

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Monday, 22 April 2024 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.

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, 22 April 2024

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 MINUTES (PAGES 9 - 14)

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

4. Appointment of Co-opted Members to Sub-Committees

5. MAYOR'S SPOTLIGHT

Review the Mayor's year end delivery and priorities for 2024-25

6. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT



6 .1 LGA Corporate Peer Review Action Plan

6 .2 Leisure insourcing update

6 .3 Parking Spotlight

7. MARKETS CHALLENGE SESSION

8. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

To consider and agree pre-decision scrutiny questions/comments to be presented at the 24 March 2024 meeting of Cabinet.

9. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG

10. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS (PAGES 19 - 36)

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

11. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

12. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

No decisions of the Mayor in Cabinet were 'called in'.

13. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

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

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

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

15. 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

16. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items

17. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil items.

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

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

(Time allocated 15 minutes).

19. 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

Tuesday, 21 May 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.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HELD AT 17:32 ON MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2024

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	

Other Councillors Present in Person:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	
Councillor Saied Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)
Councillor Kabir Ahmed	((Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding)
Councillor Kabir Hussain	(Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency)

Co-optees In Attendance Virtually:

Halima Islam

Officers Present in Person:

Steve Halsey	(Chief Executive)
Denise Radley	(Corporate Director Health Adult Social Care)
Julie Lorraine	(Corporate Director for Resources)
Karen Swift	(Director of Housing Housing)
Ashraf Ali	(Acting Director of Public Realm)
Fiona Heyland	(Environmental Services Improvement Manager)
Abdul Khan	(Service Manager)
Afazul Hoque	(Head of Corporate Strategy & Communities)
Filick Miah	(Senior Strategy and Policy Officer)
Thomas French	(Democratic Services Officer (Committees))

Officers In Attendance Virtually:

Steve Reddy

(Corporate Director Children's Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Halima Islam gave apologies as she was joining online. Jahid Ahmed gave apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST AND OTHER INTERESTS

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

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The Chair **Moved** and it was:-

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5 and 26 February be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. SCRUTINY SPOTLIGHT

4.1 Climate Emergency

Cllr Kabir Hussain, Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency, with Abdul Khan, Service Manager, Cllr Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding gave a presentation on on the progress of the Councils Climate Emergency Declaration made in 2019 and Net Zero Carbon commitments.

The committee raised the following comments and questions:

- The council is planning on a 75 per cent reduction in council admissions, what will the offsetting look like? Officers stated 75 per cent was chosen as a lot of energy usage is decided by national policy, so a lot of work has been done to understand how much carbon offsetting can be done locally. The council is looking at partnering with key stakeholders in terms of energy within the borough, to share the infrastructure of greener energy.
- Can the committee have an update on the boiler replacement scheme? Officers detailed the procurement of the scheme and how there is current engagement around home owners being more energy efficient. The council was delayed on this scheme when seeking contractors to carry out this project.
- How is the council utilising the net carbon zero fund? Officers detailed the section 106 money that is gained from developers to allow for net

zero carbon projects, local offsetting is being considered but more work needs to be done to understand the impact on the tariff the council would have.

- Other councils have an earlier date for their own Net Zero Carbon target , why is our council date later of 2045? Does the council have the political agenda to tackle the climate crisis? Cllr Kabir Ahmed stated that the current national political landscape has made it harder for the council to make greater improvements on net zero carbon goals. This work comes with a cost, that the council seems to have to work on alone, without the support of the government.
- As Tower Hamlets Homes has been brought in house, what is the council doing to ensure incoming staff and current staff are fully educated on saving energy in their own roles? Cllr Kabir Ahmed stated that the moving into the new town hall has been an opportunity to engage with staff on energy saving measures.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the presentation.

5. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Strategic Delivery and Performance Report Year 2 Quarter 3

Mayor Lutfur Rahman presented the Strategic Delivery and Performance Report with Steve Halsey, Chief Executive, Denise Radley, Corporate Director Health Adult Social Care, Julie Lorraine, Corporate Director for Resources, Karen Swift, Director of Housing, Ashraf Ali, Acting Director of Public Realm, Fiona Heyland, Environmental Services Improvement Manager.

