot e-cargo collection vi. Use data collected to inform future waste planning and strategies for food waste collection and composting					
Public Safety Improvement Programme (LIF 2)	2	3 £250k, 4 £150k	Increasing Public Safety & Community Confidence	Public Safety	£400,000	Complete	£400,000.00	£0.00
Public Safety Improvement Programme (LIF 3)	3	1 £300k, 3 £300k, 4 £200k	Increasing Public Safety & Community Confidence	Public Safety	£800,000	In progress	£800,000.00	£0.00
Isle of Dogs & South Poplar Enabling Delivery Programme	1	3, 4	Programme enabling coordinated delivery of growth in IoD & SP composed of three packages: governance, open space, connections & placemaking.	Regeneration	£519,000	Complete	£519,000.00	£0.00
Millwall Arches - (Underneath the Arches) - Concept Design	1	4	Delivery of a feasibility study for a number of the railway arches at the edge of Millwall Park	Regeneration	£50,000	Complete	£50,000.00	£0.00
Millwall Outer Dock Slipway – Options Appraisal	1	4	Preparation of an Options Appraisal for Millwall Outer Dock Slipway	Regeneration	£80,000	Complete	£80,000.00	£0.00

Regeneration Team Enabling Delivery Programme	2	1, 3, 4	To support the work of the Regeneration Led Enabling Delivery Programme	Regeneration	£370,000	Complete	£370,000.00	£0.00
Regeneration Team Led Enabling Delivery Programme PID	3	1, 3, 4	To support the work of the Regeneration Led Enabling Delivery Programme	Regeneration	£375,000	Complete	£375,000.00	£0.00
Thames Path Feasibility Study	1	1, 3, 4	Feasibility & concept design work for Thames Path National Trail, with end goal to provide open access along its entire length within the borough as close to the river as possible, and the promotion of culture opportunities.	Regeneration	£100,000	Complete	£100,000.00	£0.00
Thames Path Programme LIF 2	2	1 £125k 3 £250k, 4 £125k	Improvements to the Thames Path, river accessibility and quality	Regeneration	£500,000	Complete	£380,000.00	£120,000.00
Isle of Dogs & South Poplar Enabling Delivery Programme - Underspend	1	3, 4	Remaining balance from the original £1m allocated budget.	Regeneration / Place Shaping	£311,000	Complete	£311,000.00	£0.00
EV Charging Points	3 - Capital Programme	1, 3, 4	Commercial Road Car Pound, Toby Lane +Public use charging points	Transport & Highways	£975,000	In progress	£466,391.00	£508,609.00
Secure Cycle Parking	1	1, 1, 2, 2	Delivery of secure cycle parking facilities for Nestor House, Old Bethnal Green Road and Coborn Road/Roman Road area, E3	Transport & Highways	£120,000	Complete	£120,000.00	£0.00

Youth Bicycle Schemes	1	1, 2, 3, 4	Delivery of projects in several locations in the borough that will engage youths identified as being at risk of committing cycle related crime or anti-social behaviour in a cycle maintenance 'build-a-bike' programme using 2nd hand bikes.	Transport & Highways	£50,000	Complete	£50,000.00	£0.00
Total					£12,333,000		£11,484,321	£848,679

Appendix 1b: Cancelled

Project	LIF Programme	LIF Area	Description	Delivery Lead	LIF Allocated	Status	Spend / Committed to date	Net amount, to be reallocated
Barkantine Shops and Area Improvements	2	4	Improvements to shop fronts and associated public realm	Capital Delivery	£245,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£245,000.00
Enterprise Hub Feasibility	3	4	Feasibility to consider the viability of delivering an Enterprise Hub in the Isle of Dogs	Economic Development	£25,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£25,000.00
Living Greening Walls (Street Greening Programme £400k)	2	1, 4	Remaining Funding not covered by the above projects	Environmental Health	£200,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£200,000.00
Noise Mapping	1	3, 4	Delivery of a noise mapping product, annual updates.	Environmental Protection	£75,000.00	Cancelled	£75,000.00	£0.00
Redevelopment of Roman Road / St Stephen Road Car Park	1	2	Redevelopment of Roman Road / St Stephen Road Car Park	High Streets Team	£14,500.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£14,500.00
Roman Road West Town Centre Regeneration	1 - Capital Programme	2	Roman Road West Town Centre Regeneration	High Streets Team	£209,250.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£209,250.00

Whitechapel Market Improvements*	3	1	Improvements to the market and public realm	High Streets Team	£230,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£230,000.00
Community Centre Enhancement / Refurbishment Programme (LIF 2)	2	1 £250k, 3 £500k, 4 £250k	Grant programme to support LIF project delivery by local community organisations	Infrastructure Planning	£1,000,000.00	Cancelled	£4,200.00	£995,800.00
Community Centre Enhancement / Refurbishment Programme (LIF 3)	3		Grant programme to support LIF project delivery by local community organisations	Infrastructure Planning	£600,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£600,000.00
Reserve money held back, pending feasibility.	3	3	Reserve money held back, pending feasibility.	Infrastructure Planning	£1,439,834.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£1,439,834.00
Small Works Programme	3	1 £150k, 3 £200k, 4 £150k	To support urgent interventions	Infrastructure Planning	£500,000.00	Cancelled	£64,000.00	£436,000.00
Unallocated in Capital Programme	3 - Capital Programme	3, 4	Unallocated in Capital Programme	Infrastructure Planning	£481,344.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£481,344.00
Bartlett Park Adventure Playground	3 - Capital Programme	3	Design and costs complete, was omitted from main refurb of Bartlett Park. Could benefit from some of this if all not available.	Parks and Open Spaces	£800,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£800,000.00
Inclusive Playgrounds	3 - Capital Programme	1	Swedenborg Gardens Playground	Parks and Open Spaces	£110,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£110,000.00
Jollies Green Playground Improvements	3	3	Re- surfacing for playground and gym, including installation of additional bins and benches	Parks and Open Spaces	£50,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£50,000.00
Millwall Park (Ropewalk) *	3	4	Feasibility for improvements to the walkway	Parks and Open Spaces	£25,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£25,000.00
Museum Garden Improvements	2	1	Various improvements, such as drainage, fencing, public paths and bicycle parking	Parks and Open Spaces	£190,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£190,000.00
Quality Parks	3 - Capital Programme	4	Masthouse Terrace Feasibility	Parks and Open Spaces	£50,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£50,000.00

Sidney Square	1	1	Improvements to Sidney Square Open Space	Parks and Open Spaces	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£250,000.00
Sports in Parks	3 - Capital Programme	1	Stepney Green 5 a side/ Swedenborg Gardens Gym	Parks and Open Spaces	£240,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£240,000.00
Swedenborg Gardens Entrances*	3	1	Improvements to access and amenity	Parks and Open Spaces	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Wapping Green	3	1	Accessible entrance and seating	Parks and Open Spaces	£50,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£50,000.00
Weaver's Fields*	3	1	Improvements to park entrances	Parks and Open Spaces	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Communities Driving Change	1 - Capital Programme	1 £50k, 3 £150k, 4 £110k	Communities Driving Change	Public Health	£310,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£310,000.00
Flat Recycling Package	3 - Capital Programme	1, 3, 4	To improve access to recycling and waste infrastructure for residents living in existing purpose-built flats.	Public Realm	£1,025,316.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£1,025,316.00
Limehouse Public Realm Improvements	2	3	Various enhancements to improve general outlook of the area -Salmon Lane/Commercial Road pedestrian and cycle crossing safety improvements	Public Realm	£220,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£220,000.00
Public Realm Improvements Mile End Station	1	2	Public realm improvements (street cleaning)	Public Realm	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Bethnal Green Town Centre & Public Realm Improvements	3	1	Progress phase 1 of Bethnal Green Regen programme with roll out of quality stalls for traders, piloting food waste collection & recycling for businesses and welcome sign on the bridge by entrance to the town centre.	Public Realm / High Streets Team	£400,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£400,000.00
Castalia Square Public Realm Improvement	3	4	Public realm improvements - to include tree planting and/or greening and markets stalls.	Public Realm / High Streets Team	£300,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£300,000.00


Food Recycling Bins	3	2	Sustainability & food waste recycling improvements for Roman Road Market	Public Realm / High Streets Team	£87,560.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£87,560.00
Watney Market Improvements	1 - Capital Programme	1	To modernise, secure and improve the existing Watney Market stall, storage and waste provisions, including Watney Trader Toilets	Public Realm / High Streets Team	£175,000.00	Cancelled	£25,000.00	£150,000.00
Spitalfields Town Centre Public Realm Improvements	2	1	To include street cleaning and provision of bins - Fournier Street, Wilkes Street & Commercial Street	Public Realm / Waste	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Whitechapel High Street Public Realm Improvements	2	1	To include street cleaning and removal of graffiti - Whitechapel Road/Aldgate Station	Public Realm / Waste	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Community Gardens Programme	2	1 £100k, 2 £37.5k, 3 £200k, 4 £100k	Grant programme for local groups to delivery of food growing allotments and others forms of green community infrastructure	Regeneration	£437,500.00	Cancelled	£118,189.17	£319,310.83
Frank Dobson Square	3	1	Improvements to the public square to tackle ASB, including landscaping.	Regeneration	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£7,142.00	£242,858.00
Reserved Funding to deliver Millwall Slipway Park	1	4	Reserved Funding to deliver Millwall Slipway Park	Regeneration	£1,779,579.46	Cancelled	£0.00	£1,779,579.46
Thames Path Programme LIF 3	3	1, 3, 4	Improvements to the Thames Path, river accessibility and quality	Regeneration	£500,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£500,000.00
Brabazon Street Improvements	3	3	Improvements to address pedestrian safety concerns. To be delivered through the School Streets Programme	Transport & Highways	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Ferry Street	3	4	Installation of dropped Kerbs	Transport & Highways	£50,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£50,000.00

Fieldgate Street Road Improvements	3	1	Public realm improvements in the area behind East London Mosque to allow disability access	Transport & Highways	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£250,000.00
Improvements to walking and cycling routes	3	1	Improvements to walking/cycling routes from Buxton Street to Hanbury Street.	Transport & Highways	£200,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£200,000.00
Improvements to Walking/Cycling Access - St Johns Park Area	3	4	Improve walking and cycling access /motor vehicle access restrictions.	Transport & Highways	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£250,000.00
Installation of Cycle Storage/Hangars	3	3	Installation of cycle storage facilities/bicycle hangars in specific locations around Limehouse /Poplar	Transport & Highways	£80,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£80,000.00
Installation of Cycle Storage/Hangars*	3	1	Installation of bicycle storage and hangars in several sites across LIF Area	Transport & Highways	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£250,000.00
Limehouse Cut Path Improvement	3	3	Feasibility study for the Re-surfacing of the canal towpath to improve path for pedestrian and cyclist use including addressing water logging concerns.	Transport & Highways	£30,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£30,000.00
National Cycle Route 1	3	4	Improvements to the National Cycle Route 1. To include Feasibility Study	Transport & Highways	£270,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£270,000.00
Newcastle Draw Dock - Public Realm Improvements	3	4	Public Realm improvements, including greening of area.	Transport & Highways	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Public Realm Improvements - Corner Hackney Road/Columbia Road	2	1	Improvements to open space located on the corner Hackney Rd/Columbia Road to reduce ASB	Transport & Highways	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00

Redchurch Street - Enhancement to Public Realm	3	1	Superficial enhancement of public realm to improve pedestrian access to shopping environment. To include feasibility study.	Transport & Highways	£130,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£130,000.00
Saunders Ness Road - Pedestrian and Cycle Path Improvements	3	4	Walking and Cycle path improvements.	Transport & Highways	£200,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£200,000.00
Stewart Street - Pedestrian Access to Riverfront	3	4	Pavement improvements leading to Riverfront	Transport & Highways	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Stinkhouse Bridge improvement	3	3	Re-painting of ground bridge elements (parapet beams, carriageway beams, etc), and footway re-surfacing	Transport & Highways	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£250,000.00
Traffic Calming - MastMaker Road	3	4	Traffic calming and speed reduction measures	Transport & Highways	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Traffic Calming on Manchester Road/East Ferry Road/Casillis Road	3	4	Traffic calming and speed reduction measures. .	Transport & Highways	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£250,000.00
Traffic Calming on Westferry Road	3	4	Feasibility study to consider options for addressing concerns around road safety & concept design for the proposed cycle route 5.	Transport & Highways	£50,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£50,000.00
Upgrades to walking routes Brick Lane area	3	1	To be included in the pedestrianisation scheme in Brick Lane	Transport & Highways	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£250,000.00
Upper North Street Traffic Calming	3	3	Delivery of speed reduction measures. To include feasibility study	Transport & Highways	£250,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£250,000.00
Willis Street improvement	3	3	Improvements to pedestrian walkways at Wills Street/Hay Currie Street junction	Transport & Highways	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00

Street Greening - A1206	3	4	Street Trees/Greening along A1206 to address pollution	Trees / Public Realm	£100,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£100,000.00
Youth Outreach Programme (LIF 2)	2	1	Delivery of youth programme to reduce youth ASB around the LIF area	Youth Services	£200,000.00	Cancelled	£200,000.00	£0.00
Youth Outreach Programme (LIF 3)	3	1, 3, 4	Delivery of youth programme to reduce youth ASB around the LIF area	Youth Services	£500,000.00	Cancelled	£0.00	£500,000.00
Total					£16,929,883		£493,531	£16,436,352

Agenda Item 4

Non-Executive Report of the: Overview and Scrutiny Committee 24 July 2023	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Sharon Godman, Director of Strategy, Improvement and Transformation	Classification: Unrestricted
Draft Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-24	

Originating Officer(s)	Afazul Hoque, Head of Corporate Strategy & Communities Daniel Kerr, Strategy & Policy Lead Filuck Miah, Senior Strategy and Policy Officer
Wards affected	All Wards

Executive Summary

This report sets out the draft 2023-24 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- Health & Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee;
- Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee; and
- Children & Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

This report also describes the work programmes for the Scrutiny Leads:

- Resources & Finance; and
- Environment & Community Safety

The draft work programme has been informed by the members workshop session held on Saturday 17th July 2023 and involved co-opted members across all scrutiny committees.

Strategy and Policy officers also held initial discussion with the DLT's and gathered intelligence from a range of sources including council performance reports, annual complaints data and horizon scanning on key national, regional and local issues that scrutiny may want to engage.

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the draft Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-24
2. Provide any further thoughts or comments on the draft Scrutiny Work Programme 2023-24

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), its three sub-committees, and two Scrutiny Leads set out focus areas that scrutiny members have identified as important to scrutinise over this municipal year.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The scrutiny work programme is delivered on ad hoc basis. This is not recommended as it is unfocused and is not an efficient use of members and officers time and will not have an impact on improving outcomes for residents.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 For 2023/24, the scrutiny function is undertaken by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and three scrutiny sub-committees (Health & Adults, Housing & Regeneration, and Children's & Education). There is also a dedicated Scrutiny Lead for Resources & Finance and Environment & Community Safety

Developing the work programme

- 3.2 Members of the OSC and Co-opted Members across the scrutiny committees held a workshop on the 17 June 2023 to discuss the work programme for 2023-24. This was a joint workshop across all Scrutiny committees to develop a co-ordinated approach to delivering Scrutiny in 2023/24.

OSC Work Programme Workshop

- 3.3 To identify areas of focus for the committee, the workshop considered:
 - Scrutiny values;
 - Prioritisation methods and tools;

- Council priorities, performance information and horizon scan information;
- How to engage residents and partners more effectively;
- Priorities and outcomes the committees wish to achieve.

3.4 Following the workshop, initial discussion were held with the Scrutiny leads to consider the draft O&S work programme 2023-24 for their respective areas.

