

## LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

## RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.35 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2015

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

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	
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 Shiria Khatun	(Deputy Leader of the Labour Group)
Councillor Md. Maium Miah	
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaquim	
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**Officers Present:**

Katherine Ball	(Senior Accountant, Development & Renewal)
Robin Beattie	(Service Head, Strategy & Resources, Communities Localities & Culture)
Anne-Marie Berni	(Infrastructure Planning Manager, Planning & Building Control, Development & Renewal)
Margaret Cooper	(Section Head Transport & Highways, Public Realm, Communities Localities & Culture)
Aman Dalvi	(Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
Ruth Ebaretonbofa-Morah	(Head of Financial Planning & Development)
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)
Ekbal Hussain	(Financial Planning Manager, Chief Executive's

	and Resources)
Kevin Kewin	(Service Manager, Strategy & Performance)
Paul Leeson	(Finance Manager, Development & Renewal)
Robert McCulloch-Graham	(Corporate Director, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
John McDermott	(Deputy Service Head Media Relations and Analysis)
Kevin Miles	(Chief Accountant, Resources)
Poppy Noor	Project Manager - Mayor's Office
Louise Russell	(Service Head Corporate Strategy and Equality, Law Probity & Governance)
Ann Sutcliffe	(Service Head Corporate Property and Capital Delivery, Development and Renewal)
Owen Whalley	(Service Head Planning and Building Control, Development & Renewal)
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 Councillor Oliur Rahman (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Economic Development).

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None were declared.

#### **3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES**

The unrestricted minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 7 January 2015 were noted. Councillor Ohid Ahmed requested that his name be added to the comments made by Councillor Shahed Ali on Agenda Item 6.2 (Rights of Light – City Pride Development and Island Point Development).

#### **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**

## **Pre Scrutiny Questions and Comments in relation to Items on the Agenda**

Councillor Joshua Peck, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), **tabled**, pre-scrutiny questions in relation to items 6.2 (Multi-Faith Burial Ground) and 8.1 (Borough Wide 20 M.P.H. Zone), comments in relation to Item 6.1 (Community Infrastructure Levy Adoption) and also drew Members attention to the OSC response to the budget papers as set out in the agenda. The Lead Members responded to the questions and comments during consideration of the respective items.

### **5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called In" by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Rights of Light - City Pride Development and Island Gardens**

The Call-In reference report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 February 2015 was **tabled**. The Lead Member responded to the report and after considering the issues the Mayor:

#### **DECISION**

1. That the original decision taken at Cabinet on 7 January 2015 be confirmed.

#### **Action by:**

**CORPORATE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL (A. DALVI)**  
(Service Head Strategy Regeneration & Sustainability (J. Odunoye))

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

### **6.1 Community Infrastructure Levy: Adoption of Charging Schedule**

#### **DECISION**

1. To approve the Charging Schedule (attached at Appendix A) to be put to Full Council for adoption, with the following recommendations: -
  - Approve the Tower Hamlets CIL Charging Schedule, as modified by the Independent Examiner's report, for adoption on the 1 April 2015, as attached at Appendix A.
  - Note the CIL Examination Report, attached at Appendix B.
  - Note the documents which support the proposed Charging Schedule, for adoption alongside it.
  - Note the CIL Charging Schedule Explanatory Notes document, attached at Appendix A1
  - Approve an annual review of the Charging Schedule, to establish whether an update is necessary and appropriate.

- Approve the referral of CIL income information within the Capital Programme to be referred to the Budget Setting Full Council every year.
2. To note the CIL Examination Report, attached at Appendix B.
  3. To note the CIL Charging Schedule Explanatory Notes document, attached at Appendix A1.
  4. To approve the documents which support the proposed Charging Schedule, for adoption alongside it. These documents comprise of: -
    - A Regulation 123 List, attached at Appendix C.
    - An Instalments Policy, attached at Appendix D.
    - A Payment in Kind and Infrastructure Payments Policy, attached at Appendix E.

**Action by:****CORPORATE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL (A. DALVI)**

(Head of Planning and Building Control (O. Whalley))

**Reasons for the decision**

It is a legal requirement, set out in the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) ("the CIL Regulations"), to refer the decision relating to the adoption of a CIL Charging Schedule to Full Council.

The reasons for the decisions and recommendations are: -

- From the 6 April 2015, S106 will not allow for the funding of infrastructure in the same way. The Council will no longer be able to pool five or more contributions from new development. This will make it difficult to use S106 to secure appropriate funding to help deliver the level of infrastructure necessary to support development.
- The adoption of a CIL Charging Schedule will allow the Council to secure funding to help deliver the infrastructure required to support development, in light of changes to the S106 mechanism.

**Alternative options**

An alternative option is for the Council to not adopt the proposed Charging Schedule, and instead commence the CIL rate setting process again straight away whilst continuing to secure funding for infrastructure through S106 in the interim.

In this scenario, the Council would unlikely to be able to implement a CIL until early 2017. From the 6 April 2015, Local Authorities will no longer be able to pool more than four S106 contributions. This will make it very difficult to

ensure appropriate levels of funding can be pooled to fund the level of infrastructure that the borough requires.

This option is deemed not to be appropriate due to the difficulties associated with using S106 to fund infrastructure in the interim.

The Council could adopt the Charging Schedule and re-commence the rate setting process straight away. It is considered that this would likely produce a similar Charging Schedule. Undertaking an annual review of the Charging Schedule to establish whether an update is necessary and appropriate will allow the Council to re-commence the rate setting process at the most appropriate time, in the context of the wider market.

It is therefore not considered appropriate to take any alternative actions.

## 6.2 Multi-Faith Burial Ground

### DECISION

1. To note the content of the report;
2. To authorise the Corporate Director Development and Renewal to terminate the Agreement to Lease in respect of the site that was approved as an Individual Mayoral Decision (decision log no. 33) dated 17 June 2013;
3. To authorise the Corporate Director Development and Renewal to enter into a Lease for the acquisition of three acres on a 125 year long lease basis and to enter into a Management Agreement for the management of the site, provision of graves and long term maintenance. This would be on the payment of a capital sum (detailed in the accompanying exempt report) for the long leasehold interest in the land;

### Action by:

**CORPORATE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL (A. DALVI)**  
(Service Head, Corporate Property and Capital Delivery (A. Sutcliffe))

### Reasons for the decision

To secure a burial site for the use of Tower Hamlets residents when the number of graves both nationally and locally is diminishing, ensuring that in the medium to long term, residents have access to burial services within close proximity to the borough at prices that are controlled by the council, thereby helping to protect vulnerable families in the poorest communities.

The new proposal will allow the council to control the cost of burials and the levels of subsidy given. It will ensure that minimum standards are maintained in terms of compliance, monitoring and reporting, whilst ensuring that the site is maintained effectively and is an asset that the borough is proud of. There will also be provision to terminate the agreement if standards are not maintained.

Officers are recommending termination of the Agreement to Lease that was entered into via Individual Mayoral Decision (decision log no. 33) dated 17 June 2013. This option is unlikely to progress due to the difficulties arising from planning. Rather than allowing this agreement to run its course and the owner/operator being able to terminate the agreement as a result of hitting relevant long stop dates thereby leaving the council without burial provision, officers have identified a viable alternative site elsewhere which is not subject to the same time delay in being implemented and is not subject to any degree of planning risk.

The new site is already developed out and is ready to start accepting burials on completion of the necessary agreements. It is also a cheaper long term option for the council than the scheme previously agreed.

### **Alternative options**

Alternative options the council could consider are:

- Do nothing and maintain the status quo of the current burial subsidy programme whereby residents are given £225 contribution to help fund burial cost that need to take place outside the borough.
- Increase the current burial subsidy amount given to residents to mitigate the increased costs of travel and funeral arrangements as a result of diminishing grave numbers and inflationary costs.
- Seek alternative sites suitable for burial. This could then involve the council having to procure a burial service provider.
- Determine alternative delivery models for burial provision.

## **6.3 Interim Disposals Programme**

### **DECISION**

1. To note the contents of this report;
2. To agree that the land and buildings (as shown in the maps in Appendix A) are surplus to requirement;
3. To agree to the disposal of the sites by informal tender;
4. To agree to the sale of the sites on 199 year leases;
5. To note that following a direction given by the Secretary of State on 17 December 2014, prior written agreement will be required from appointed Commissioners before disposing of these properties.
6. To authorise the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal to appoint external agents to support the marketing of the sites;

7. To authorise the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal to accept the best tender return for the sites on conclusion of the marketing exercises; and
8. To authorise the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal, following consultation with the Service Head – Legal Services, to agree the terms and conditions of any agreements required to implement the recommendations above.
9. To agree to proceed with the decision made on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 to market and dispose of 329 Morville Street.

**Action by:**

**CORPORATE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL (A. DALVI)**  
(Service Head, Corporate Property and Capital Delivery (A. Sutcliffe))

**Reasons for the decision**

It is important at a time of reducing funding and budgets in the public sector, to ensure that efficiencies are driven through the running and/or disposals of our assets to reduce revenue costs.

The decisions in this report will contribute to the continual review and rationalisation of council assets, and help reduce the council's operational portfolio to the minimum required.

The disposals will generate capital receipts for the council, which can be directed to its priorities on housing, education, and infrastructure projects. They will also reduce revenue expenditure on upkeep, maintenance and security.

The redevelopment of the sites will also bring empty and derelict sites back into use. Taking constructive action would fulfil the borough's strategic enabling role in promoting regeneration, bringing derelict sites back into use and increasing the supply of housing.

**Alternative options**

The council has considered developing the sites directly, but, given the small numbers of potential units and relatively high costs, it was considered that funding could be better directed towards alternative schemes in the Borough that could offer higher residential unit numbers. It is now proposed to let the market deliver the redevelopments and appropriate levels of affordable housing will be ensured through the planning process.

**7. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY**

Nil items.

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

### **8.1 Boroughwide 20mph Limit**

#### **DECISION**

1. To consider the responses received from public consultation on the proposed borough wide 20mph speed limit
2. To agree to proceed with the implementation of a 20mph limit on Borough roads pursuant to an experimental traffic order which shall take effect for a period not exceeding 18 months and authorise the Corporate Director Communities, Localities and Culture to approve all necessary experimental traffic orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to facilitate delivery and to take all steps incidental thereto including but not limited to publication and signage and carriageway markings.

#### **Action by:**

#### **CORPORATE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITIES, LOCALITIES AND CULTURE (S. HALSEY)**

(Head of Transport and Highways (M. Cooper)

(Road Safety Engineer (T. Rawlings)

#### **Reasons for the decision**

Consistent with the objectives of the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, the 2014/15 Strategic Plan (Priority 1.3) includes a commitment to Plan and develop proposals for a borough wide 20mph limit, including consultation with TfL. This report confirms delegation of authority to officers to implement this commitment.

By implementing the limit the Council will introduce a consistent approach to managing vehicle speed across the Borough and will integrate with neighbouring boroughs who have or are planning to, implement their own default limit.

#### **Alternative options**

Do nothing. This is unlikely to be consistent with the Council's functions, as the Council has a duty to be proactively seeking to reduce road casualties and improve road safety.

To review current underperforming 20mph zones for further physical interventions. This approach would not have the same borough-wide impact on driving behaviour and such interventions could meet with local objections.

Introduce new 20mph zones in residential areas not already covered. This would also have less impact as these areas are of lower priority in terms of accident statistics, and local distributor roads would not be tackled which is where many accidents are occurring.



## 9. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

## 10. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

### 10.1 Housing Revenue Account Budget Report 2015/16

#### DECISION

##### Revenue

1. To approve the draft 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account budget as set out in Appendix 1.
2. To approve the draft 2015/16 Management Fee payable to Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) of £35.116 million as set out in Table 3 in section 7.
3. Subject to 2 above, to note that under the Management Agreement between the Council and THH, THH will manage delegated income budgets of £89.818 million and delegated expenditure budgets of £24.345 million on behalf of the Council in 2015/16.
4. To note the HRA Medium Term Financial Plan (2015-18) outlined in Appendix 2.

##### Capital

5. To adopt a capital estimate of £1 million to fund Overcrowding Reduction Initiatives as outlined in paragraph 10.3.
6. To adopt capital estimates for the Aids and Adaptations programme (£750,000), the Capitalisation of Voids (£1.5 million) and the Capitalisation of Fees and Salaries (£650,000) as outlined in paragraph 10.4.
7. To adopt a capital estimate of £250,000 in order to maintain a contingency for urgent works of £1 million, as outlined in paragraph 10.5.
8. To adopt an increased capital estimate for Ashington East new build scheme of £2.450 million, as detailed in 10.7 and 10.8.
9. To adopt a capital estimate of £813,000 for the award of Disabled Facilities Grants, as outlined in paragraph 11.1.
10. To adopt a capital estimate of £550,000 in respect of Private Sector Improvement Grants, including Empty Property Grants, for 2015/16, to

be financed from ring-fenced resources received from the East London Renewal Partnership (paragraph 11.2).

11. To adopt capital estimates for the various S106 schemes outlined in section 12.
12. To note that £33 million of resources have been included within the capital programme (Appendix 4) to reflect the necessity to deliver new housing supply in order to spend the currently unallocated 1-4-1 receipts of £14.5 million, as detailed in para 6.17.

**Action by:**

**CORPORATE DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL (A. DALVI)**

(Service Head, Strategy, Regeneration and Sustainability (J. Odunoye)

(Finance Business Partner (P. Leeson)

(Senior Accountant (K. Ball)

**Reasons for the decision**

The Mayor is required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to determine a balanced Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget prior to the start of the new financial year. The Council must also approve the Management Fee payable to Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) so that it can fulfil its obligations under the Management Agreement to manage the housing stock on behalf of the Council.

In accordance with Financial Regulations, capital schemes must be included within the Council's capital programme, and capital estimates adopted prior to any expenditure being incurred. This report seeks the adoption of the necessary capital estimates for various schemes in order that they can be progressed.

**Alternative options**

The Council has a statutory duty to set a balanced HRA and provide THH with the resources to fulfil its obligations under the Management Agreement. Whilst there may be other ways of delivering a balanced HRA, the proposals contained in this report are considered the most effective, having regard to the matters set out in the report.

**10.2 Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16**

**DECISION**

1. To recommend that Full Council adopt:
  - 1.1. The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement set out in paragraph 7 of this report;
  - 1.2. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement set out in sections 8-11 of this report; and
  - 1.3. The Annual Investment Strategy set out in section 12 & 13 of this report, which officers involved in treasury management, must then follow.

2. To delegate to the Acting Corporate Director of Resources, after consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, authority to vary the figures in this report to reflect any decisions made in relation to the Capital Programme prior to submission to Budget Council.

**Action by:****ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES (C. HOLME)**

(Investment and Treasury Manager (B. Tobun))

**Reasons for the decision**

It is consistent with the requirements of treasury management specified by CIPFA, to which the Council is required to have regard under the Local Government Act 2003 and regulations made under that Act, for the Council to produce three strategy statements to support the Prudential Indicators which ensure that the Council's capital investment plans are affordable, sustainable and prudent. The three documents that the Council should produce are:

- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement
- Treasury Management Strategy, including prudential indicators
- Investment Strategy

**Alternative options**

The Council is bound by legislation to have regard to the CIPFA requirements for treasury management. If the Council were to deviate from those requirements, there would need to be some good reason for doing so. It is not considered that there is any such reason, having regard to the need to ensure that the Council's capital investment plans are affordable, sustainable and prudent.

The strategies and policy statement put forward in the report are considered the best methods of achieving the CIPFA requirements. Whilst it may be possible to adopt variations of the strategies and policy statement, this would risk failing to achieve the goals of affordability, sustainability and prudence.

**10.3 General Fund Capital and Revenue Budgets and Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16**

The **Mayor** noted the updated papers circulated after the original agenda was published. The **Mayor agreed** an amendment proposed by Councillor Ohid Ahmed in relation to funding police officers and one to allow for any impact from the decision on the Multi-Faith Burial Ground report later on the agenda.

**DECISION**

1. Agree a General Fund Revenue Budget of £291.270m and a Council tax (Band D) at £885.52 for 2015-2016 be referred to Full Council for consideration.
2. Consider and comment on the following matters –

**a. Budget Consultation**

The results of the feedback for the budget consultation are being collated but will not be completed prior to the publication of this report as the second roadshow has been scheduled for the 5th February 2015. The results will be presented at the Full Council Meeting in February.

**b. Funding**

The funding available for 2015-2016 and the indications and forecasts for future years set out in Section 8.

