



Meeting of the

# **TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL**

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## **BUDGET MEETING**

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**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 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 **WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

Aman Dalvi  
**Interim Chief Executive**

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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 SPEAKER OF COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

### 4. TO RECEIVE ANY PETITIONS

The Council's Constitution provides for the Budget Council Meeting to receive a maximum of three petitions, which must relate to the Council's budget or the setting of the Council Tax.

The deadline for submission of petitions for this meeting is Noon on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Any valid petitions that are received by the deadline will be notified to Members before the meeting.

### 5. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2012/13

#### 5.1 Report of the Cabinet Meeting of 8th February 2012

To consider the proposals of the Mayor and Executive in relation to the Council's Budget and Council Tax 2012/13.

**The Budget 2012/13 Document Pack** was circulated to all Councillors prior to the Cabinet Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The pack includes:-

- The report of the Corporate Director, Resources: "General Fund Capital and Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2012-2015" (CAB 071/112);
- Appendices relating to the Medium Term Financial Plan; projected budget growth resulting from increased service demand and higher unit costs; approved savings and new savings options; reserves and balances; the Schools Budget; Housing Revenue Account; and the capital programme; and
- The report of the Corporate Director, Resources: "Treasury Management Strategy

Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2012-13" (CAB 072/112).

**Members are asked to bring their copy of the Document Pack with them to the Council Meeting.** The pack is also available on the Council's Website at <http://moderngov.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgConvert2Pdf.aspx?ID=6615&T=9>

The above documents were considered at the Cabinet meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012. At that meeting, the Mayor agreed a number of amendments to his draft budget proposals. In accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, the amended proposals were subsequently considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

The comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been submitted to the Mayor for his consideration. **A supplementary agenda pack will therefore follow**, to include the report of the Cabinet Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 setting out the Mayor's revised budget proposals; the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (13<sup>th</sup> February); the Budget Motion from the Cabinet Member for Resources; and updated appendices setting out details of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/15.

# 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.