The committee raised the following comments and questions:

- Can targets on homelessness that have been reduced to be seen as more favourable be explained? The Mayor reflected on the targets within the report and stated that the cabinet is always looking at targets to ensure residents feel like the council is working towards improvement. Officers stated targets are always reviewed to ensure they reflect meaningful reporting.
- What can the administration do to ensure they are engaging with Overview and Scrutiny Committee and other back bench members on performance? The Mayor welcomed any member of the committee or across the council to give feedback on any measures in the report. Members of the committee suggested that street cleaning targets needs reviewing in future reporting. Members asked for targets on residents and families who are placed in hotel placements beyond the 6 week limit.
- The funding that has been set aside for waste management, when do you think residents will see the benefit of this? Greater action needs to be taken on recycling. The Mayor stated that waste management is a concern in the borough. The council has declared a waste emergency

and the plans for this are starting to be put in place. Including working with schools and faith groups and increased work on the tall buildings in the borough. Officers reported that recycling rate is only around 16 per cent in the borough, but a recently approved recycling plan at cabinet will see the council start to tackle low recycling. A growing borough population is having an impact on dealing with waste as a council.

- Cross contamination of waste is a concern, especially with weekend visitors to the borough, what is the council doing? Officers reported on what the council is doing for popular locations in the borough and waste, including ensuring markets having separated waste bins.
- What is the lead member doing to understand the level of missed collections in the borough? Is data collection on missed collections being collected correctly? Cllr Kabir Ahmed detailed actions that are being taken to work with Tower Hamlets homes as it has been brought inhouse, but there is more the council can do on missed collections.
- The targets on BAME staff in the council is still below target. What initiatives is the council doing to change this? And are BAME staff valued and supported to move up within the council? Officers highlighted the range of measures that the council is doing to support BAME staff, including recruitment and increasing training for staff.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the report.

5.2 Budget Monitoring 23/24 Quarter 3

Cllr Saied Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living, presented the Budget Monitoring report, with Julie Lorraine, Corporate Director for Resources, Cllr Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding.

The committee raised the following comments and questions:

- Can difficulties around getting landlord Incentive payments be explained, and what impact that is having on tenants? Can issues of residents claiming homeless benefit claims also be explained? Cllr Kabir Ahmed detailed the impact that mortgage increases are having an impact on tenants, but there are areas the council can help with. The council has invested in housing department, which should soon be seen at raising the efficiency levels of dealing with homeless claims. London wide, temporary accommodation is over £90m and this council is in a better placed financially to deal with these claims. Officers confirmed that staffing has been redeployed to look at claims to ensure there is larger capacity for dealing with claims.
- Through out the cost of living crisis, the council is spending more on homelessness and adult social care, what is the financial management for this? Cllr Saied Ahmed stated that the council needs to take a medium strategy to see where the cost pressures are and budget appropriately and have these services supported by commercial

interests. Cllr Kabir Ahmed highlighted a range of commercial activity the council is planning on, but reducing residents using temporary housing services is the main goal, so residents are in secure accommodation and the council is spending less in this area.

- Members requested a follow up on housing benefit claims and those with temporary accommodation.
- Members requested that the means testing of council tax support and the tax on empty homes should be included in future reporting.
- What are the current plans on making homes more energy efficient? Cllr Kabir Ahmed stated that the council is currently looking at a range of methods of making homes energy efficient.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the report.

6. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

Nil items.

7. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE QUERY AND ACTION LOG

Members requested that the action log is always presented at each meeting, even to just highlight ongoing actions.

Cllr Marc Franics requested an update on the housing options service.

8. VERBAL UPDATES FROM SCRUTINY LEADS

Cllr March Francis asked about an update on resources scrutiny lead, and what scrutiny activity has been enabled in place of having a lead. Officers confirmed that the committee has collectively reviewed the budget and the committee previously had an additional session on the cost of living.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the updates.

9. FORTHCOMING DECISIONS

RESOLVED:

Members noted the forward plan.

10. REQUESTS TO SUBMIT PETITIONS

Nil items.

11. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil items.

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

The Chair informed the committee that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be moved to Tuesday evenings in 2024/25.

13. 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.

14. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

15. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS 'CALLED IN'

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 20:05

Chair, Councillor Musthak Ahmed
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Overview & Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Monday 22 April 2024</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Linda Walker, Interim Director Legal and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p>Appointment of Co-opted Members to Sub Committees</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
Wards affected	All

Executive Summary

The Committee is asked to note the selection process for two co-opted members and appoint them to the two respective Scrutiny Sub Committees.

Recommendations:

The Committee is recommended to:

1. Agree the appointment of Hasan Chowdhury to the position of Parent Governor representative on the Children and Education Scrutiny Sub Committee for the period of the current administration.
2. Agree the appointment of Jessic Chiu to the position of Healthwatch representative on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee for the period of the current administration.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 To appoint an elected candidate to a role on the Children and Education Scrutiny Sub Committee in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules and the terms or reference the Children and Education Scrutiny Sub Committee.
- 1.2 To appoint a nominated candidate to a role on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules and accordance with the terms of reference the Health and Adult Scrutiny Sub Committee.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 There are no alternative options. The proposed candidate has been elected as the nominee to the parent governor co-optee position following an election

process held in accordance with statutory requirements of the Children and Education.

Additionally the proposed candidate has been nominated as the Healthwatch Tower Hamlets representative on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

Introduction

- 3.1 The Council's scrutiny arrangements provide for the appointment of statutory education co-optees who sit on the Children's and Education Scrutiny Sub Committee. a Church of England representative; a Roman Catholic representative; a Muslim representative and 3 Parent Governor representatives.
- 3.2 Most of the statutory education co-optees for the current administration were appointed at the Committee meeting in June 2022. It was reported at the sub-committee meeting in October 2023 one of the Parent Governor representative Abena Adeji resigned from the role.
- 3.3 In accordance with the relevant legislation an election was held, supported by officers in the Council's Governor Services team, to determine the nominee for this one remaining parent governor role between [January and February 2024]. Hasan Chowdhury, who is a parent governor at Cayley Primary School, was elected as the preferred candidate. The Committee is asked to appoint Mr Hasan Chowdhury to the position of co-opted Parent Governor Representative on the Children and Education Scrutiny Sub Committee.
- 3.4 The terms of reference on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee provide for Tower Hamlets Healthwatch to nominate a non-voting Co-opted member. In February 2024 Healthwatch advised the council that they wish to replace the current nominee Nicola Lawrence with Ms Jessica Chiu.
- 3.5 The Committee is asked to appoint Ms Jessica Chiu to the position of Healthwatch representative on the Health and Adults Scrutiny Sub Committee.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.
- Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.

5.2 The Council's Code of Conduct for Members applies to scrutiny co-optees. Training will be provided by officers to the co-opted representatives on the Code of Conduct which will include declarations of interest, exempt reports and data protection.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 This report provides an update on the selection of co-opted representatives for **scrutiny sub-committees** and asks the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to endorse the candidates selected. The only financial implication as a result of the recommendation within this report is to note that each co-opted representative is entitled to claim an attendance allowance of **£136** per meeting. This will be funded within existing budget.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

7.1 Pursuant to section 9FA (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 2000, an overview and scrutiny committee of a local authority, or any sub-committee of such a committee, may include persons who are not members of the authority but any persons who are not members of the local authority are not entitled to vote at any meeting of its overview and scrutiny committee, or any sub-committee of such a committee, except where this is permitted under Schedule A1 to the Act. Paragraph 11 of Schedule A1 permits a Local Authority to allow a co-opted representative to the Committee or sub-committee to vote in accordance with a scheme. The Council's Constitution permits the appointment of a Muslim representative to the Education sub-committee and for that representative to vote on education matters only.

7.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules provides that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be responsible for agreeing the appointment of coopted representatives. This report is asking for the Committee to approve the appointment of one (1) co-opted representatives to the Children and Education Scrutiny Sub Committee and such request is within the Committees powers. Until such time as the Committee approves the appointment, the co-opted representatives cannot sit on the Committee

7.3 When taking action, the Council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty).

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices

- None.

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

- None.

Officer contact details for documents:

Joel West, Democratic Services Team Leader (Committee)



FORTHCOMING DECISIONS PLAN

11 April 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.

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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>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 the issues they want to be involved in. • 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	Equalities screening tool has been completed at the end of this form]

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Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	
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	Tower Hamlets Young People's Supported Housing Pathway
	Ward(s) All Wards
	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The tender for the Young People Supported Housing Pathway (YPSHP) went live on 18th of September 2023 and closed on 17th of November 2023. After the moderation and evaluation of the tenders had concluded, the highest scorers in 3 of the 5 lots in the YPSHP were unable to demonstrate that the provision would provide best value and quality for our children. The current contracts in the YPSHP are delivered through four block contracts with three providers. These contracts will expire on 31st May 2024.</p> <p>The report will ask Cabinet to approve the retendering of the YPSHP and an extension to the existing contracts which will shortly come to an end. This will ensure service continuity and the commencement of a procurement exercise will enable contracts to be awarded to suitably qualified providers when the existing contract extensions have ended. A four-month awarding period will allow for engagement with stakeholders, followed by a four-month mobilisation period to establish; data systems, partnerships, estates, facilities, and service pathways.</p>

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, 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	Senior Managers and DLT in Children's Services Consultation has taken place with the internal stakeholders in the YPSH Pathway as part of Children and Young Peoples Placement Board and Young People's Task and Finish Group
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been	

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carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Layla Richards (Head of Strategy and Policy – Children and Culture) layla.richards@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	New Social Housing Regulatory Functions and Nominees to Adopt Responsibilities
	Ward(s) All Wards
	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	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: Regulation 1. Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 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. Regulation 2. Charter for Social Housing Residents/ Consumer Standards Regulative Function “Responsible Person” - to oversee compliance with the new consumer standards. The requirement is noted in the Charter for Social Housing Residents.

Decision maker	Cabinet
Date of decision	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	N/A

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

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?	No

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Contact details for comments or additional information	Dr Somen Banerjee (Director of Public Health) somen.banerjee@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	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
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

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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 Date of decision	Cabinet 22/05/24
Community Plan Theme	Homes for the future
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	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

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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 22/05/24		
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		
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	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</p>		

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the Strategic Plan, and how we will measure progress.

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 22/05/24		
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?	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		
Title of Report	Victoria Park Licence to Occupy	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	The granting of a licence to AEG Presents Limited to occupy areas of Victoria Park at times to be specifically agreed between August 2024 and September 2027. This is a key decision in that it may have a significant impact on the communities of two or more wards.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 22/05/24		
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation		

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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	Jahur Ali (Director Leisure and Culture) Jahur.Ali@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?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Exempt appendix 1		
Title of Report	Draft Serious Violence and Exploitation Strategy	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>The Serious Violence Duty came into effect in Jan 2023, requiring police, councils and local services to work together to share information and target interventions to prevent and reduce serious violence. The authorities responsible were responsible for forming a relevant partnership, agreeing a local definition of serious violence, producing a serious violence needs assessment for the borough and using this to inform a strategic delivery plan for the partnership to tackle serious violence. The serious violence and exploitation strategy group is a sub-group of the Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>This item presents the Draft Serious Violence and Exploitation Strategic Plan: formulated using the findings from the Serious Violence needs assessment, recommendations, engagement with professionals and wider consultation with our local residents (including children, young people and young adults).</p> <p>The Serious Violence Plan on a Page, produced in Jan 2024, has been used to consult the public and professionals on the proposed approach to tackling violence and exploitation: contributing to the development of the full strategic delivery plan.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 10/07/24
Community Plan Theme	Empower Communities and Fight Crime
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Safer Communities

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Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Residents and Stakeholders Consultation with residents and stakeholders has been a part of the process of developing of this strategy		
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	Ann Corbett (Director, Community Safety) ann.corbett@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	A New Met for London Plan, 2023-2025 Serious Violence Duty - Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 Serious Violence Needs Assessment 2023		
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 22/05/24
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	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	Paul Patterson (Interim Corporate Director Housing And Regeneration)

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information	paul.patterson@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	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 22/05/24		
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	No, Unrestricted		

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consider this report in private session and if so why?			
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 22/05/24		
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 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	Food Insecurity Action Plan –	Ward(s) All Wards	Key Decision?

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	Response to recommendations		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 22/05/24
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