**c. Base Budget 2015-2016**

The Base Budget for 2015-2016 as £293.933m as detailed in Appendix 1.

**d. Growth and Inflation**

The risks identified from potential inflation and committed growth arising in 2015-2016 and future years and as set out in Section 9 and in Appendix 3.

**e. General Fund Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2015-2016 to 2017-2018**

The initial budget proposal and Council Tax for 2015-2016 together with the Medium Term Financial Plan set out in Appendix 1 and the budget reductions arising.

**f. Savings**

Savings items to be included in the budget for 2015-2016 and the strategic approach for future savings to be delivered are set out in Section 10, Appendix 4.1 of the report.

**g. Capital Programme**

The capital programme to 2017-2018; including proposed revisions to the current programme as set out in section 14 and detailed in Appendices 8.1, 8.2 & 8.3.

Adopt an increased capital estimate of £8.632m in respect of the Building Schools for the Future programme, bringing the total scheme budget to £328.333m (see paragraph 14.9 to 14.13 of the report). This will ensure that all specific BSF resources are fully included within the capital programme.

**h. Dedicated Schools Grant**

The position with regard to Dedicated Schools Grant as set out in Section 12 and Appendices 6.1 & 6.2.

**i. Housing Revenue Account**

The position with regard to the Housing Revenue Account as set out in Section 13 and Appendix 7.

**j. Financial Risks: Reserves and Contingencies**

Advise on strategic budget risks and opportunities as set out in Section

11 and Appendices 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.

**k. Reserves and Balances**

The position in relation to reserves as set out in the report and further detailed in Appendices 5.1 and 5.3

**l. Mayor's Priorities**

Initiatives proposed by the Mayor are set out in Section 9.9 to 9.14.

3. To adjust the budget proposals to allocate the savings made through the deletion of the Chief Executive's Salary budget to provide funding for additional police officers.
4. To agree to the above recommendations subject to any alterations necessary following the consideration of Agenda Item 16.1 (Multi-Faith Burial Ground)

**Action by:**

**ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES (C. HOLME)**

**Reasons for the decision**

The Council is under an obligation to set a balanced budget for the forthcoming year and to set a Council Tax for the next financial year by 6th March 2015 at the latest. The setting of the budget is a decision reserved for Full Council. The Council's Budget and Policy Framework requires that a draft budget is issued for consultation with the Overview & Scrutiny Committee following this meeting to allow for due process.

The announcements that have been made about Government funding for the authority require a robust and timely response to enable a balanced budget to be set.

**Alternative options**

The authority is bound to respond to the budget reductions to Government funding of local authorities and to set an affordable Council Tax and a balanced budget, while meeting its duties to provide local services. This limits the options available to Members. Nevertheless, the authority can determine its priorities in terms of the services it seeks to preserve and protect where possible, and to a limited extent the services it aims to improve further, during the period of budget reductions.

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

Nil items.

## **12. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **12.1 Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions**

#### **DECISION**

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

#### **Action by:**

**ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES (C. HOLME)**

#### **Reasons for the decision**

Financial Regulations require that regular reports be submitted to Council/Committee setting out financial decisions taken under Financial Regulation B8.

The regular reporting of Corporate Director's Discretions should assist in ensuring that Members are able to scrutinise officer decisions.

#### **Alternative options**

The Council is bound by its Financial Regulations (which have been approved by Council) to report to Council/Committee setting out financial decisions taken under Financial Regulation B8.

If the Council were to deviate from those requirements, there would need to be a good reason for doing so. It is not considered that there is any such reason, having regard to the need to ensure that Members are kept informed about decisions made under the delegated authority threshold and to ensure that these activities are in accordance with Financial Regulations.

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

#### **DECISION**

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 16.1 “Multi-Faith Burial Ground” 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**

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**

##### **16.1 Multi-Faith Burial Ground**

The **Mayor** considered the report and an amendment presented by officers. He then agreed the recommendations as set out in the report with an amendment.

##### **Reasons for the decision**

As set out at Item 6.2 above.

##### **Alternative options**

As set out at Item 6.2 above.

#### **17. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY**

Nil items.

**18. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY**

Nil items.

**19. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY**

Nil items.

**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 6.35 p.m.

John S Williams  
SERVICE HEAD, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES