

Cabinet



Wednesday, 27 November 2024 at 5.30 p.m.

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Agenda

Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Cabinet Members

Councillor Maium Talukdar	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor))
Councillor Kabir Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding)
Councillor Musthak Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Jobs, Enterprise, Skills and Growth)
Councillor Saied Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)
Councillor Shafi Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency)
Councillor Kamrul Hussain	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation)
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care)
Councillor Abu Chowdhury	(Cabinet Member for Safer Communities)
Councillor Abdul Wahid	(Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Equalities and Social Inclusion)

[The quorum for Cabinet is 3 Members]

Further Information

Reports for consideration, meeting contact details, public participation and more information on Cabinet decision-making is available on the following pages.



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A Guide to CABINET

Decision Making at Tower Hamlets

As Tower Hamlets operates the Directly Elected Mayor system, **Mayor Lutfur Rahman** holds Executive powers and takes decisions at Cabinet or through Individual Mayoral Decisions. The Mayor has appointed nine Councillors to advise and support him and they, with him, form the Cabinet. Their details are set out on the front of the agenda.

Which decisions are taken by Cabinet?

Executive decisions are all decisions that aren't specifically reserved for other bodies (such as Development or Licensing Committees). In particular, Executive Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor either at Cabinet or as Individual Mayoral Decisions.

The constitution describes Key Decisions as an executive decision which is likely

- a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, above £1million; or
- b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the borough.

Upcoming Key Decisions are published on the website on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page through www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee

Published Decisions and Call-Ins

Once the meeting decisions have been published, any 5 Councillors may submit a Call-In to the Service Head, Democratic Services requesting that a decision be reviewed. This halts the decision until it has been reconsidered.

- The decisions will be published on: **Friday, 29 November 2024**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 6 December 2024**

Any Call-Ins will be considered at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee can reject the call-in or they can agree it and refer the decision back to the Mayor, with their recommendations, for his final consideration.

Public Engagement at Cabinet

The main focus of Cabinet is as a decision-making body. However there is an opportunity for the public to contribute through making submissions that specifically relate to the reports set out on the agenda.

Members of the public may make written submissions in any form (for example; Petitions, letters, written questions) to the Clerk to Cabinet (details on the previous page) by 5 pm the day before the meeting.

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PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There will be an opportunity (up to 15 minutes) for members of the public to put questions to the Mayor and Cabinet Members before the Cabinet commences its consideration of the substantive business set out in the agenda.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

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Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine; whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

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

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

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

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The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 October 2024 are presented for approval.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to unrestricted business to be considered.

5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(Under provisions of Section 30, Rule 59 of the Constitution).

6. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1	Young Tower Hamlets Progress Update	27 - 72
Report Summary: A priority within the Mayoral Manifesto Pledge and Strategic Plan 2022-2026. This report provides a progress update on the roll out of our new Young Tower Hamlets youth service.		
Wards: All Wards		
Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)		
Corporate Priority: All Priorities		
6.2	Housing Consumer Standard Compliance	73 - 136
Report Summary: This report summarises the Council's position against the Regulator of Social Housing's Consumer Standards and our proposed action plan and Governance Arrangements to meet the standards		
Wards: All Wards		
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding		
Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you		
6.3	Approval of council's Tenant and Leaseholder Engagement Strategy	137 - 194
Report Summary: Following the in-sourcing of Tower Hamlets Homes to the council, the council's new Council Tenant and Leaseholder's Engagement Strategy of the landlord service has been refreshed and aligned with the council's draft Community Engagement Strategy.		
Wards: All Wards		
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding		
Corporate Priority: A council that works for you and listens to you		



6 .4 Approval of the council's new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029 195 - 448

Report Summary:

This report seeks approval from the Mayor and Cabinet of the council's new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029.

The council has a statutory duty under the Homelessness Act (2002) to conduct a review of the nature and extent of homelessness in its District (borough) every five years and to develop a strategy setting out:

- how services will be delivered in the future to tackle homelessness; and
- the available resources to prevent and relieve homelessness.

The council's most recent Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy ended in December 2023 and this new strategy fulfils this statutory and mandatory requirement on the council in its role as a Local Housing Authority.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Corporate Priority: Homes for the future

6 .5 Combating Drugs Partnership - Substance Misuse Strategy 449 - 718

Report Summary:

The Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP), a statutory partnership board under the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), has produced its Substance Misuse strategy for 2024-2027. This strategy has received formal sign off via the CDP and CSP boards but is also being submitted for approval via the Council's sign-off procedures.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
Corporate Priority: Empower Communities and Fight Crime



6 .6 Child Healthy Weight Scrutiny Challenge Session - Action Plan Response	719 - 756
<p>Report Summary: In May 2025, the Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee (CESSC) published a report on Child Healthy Weight, following the Challenge Session held in November 2023. The CESSC made 8 recommendations to further strengthen existing efforts across Tower Hamlets improve child healthy weight across Tower Hamlets across the following themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food 2. Physical Activity 3. Psychology and Culture <p>In response to the recommendations, Public Health in partnership with colleagues across the Council have developed a Child Healthy Weight Scrutiny Challenge Session – Action Plan, which has been incorporated into our existing Child Healthy Weight Action.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>	

6 .7 Health and Adult Scrutiny - Disabilities Peoples Access to Sports and Exercise Provision	757 - 770
<p>Report Summary: Following the insourcing of the Be Well Leisure Service on 1st May 2024, the Action Plan identifies and priorities initiatives that will enhance visibility and representation of people with disabilities and those living with long-term ill health conditions within the leisure sports and fitness workforce.</p> <p>Wards: All Wards Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation Corporate Priority: All Priorities</p>	



6 .8 Planning for School Places 2025/26 Review and Recommendations 771 - 900

Report Summary:

This is the council's annual report on its review of pupil place planning in Tower Hamlets. It explains: the current position on the provision of school places in the borough;
the projected demand for school places in future years;
the steps being taken to manage the sufficiency and sustainability of school places in accordance with the council's school organisation strategy.

The report also serves to inform: decisions on education capital investment planning and future bids to the DfE's new school programmes;
the medium to longer term commissioning or decommissioning of places for children and young people with SEND;
discussions with school and trust leaders around required changes to current SEND provision to meet emerging needs.

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

6 .9 Stepney Greencoat CE School – Expansion to Include Permanent Nursery Provision 901 - 958

Report Summary:

A decision is required by Cabinet on the statutory proposal to extend the age range of Stepney Greencoat CE Primary School to 3 -11 years of age, to enable the permanent establishment of nursery provision for 3 and 4 year olds.

The nursery provision, was initially established as a two year pilot, but a Council decision is now required for it to continue on a permanent basis from the start of the 2025-26 school year.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Corporate Priority: Accelerate Education



6 .10 Neighbourhood Planning: Determination of Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum Redesignation Application	959 - 994
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Report Summary:

Neighbourhood forum designations expire five years after they are initially granted. The Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum designation expired on 16 August 2022. The Forum submitted an application in August 2022, which was refused by the Mayor in Cabinet on 21 June 2023 on the basis that the membership of the Forum was not considered to be representative of the population of the area. The Forum submitted a new application for redesignation on 5 April 2024, after working to address the reason for refusal by broadening the Forum's membership and changing the executive committee

Wards: Bow East; Bow West
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Corporate Priority: TH Plan 1: Tower Hamlets will be a fair, inclusive and an anti-racist borough.?

6 .11 Continuation of Business Rates Pooling	995 - 998
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Report Summary:

This report requests approval to continue membership in the 8 Authority Pool for Business Rates for 2025-26.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
Corporate Priority: Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure

6 .12 Be Well - Leisure Capital Investment Proposals	To Follow
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Report Summary:

In September 2024, Cabinet agreed to support the development of options appraisals and feasibility studies for further investment to improve leisure facilities and decided these should be presented to the November meeting for consideration. The report is requesting approval in principle to a Be Well leisure facility improvement programme based upon those feasibility studies. Any additional investment will need to be agreed by Cabinet and Council as part of the 2025/26 budget setting process.

Wards: All Wards
Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation
Corporate Priority: Invest in public services

7. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT



8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Should the Mayor in Cabinet consider it necessary, it is recommended that the following motion be adopted to allow consideration of any exempt/restricted documents.

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972”.

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The Exempt / Confidential (Pink) Committee papers in the Agenda will contain information, which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. If you do not wish to retain these papers after the meeting, please hand them to the Committee Officer present.

9. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

10. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

10 .1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to report on any issues raised by the OSC in relation to exempt/confidential business to be considered.

10 .2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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11. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Next Meeting of Cabinet:

Wednesday, 18 December 2024 at 5.30 p.m. in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel



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