Next Steps

3.5 Strategy and Policy officers will take the draft O&S work programme 2023-24 to:

- Scrutiny leads for further discussions and consider any resident feedback on scrutiny topics;
- Discuss the WP at Sub-committees' and seek any further comments and feedback;
- Discuss with Corporate Directors / Divisional Directors and seek further comments and feedback;
- Discuss with DLTs and seek any further feedback and incorporating and reflecting any key timelines; and
- Prepare the O&S Work Programme 2023-24 for OSC to agree at the September's meeting.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty (as set out in the Equality Act 2010) aims to embed equality considerations into the day-to-day work of public bodies, so that they tackle discrimination and inequality and contribute to making society fairer.

4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and scrutiny sub-committee work programmes include key equality considerations of the Strategic Plan, including reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and enabling community engagement. Identifying and prioritising issues, which are important to local residents, will play an important role in developing the work programme to drive service improvement.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

Appendices

- **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023-24**

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.

Officer contact details for documents:

Or state N/A



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Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2023/24



Work Programme Development



- **April/May 2023:** Service engagement – key issues/decisions/priorities in coming year
- **June:** Member Work Programme workshop – review evidence and prioritise issues for Committee to consider
- **July-Sept:** Engagement with Sub-Committee membership at first meetings of the year
- **July-Sept:** Engagement with Executive & Officers
- **13 Sept :** Agree final draft



Overview & Scrutiny Committee



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 22nd May 2023	Spotlight	Mayor's Spotlight	To hold the Mayor to account and understand achievements, priorities and challenges.	Lutfur Rahman Mayor Steve Halsey Chief Executive
	Appointments and TOR	Vice Chair appointment and TOR	OSC to confirm Committee vice chair and agree terms of reference for OSC	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
	Tracking Recommendation	Swimming Provision Challenge Session	To track the implementation of recommendations from the scrutiny challenge session on swimming provision in the borough	Councillor Iqbal Hossain Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation James Thomas Corporate Director of Children & Culture
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
Monday 19th June 2023	Call- In	Housing Capital Strategy 2023/24: Delivering at pace to increase the supply of new homes	Review Decision to agree Housing Capital Strategy 2023/24	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
	Appointments	Finance & Resources Lead	Appoint Scrutiny Lead for Finance & Resources Portfolio	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 24th July 2023	OSC Work Programme	Draft OSC Work Programme 2023/24	To review the OSC Work Programme for 2023-24	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Strategic Performance & Delivery Reporting Annual Report 2022-23	To review the council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery	Lutfur Rahman Mayor Steve Halsey Chief Executive
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Budget monitoring report 2022-23 Outturn (inc Capital)	To monitor the council's financial performance to ensure it supports council priorities and provides residents with value for money	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Caroline Holland Corporate Director, Resources
	Call-In	Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy	Review decision to agree Housing Capital Strategy 2023/24	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
Monday 11th September 2023	Spotlight	Liveable Streets Review	Review of proposed removal of traffic management schemes implemented under the Liveable Streets programme	Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Emergency Simon Baxter Director of Public Realm
	Spotlight	Annual Resident Survey	To review and understanding the key findings of the ARS and what the implications are for the Council	Lutfur Rahman Mayor Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 11th September 2023	Budget and Policy Framework	Statement of Licensing Policy	Undertake critical friend approach and offer feedback on statement of Licensing Policy	<p>ClIr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Emergency</p> <p>Simon Baxter Director of Public Realm</p> <p>David Tolley Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards</p>
	OSC Work Programme 2023/24	Final Work Programme 2023/24	Agree final draft of OSC Work Programme 2023/24	ClIr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	ClIr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
Monday 9th October 2023	Spotlight	Mayor's Community Grants Programme	Review the award of Mayor's Community Grants Programme	<p>ClIr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living</p> <p>Steve Halsey Chief Executive</p>
Monday 23rd October 2023	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Strategic Performance & Delivery Reporting Q1 2023-24	To review the council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery	<p>Lutfur Rahman Mayor</p> <p>Steve Halsey Chief Executive</p>
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	P3 Budget Monitoring Report	To monitor the council's financial performance to ensure it supports council priorities and provides residents with value for money	<p>ClIr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living</p> <p>Caroline Holland Corporate Director for Resources</p>



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 23rd October 2023	Spotlight	Combatting Drugs Strategy	To review the approach to tackling ASB & Drugs in the borough through consideration of the new Combatting Drugs Strategy (Community Safety Partnership Strategy)	Councillor Abu Chowdhury Cabinet Member for Safer Communities Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
Monday 27th November 2023	Spotlight	Community Engagement Strategy	Provide feedback on emerging priorities on the Community Engagement Strategy	Sharon Godman Director of Strategy, Improvement and Transformation
	Spotlight	Chief Executive Spotlight	To discuss priorities, delivery and challenges with Chief Executive and hold CE to account	Steve Halsey Chief Executive
	Budget and Policy Framework	Youth Justice Annual Plan	Undertake critical friend approach and offer feedback on the Youth Justice Annual Plan	Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning James Thomas Corporate Director for Children and Culture
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 11th December 2023 Page 54	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Strategic Performance & Delivery Reporting Q2 2023-24	To review the council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery	Lutfur Rahman Mayor Steve Halsey Chief Executive
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	P6 Budget Monitoring Report	To monitor the council's financial performance to ensure it supports council priorities and provides residents with value for money	CLlr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Caroline Holland Corporate Director for Resources John Harrison (Interim) Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit
	Scrutiny Spotlight	Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy 2024/29	Review and feed into development of refreshed VAWG Strategy 2024/29	CLlr Abu Choudhury Cabinet Member for Safer Communities Denise Radley Corporate Director of Health, Adults & Community Safety
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	CLlr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 8th January 2024 (The Committee may arrange additional meetings of OSC to undertake in-depth review in particular areas)	Budget & Policy Framework	Budget Scrutiny	To provide a critical friend challenge to the budget setting process in line with the Council's priorities	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Caroline Holland Corporate Director for Resources John Harrison (Interim) Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit
Monday 29th January 2024	Spotlight	Cost of Living	Consider impact of Cost of Living in the Borough and provision in place to support residents. The agenda will consider different elements highlighted by Members and residents, focus on uptake of support packages, and invite residents to share their experiences	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
Monday 5th February 2024	Reserve Budget Meeting			



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 19 th February 2024	Spotlight	Borough Commander Review and reflections on 2022-23 and future priorities 2023-24	To understand challenges and key areas of work undertaken to tackle community safety	BC James Conway Borough Commander for Tower Hamlets Cllr Abu Chowdhury Cabinet Member for Safer Communities
	Spotlight	Parking		Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment & the Climate Emergency Simon Baxter Director of Public Realm
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
Monday 25 th March	Strategic Performance Monitoring	Strategic Performance & Delivery Reporting Q3 2023-24	To review the council's performance against the strategic goals and provide critical friend challenge to service delivery	Lutfur Rahman Mayor Steve Halsey Chief Executive
	Strategic Performance Monitoring	P9 Budget Monitoring Report	To monitor the council's financial performance to ensure it supports council priorities and provides residents with value for money	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living Caroline Holland Corporate Director for Resources John Harrison (Interim) Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 25th March 2024	Spotlight	Climate Emergency	To review the Council's progress to be a carbon neutral council by 2025	Cllr Kabir Hussain Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Emergency Simon Baxter Director of Public Realm
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
Monday 22nd April 2024	Tracking Recommendations	Review action plan delivery for scrutiny recommendations on Food Insecurity	To track the implementation of recommendations from the scrutiny challenge session	Cllr Saied Ahmed Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
	Tracking Recommendations	Review action plan delivery for scrutiny recommendations on Women Safety	To track the implementation of recommendations from the scrutiny challenge session	Cllr Abu Chowdhury Cabinet Member for Safer Communities Denise Radley Corporate Director Health, Adults & Communities
	Spotlight	Mayor's Spotlight	To review the Mayor's year end delivery and priorities for 2024-25	Mayor Lutfur Rahman Steve Halsey Chief Exec
	O&S Annual Report	O&S Annual Report 2023/24	To review and approve the O&S Annual Report	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair
	Pre-Cabinet	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	To review Cabinet decisions and make strategic recommendations	Cllr Musthak Ahmed OSC Chair



Children's & Education Sub-Committee

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Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Tuesday 11th July 2023 Page 59	Appointments and TOR	Vice Chair appointment and TOR	Appoint Committee vice chair and agree terms of reference	Cllr Bodrul Choudhury CESSC Chair
	CESSC Work Programme	Draft CESSC Work Programme	To review the CESSC Work Programme for 2023-24	Cllr Bodrul Choudhury CESSC Chair
	Spotlight	Cabinet Member priorities for 2023/24	Reflections on work in the portfolio area 2022-23 and priorities for 2023-24	Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning
	Spotlight	Corporate Director Reflections and Priorities for 2023/24	Reflections on Directorate delivery in 2022-23 and priorities for 2023-24	James Thomas Corporate Director Education & Culture
	Spotlight	Corporate Parenting Strategy	Review the Corporate Parenting Strategy and protected characteristics paper	Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning James Thomas / Susannah Beasley-Murray Corporate Director Education & Culture / Director of Supporting Families



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
<p>Thursday 12th October 2023</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 60</p>	Spotlight	Children's Services Inspection Preparation	Review the preparation for the inspection of Children's Services or results (subject to actual inspection dates, this item may be pushed back)	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>James Thomas Corporate Director Education & Culture</p>
	Spotlight	Supporting Families, key strategies	Review the updated Children and Families Strategy	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Susannah Beasley-Murray Director of Supporting Families</p>
	Spotlight	Youth Services	Scrutinise approach to development of Youth Service within the Council	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Susannah Beasley-Murray Director of Supporting Families</p>



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Thursday 7th December 2023 Page 61	Spotlight	Free School Meals (FSM) for all children	Review the delivery of FSM	Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning Lisa Fraser Director of Education
	Spotlight	Sixth Form Performance	Review changes and progress made since the previous deep dive into sixth form provision in the borough, including university access.	Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning Lisa Fraser Director of Education
	Scrutiny Update	SEND and EHCP's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEND provision and transport • Update on EHCP plans forecasting and demand management 	Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning Lisa Fraser Director of Education



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
<p>Thursday 8th February 2024</p>	<p>Spotlight</p>	<p>Children’s health</p>	<p>Consider how to embed a wholistic approach to health into our work -focused on mental health and and preventative healthy lifestyles for example nutrition, therapy and exercise</p>	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health</p>
			<p>Consider the impact of unhealthy consumption on children, how to educate on the risks and minimise the appeal e.g. Redbull and Vapes</p>	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health</p>
	<p>Spotlight</p>	<p>School curriculum</p>	<p>Consider the teaching of RSE and PHSE in school curriculum and any guidance provided by Tower Hamlets</p>	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Lisa Fraser Director of Education</p>
	<p>Spotlight</p>	<p>Education contracts</p>	<p>Review the commissioning of contracts in education and contract management of outsourced services</p>	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar Deputy Mayor and Cabinet</p>

Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Thursday 9 th May 2024	Tracking Recommendation	Review action plan delivery for scrutiny recommendations on Increasing women and girls' access to sports and physical activities in the borough	To track the implementation of recommendations from the scrutiny challenge session	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar</p> <p>Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>James Thomas</p> <p>Corporate Director Children and Culture</p> <p>Matthew Eady</p> <p>Director of commissioning and culture</p>
	Spotlight	Government review into Children's Social Care	Update on progress since the government's response into the Independent Review into Social Care	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar</p> <p>Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>James Thomas</p> <p>Corporate Director Children and Culture</p>
	Spotlight	Children's Safeguarding Work	Review the work of the Childrens Safeguarding Partnership	<p>Cllr Maium Talukdar</p> <p>Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>James Thomas</p>

Children's & Education Sub-Committee



Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description
Scrutiny Challenge Session	Childhood Obesity	Review evidence on Child obesity and consider actions which can be taken to reduce rates child obesity in Tower Hamlets

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Housing & Regeneration Sub-Committee

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Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Monday 18th September 2023 Page 66	Appointments and TOR	Vice Chair appointment and TOR	Appoint Committee vice chair and agree terms of reference	Cllr Abdul Mannan HRSSC Chair
	HRSSC Work Programme	Draft HRSSC Work Programme	To review the HRSSC Work Programme for 2023-24	Cllr Abdul Mannan HRSSC Chair
	Spotlight	Housing & Regeneration priorities	To discuss housing and regeneration priorities for 2023/24	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding Karen Swift Director of Housing
	Spotlight	Renters Reform Bill	To review the Renters Reform Bill and consider impacts for LBTH	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding Karen Swift Director of Housing



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Thursday 19th October 2023 Page 67	Tracking Recommendations	Fire Safety	To track the progress from the Fire Safety scrutiny Challenge session	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding Karen Swift Director of Housing
	Spotlight	Bringing Housing Management Services (THH) back in House	To understand the progress of insourcing housing management with a specific focus on resident engagement and governance arrangements	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding Karen Swift Director of Housing



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Thursday 14th December 2023 Page 68	Strategic Performance	Social Landlords Performance Report	Review social landlords' performance for Quarters 1 and 2	Karen Swift Director of Housing Andrea Baker Chair THHF
	Spotlight	Homelessness Strategy	Review development of the Homelessness Strategy	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding Karen Swift Director of Housing
	Spotlight	Social Housing Reform Bill	To review and consider the impact of Social Housing Reform Bill on LBTH residents	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding Karen Swift Director of Housing
	Strategic Performance	Social Landlords Performance Report	Review social landlords' performance for Quarters 1 and 2	Karen Swift Director of Housing Andrea Baker Chair THHF



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Thursday 29th February 2024 Page 69	Spotlight	Housing & Climate Emergency	To consider how the council can retrofit housing to meet climate net zero targets	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding Karen Swift Director of Housing
	Spotlight	Housing Target	Review how the council is progressing against it's ambition to build 1000 new homes per year.	Cllr Kabir Ahmed Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding Karen Swift Director of Housing



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Wednesday 1 st May 2024	Strategic Performance	Social Landlords Performance Report	Review social landlords' performance for Quarters 3 and 4	<p>Karen Swift Director of Housing</p> <p>Andrea Baker Chair THHF</p>





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Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
<p>Thursday 27th July 2023</p>	Appointments and TOR	Vice Chair appointment, TOR and INEL JHOSC Membership representative(s)	Appoint Vice-Chair, agree terms of reference and confirm INEL JHOSC Membership representative(s)	<p>Cllr Ahmodur Khan HASSC Chair</p>
	HASSC Work Programme	Draft HASSC Work Programme	To review the HASSC Work Programme for 2023-24	<p>Cllr Ahmodur Khan HASSC Chair</p>
	Spotlight	Cabinet Member and Corporate Director Reflections on 2022-23 and Priorities for 2023-24	Cabinet Member and Corporate Director to review delivery in 2022-23 and priorities for 2023-24	<p>Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care</p> <p>Denise Radley Corporate Director for Health, Adults and Communities</p>
	Spotlight	Integrated Care Board Reflections and Priorities	Health Partner ELAT Reflections on 2022-23 delivery and ICB priorities for 2023-24	<p>Neil Ashman (Acute Care) CEO Royal London & Mile End Hospitals and Place Exec Lead</p> <p>Roberto Tamsangan Clinical Director (Primary Care)</p> <p>Richard Fradgley Director of Integrated Care and Deputy CEO, East London Foundation Trust</p> <p>Charlotte Pomery (ICB) Chief Participation and Place Officer</p> <p>Warwick Tomsett</p>

Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Tuesday 17th October 2023 Page 73	Spotlight	Hospital waiting times for Elective Surgery and Accident & Emergency service	Review performance and apply critical friend role on approach and delivery to Hospital waiting times for elective surgery and accident and emergency service	Neil Ashman & Fiona Peskett Barts Health NHS Trust
	Spotlight	Diagnostic Services and Health Screening Programme	Review performance and apply critical friend role on Diagnostic Services and Health Screening Programme	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Dr Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health NHS to be confirmed.



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
<p>Tuesday 12th December 2023</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 74</p>	Spotlight	ASC - CQC Inspection feedback (subject to the inspection taking place)	Review the initial findings of ASC Inspection and consider the Council's response.	<p>Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care</p> <p>Denise Radley Corporate Director for Health, Adults and Communities</p> <p>Katie O'Driscoll Director of Adult Social Care</p>
	Spotlight	Housing with Care Strategy	Review the implementation and progress of the housing care strategy	<p>Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care</p> <p>Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning</p>
	Spotlight	Health inequalities facing women	Review and apply critical friend role on health inequalities faced by women	<p>Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care</p> <p>Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning</p> <p>Dr Somen Banerjee Director of Public Health</p> <p>NHS and ICB reps to be confirmed.</p>

Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
Tuesday 20th February 2024 Page 75	Spotlight	Maternity Services in Tower Hamlets	Review and apply critical friend role on the performance delivery of Maternity Services in Tower Hamlets	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning Neil Ashman & Fiona Peskett BARTS NHS VCS and Resident Rep tbc
	Spotlight	Improving access to health and care services for disabled residents	review and apply critical friend role on the improving access to health services for disabled residents	Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning THT/ICB rep tbc



Meeting	Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description	Speakers
<p>Thursday 18th April 2024</p>	<p>Tracking Recommendation</p>	<p>Review action plan delivery for scrutiny recommendations on Workforce Shortages across Health and Social Care Sector in the borough</p>	<p>To track the implementation of recommendations from the scrutiny challenge session</p>	<p>Cllr Gulam Kibria Choudhury Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care</p> <p>Katie O’Driscoll Director of Adult Social Care</p> <p>Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning</p> <p>Francesca Okosi Chief People and Culture Office, NHS Northeast London</p>
	<p>Spotlight</p>	<p>GP – Out of Hours Service</p>	<p>Review and apply critical friend role on GP advocacy – Out of Hours Service</p>	<p>Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning</p> <p>Jo-Ann Sheldon Head of Primary Care TH</p>
	<p>Spotlight</p>	<p>Progress to date on improving face to face GP access for residents</p>	<p>HASSC to review the progress that has been made on improving face to face access for residents</p>	<p>Warwick Tomsett Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning</p> <p>Jo-Ann Sheldon Head of Primary Care TH</p>

Finance & Resources Scrutiny Lead



Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description
Scrutiny Review/Challenges Session/Spotlight	Food Poverty	Develop an understanding of the impact of the cost of living crisis on residents and review whether the council has robust plans to tackle food poverty both in the short and long term.
Scrutiny Review/Challenges Session/Spotlight	Workforce to reflect the community	Review the effectiveness of the Council's Workforce to reflect the community strategy
Scrutiny Review/Challenges Session/Spotlight	Support for businesses	To consider the high level of small business closures in TH, need to evaluate local business rates and develop a support mechanism to tackle this trend.

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Health & Adults Sub-Committee



Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description
Scrutiny Challenge Session	Improving sports and physical exercise access for disabled people	Undertake in-depth review on improving sports and exercise provisions for disabled people

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Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Lead



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Scrutiny Activity	Title	Description
Scrutiny Review	Borough Commander Spotlight	* See OSC forward plan
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Scrutiny Review/Challenges Session/Spotlight	Parking	* See OSC Forward plan
Scrutiny Review/Challenges Session/Spotlight	VAWG Strategy	* See OSC Forward plan



Next Steps



- Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and comment on outline work programme at OSC 24/07/23
- OSC and Sub-Committees to agree final work programme between July-Sept 22
- Regular review of work programme with Chairs, lead officers and partners to ensure focusing on relevant and timely issues



Name of Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 Municipal Year: 2023-24

Reference	Action	Assigned to	Scrutiny Lead	Due Date	Response
19.06.2023	OSC requests the service to provide clarity on the £24 million being sent to GLA from the right to buy receipts and provide the committee with the source of this claim.	Karen Swift Rupert Brandon	OSC Chair	24.07.2023	In terms of financials, the council physically returned the below amount to DLUHC (MHCLG at the time): (includes 24 Million plus Interest) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 - £2.2m • 2019/20 - £18.7m • 2020/21 - £5.5m
19.06.2023	OSC requests action being taken by LBTH to support businesses and traders in Roman Road Market	Simon Baxter Ellie Kershaw	OSC Chair	24.07.2023	We have a borough-wide training/grants programme, which isn't aimed specifically at Roman Road, but businesses and market traders located there are able to participate. <i>Any business or market trader located in one of our high streets, including Roman Road, can benefit from a support programme aimed at supporting high street businesses and market traders to establish new income streams and improve their performance. The programme is managed by the High Streets Team and involves businesses participating in a tailored training programme, a combination of 1-2-1 bespoke support and online training, followed by an opportunity to apply for a small grant upon completion of the training. The programme is currently in delivery, and to date 22 businesses have participated in the training programme, of a target</i>

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					<p>of 65. The target number of grants to be distributed is 55.</p> <p>In addition, we have a planned weeklong training course for new Market Traders in October. Once the traders are trained and ready to start with will launch a cohort of them at one of our Markets with Roman Road being one of those offered.</p>
24.07.2023					
11.09.2023					
29.10.2023					
23.10.2023					
27.11.2023					

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Insert attachments as appendices where applicable.

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20.05.2024					



THE FORWARD PLAN

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Forward Plan July 2023

The Forward Plan is published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting.

In addition, new issues and changes to existing issues will be published on the website as soon as they are known.

The web pages also contain past Forward Plans and publication deadlines for future Plans. To visit the web pages go to <http://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>.

Tower Hamlets Council **Forthcoming Decisions Plan**

What is this document?

The Forthcoming Decisions Plan (or 'Forward Plan') contains information on significant decisions that the Council expects to take over the next few months.

As a minimum this will include notice of:

- All Key Decisions to be taken by the Mayor or Cabinet.
 - This could include decisions taken at public meetings or taken individually at other times.
- Budget and Policy Framework Decisions (for example the Budget Report itself and major policies to be agreed by Council as set out in the Constitution)

In addition the Council aims to publish all other decisions to be taken by the Mayor and/or Cabinet.

Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish notice of all key decisions at least 28 days before they are taken by the Executive. Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Section 3 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions can be taken by the Mayor, the Mayor in Cabinet or an officer if it has been expressly delegated.

Publication of Forthcoming Decisions

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page, whilst this 'Forthcoming Decisions Plan' collating these decisions will be published regularly, as a minimum at least, 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required.

Urgency

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution have to be followed.

Make your views known

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about a Forthcoming Decisions is to contact the lead officer, or Cabinet Member (where stated), listed. You can also view the Council's [Consultation Calendar](#), which lists all the issues on which the Council and its partners are consulting.

Information about the Decision Makers

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The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed on the front page.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
 - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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Title of Report	Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL)	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	The report sets out the details of the review of the Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) Programme and new approach to NCIL in the borough moving forward.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 21/06/23
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Jennifer Peters (Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control, Place) Jennifer.Peters@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	1. LIF Programme PID July 2019 2. Capital Programme 2020-21 to 22-23 Appendix 2e LIF Programme 2 Allocations 3. LIF Virements to the approved Capital Programme 2021-22 to 2023-24
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted

Title of Report	Land option – Neptune Wharf	Ward Bow East	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The Local Authority must consider and decide on the educational need for the Neptune Wharf development site. The decision to expand or provide new provision will be decided upon the evidence of emerging need. The Cabinet report will outline whether the council intends to reject the site, or to recommend to take the site. It is anticipated that construction at the site would commence from 2026/27, with provision available from 2027/28.</p> <p>Under the agreement, LLDC must provide the developer of the Neptune Wharf site with 'written notice', by September 2023, which must be accompanied by</p> <p>1. evidence of approval to construct the school through the appropriate</p>		

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	governance route (i.e. cabinet approval); and 2. a programme of implementation and opening of the school including the anticipated appointment of the principal contractor.
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23		
Community Plan Theme	Accelerate Education		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Growth, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Lisa Fraser (Director of Education) lisa.fraser@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Contracts Forward Plan 2023/24 - Quarter 1	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report presents the contracts being procured during quarter one. The report also sets out the Contracts Forward Plan at appendix 2 to this report. The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		

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Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Where required, consultation with service users and stakeholders will be undertaken as part of the project and budget approval process. Necessary consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No. Contract specific EqIA is expected to be completed by respective contract owners as part of the directorate approval.		
Contact details for comments or additional information	John Harrison Interim Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit John.Harrison@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Tower Hamlets Council Strategic Plan : 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The Strategic Plan 2022 to 2026 is the council's main corporate business plan. The plan embeds the Mayor's vision and the administration's manifesto into a high level policy framework and demonstrates how they will be delivered alongside the council's statutory duties. The plan sets a framework for performance monitoring and reporting. It is supported by and aligned with the Medium Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>Each year the council publishes an Annual Delivery Plan. The 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan describes the key actions the council will take this year to deliver the Strategic Plan, and how we will measure progress.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
Cabinet Member	Mayor

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Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2022/23	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	The report highlights the activity of the Tower Hamlets Safeguarding Children's Partnership within the last financial year.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education & skills
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None – The paper is for information, throughout the paper the Children Safeguarding Partnership will be consulted, this includes all key agencies who work with children and young people in Tower Hamlets. None
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional	Louise Griffiths Safeguarding Children Partnership Strategy Manager

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information	Louise.Griffiths@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Corporate Parenting Strategy 2023 - 2028	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	The Corporate Parenting Strategy sets out how we will work with children in our care and care experienced young people to ensure they are offered every opportunity to develop, realise their aspirations and thrive.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education & skills
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Councillors, Senior Managers, children we care for and care experienced young people, staff from across the Supporting Families Directorate, Health colleagues and Foster Carers</p> <p>The Corporate Parenting Board has discussed, and contributed to, plans to develop the strategy during meetings from Summer 2022 onwards.</p> <p>A Corporate Strategy Steering Group is in place to guide the work of developing the strategy, including plans for consultation.</p> <p>The following consultation activities have taken place or are planned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information & awareness presentations on the development of the strategy, and consultation and involvement opportunities, provided through managers forums, team meetings, foster care support meetings and meetings of Children Living in Care Council meetings (during Jan – Mar 2023). • One to one interviews with key members of staff to gather background information on issues and current work programmes and initiatives (during Feb 2023). • Creative Film Project with children in our care and care experienced young people – workshops and filming throughout the Feb 2023 Half Term. Focused on ‘what matters most’ and ‘what makes life good’ for young people with care experience.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted feedback from children in our care and care experienced young people – professionals gathering feedback from groups who are ‘harder to reach’. • Review of draft key messages from young people – taking place through Children Living in Care Council and follow up session with the film project group (during Mar/April 2023) • Foster Carers Support Groups – two consultation sessions on the strategy to take place on 9th May 2023 • Members Session – a workshop for Councillors has been offered focused on the promotion of corporate parenting across the council (during May 2023) • Stakeholder Workshops – a wide range of representatives who support and work with our young people have been invited. The workshops will focus on what young people are telling us and how we can respond and produce a strategy and action plan that makes a real difference to their lives. • Consultation on the draft strategy – the draft will be shared with all stakeholders during May / June 2023 for further review and amendments as necessary. • The draft strategy will go to the Corporate Parenting Board on 12th July 2023 		
<p>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?</p>	<p>Yes</p>		
<p>Contact details for comments or additional information</p>	<p>Susannah Beasley-Murray (Divisional Director of Supporting Families) susannah.beasley-murray@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>		
<p>What supporting documents or other information will be available?</p>	<p>None</p>		
<p>Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?</p>	<p>No, Unrestricted</p>		
<p>Title of Report</p>	<p>Corporate Parenting Commitments</p>	<p>Ward All Wards</p>	<p>Key Decision? No</p>
<p>Summary of Decision</p>	<p>This report puts forward proposals for commitments the local authority can make as ‘corporate parents’ to improve experiences and outcomes for children in our care and care experienced young people. This includes adopting ‘Care Experienced’ as a Protected Characteristic (as recommended in the Independent Care Review) to tackle inequality for our young people. The</p>		

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proposals within this report align with the Corporate Parenting Strategy for Tower Hamlets which is also scheduled to go to Cabinet in July 2023.

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23		
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education & skills		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Susannah Beasley-Murray (Divisional Director of Supporting Families) susannah.beasley-murray@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	SEND Improvement Annual Report 2022	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	The SEND Improvement Annual Report 2022 aims to provide an analysis of progress and impact for work undertaken over the last year in relation to improvement priorities.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23		
Community Plan Theme	Accelerate Education		
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)		

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Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No - this is an Annual Report for information only		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Steve Nyakatawa (Director of Education) steve.nyakatawa@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Annual Strategic Delivery and Performance Reporting – 2022/23	Ward All Wards; Bethnal Green West	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report provides the Mayor in Cabinet with an update on the delivery and implementation of the council's Strategic Plan.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
Cabinet Member	Mayor
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting	N/A

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documents or other information will be available?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Budget monitoring report 2022-23 Outturn (inc Capital)	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	Budget monitoring report 2022-23 Outturn (inc capital)		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/07/23		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	John Harrison Interim Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit John.Harrison@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Change and amendments to the Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS) Criteria	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	To make sure that the PTS continues to be clear, transparent, and fair to our residents, as well as addressing the day-today operational issues.		

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	Extend the scheme to residents in under-occupied properties with three or more bedrooms.
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The briefing note was sent to Housing Options for their comments, and we attended their management meetings for Q&A sessions. Internal consultation only		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Dan Jones (Director, Public Realm) dan.jones@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Data on permits, the housing register, and future developments		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Tower Hamlets New Local Plan: Regulation 18 Consultation Draft	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Cabinet will be asked to approve the Regulation 18 Local Plan – Consultation Draft for statutory consultation. The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012, as amended. The draft Plan contains a proposed vision and objectives for Tower Hamlets over the next 15 years to 2038, a spatial strategy, new planning policies and site allocations.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding		

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<p>Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place</p>	<p>Mayor's office – at the regular Planning meeting with the Mayor, where key updates, such as 'early engagement' and outputs have been presented, including the 'vision' for the Local Plan. The Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding, have provided a steer on aspirations and policy direction to ensure alignment with the new Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Internally – input of colleagues across the Council at the regular Local Plan Steering Group Meeting and regular Working Group Meetings held across each of the Plan's 10 policy theme areas. These discussions were followed by presentations to the DLT, CLT over recent months, followed by separate engagement with specific officers.</p> <p>Externally – Greater London Authority, Transport for London, Historic England, London Boroughs of Newham, Greenwich, Hackney, City of London Corporation, London Legacy Development Corporation, neighbourhood forums, key landowners, Canal and River Trust, Network Rail, Environment Agency and Historic England.</p> <p>The Draft new Local Plan has been informed by early engagement that was held from January 2023 to March 2023. The Council's 6-week early engagement stage for the new Local Plan included a range of digital, interactive and accessible events to ensure maximum outreach across the community. Events were held both online and in-person and included promotion through social media, emails, website, newsletters, press notices and posters/leaflets. During this early engagement phase, the Council received over 6000 online visits across the 'Let's Talk' website and the interactive 'Story Maps' platform. The Local Plan engagement document was downloaded 500 times and cumulatively, there were 392 submissions to the project and approximately 115 attendees across the events.</p>
<p>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?</p>	<p>Yes, relevant equality impact assessments will be carried as reYes</p> <p>Relevant equality impact assessments will be carried as required as part of the new Local Plan preparation process. Such assessments are requirements set-out in the Town and Country Planning Regulations.</p>
<p>Contact details for comments or additional information</p>	<p>Jennifer Peters (Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control, Place) Jennifer.Peters@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>
<p>What supporting documents or other information will be available?</p>	<p>App 1. Tower Hamlets Regulation 18 Draft New Local Plan App 2. Tower Hamlets Regulation 18 Draft Integrated Impact Assessment - Scoping Report App 3. Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation Strategy (to be provided at MAB)</p>
<p>Is there an intention to consider this report in</p>	<p>No, Unrestricted</p>

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private session and if so why?			
Title of Report	MAJOR EVENTS CONCESSION FOR VICTORIA PARK	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The Victoria Park Major Events Concession was approved by Cabinet in September 2022. This Concessionaire tender was postponed pending a review of the Major Events Policy.</p> <p>The scope of the tender has been amended to reflect the proposed updated policy (subject to Cabinet approval).</p> <p>The Concession tender will be for a period of four years with an option to extend by a further one plus one years and would commence from 1 January 2025.</p> <p>The decision is a Key Decision because it would have a significant effect on the communities of two or more wards.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Matthew Eady (Director of Commissioning and Culture) matthew.eady@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Exempt Appendix One and sections of the Cabinet report.		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) The report and appendix will include financially sensitive information.		
Title of Report	Mudchute Farm, Park and Allotments, Pier Road E14;	Ward Blackwall & Cubitt Town;	Key Decision? Yes

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	Variation of Lease Terms	Island Gardens	
Summary of Decision	<p>Cabinet approval was granted in June 2019 to surrender the existing Mudchute Association lease and grant a new 99 year term.</p> <p>The new lease has yet to complete, and the Mayor has requested that the lease term be reconsidered, therefore this requires a new Cabinet approval to vary the existing Cabinet decision.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Stephen Shapiro (Acting Director of Property and Major Programmes) Stephen.Shapiro@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	June 2019 Cabinet Paper		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Corporate Equalities Plan 2023-2026	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	<p>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>		

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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Equalities and Social Inclusion		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Tower Hamlets Reduction and Recycling Plan 2023 - 2025	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>A Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) has been developed and produced. RRP's are a requirement set by the Greater London Authority to ensure all London authorities are in general conformity with the London Environment Strategy.</p> <p>The current RRP covers the period April 2023 to the end of March 2025 and comprises environmental metrics drawn from the previous RRP reporting cycle (2018-2022), along with a cross-cutting action plan drawn from our strategies including the Strategic Plan and Waste Strategy.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency		

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Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Michael Butler (Interim Director Of Enviroment) michael.butler@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Tower Hamlets Reduction and Recycling Plan 2023 - 2025		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Liveable Streets Review	Ward Bethnal Green West; Spitalfields & Banglatown; St Katharine's & Wapping; Weavers	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Review of proposed removal of traffic management schemes implemented under the Liveable Streets programme.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Relevant internal and external stakeholders including, but not limited to, emergency services, local schools and Transport for London have also been consulted. Surveys on the proposals have been issued to residents in the areas directly affected. The survey is also available for the general public to complete.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes

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Contact details for comments or additional information	Dan Jones (Director, Public Realm) dan.jones@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	REVIEW OF THE MAJOR EVENTS POLICY, VICTORIA PARK	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The decision is a Key Decision as it would have a significant effect on the communities of two or more wards.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A
Contact details for comments or additional information	Matthew Eady (Director of Commissioning and Culture) matthew.eady@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other	N/A

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information will be available?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) The report and appendices will include commercially and financially sensitive information.		
Title of Report	Insourcing of direct payment support service	Ward	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	The Direct Payment Support Service is currently commissioned to an external service provider (People Plus) and the contract will be coming to an end on 31 March 2024. As part of considering the future of the service and how it will be delivered, this item outlines the vision for the future service delivery model and recommends insourcing the service from April 2024 into Adult Social Care division.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 13/09/23
Community Plan Theme	Invest in public services
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes required
Contact details for comments or additional information	Katie O'Driscoll (Director of Adult Social Care) Katie.O'Driscoll@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD AT 19:39 ON MONDAY, 22 MAY 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL

Members Present in Person:

Councillor Musthak Ahmed
Councillor Bodrul Choudhury
Councillor Asma Islam
Councillor Ahmodur Khan
Councillor Sabina Khan
Councillor Abdul Malik

Members In Attendance Virtually:

Councillor Marc Francis

Other Councillors Present in Person:

Councillor Sabina Akhatar
Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Co-optees Present in Person:

Jahid Ahmed
Halima Islam

Officers Present in Person:

Stephen Halsey	(Interim Chief Executive)	
Stephen Bramah	(Head of Corporate Strategy & Improvement)	
Sharon Godman	(Director Strategy, Improvement and Transformation)	
Matthew Eady	(Director of Commissioning & Culture)	
Daniel Kerr	(Strategy and Policy Lead)	
Thomas French	(Democratic Services Officer (Committees))	

Officers In Attendance Virtually:

Afazul Hoque	(Head of Corporate Strategy & Communities)
Filuck Miah	(Senior Strategy and Policy Officer)
Natalie Lovell	(Public Health Programme Manager)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Maisha Begum, Marc Francis.
Councillor Sabina Akhatar substituted for Councillor Maisha Begum.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were received at the meeting.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-2024

Councillors was Bodrul Choudhury Was Elected Vice Chair.

4. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

None.

5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Establishment of the Scrutiny Sub-Committees and Appointment of Members to those Sub-Committees

The Establishment of the Scrutiny Sub-Committees and Appointment of Members to those Sub-Committees was presented by Thomas French, Democratic Services Officer.

Councillor Ahmodur Rahman Khan was appointed Scrutiny Lead for Adults and Health Services (including Chairing the Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee).

Councillor Bodrul Choudhury was appointed Scrutiny Lead for Children & Education (including Chairing the Children & Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee).

Councillor Abdul Mannan was appointed Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Regeneration (including Chairing the Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee).

Councillor Abdul Malik was appointed Scrutiny Lead for Community Safety.

The appointment of the Scrutiny Lead for Resources was deferred to a future committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to the recommendations within the report.

6. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

7. MAYOR'S SPOTLIGHT

The Mayor's Spotlight was presented by Mayor Lutfur Rahman, with Stephen Halsey, Interim Chief Executive and Stephen Bramah, Head of Corporate Strategy & Improvement, covering the achievements of the Council within 2022-24.

The committee raised the following comments and questions:

- How close are the council in reaching the house building targets? What progress is being made with bringing the council house management back in house? The Mayor stated that good homes for residents is a priority and is in partnership with organisations to deliver on this, including ensuring as many new homes are affordable as possible. Partnership working is important in housing, with Tower Hamlets Homes being brought in house and areas of regeneration within the borough.
- When will the free school meal roll out be achieved? How long will the free school provision be budgeted for? The Mayor reported that the free school meals will be rolled out in phases, with most starting in September, with other schools to follow in the next phases. The free school meal will be universal for all students.
- How is the council tackling crime within the borough? And will the council be requesting more police officers across the borough? How is crime being tackled in the council housing estates? Violence towards women and girls within the borough is a concern. The Mayor stated that the administration inherited a high crime borough and improvements in crime have been sought within the first year, including recruitment of local police and increased CCTV within the borough. There does need to be a cultural change in the borough to create a safe environment for women and girls and education can play a part in that, with investment in educational schemes.
- In what ways is the council learning about complaints? What examples can you suggest showing there have been improvements? The Mayor stated that residents bring complaints to him directly about services and these are brought to directors for action, but a lot of work needs to be done to ensure that residents see improvement in services. Stephen Halsey reported on how the council's corporate plan addresses complaints and how complaints are audited annually. Big concerns from residents are on housing and environment, including waste collections. Work will need to be done across the council to address these concerns.
- What understanding does the council have on its own grants provision? Will there be an effect on voluntary and community groups? The Mayor reported on the current grants process, which is delegated to Officers but welcomed organisations within the borough to apply for the grants. Stephen Halsey confirmed that grant giving is now delegated to Chief Executive, and will be audited and subject to scrutiny in the usual way.
- What is the council doing to improve its waste collection service? Stephen Halsey commented that process around improvements in waste collection is not going fast enough, but recent recruitment should

help with this and additional resources will be used to tackle the waste emergency.

- What is the progress on the improvements to Roman Road, when will the works be completed? The Mayor confirmed he will get back to the committee about the plans for Roman Road.
- Housing improvements in the borough can feel slow to see the progress. Residents have issues with organisations like Clarion Housing, what is being done to ensure standards are raised? Will the council escalate concerns about these organisations to national government level? The Mayor confirmed that he has heard many concerns raised by residents about slow improvements by organisations like Clarion Housing and this will be raised with the Executive Member. The Council will consider escalating concerns if action has not been taken.
- Can the Mayor confirm plans for the rollout of Idea Stores? The Mayor confirmed that £1.1m has been pledged to open five residents hubs by the end of 2023. The hubs need to be open and across the borough, to ensure all residents can access council services and get support.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the update.

8. TRACKING RECOMMENDATIONS - SWIMMING CHALLENGE SESSION

The recommendations on the Swimming Challenge Session was presented by Matthew Eady, Director of Commissioning & Culture.

The committee raised the following comments and questions:

- Students who were impacted by Covid-19 Pandemic were unable to gain swimming skills, will there be a chance for them to access swimming classes or events? Matthew Eady reflected on the impact the pandemic had on swim provision for children and confirmed he will look at how this can be provided for as currently schools get funding for a select group of ages.
- What is the provision for women and girls to access swim sessions? Will there be more accessible sessions for those with access needs? Matthew Eady confirmed that the council was exploring different concepts around accessible services in swimming. Staffing is important to ensure that women and girls feel they are able to take part in swim sessions and recruitment will be key to ensure this.
- Swimming groups are finding it hard to gain funding to keep swimming clubs running.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the recommendations.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As the agenda circulated had no exempt/confidential reports and there was therefore no requirement to exclude the press and public to allow for its consideration.

10. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

11. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL) CABINET PAPERS

Nil items.

12. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 20:43

Chair, Councillor Musthak Ahmed
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD AT 18:45 ON MONDAY, 19 JUNE 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL

Members Present in Person:

Councillor Musthak Ahmed	
Councillor Bodrul Choudhury	Scrutiny Lead for Children & Education
Councillor Ahmodur Khan	Scrutiny Lead for Adults and Health Services
Councillor Abdul Malik	Scrutiny Lead for Community Safety
Councillor Abdul Mannan	Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Regeneration
Councillor Maisha Begum	
Councillor Marc Francis	
Councillor Asma Islam	
Councillor Sabina Khan	

Other Members Present in Person:

Councillor Sirajul Islam
Councillor Kabir Ahmed

Co-optees Present in Person:

Jahid Ahmed
Halima Islam

Officers Present in Person:

Rupert Brandon	(Head of Housing Supply)
Afazul Hoque	(Head of Corporate Strategy & Communities)
Daniel Kerr	(Strategy and Policy Lead)
Thomas French	(Democratic Services Officer (Committees))

Officers In Attendance Virtually:

Caroline Holland (Corporate Director for Resources)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were received at the meeting.

3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

3.1 Housing Capital Strategy 2023/24: Delivering at pace to increase the supply of new homes

Councillor Sirajul Islam members presented the reasons for call-in on behalf of the Call-in members and proposed alternative course of action as set out in the report.

The committee made the following comments and questions:

- In your experience as an Executive Member of the Cabinet for Housing, did you consider a similar strategy while in office and why is this strategy an issue for you now? Cllr Sirajul Islam reported that every council does struggle with finding suitable land to build on, and delivering on houses with social rent was a priority and previous housing developments was costed, but joint ventures like in the current strategy were not considered. There is concern in some of the sites that have been suggested will be very challenging for the council to deliver on. If the council has interest in these sites, with a joint venture, a similar council scheme on its own would also be worth considering.
- What would the accountability within the report look like to you? Cllr Sirajul Islam confirmed he would like to see greater democratic accountability, such as guidance over joint ventures and engagement with residents in and around the proposed sites.
- How confident are you in this Strategy bringing in affordable rent? Cllr Sirajul Islam questioned how many residents within Tower Hamlets can afford a shared ownership home like within this strategy. This strategy is not strong enough on ensuring that residents will have access to social rents needed.

The Lead Member, Councillor Kabir Ahmed, and Rupert Brandon, Head of Housing Supply, set out the context of the Cabinet Decision and reviewed the key elements of the decision.

The committee made the following comments and questions:

- How do we ensure developers are offering more than 50 per cent of developments to be affordable? Cllr Kabir Ahmed confirmed that the council is always working to get more than 50 per cent from developers, but with inflation affecting the cost of materials in construction, this can prove difficult in getting more out of developers.
- Have consultations been carried out on the proposed sites and can these be shared? Cllr Kabir Ahmed stated the proposed sites had already been earmarked for development and new sites were also found. These sites are in the early stages and the next stage is the take this out to the market, to find developers interested in working with the council. After this early stage, the usual consultation process will begin, along with the scrutiny that members provide to other developments.

- Why does this process feel so rushed? It does not feel that the Council is placing any risk management on working with developers on these sites. What else has the council explored for housing before coming to this strategy? Will the Council ensure all these sites include 50 per cent affordable rent? Cllr Kabir Ahmed confirmed that the council feels it needs to take action to reduce the ever-growing housing demand and the council needs to deliver as many houses as possible. National government has not carried out a major house building program, so the council needs to put Strategies like this in place to meet the resident demand. The sites have been placed in a prospectus with demands and if developers meet this demand, then consultation can start, to ensure risk management can be placed in the proposed plans. The Council will do what it can to ensure affordable rent is as high as possible, but members will be able to see these plans and scrutinise them at the relevant committees.
- What has the council learned from neighbouring councils about joint ventures with developers? Cllr Kabir Ahmed confirmed that local councils have been observed, including Haringey Council, who tried a similar strategy, but the scope was far larger.
- Does the council have the legal capacity to work with large developers? The report states over £1.1m in legal fees, why is this not in house? Cllr Kabir Ahmed confirmed that this in the early stages, and the scale of the legal capacity will be further understood once the developers who wish to be involved are worked with and officers are able to scale legal capacity. The £1.1m is not just legal fees but covers many areas of the development.
- What is the governance around this strategy, and will decision making be delegated on future sites as well? Will future sites be subject to Call In and will this be a commitment from the council? Cllr Kabir Ahmed assured the committee that while decision making power is with the Mayor, lead members are active in discussions around decisions.
- Why is the council not delivering on houses that it can afford to build rather than working with developers? Cllr Kabir Ahmed confirmed that the council is looking at all options to ensure that housing is built for residents and this includes working with developers to get houses built. Ideally many of these new homes will include Tower Hamlets living rent.
- Can the committee be provided with information around the bidding process and the next steps in the strategy? Cllr Kabir Ahmed detailed the next steps, including how developers will be audited and how funding will be evaluated.

After hearing from the Call-in Members and the Lead member, the Committee considered the reasons for the Call-in and discussed if the committee should take further action.

DECISION

The Committee **RESOLVED** that no further action would be taken on the call in.

4. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE & RESOURCES LEAD

The Committee voted for Cllr Sabina Khan for the role of Scrutiny Lead for Finance & Resources, however after member discussion it was decided that the role would be confirmed at the next meeting.

5. VERBAL UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

None.

6. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

Members of the committee agreed to submit pre-decision questions on the Cabinet Item 6.2 *Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL)* for the 21 June 2023.

7. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG

Nil Items.

8. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS

RESOLVED:

Members noted the forward plan.

9. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 16 May 2023 approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the Proceedings.

10. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

Nil items.

11. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil items.

12. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

Nil items.

13. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

The Committee asked Cllr Abdul Mannan why Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee had not met since 27 April 2023. Cllr Abdul Mannan confirmed that the first meeting of 2023/24 had to be rearranged to not clash with the summer school holidays.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As the agenda circulated had no exempt/confidential reports and there was therefore no requirement to exclude the press and public to allow for its consideration.

15. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

16. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil items.

17. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL) CABINET PAPERS

Nil items.

18. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 20:49

Chair, Councillor Musthak Ahmed
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