

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET**

**HELD AT 5.36 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2014**

**COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE  
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	(Mayor)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	(Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills)

**Other Councillors Present:**

Councillor Kabir Ahmed	(Executive Advisor to the Mayor and Cabinet)
Councillor Md. Maium Miah	(Advisor to the Mayor and Cabinet on Third Sector and Community Engagement)

**Officers Present:**

Jamie Blake	(Service Head of Public Realm, Communities Localities and Culture)
Mark Cairns	(Senior Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer)
Deborah Cohen	(Service Head, Commissioning and Health, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing)
Aman Dalvi	(Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
Ben Gadsby	(Political Adviser to the Conservative Group)
Stephen Halsey	(Head of Paid Service and Corporate Director Communities, Localities & Culture)
Chris Holme	(Acting Corporate Director - Resources)
Ellie Kuper-Thomas	(Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer - Executive Mayor's Office, One Tower Hamlets, DLPG)
Chris Lovitt	(Associate Director of Public Health)
Robert McCulloch-Graham	(Corporate Director, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Anthony Walters	(Transformation Manager, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Graham White	(Interim Head of Legal Operations)
John Fennessy	(Head of Media)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, DLPG)

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Shahed Ali (Cabinet Member for Environment)
- Councillor Rabina Khan (Cabinet Member for Housing)
- Councillor Rania Khan (Cabinet Member for Culture)
- Councillor Oliur Rahman (Cabinet Member for Children's Services)
- Robin Beattie (Service Head Strategy and Resources, CLC)

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

## 3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 February were noted.

## 4. PETITIONS

Nil items.

## 5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### 5.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Unrestricted Business to be Considered

Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) provided an update on the discussions that had taken place at their meeting last night.

In particular he noted:

- Disappointment expressed by OSC Members on the Mayor's reported lack of confidence in the OSC and by his unavailability to attend OSC meetings.
- That a report on Poplar Old Town Hall would be considered once the district auditor had reported.
- There had been a some discussion on a potential new burial site but that this was limited as officers had been unable to provide details of the site due to commercial sensitivity.
- A report on the Executive Mayor's Car had been considered and would be presented to Council on 26 March.
- A scrutiny review on school places would be presented to Cabinet in due course.

Finally, he reported that the OSC Annual Report would be submitted to Council on 26 March and he thanked officers for their support of the Committee over the year.

The **Mayor** thanked Councillor Uz-Zaman for his presentation.

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

The clerk advised that no requests had been received to 'call-in' for further consideration, by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, any provisional decisions taken by the Mayor in Cabinet at the meeting held on 5 February 2014.

## **6. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE**

### **6.1 Highways Contract Re-procurement - Contract Extension**

Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Deputy Mayor, introduced the report. He highlighted the procurement processes involved and that the requirement to deliver additional community benefits meant further officer work had been required.

The **Mayor** accepted the report and **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

### **RESOLVED**

1. To approve the extension of current Highways Contracts outlined in paragraph 3.1 of the report, for a maximum of 3 months.
2. To authorise the Service Head - Legal Services to execute all necessary contract documents to implement this decision.

## **7. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY**

Nil items.

## **8. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY**

Nil items.

## **9. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY**

### **9.1 Award of contract for various Social Care services**

Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, introduced the report. He highlighted the recommendations proposed and the details set out in the report.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report, noted the Exempt/Confidential report on the matter later on the agenda and **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

**RESOLVED**

1. To approve the award of contract to the recommended bidder for each service as listed below:

<b>Service:</b>	<b>Recommended bidder:</b>
Carers Support Services – Dementia Carers Support Service	Alzheimer’s Society Tower Hamlets
Carers Support Services – Somali Carers Support Service	Black Women’s Health & Family Support
Carers Support Services – Bangladeshi Women Carers Support Service	Usha Mohila Somity
Carers Support Services – Carers Retreat Service	London Buddhist Centre

2. To authorise the Corporate Director of Education, Social Care and Wellbeing, after consultation with the Service Head - Legal Services, to agree the final terms and conditions of the contract for each service;
3. To authorise the Service Head - Legal Services to execute all necessary contract documents to implement this decision.

## 9.2 **Permission to extend existing contract for sexual and reproductive health**

Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, introduced the report.

The **Mayor** welcomed the report and highlighted the need to ensure a comprehensive procurement process was undertaken. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out.

**RESOLVED**

1. To agree to the extension of the existing contract to provide sexual and reproductive health services until October 2014.
2. To authorise the Service Head - Legal Services to execute all necessary contract documents to implement this decision.

## 10. **ONE TOWER HAMLETS**

### 10.1 **Child Rights**

The **Mayor** introduced the report highlighting how welcome and beneficial the plans would be. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

**RESOLVED**

1. To consider and agree the wording of the Mayor's Charter of Child Rights and support the launch of the child rights commitment in Tower Hamlets.
2. To agree the Council will be a signatory of the Charter
3. To agree for the charter to be publicly launched, with partner organisations who are also signing the charter and agreeing to promote and embed child rights within their organisations.

**11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

Nil items.

**12. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

Nil items.

**13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC****RESOLVED**

That pursuant to regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting:

- (a) As it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted in Section Two of the agenda, that if members of the public were present during consideration of this business there would be disclosure of exempt information.
- Exempt information is defined in section 100I and, by reference, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the 1972 Act"). To be exempt, information must fall within one of the categories listed in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Schedule 12A, must not fall within one of the excluded categories in paragraphs 8 and 9 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption must outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.
  - Agenda item 14 "Exempt/Confidential Minutes" contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). In particular information relating to the financial affairs of the Council.
  - Agenda item 19.1 "Award of Contracts for Various Social Care Services" contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). In particular information relating to the financial affairs of the Council.

- (b) As although there is a public interest favouring public access to local authority meetings, in this case the Cabinet concluded that given the information contained in the above listed reports that the public interest in maintaining the exemption on the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing it.

**14. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The Exempt/Confidential Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 February 2014 were noted.

**15. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**15.1 Chair's Advice of Key Issues or Questions in Relation to Exempt / Confidential Business to be Considered.**

Nil items.

**15.2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Nil items.

**16. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE**

Nil items.

**17. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY**

Nil items.

**18. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY**

Nil items.

**19. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY**

**19.1 Award of Contract for Various Social Care Services**

The **Mayor** noted the contents of the report.

**RESOLVED**

1. To note the report.

**20. ONE TOWER HAMLETS**

Nil items.

**21. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT**

Nil items.

**22. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 5.58 p.m.

John S. Williams  
SERVICE HEAD, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES