

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2008**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5  
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Carli Harper-Penman, Abdul Matin and Abdul Asad and for lateness from Councillors Rupert Bawden and Fozol Miah.

**DECISION**

That the apologies for absence and lateness be noted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Please see minutes.

**3. MINUTES**

**DECISION**

That the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and the Mayor be authorised to sign them accordingly.

**4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Please see minutes.

**5. TO RECEIVE ANY DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS**

**DEPUTATIONS**

**5.1.1 Deputation: Future of the Bethnal Green Centre**

Mr. Roberto Foth addressed the meeting in support of the deputation.

**DECISION**

That the deputation be referred to the Corporate Director, Children's Services for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Kevan Collins, Corporate Director, Children's Services)

**5.1.2 Deputation: Recognising and establishing a policy on Faith and Religion**

Mr. Hussain addressed the meeting in support of the deputation.

**DECISION**

That the deputation be referred to the Assistant Chief Executive for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Michael Keating, Assistant Chief Executive)

**5.1.3 Deputation: Island Homes Housing Association**

Ms. Jenny Fisher addressed the meeting in support of the deputation.

**DECISION**

That the deputation be referred to the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Paul Evans, Corporate Director, Development and Renewal)

**PETITIONS**

**5.2.1 Petition from Mr. Iqbal Hossain on traffic calming on Abbott Road**

Mr. Iqbal Hossain addressed the meeting in support of the petition.

**DECISION**

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

**5.2.2 Petition re: management and regulation of community projects and premises in Stepney**

Mr. Ali addressed the meeting in support of the meeting.

**DECISION**

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Paul Evans, Corporate Director, Development and Renewal)

### **5.2.3 Petition re: Parking on the Crossways estate**

Mr. George Bailey addressed the meeting in support of the petition.

#### **DECISION**

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Paul Evans, Corporate Director, Development and Renewal)

## **6. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

6.1 Question from Mr. Terry McGreenera to the Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer, Greener, Councillor Abdal Ullah, re: how many fixed penalty notices have the Environmental Services department issued over the past two years?

The above question was put by Mr McGreenera and responded to by Councillor Ullah.

(Action by: John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)

6.2 Question from Ms. Joanna Kaschke re: Improvements to Council housing blocks and leaseholder charges.

Ms Kaschke was unable to attend the meeting and would therefore receive a written answer to her question.

(Action by: John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)

6.3 Question from Mr. Alan Tucker to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis, re: the former Safeway site in Roman Road.

The above question and an oral supplementary question were put by Mr Tucker and responded to by Councillor Francis.

(Action by: John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)

## **7. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

7.1 Question from Councillor Ann Jackson to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Mark Francis, re: the number of social rented homes built in Tower Hamlets in 2007/08.

7.2 Question from Councillor Peter Golds to the Lead Member for Culture and Leisure, Councillor Rofique Ahmed, re: the Borough's archive collection.

- 7.3** Question from Councillor Abjol Miah to the Lead Member for Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships, Councillor Ohid Ahmed, re: the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 trademarks.
- 7.4** Question from Councillor Stephanie Eaton to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis, re: reducing levels of overcrowding in the Borough's residential accommodation.
- 7.5** Question from Councillor Lutfa Begum to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis, re: leaseholder service charges.
- 7.6** Question from Councillor Fazlul Haque to the Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor Clair Hawkins, re: how the London Youth Offer will be invested to improve youth services in the Borough.
- 7.7** Question from Councillor Tim Archer to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis, re: the establishment of Tower Hamlets Homes.

The above questions, and oral supplementary questions where put, were responded to by the relevant lead members.

Due to the lack of time, questions 7.8 to 7.26 were not put. Written responses will be forwarded to the questioners.

(Action by John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)

## **8. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

### **8.1 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2007/08**

#### **DECISION**

That the Council note the annual report from Overview and Scrutiny.

(Action by Michael Keating, Assistant Chief Executive)

### **8.2 Report of the Cabinet Meeting of 7th May 2008**

#### **DECISION**

That the Mail Forwarding Registration functions under section 75 of the London Local Authorities Act 2007 will come into force in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on the appointed day of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

(Action by Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

### **8.3 Report of the Cabinet Meeting of 11th June 2008**

An addendum sheet was tabled setting out proposed amendments to the circulated Tower Hamlets Community Plan and Local Area Agreement documents.

#### **DECISION**

1. That the Tower Hamlets Community Plan 2020 and Local Area Agreement 2008-11 attached as appendices 1 and 3 to the report be approved subject to the amendments set out in the tabled addendum and to any further appropriate amendments to ensure that they are accurate and reflect the views of members.
2. That the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader of the Council (and Chair of the Partnership), the Lead Member, Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships and the Vice-Chair of the Partnership, be authorised to make appropriate amendments to the Tower Hamlets Community Plan 2020 and Local Area Agreement 2008-11 in advance of final publication.
3. That the Council's Strategic Plan 2008/09 and Best Value Performance Plan as set out in appendices 1 and 3 to the report be approved subject to any appropriate amendments to ensure that the plans are accurate, coherent and reflect the views of members.
4. That the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader of the Council and the appropriate Lead Member, be authorised to make appropriate and necessary amendments to the Strategic Plan 2008/09 and BVVP (2007/2008) in advance of final publication.

(Action by Michael Keating, Assistant Chief Executive/Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

### **9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND QUESTIONS ON JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

#### **9.1 Joint Arrangements**

There was no business under this heading to be considered.

#### **9.2 External Organisations**

There was no business under this heading to be considered.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS****10.1 Proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution: Development Procedure Rules/Planning Code of Conduct****DECISION**

That the revised Planning Code of Conduct (Part 5.2); Development Procedure Rules (Part 4.8) and Development Committee Functions and Delegations (Part 3.3.4) attached as appendices A – C to the report be agreed for inclusion in the Council's Constitution, subject to the amendments proposed by Councillor Shafiqul Haque and seconded by Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed as set out in the tabled document.

(Action by: Isabella Freeman, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)/ Paul Evans, Corporate Director, Development and Renewal).

**11. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Motions 11.1 to 11.12 as listed below were not considered due to lack of time, the meeting having closed following item 10.1 above in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (Duration of meeting).

**11.1 Motion submitted by Councillor Mamun Rashid regarding Community Centre for Tarling Estate****11.2 Motion submitted by Councillor Stephanie Eaton regarding ID Cards****11.3 Motion submitted by Councillor Timothy Archer regarding Leaseholder Services****11.4 Motion submitted by Councillor Alex Heslop regarding support for the Co-operative and Social Enterprise Sector****11.5 Motion submitted by Councillor Oliur Rahman regarding security for visitors to Bangladesh****11.6 Motion submitted by Councillor Shahed Ali regarding webcasting/pro-active access to Council Committee meetings****11.7 Motion submitted by Councillor Philip Briscoe regarding Special Constables****11.8 Motion submitted by Councillor Harun Miah regarding the Arms Trade****11.9 Motion submitted by Councillor Ahmed Hussain regarding the future of the GP surgeries in Tower Hamlets**

**11.10 Motion submitted by Councillor Abjol Miah regarding PCT and GP practice contracting**

**11.11 Motion submitted by Councillor Md. Abdul Munim regarding Financial Rescue Schemes**

**11.12 Motion submitted by Councillor Dulal Uddin regarding the East London Line**

The meeting ended at 10.50 p.m.

Chair,  
Council