

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Monday, 25 March 2024 5.30 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.

Public Engagement

OSC usually meets once per month (a few days before Cabinet, to allow scrutiny of decisions scheduled to be made there). These meetings are open to the public to attend, and a timetable for meeting dates and deadlines can be found on the Council's website. More detail of how residents can engage with Overview and Scrutiny are available here

[Overview and scrutiny \(towerhamlets.gov.uk\)](https://towerhamlets.gov.uk/overview-and-scrutiny)

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 25 March 2024

5.30 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 MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5 and 25 February 2024.

To Follow.

4. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

4.1 Climate Emergency (Pages 9 - 32)

Review the council's progress to be a carbon neutral council by 2025



5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments to be presented at the 27 March 2024 meeting of Cabinet.

5.1 Strategic Delivery and Performance Report Year 2 Quarter 3 (Pages 33 - 34)

5.2 Budget Monitoring 23/24 Quarter 3 (Pages 35 - 36)

6. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

To consider and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments to be presented at the 27 March 2024 meeting of Cabinet.

7. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG

8. VERBAL UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

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

9. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS (Pages 37-52)

10. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

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

11. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

No decisions of the Mayor in Cabinet 21 February 2024 in respect of unrestricted reports on the agenda were 'called in'.

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

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

13. 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.”

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL SECTION (Pink Papers)

The exempt committee papers in the agenda will contain information, which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. If you do not wish to retain these papers after the meeting, please hand them to the Committee Officer present.

SECTION TWO

14. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

15. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil Items.

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

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

17. 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, 22 April 2024 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.

(ii) Non - DPI Interests that the Council has decided should be registered – (Non - DPIs)

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.

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.

Agenda Item 4.1

Non-Executive Report of the: Overview and Scrutiny Committee 25 th March 2024	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Abdul Khan, Head of Sustainability	Classification: unrestricted
Climate Emergency – Overview and Scrutiny Committee spotlight	

Originating Officer(s)	Abdul Khan, Head of Sustainability
Wards affected	All Wards

Summary

This cover report accompanies the presentation on the progress of the Councils Climate Emergency Declaration made in 2019 and Net Zero Carbon commitments.

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Review the presentation topic to help inform the Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussion.

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25th March 2024

Climate Emergency

Overview and Scrutiny Spotlight

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Abdul Khan – Head of Sustainability



What this presentation will cover



(1) Climate Change Overview and COP 28 outcomes

(2) Net Zero Carbon Commitments

Council Carbon Emissions

- Data analysis of our carbon emission so far and projections going forward
- Projects delivered over the last year
- Future Planned projects
- Rebase line of emissions to include schools, leisure services and THH carbon emissions and its impact
- Engaging staff members on climate change issues

Borough wide emissions

- Data analysis of our carbon emission so far and projections going forward
- Projects delivered over the last year
- Future Planned projects

(3) Governance

- Climate Partnership
- Mayors Advisory Board for Climate Change



Climate Change Overview



Why is 1.5°C important.

The world will see serious climate impacts at 1.5°C. But after that it gets much worse. The difference between 1.5°C and 2°C is...

- the difference between 70% or 99% of coral reefs dying.
- double the likelihood that insects, vital pollinators, lose half their habitat.
- ice-less summers in The Arctic Ocean once per century or once per decade.
- 1 meter added in sea-level rise.
- 6 million or 16 million affected by sea-level rise in coastal areas by the end of this century.

Source: [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\)](#)

COP 28 Outcomes

- Signalling the 'beginning of the end' for the fossil fuel era.
- New funding for loss and damage.
- Enhancing global efforts to strengthen resilience.
- Linking climate action with nature conservation.
- Ramping up practical climate solutions.
- Looking ahead.



Council emissions



LBTH Net Zero Carbon commitment vs Commitments across London



- 75% reduction in council emissions by 2025, and offsetting residual 25% to achieve Net Zero Carbon
- Borough to be Net Zero Carbon by 2045

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Net Zero Carbon targets across London

