

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.41 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2014

**C1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman
Councillor Oliur Rahman (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Economic Development (Jobs, Skills and Enterprise))
Councillor Ohid Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Shahed Ali (Cabinet Member for Clean and Green)
Councillor Abdul Asad (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury (Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Shafiqul Haque (Cabinet Member for Culture)
Councillor Rabina Khan (Cabinet Member for Housing and Development)
Councillor Aminur Khan (Cabinet Member for Policy, Strategy and Performance)
Councillor Gulam Robbani (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Shah Alam
Councillor Peter Golds (Leader of the Conservative Group)
Councillor Danny Hassell
Councillor Md. Maium Miah

Officers Present:

Andy Bamber (Service Head Safer Communities, Crime Reduction Services, Communities, Localities and Culture)
Robin Beattie (Service Head, Strategy & Resources, Communities Localities & Culture)
Anne Canning (Service Head Learning and Achievement, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Aman Dalvi (Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
David Galpin (Service Head, Legal Services, Law Probity & Governance)
Stephen Halsey (Head of Paid Service and Corporate Director Communities, Localities & Culture)
Chris Holme (Acting Corporate Director - Resources)
Frances Jones (Service Manager One Tower Hamlets, Corporate Strategy and Equality Service, Law Probity & Governance)
Ellie Kuper-Thomas (Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer - Executive Mayor's Office, One Tower Hamlets,

	DLPG)
Poppy Noor	Project Manager - Mayor's Office
Murziline Parchment	(Head of Executive Mayor's Office, Democratic Services, LPG)
Rachael Sadegh	(DAAT Manager, Community Safety Service, Communities Localities & Culture)
Takki Sulaiman	(Service Head Communications, Law, Probity and Governance)
David Tolley	(Head of Consumer and Business Regulations Service, Safer Communities, Communities Localities & Culture)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, LPG)
David Knight	(Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Robert McCulloch-Graham (Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing)
- Meic Sullivan-Gould (Interim Monitoring Officer)

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 23 July 2014 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 Joshua Peck, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, provided an update on the Committee's meeting the previous evening.

He reported that a number of items had been considered including a useful discussion on the Medium Term Financial Plan and forthcoming budget challenges presented by the Cabinet Member for Resources and the Acting Corporate Director Resources. He stated that the discussion had been useful and he emphasised the Committee's concern to ensure it was properly utilised to help prepare proposals to deal with future savings targets.

The Committee had also invited the Chair of One Housing Group to the meeting to discuss concerns over their service provision. However, the Chair had refused to attend. Finally, the Committee had agreed it's work programme.

The **Mayor** thanked Councillor Joshua Peck for his presentation.

5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee - DAAT Commissioning

The Mayor and Cabinet considered the tabled report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Call-In of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Commissioning report from Cabinet on 23 July 2014.

RESOLVED

1. That after consideration of the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the original decision taken at Cabinet on 23 July 2014 be reaffirmed.

6. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

6.1 Consultation on Selective Licensing for the Private Rented Sector Housing

Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing and Development introduced the report. She highlighted problems with the lack of care of tenants in the private sector and explained how the proposed licensing scheme would enable to Council to better monitor the situation.

Following discussion, officers explained that they had not yet designed the consultation process but that it would be with all relevant sectors including landlords, residents and the third sector.

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

RESOLVED

1. To agree that consultation take place on the adoption of the powers for selective licensing within the following former wards: Blackwall and Cubitt Town, Millwall, Weavers, Whitechapel, Spitalfields and Banglatown, Bow East and Bow West. (pre May 22nd boundaries)
2. To agree that a Housing Consultancy should be engaged to assist with conducting the consultation.

7. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

7.1 Planning for School Places - 2014/15 Review

Anne Canning, Service Head, Learning and Achievement, introduced the report. She highlighted the significant increase in demand and how the Council were looking to expand the existing estate where appropriate to meet this demand as far as possible. She highlighted one amendment to the report that in Paragraph 3.10 it should be amended to read that the Former Bow School site would contain a 2FE (two form entry) primary school.

Following discussion the **Mayor** welcomed the report and highlighted its importance to the Administration. He also noted how vital it was to work with developers to secure opportunities for schools whenever they occurred. He **agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To note the contents of this report and agree that the programme outlined in the report to develop proposals to meet the need for additional capacity should continue (noting that any proposals sought to be progressed will require further approvals and decisions before implementation);
2. Note the progress in identifying other development sites which will become available and agree that work to develop the implementation of these proposals should continue (noting that any proposals sought to be progressed will require further approvals and decisions before implementation).

8. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

9. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

9.1 Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2014/15

Andy Bamber, Service Head, Community Service, introduced the report. He highlighted the Statutory Duties the Council was obliged to satisfy. He reported on the high number of inspections that had been completed, the good compliance rates and the proactive plans of the service to support businesses including providing training support.

The **Mayor agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the Tower Hamlets Food Law Enforcement Plan 2014/2015 and Food Sampling Policy attached at the Appendix of the report.

9.2 Extension of Substance Misuse Strategy

Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult's Services introduced the report. He highlighted the importance of treatment in dealing with substance misuse.

Following questions, officers confirmed that they would be refreshing the action plan to go alongside the strategy for the coming year.

The **Mayor agreed** the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

1. To endorse an extension of the current substance misuse strategy by one year to the end of March 2016.
2. To agree that the proposed extension may be presented to Full Council for agreement.

10. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

Nil items.

11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

12. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**12.1 Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions****RESOLVED**

1. To note the exercise of Corporate Directors' discretions as set out in Appendix 1.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil items.

14. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

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 HEALTH AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

20. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

Nil items.

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

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 6.15 p.m.

John S. Williams
SERVICE HEAD, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES