



Meeting of the

TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL

BUDGET MEETING

Wednesday, 3 March 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

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VENUE

Council Chamber, 1st Floor,
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**TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER
HAMLETS**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG** at **7.30 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2010**

Dr Kevan Collins
Chief Executive

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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7.30 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Chief Executive.

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3. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

4. TO RECEIVE ANY PETITIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

No requests for deputations or petitions to the meeting had been received at the time of agenda despatch.

Details of any valid deputations or petitions received before the deadline set by the Council's Constitution will be circulated to Members before the meeting. To be taken at the Budget Meeting a deputation or petition must relate to the Council's Budget or to the setting of the Council Tax.

5. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2010/11

5.1 Report of the Cabinet Meeting of 10th February 2010

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To consider the proposals of the Executive in relation to the Budget and Council Tax 2010/11.

The Budget Council Meeting Document Pack is circulated with this agenda. This includes the report of the Cabinet Meeting of 10th February 2010; the Budget Motion from the Lead Member for Resources and Performance; the updated report of the Corporate Director, Resources; supporting documents as previously circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Cabinet; and the results of consultation that were also circulated separately prior to the Cabinet meeting.

For ease of reference an index to the items contained in the Budget Council Meeting Document Pack is attached.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This note is guidance only. Members should consult the Council's Code of Conduct for further details. Note: Only Members can decide if they have an interest therefore they must make their own decision. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending at a meeting.

Declaration of interests for Members

Where Members have a personal interest in any business of the authority as described in paragraph 4 of the Council's Code of Conduct (contained in part 5 of the Council's Constitution) then s/he must disclose this personal interest as in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Code. Members must disclose the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting and certainly no later than the commencement of the item or where the interest becomes apparent.

You have a **personal interest** in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

- (a) An interest that you must **register**
- (b) An interest that is not on the register, but where the well-being or financial position of you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association, is likely to be affected by the business of your authority more than it would affect the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision.

Where a personal interest is declared a Member may stay and take part in the debate and decision on that item.

What constitutes a prejudicial interest? - Please refer to paragraph 6 of the adopted Code of Conduct.

Your personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest in a matter if (a), (b) and either (c) or (d) below apply:-

- (a) A member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think that your personal interests are so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interests; AND
- (b) The matter does not fall within one of the exempt categories of decision listed in paragraph 6.2 of the Code; AND EITHER
- (c) The matter affects your financial position or the financial interest of a body with which you are associated; or
- (d) The matter relates to the determination of a licensing or regulatory application

The key points to remember if you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting:-

- i. You must declare that you have a prejudicial interest, and the nature of that interest, as soon as that interest becomes apparent to you; and
- ii. You must leave the room for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision unless (iv) below applies; and

- iii. You must not seek to improperly influence a decision in which you have a prejudicial interest.
- iv. If Members of the public are allowed to speak or make representations at the meeting, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, by statutory right or otherwise (e.g. planning or licensing committees), you can declare your prejudicial interest but make representations. However, you must immediately leave the room once you have finished your representations and answered questions (if any). You cannot remain in the meeting or in the public gallery during the debate or decision on the matter.

Agenda Item 5.1

COMMITTEE	DATE	CLASSIFICATION	REPORT NO.	AGENDA NO.
Council (Budget Meeting)	3 March 2010	Unrestricted		
REPORT OF: Assistant Chief Executive	TITLE: Budget and Council Tax 2010/11			
ORIGINATING OFFICER(S): John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services	Ward(s) Affected: All			

1. Summary

- 1.1 The papers relating to the proposals of the Executive for the Authority's Budget and Council Tax 2010/11 are set out in the Budget Council Meeting Document Pack circulated with the agenda for the Council Meeting.
- 1.2 The Document Pack includes the report of the Cabinet Meeting of 10th February; the Budget Motion from the Lead Member for Resources and Performance; the updated report of the Corporate Director, Resources; supporting documents as previously circulated to all Councillors in advance of the Cabinet; and the results of consultation that were also circulated separately prior to the Cabinet meeting.
- 1.3 For ease of reference an index to the items contained in the Budget Council Meeting Document Pack is set out overleaf.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the recommendations of the Cabinet meeting of 10th February 2010 and the Budget Motion as set out in the attached Document Pack.

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