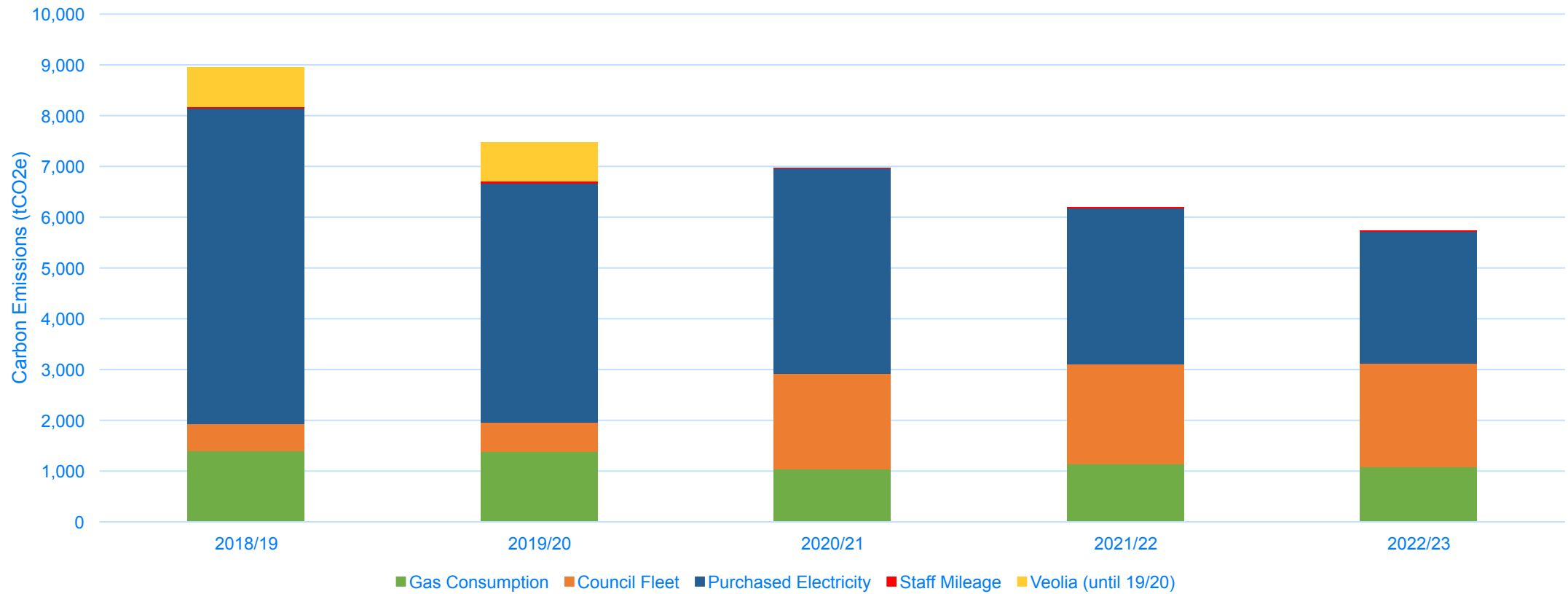
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Tower Hamlets	2025	2045	Newham	2030	2050
Haringey	2027	2041	Redbridge	2030	2050
City of London	2027	2040	Barking & Dagenham	2030	2050
Bromley	2027	None	Greenwich	2030	2030
Hillingdon	2030	2030	Lewisham	2030	2030
Harrow	2030	2030	Southwark	2030	2030
Barnet	2030	2042	Lambeth	2030	None
Brent	2030	2030	Croydon	2030	2030
Ealing	2030	2030	Wandsworth	2030	2043
Hounslow	2030	2050	Merton	2030	2050
Camden	2030	2030	Sutton	2030	2045
Hammersmith & Fulham	2030	2030	Kingston	2030	2038
Kensington & Chelsea	2030	2040	Richmond	2030	2043
Islington	2030	2030	Westminster	2040	2040
Enfield	2030	2040	Havering	2040	2040
Hackney	2030	None	Bexley	None	None
Waltham Forest	2030	2030			



Council Carbon Emissions – to date



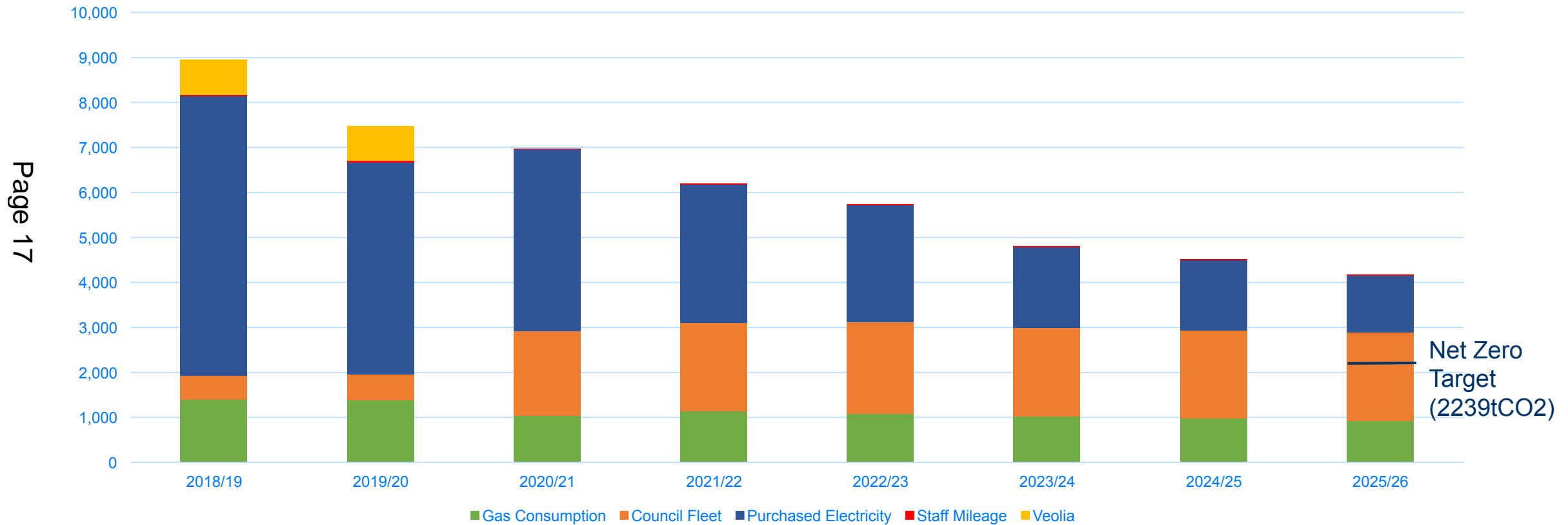
LBTH Emissions breakdown since Climate Declaration



Council Carbon Emissions - projected



Projected emissions of current scopes



Additional Scopes of Emissions



- Up to now schools, council housing and leisure centres have fallen out of scope of council emission targets.
- As council housing* (2023) and leisure centres (2024) assets come under direct council control their emissions need to be considered.
- Whilst we do not have day to day control over school emissions, they are part of the council estate, so consideration needs to be given to their inclusion in council emission targets.
- Detailed analysis is underway to assess the above and to understand the full impact, (including financial) and target setting.

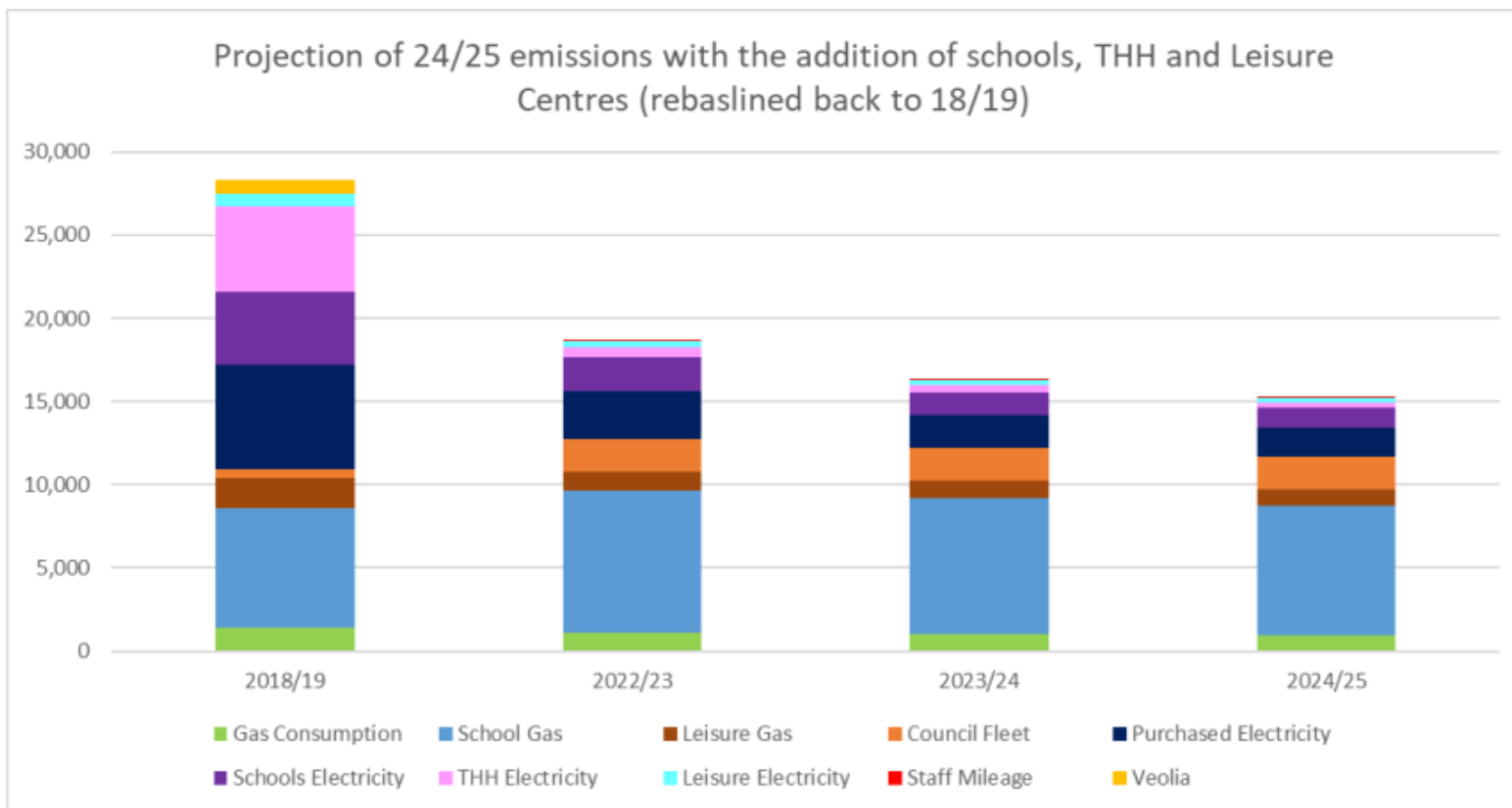
*Council housing emissions include only the areas that are in direct control of the Council such as communal parts of a building.



Impact of Additional Scopes of Carbon Emissions



GHG Reporting	2018/19	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total Emissions (tCO2)	28,288	18,684	16,314	15,242
% reduction on 2018/19		34%	42%	46%
Scope 1				
Gas Consumption	1,369	1,074	1,020	969
School Gas	7,193	8,586	8,157	7,749
Leisure Gas	1,859	1,119	1,063	1,010
Council Fleet	541	1,993	1,967	1,964
Total	10,962	12,772	12,207	11,692
Scope 2				
Purchased Electricity	6,222	2,855	1,980	1,710
Schools Electricity	4,376	1,997	1,385	1,196
THH Electricity	5,143	613	425	367
Leisure Electricity	768	424	294	254
Total	16,509	5,889	4,084	3,527
Scope 3				
Staff Mileage	38	23	23	23
Veolia	779	0	0	0
Total	817	23	23	23



Projects



- Project underway to install solar panels on 11 buildings. Due to be completed by early 2025.
- Majority of streetlighting is now LED. This has halved emissions associated to streetlighting and energy costs.
- A Net Zero Building Action Group has been set up that brings stakeholders from across the Council together to coordinate activities which will reduce emissions from council buildings.
- eLearning made available to all staff to provide training on climate change and what the Council is doing.
- £721K secured from government Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme that was matched by the Carbon Fund and Facilities Management to install air source heat pumps at Toby Lane Depot, Jack Dash House and Overland and Mowlem Children Centres.

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Planned carbon fund projects



- LED lighting to council offices – Working with Technical Services to identify opportunities for LED lighting installation to be rolled out
- LED floodlighting to sports pitches – Leisure centres coming back in house from early 2024
- Community Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Generation
- Schools PV project – rollout of PV across education estate
- LBTH decarbonisation projects – Investment grade proposals being undertaken for our buildings
- Heat decarbonisation projects within council homes



Programme Management



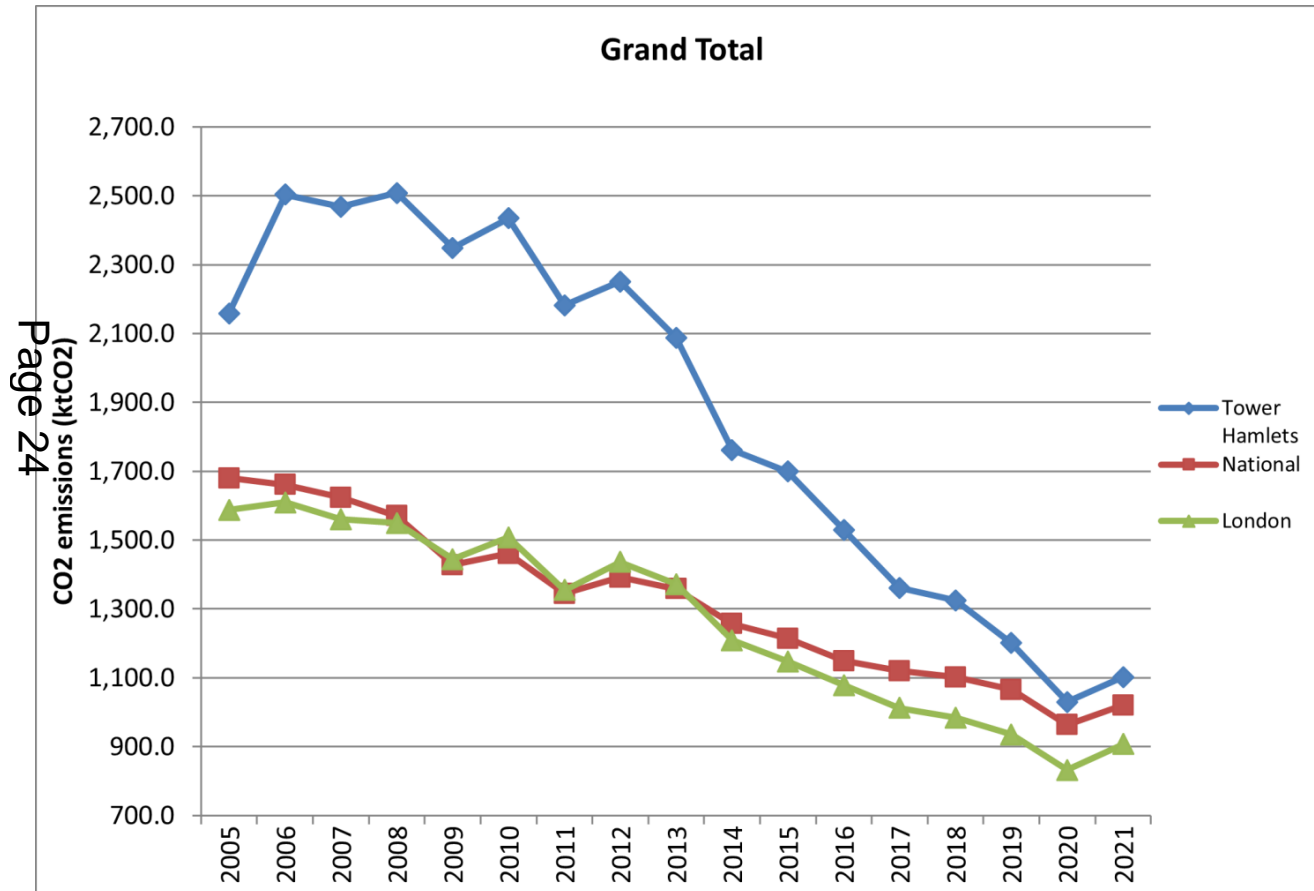
- Internal officer group set up to analyse the impact of the additional scope of emissions.
- 'Investment Grade' surveys being carried out for high emitting buildings.
- Alignment with the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2024-29
- Development of an investment plan
- Cabinet Report summer 2024



Borough wide emissions



Borough emissions



- Carbon emissions in Tower Hamlets have reduced by 49% since 2005.
- This is the 5th highest reduction in emissions amongst London Boroughs.
- The biggest proportion of the Borough's emissions is from Commercial activities which make up 30% of emissions. Next is domestic (21%).
- Per capita emissions in Tower Hamlets have fallen from 8.6tCO₂/per person in 2012 to 3.5tCO₂/per person in 2021. There is also a 70% reduction from the high of 11.5tCO₂/per person in 2006.



Energy Infrastructure Challenges



- 52,000 new homes + 32,000 new jobs = significant demand for reliable electricity supply
- Growth in data centres = significant demand for reliable electricity supply
- National transition to decarbonised energy = much more electricity capacity required
 - 2035 ban on gas boilers for new homes = more heat pumps
 - 2035 ban on sale of fossil fuel cars = more electric vehicles
- West London case study - 10 years+ delays to housing developments

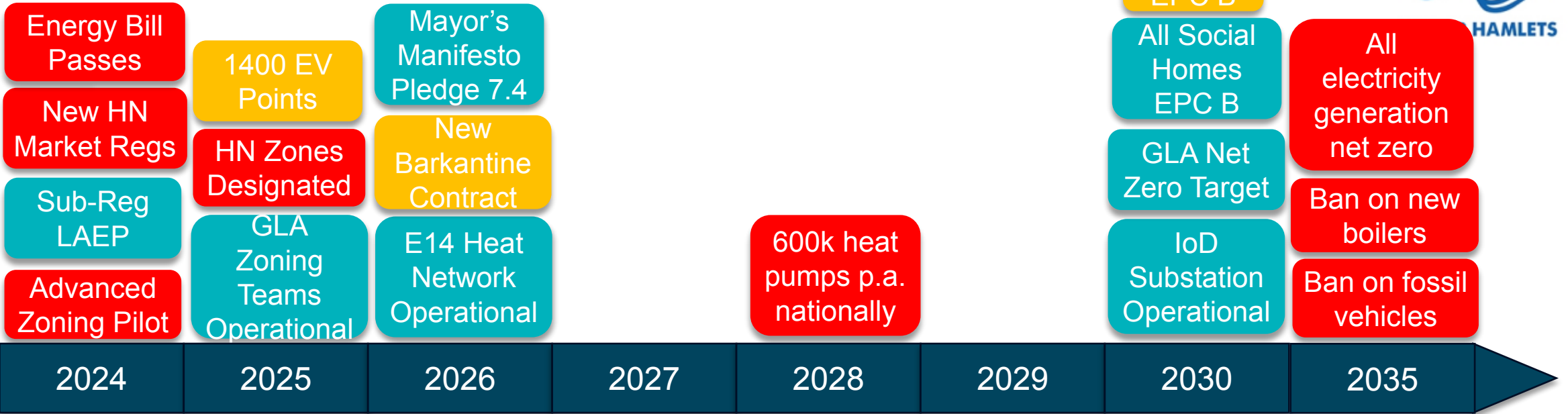


Energy Infrastructure Plan

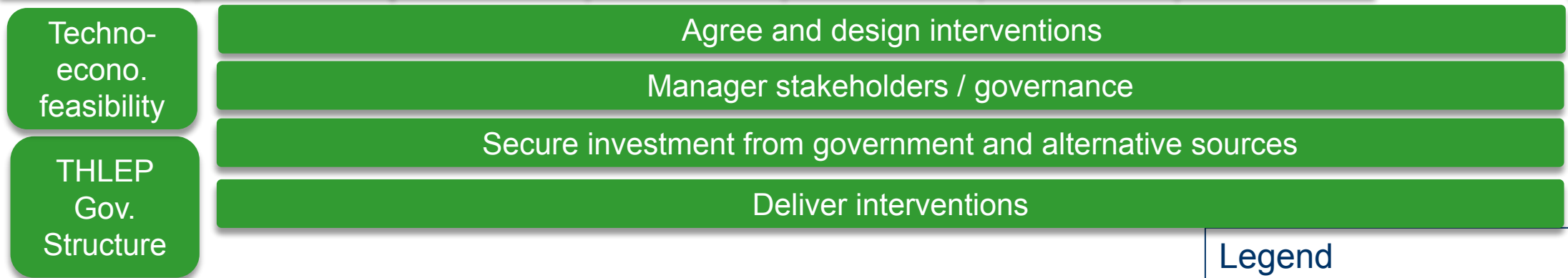


Drivers

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Interventions



NOTE: There are no increased electric capacity milestones

Legend

- Ext. Drivers (teal box)
- Int. Drivers (yellow box)
- THLEP Response (green box)
- Govt. Drivers (red box)



Projects



- The first and second phases of the Carbon Reduction Community Grants programme awarded £531K to 33 charities and community groups in 2022 and 2023
- The projects included community engagement, Solar PV, heat pumps, LED lighting and insulation.
- It is projected the projects will result in carbon emission reductions of 457tCO₂.
- A third phase to award the remaining funding was launched in February.



Projects



- We have also provided grants to Schools and SMEs over the last 5 years to help reduce emissions.
- The Schools Energy Retrofit Project has provided fully funded grants of £670K to 24 schools to complete projects that have reduced emissions by 374tCO₂.
- The SME Energy Improvement Grants Programme provided 50% match funded grants totalling £656K to 140 SMEs to complete retrofit projects. This projects resulted in emission reductions of 383tCO₂.



Governance



Climate Partnership



- The Climate Partnership (and its sub-groups) will promote and encourage leadership on climate action and policy, identify feasible interventions to be carried out by residents, council, and partners to tackle the climate emergency and reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2045 or sooner.
- Provide strategic Leadership, coordinate, develop and implement Partnership/Borough Action Plans, identifying costed delivery plans, seeking funding and sponsorship opportunities.
- Share data, expertise, knowledge, information, and resources and identify good practice, and opportunities to achieve systematic and transformative change, environmental sustainability, and support a fair and just transition to net zero.
- Engage education providers in the borough on green skills, and local businesses on green jobs.
- Conduct collaborative projects to develop local skills to enable mass retrofit of buildings and all tenures of housing.
- Oversee the implementation, monitoring, reporting and review of the Tower Hamlets Net Zero Partnership Action Plan (NZCPAP) relating to greening, growing and biodiversity; and oversee the implementation, monitoring, reporting and review of the Tower Hamlets Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP).
- Promote the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and climate resilience in Tower Hamlets and beyond.



Planned Climate Partnership projects



- Support creation of a borough-wide Climate Alliance and guide its activities.
- Develop a net zero carbon communications campaign, support partnership member communications and map existing initiatives, campaigns and communicate these.
- Work in partnership locally, regionally, and nationally to deliver policies and frameworks to achieve net zero.
- Create a transparent and consistent approach to Carbon Accounting - to use as a borough-wide real-time proxy baseline from which to improve.
- Support climate partnership members to deliver projects to reduce carbon emissions in the borough including carbon reduction projects, retrofitting, behaviour change, and resident engagement.



Mayor's Advisory Board for Climate Change



Cleaner &
Greener Future
for Tower Hamlets

Mayor's Climate
Advisory Board

The Mayor's
Energy Fund


The Mayor's
Waste
Management
Taskforce

The Mayor's Keep
Our Borough
Moving Forum

Pledges:

- Mayor's Advisory Board for Climate Change
- Create green jobs whilst cutting living costs
- Make council carbon neutral
- Make our homes energy efficient
- Work with private and social landlords to improve insulation standards in our homes
- Install green heating systems on our estates, including the use of solar panels, wind turbines and heat and power schemes
- Tree-planting
- Parks and other open spaces
- Tackle air pollution in Tower Hamlets
- Research the causes of poor local air quality
- Increase the number of charging points for electric vehicles in the borough
- Greening our fleet



<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>25.03.2024</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Stephen Halsey, Chief Executive</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Strategic Delivery and Performance Report Year 2 Quarter 3</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Filuck Miah, Corporate Strategy and Communities
Wards affected	All wards

Summary


This cover report accompanies the report for Strategic Delivery and Performance Report Year 2 Quarter 3. The report will be part of the Cabinet meeting agenda for 27 March 2024.

Recommendations:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

1. Review the accompanying report in order to inform discussion for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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Non-Executive Report of the: Overview and Scrutiny Committee 25.03.2024	
Report of: Julie Lorraine, Corporate Director for Resources	Classification: Unrestricted
Budget Monitoring 23/24 Quarter 3	

Originating Officer(s)	Filuck Miah, Corporate Strategy and Communities
Wards affected	All wards

Summary

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FORTHCOMING DECISIONS PLAN

14 March 2024

Website

Current and previous Forthcoming Decision Plans are available on the Council website and new decision notices are published as soon as they are known. The website also contains agendas and reports for all Council Committees, Mayor and Councillor details and more.

To visit the web pages go to: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee
For smart phone/tablet users scan the QR code to the right.



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, Cabinet or Commissioners
 - 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
- All other decisions to be taken at the Commissioners' Decision Making Meetings

Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish notice of all key decisions at least 28 days before they are taken by the Executive or Commissioners. 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 Article 13.03 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions can be taken by the Mayor, Cabinet or by the Commissioners individually or in formal meetings

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

Further information on the Mayor and Members of the Cabinet can be found on the Council [website](#). The Commissioners are Sir Ken Knight, Chris Allison, Max Caller and Alan Wood. They have been appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to carry out certain functions of the Council. Details are set out in Part One of the [Constitution](#).

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

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.

Contact Details for this Plan

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Forthcoming Decisions Plan March 2024

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Title of Report	Strategic Delivery and Performance Report Year 2 Quarter 3	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report will set out performance for Q3 showing progress on the Strategic Plan for all of the reportable strategic measures.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/03/24
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?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Robin Beattie (Acting Director of Strategy Innovation and Transformation) robin.beattie@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	Fixed Penalty Notice Increase for Environmental Crime	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	To inform the Mayor and Cabinet Members of the revised fixed penalty notice (FPN) levels available for environmental crimes, namely fly-tipping, littering, household waste duty of care, graffiti, and fly-posting, which came into force under The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (England) Regulations 2023 (“the Regulations”) on the 31st July 2023		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/03/24
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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	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	Simon Baxter (Corporate Director Public Realm) simon.baxter@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	Budget Monitoring 23/24 Quarter 3	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	Budget Monitoring 23/24 Quarter 3		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/03/24		
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	John Harrison, Abdulrazak Kassim Interim Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit		

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information	john.harrison@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Director Finance, Procurement and Audit) abdulrazak.kassim@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 Report on School Performance for 2022-2023	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	<p>This report provides an overview of education performance in the school year 2022/23.</p> <p>A summary analysis of the 2023 results, compared to previous years, is provided for national average attainment including for Children in Our Care (CIOC). The report highlights successes, challenges and barriers to further progress. The report also highlights THEP support and interventions in primary and secondary schools to raise achievement through system leadership.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you
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	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	Yasmin Ashley, Lisa Fraser Executive Support Team Leader, Childrens & Culture and Health, Adults & Community yasmin.ashley@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Acting Corporate Director, Children's Services) lisa.fraser@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other	

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information will be available?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Grant shopfront Improvement: 57 Brick Lane	Ward(s) Spitalfields & Banglatown	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This item seeks approval for a grant award to be made to enable shopfront improvements to be made to the Grade II listed building, 57 Brick Lane.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Growth
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Mayor Rahman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to Housing and Regeneration DLT on 08.01.2024 • Presented at Jobs, Skills and Growth Portfolio Member on 19.12.2023 • Shared with Mayor Rahman and the Mayor's Office on 19.12.2023. • Regular engagement with the business – they are eager for the works to start. • Engagement with the business on 06.11.2023 to inform them the project was not to proceed. • The business met with the Mayor to discuss reinstating the funding.
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	Ellie Kershaw (Acting Director, Growth and Economic Development) ellie.kershaw@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<p>Planning + Listed Building Consent approved on 26.11.2022 PA/22/01704/NC + PA/22/01705/NC</p> <p>Structural Engineer and Timber Specialist report</p> <p>Structural Engineer sketch for remedial works to the corner brickwork</p> <p>Grants Determination Sub-Committee Report 06.02.2018</p>
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted

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Title of Report	Food Insecurity Action Plan – Response to recommendations	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	As part of the scrutiny committee’s review of LBTH’s response to food insecurity a number of recommendations were made for improvements to the local authority’s response. This report outlines comments from relevant services and actions taken on board as a result of these recommendations.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure
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?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Ellie Kershaw (Acting Director, Growth and Economic Development) ellie.kershaw@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Tower Hamlets Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Food Insecurity in Tower Hamlets Scrutiny Review
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted

Title of Report	Land at Gill Street – Options	Ward(s) Limehouse	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	The report deals with the future of an area of council land at Gill Street, Limehouse. It includes an option for the council to dispose of the land for a new community building.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future

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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	Legal Services, Finance Emails, document circulation		
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	Paul Patterson (Interim Corporate Director Housing And Regeneration) paul.patterson@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	Approval of the council's revised Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The Mayor and Cabinet are asked to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council's revised Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy <p>In addition, permission is sought from the Mayor and Cabinet, should any further amendments be required as a result of legislation or case law, to delegate approval of subsequent amendments to the document to the council's Corporate Director of Housing and Regeneration.</p> <p>The council's revised Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy clearly sets out the council's approach as to how officers will use available housing stock to discharge the council's statutory homelessness duties and responsibilities. The policy will ensure that the council follows current legislation and provides a reference point for Housing Options staff to make their decisions.</p>		

Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	Homes for the future
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding

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Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Health, Adult and Community (HAC) Childrens Services The policy and supporting documents will be discussed with the relevant internal stakeholders in advance of MAB		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Equality Impact Assessment Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Housing with Care Strategy 2023-2033	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	To adopt the Housing with Care Strategy that sets out the high-quality housing with care options that the Council needs to deliver over the next ten years to meet the future care and support needs of residents whilst continuing to promote their independence and wellbeing.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you
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?	A QA checklist will be completed, which confirms that the proposals have due regard to any equalities impacts for the population cohort concerned

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Contact details for comments or additional information	Warwick Tomsett Joint Director, Integrated Commissioning warwick.tomsett@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	Community Engagement Strategy 2024-28	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The Community Engagement Strategy outlines the council's vision for community engagement over the next four years and how we will achieve it.</p> <p>This strategy outlines what community engagement is and why it is important to the council, our guiding principles, and the actions we will take to achieve the outcomes.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you
Cabinet Member	Mayor
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>[Who will be consulted before the decision is made? [i.e. other Directorates/Public/Key Partners/Third Sector etc]. If none write None</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents • Residents with protected characteristics • Council staff from different Directorates • Elected members • VCS organisations • Local businesses • Statutory partners <p>Consultation has taken place on the draft vision and objectives for the Community Engagement Strategy. The consultation aimed to involve diverse stakeholders in developing the strategy.</p> <p>The consultation objectives for the strategy were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand what good community engagement means to the community and

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	<p>the issues they want to be involved in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get feedback from stakeholders on the draft vision, objectives and proposed ideas for achieving the objectives. • Provide stakeholders with the opportunity to share their ideas on achieving the vision and objectives. <p>We wanted participants to feel listened to, engaged, and aware of how the council will consider their input in the strategy development process.</p> <p>The following methods has been used to engage with the different stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Survey • Pop up sessions across different localities and interfaith week event • 2 x Workshop with staff (one in-person, one online) • 2 X Workshop with members (hybrid) • 2 X Workshop partners (one in-person, one online) • 2 X Workshop with residents through Equalities Hub members (hybrid) • Session with targeted residents (Somali, young people, Bangladeshi women) • Meetings with council service areas who are responsible for community engagement activities. 		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Equalities screening tool has been completed at the end of this form]		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Robin Beattie (Acting Director of Strategy Innovation and Transformation) robin.beattie@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	Women's Safety Action Plan	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	The Women's Safety Action Plan includes details on work the Council and partners are taking to improve women's safety across the borough. The Action Plan is based on recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Board.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	Empower Communities and Fight Crime

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Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Safer Communities		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None required for this action plan. However multiple partners and report findings have helped develop the action plan. This is from across Council directorates such as Sports, Parks, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, private businesses, statutory organisations such as MPS and third sector needs. 2019 internal and external VAWG consultation initially highlighted the issue around women’s safety.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes this will be carried out.		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Ann Corbett (Director, Community Safety) ann.corbett@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	The Women’s Safety Action Plan VAWG Strategy Background Paper: The Women’s Safety Overview & Scrutiny Report		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	New Social Housing Regulatory Functions and Nominees to Adopt Responsibilities	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>For Cabinet to approve the nominated council positions to take on additional responsibilities that have derived from the changes to social housing regulations and has created two new functions as summarised below:</p> <p>Regulation 1. Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023</p> <p>Regulative Function “Health and Safety Lead” – to monitor Health & Safety compliance in social housing including assessing risks and providing advice to Cabinet on how the risk should be managed.</p> <p>Regulation 2. Charter for Social Housing Residents/ Consumer Standards</p> <p>Regulative Function “Responsible Person” - to oversee compliance with the new consumer standards. The requirement is noted in the Charter for Social Housing Residents.</p>		

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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
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	Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Charter for Social Housing Residents. 2. The Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 		
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: 2024/25 Annual Delivery Plan	Ward(s) 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 2024/25 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 24/04/24
Community Plan	All Priorities

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Theme	
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	Robin Beattie (Acting Director of Strategy Innovation and Transformation) robin.beattie@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