



Meeting of the

# **TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL**

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## **EXTRAORDINARY BUDGET MEETING**

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**Tuesday, 8 March 2011 at 7.30 p.m.**

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### **A G E N D A**

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#### **VENUE**

**Council Chamber, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Town Hall, Mulberry Place,  
5 Clove Crescent,  
London E14 2BG**

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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 **TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2011**

Kevan Collins  
**Chief Executive**

# LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

## COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2011

7.30 p.m.

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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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.

3. **TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

4. **BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2011/12**

To consider the revised proposals of the Mayor and Executive in relation to the Council's Budget and Council Tax 2011/12 **(to follow)**

The first Budget Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February agreed an amendment to the Mayor's budget proposals. In accordance with the statutory rules relating to budget setting, if the Council wishes to amend the Mayor's proposals it must refer the matter back to the Mayor for him to give further consideration to his proposals in the light of the amendment; and must allow the Mayor a period of at least five working days to do so.

This reconsideration period will expire on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the Mayor's revised budget proposals will be circulated to Members as soon as they are available.

The full Budget Document Pack, including the report of the Cabinet Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011; the original Budget Motion from the Cabinet Member for Resources; the report of the Corporate Director, Resources as submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet; and supporting documents updated in accordance with the Cabinet's recommendations, was circulated to Councillors with the agenda for the first Budget Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. **Members are asked to bring their copy of the Document Pack with them to this meeting.**

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# Agenda Item 2

## 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.