

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL****HELD AT 7.04 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2016****COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON E14 2BG.****Members Present:**

Mayor John Biggs	Councillor Clare Harrison
Councillor Khaled Uddin Ahmed	Councillor Danny Hassell
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	Councillor Sirajul Islam
Councillor Suluk Ahmed	Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	Councillor Aminur Khan
Councillor Mahbub Alam	Councillor Rabina Khan
Councillor Shah Alam	Councillor Shiria Khatun
Councillor Amina Ali	Councillor Ayas Miah
Councillor Shahed Ali	Councillor Harun Miah
Councillor Abdul Asad	Councillor Mohammed Mufti Miah
Councillor Rachel Blake	Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Chris Chapman	Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim
Councillor Dave Chesterton	Councillor John Pierce
Councillor Andrew Cregan	Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Julia Dockerill	Councillor Gulam Robbani
Councillor David Edgar	Councillor Candida Ronald
Councillor Marc Francis	Councillor Rachael Saunders
Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs	Councillor Helal Uddin
Councillor Peter Golds	Councillor Andrew Wood
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	

The Speaker of the Council, Councillor Khaled Uddin Ahmed in the Chair

During the meeting, the Council agreed to vary the order of business. To aid clarity, the Minutes are presented in the order that the items originally appeared on the agenda. The order the business was taken in at the meeting was as follows:

- Item 1 - Apologies for absence.
- Item 2 – Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- Item 3 – Minutes.
- Item 4 – Announcements.
- Item 13.1 – Urgent Motion regarding the Ian Mikardo School
- Items 5 – Petitions.
- Item 6 – Public Questions. (6.4-6.5,6.7)
- Item 7 – Mayor’s Report.
- Item 8 – Members Questions (8.1 – 8.4, 8.6-8.12)
- Item 9. 1 - Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2015/16

- Item 9. 2 - Appointment of Members to the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board
- Item 11.1 - Treasury Management Outturn Report 2015/16
- Item 11.2 - Appointments related to the Standards Regime

Before commencing the formal business, the Speaker of the Council stated that Members would be aware that the past month had witnessed a number of outrageous attacks on peaceful people and societies. The thoughts of the Council were with the victims of these attacks, in particular, those affected by the Bastille Day attack in Nice, France, the attacks in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 1-2 July, the murder of Jo Cox MP, the attack on the Gay nightclub in Orlando and the Istanbul Airport attack.

He stated that it was vital that the Council showed solidarity with those affected and underlined it's condemnation to those who chose to undertake these acts.

For all those effected by the atrocities and all other attacks, the Council rose to observe a minutes silence.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Craig Aston
- Councillor Ohid Ahmed
- Councillor Asma Begum
- Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury
- Councillor Abjol Miah
- Councillor Maium Miah
- Councillor Joshua Peck

Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillor Clare Harrison

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

1. That the unrestricted minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 18 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and the Speaker be authorised to sign them accordingly.

4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

With regret, the Speaker of the Council announced that Patricia Mary Thompson, former Civic Mayor of this Borough had sadly passed away. Patricia was the Civic Mayor in 1981-2. On behalf of the Council, he sent his condolences to her family.

Following which, the Mayor made a statement on a controversial appointment by the Ian Mikardo School. He reported that he first became aware of the issues last month and in view of the level of public unease about the appointment, he had requested that Officers investigate the role of the Council in this case and establish the facts of the case. The findings of the investigation would be published on the Council's website and circulated to Members.

He then presented the key findings of the investigation, explaining the appointment process and the issues around this. He stated that whilst he strongly believed in rehabilitation, he did not support this particular appointment in view of the circumstances of the case.

In terms of addressing the issues, he recognised that the appointment of staff was a matter for the school and that the Council had no control over this. Nevertheless, he felt that it was important that the Council were involved in controversial appointments to ensure that the wider impact on the community and community cohesion was taken into account. Therefore, to ensure this, he had amended the Council's procedures to ensure, that in future, the Corporate Director of Children Services be consulted on controversial appointments and that the Council's Safer Recruitment Guidance should include guidance on fixed terms appointments. It should be noted that these requirements would not apply to academies and free schools (except on a voluntary basis). However, it was hoped that they would be sensitive to such matters. He would continue to meet with the school and the community to understand their concerns and to identify how the Council can address these.

He strongly condemned the recent attacks on the school and called for a calm and measured response to the matter based on the facts of the case.

Procedural Motion

Following the statement, Mayor John Biggs **moved** and Councillor Sirajul Islam **seconded**, a procedural motion "that under Procedure Rule 14.1.5, Rule 13.1 be suspended to enable an urgent motion regarding the Ian Mikardo School to be considered". The procedural motion was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

Council requested and it was agreed that the name of the individual in question be redacted from the motions on the subject matter within the meeting agenda.

5. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

5.1 Petition relating to Sex Education in Schools

Jahed Choudhury addressed the meeting and responded to questions from Members. Councillor Rachael Saunders, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services then responded to the matters raised in the petition. She explained that Culloden Primary School, as an academy school, had control over the content of the sex education curriculum. Whilst it was of great importance to ensure that schools protected children, it was also important that parents were consulted on the content of sex education lessons. She pledged that the Council would work with parents to ensure this.

RESOLVED:

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Children's Services for a written response within 28 days.

5.2 Petition relating to Special Responsibility Allowances

Glyn Robbins addressed the meeting and responded to questions from Members. Mayor John Biggs then responded to the matters raised in the petition. He reported that since taking up office, he had scrapped the Mayor's car and posts within the Mayor Office generating a considerable amount of savings. The savings far exceeded the costs of the new Mayoral advisor posts that were in budget. In addition, he had decided not to accept half of the increase in his Mayoral allowance agreed by the Council meeting in May 2016. He also commented that he felt that it was a mistake to reduce the Mayoral allowance in 2014.

He considered that it was important that Councillors' were paid a reasonable allowance to compensate for the personal and professional sacrifices they made in carrying out their duties. Therefore, he stood by the decision to increase Councillors allowances. He pledged that there would be no further increases before the next Mayoral election.

RESOLVED:

1. That the petition be referred to the Chief Executive, for a written response within 28 days.

5.3 Petition relating to Save our Youth Clubs

Petitioners addressed the meeting and responded to questions from Members. Mayor John Biggs then responded to the matters raised in the petition. He advised that he had been working hard to address the issues, and had issued a Members' briefing setting out proposals for the service. In view of this, he expressed regret at the circulation of misinformation by opponents regarding the nature of these plans. The first point to note was that these were interim measures to address urgent problems within the youth services (such as anti - social behaviour issues, problems with premises) and to even

out services. Even under these plans, the Borough would still have the second largest youth service in London.

He stressed that the Council were committed to providing an excellent youth services and a strong budget. The Administration would be examining the issues in further detail and would be bringing forward long term proposals for the service in the Autumn. There would also be an Overview and Scrutiny spotlight discussion on the subject tomorrow.

RESOLVED:

1. That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Children's Services for a written response within 28 days.

5.4 Petition Debate – Boishakhi Mela.

Mohammed Hannan addressed the meeting on behalf of the petitioners and the Council then debated the matters raised by the petition.

Following the debate but before the Mayor responded to the matters raised in the petition, the Speaker adjourned the meeting at 20.55pm. The meeting reconvened at 21:05pm.

The Mayor reported that he was not aware that any meeting between himself and the objectors had been cancelled and he was still willing to meet with them. He also advised it would have been a matter for the Council's Licensing Committee to have considered the issues. However no objections were made about the application. Indeed there was a great deal of local support for the application.

Nevertheless, the Council was very mindful of the concerns about anti-social behaviour from the event. Therefore, there would be additional measures to minimise the impact of the event. Furthermore, if there was any evidence of harassment against women or girls, the Council would be vigorous in dealing with such issues.

The Mayor also reported that he worked hard to represent all sections of the community and that the events steering group was overwhelming from the Bengali community. Should the event not be successful, consideration would be given to relocating it back to Victoria Park.

RESOLVED:

1. That the petition be referred to the Chief Executive, for a written response within 28 days.

6. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following questions and in each case supplementary questions were put and were responded to by the Mayor or relevant Executive Member:-

6.4 Question from Lisa Stepanovic

Who is the governing body of a school accountable to?

Who monitors the head teachers attendance and how is it scrutinised?

Response by Mayor John Biggs

The answer to that is quite technical. For community schools maintained by the local authority the governing body is responsible for the conduct and decision making of the school. The Council can intervene in certain circumstances if there is a cause for concern. However, ultimately the school is accountable to Department for Education and the Secretary of State.

I think this highlights that with the education reforms, in the old days the local authority would have significant powers of intervention and involvement and nowadays it doesn't. So the only place you can go in the end is the Secretary of State and I don't find that satisfactory. That doesn't mean that a government can't change the law and create a far greater degree of independence (this was done by both Labour and Conservative Governments, a greater extent by the Conservatives). But it does create a potential vacuum if people are unhappy. I'm very happy in my role as Mayor and for Councillors to be involved in meetings and they have been. But we don't have a formal responsibility for managing the school.

The head teacher is accountable to the governing body and any absence will be reported to the chair of the governing body.

Supplementary question from Lisa Stepanovic

Does the Council think it's acceptable that children who are described as the most vulnerable young people in the UK are able to view the horrific articles online referring to a teacher and supposed role-model as a racist killer? Whether he is or he isn't, is irrelevant. It harms their mental health and that is something I am bothered by. Does the Council feel it's acceptable that when those same children question the articles online that it is trivialised in such a way that it shows no regard for Mr Shibli Rahman or the family he left behind?

Children told me that they were not allowed to challenge this. I was told I couldn't challenge it and I was also told the community had no right to challenge this. I was told this by the chair of governors and also the head teacher. I was bullied and I resigned from the very project I created and also from the governing body. Surely this kind of disregard for our community and emotional neglect for the vulnerable students at Ian Mikardo high school had no place in Tower Hamlets. This is neglect. I believe it is a safeguarding issue. It is divisive and to silence and shut down young people from the community who raise these concerns, I believe, has the potential to encourage extremism, further divide and hate.

Mayor John Biggs response to the supplementary question:

I am very happy to sit down with you again – I know you sat down with one or more Councillors already. I am very happy to ensure you have a meeting with Debbie Jones, the Council's Director of Children's Services to discuss your concerns. Any safeguarding concern needs to be really and properly investigated and dealt with by the local authority. Safeguarding is one of the areas where the local authority still has a very important statutory role, so if there are concerns in that area they need to be thoroughly investigated. I agree with you that if young people with impressionable minds are reading stuff on the internet, then the way that is managed by the school is a matter of legitimate concern and, as I said in my earlier answer, is properly a matter to be investigated by the head teacher and the governors. If that isn't properly dealt with it becomes an issue within our community.

6.5 Question from Bethan Lant

The Refugees Welcome in Tower Hamlets Campaign is looking forward to the day when our borough is able to welcome Syrian refugees – as has happened on a small scale in 5 other London boroughs, including Islington (which is resettling 10 families) and Camden (which is resettling 24 families). We want to thank the Mayor for his continued support on this issue and for meeting with us to discuss it late last year.

Our group also wants to support the council to make refugee resettlement a success in the borough, providing the best welcome possible. So, can the Mayor provide an update on the progress being made towards resettling Syrian refugees in Tower Hamlets under the government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme? Is he able to tell us how many families the Council is currently planning to welcome to Tower Hamlets?

Response by Mayor John Biggs

As you know, I and the Council are committed, unanimously, to supporting Syrian refugees. This has proved to be a horrendously bureaucratic, long and drawn out process of being able to receive refugees in our Borough. I commend your campaign. I find it bizarre that with the Borough's proud history of welcoming refugees it is so difficult to receive refugees nowadays. We are currently liaising with the Home Office about the scheme. Planning works are already underway. We have already received two unaccompanied asylum seeking children from Syria. The budgets – and this is common to most inner-London authorities – are providing for, I think, three families to be received into the Borough. I find it almost embarrassing to say that. Because of the negotiations with the departments in government and the financial assurances required and the amounts of money the Government is making available, I think they are predominantly dispersing Syrian refugees to other, lower cost parts of the country. So it is partly about bureaucracy, partly about the cost of housing. I recently attended one of many Iftar events, where it was suggested there was an appetite for greater community financial support for this initiative and I would welcome that. That is indicative of a tradition in the East End of people being generous. I know we are a generous community.

Supplementary question from Bethan Lant

I would say that three families seems a pitifully small amount. It does sound ridiculous, as you say, that that seems to be the maximum when we have such a large migrant community in the Borough and so many resources that could welcome people here. I commend the fact that we've taken two unaccompanied minors recently and I hope we'll extend a welcome to more unaccompanied minors, knowing how vulnerable and how much in need those young people are. I hope we have your assurance that you will try to increase those numbers if there is any opportunity to do so?

Mayor John Biggs response to the supplementary question:

I would agree with that. I have a newspaper report in front of me that tells me that more than one third of local councils in the country are refusing to accept any Syrian refugees. On the other hand, Gloucestershire and Kent have accepted several hundred refugees. Lancashire has offered space for up to 600 refugees as well. It depends on household sizes of course, but yes, I want us to help and do more and I hope we'll be able to do that.

6.7 Question from Eileen Short

Will the Council follow the example of Camden and Islington Councils and write directly to its tenants and leaseholders to inform them of the Housing and Planning Act, invite them to a forum to discuss this, and ask local housing associations to do the same; and what measures is it taking to work with other Councils in resisting the Act?

Response by Councillor Sirajul Islam (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management & Performance)

(For transparency, I would like to declare that I am a Council tenant. Though I do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest, this matter does impact directly on me and my family.)

We are taking the threat presented by the Housing and Planning Act very seriously. Indeed, you will know that during the parliamentary process for the bill we have made multiple representations to Government and support our MPs in opposing the bill. We are also debating this subject later on the agenda, as there is a related motion. Sadly the implementation of the Act is having a significant impact on the Borough and as a Council we are doing all we can to protect residents from the worst of it. We recently launched the housing strategy consultation which seeks to address the impact of the Housing and Planning Act 2016. Consultation is underway and residents are engaging in the process. We have a duty to make residents aware of the impact of the Act and this is why we have already published an article in East End Life, Our East End, multiple Council website articles and press statements recently in the Tower Hamlets Homes newsletter as well. The Council debated and supported a motion on 20th January 2016 which called on the Mayor and all Councillors to actively campaign to highlight the

disastrous consequences of the Bill. As a result the Mayor and Lead Members, myself and Rachel Blake, have attended quite a few meetings organised by 'Kill the Bill', namely on the Cranbrook, Collingwood, and Ocean estates, outside Albert Jacob House and most recently last week in the Tramshed. In essence we are doing quite a lot and engaging with your campaign as well. I applaud the work you are doing on council housing; it is important and something we are all committed to doing as much as possible to support.

Supplementary question from Eileen Short

Does the Council agree that the Act is unfair and destructive and unworkable; that residents need more information and a chance to discuss it at meetings or forums; and that it is the Council's responsibility to play an active role in making that happen?

Councillor Sirajul Islam response to the supplementary question:

Yes to all of that. When I spoke at the Cranbrook meeting I believe I spoke very passionately about this issue, that I felt it was more about social cleansing and the impact it would have on council tenants.

In terms of providing more information, of course. The Council has done quite a lot (I have already read out the list to you) and we are happy to do more. Regarding meetings and forums, again myself and Rachel have attended quite a lot of meetings. You have arranged and kindly invited us to meetings and we will be happy to attend further meetings

Questions 6.1-6.3 and 6.6 were not put due to the absence of the questioners. Written responses would be provided to the questions. (Note: The written responses are included in Appendix 'A' to these minutes.)

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor made his report to the Council, referring to his written report circulated at the meeting, summarising key events, engagements and meetings since the last Council meeting.

When the Mayor had completed his report and at the invitation of the Speaker the Leaders of the other political groups then responded briefly to the Mayor's report.

8. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The following questions and in each case a supplementary question were put (except where indicated) and were responded to by the Mayor, relevant Executive Member, or Councillor.

8.1 Question from Councillor Clare Harrisson

(For transparency, I would like to declare that I am an employee of UNISON, although I do not work in ethical care.)

Can the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services inform members how many people, including home care staff and service users, will benefit from the Council's adoption of UNISON's Ethical Care Charter?

Response by Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)

I am really proud that we are fulfilling one of the Mayor's flagship manifesto commitments with this policy. The great thing about this charter is it's about ethics and dignity both for staff and service users. In terms of residents, it will benefit all 2,000 of the vulnerable residents who currently receive homecare services. Their care workers will have proper time, will be paid properly and treated better, so they can provide care based on dignity, safety and wellbeing.

In terms of care workers, we estimate that there will be around 1,300 care workers who will benefit from the adoption of the Charter in a number of ways. One which I know many care workers have spoken to me and the Mayor about is about guaranteeing a fixed hours contract, moving away from zero hour contracts, which will be at least 12 hours per week and moving up to 16 hours per week by end 2018 and a number of other benefits.

Supplementary question from Councillor Clare Harrisson

One of the things that informed our conversation on this was a report that was published by, I believe, Islington Council a couple of years into their implementation that looked at the increase in qualifications of people working in the service and increased service user satisfaction. Will you guarantee to produce a similar report in, say 18 months' time to see how it has done?

Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs response to the supplementary question

We will be robustly monitoring the Ethical Care Charter through the contracts and it will be a compulsory part of those contracts, so if the home care providers fail to deliver they will be held to account by us. I will be requiring regular updates from officers and I am sure we can produce an annual report of the nature you describe. I am really proud of this, not least because it shows how a Labour council working together with staff (many care workers spoke to me and the Mayor about this) and with the unions can really improve quality of services despite the government cuts that we face.

8.2 Question from Councillor Oliur Rahman

Has John Biggs had a word with Cllr Whitelock Gibbs, who is reviewing the Tower Hamlets Health & Wellbeing Board (TH H&WBB) and consulting on how to cut £5m from the Public Health Budget? Will he clarify whether he has

asked her to ensure there is a balanced ethnic minority (BAME) representation in TH H&WBB so that BAME health and wellbeing concerns can be met and the population is not disproportionately affected or disenfranchised by these new and potentially devastating choice of budget cuts?

Response by Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)

I will not take lessons from your side of the room on diversity; I'm really proud to be part of a gender and ethnically balanced Cabinet and group on this side of the Chamber. In relation to your specific question on the Health and Wellbeing Board, I am honoured that the Mayor has asked me to chair the Health and Wellbeing Board. It allows us to co-chair the Board with the Clinical Commissioning Group who are a really critical health partner. This is in response to an external review that recommended we make a number of changes to the Board, which is on the agenda later this evening. Part of the changes that I am keen to make are about being a much more open and outwardly facing Board and that will include engaging with black and minority ethnic communities as well as a number of other groups.

On the public health cuts, it is the Tory government that has chosen to cut the public health grant by millions of pounds. I and other lead members in London strongly oppose these cuts, both publicly and privately and officers have responded to the consultation opposing them as well. You were part of the debate at Overview and Scrutiny Committee about the details of these cuts and I am happy to discuss further with you.

Supplementary question from Councillor Oliur Rahman

Does the Mayor or the Lead Member think it is acceptable that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council has official representation from the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church and no official representative from the Muslim faith?

Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs response to the supplementary question

I do not chair the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Health and Wellbeing Board, which I chair, has members as required by statute, though we have supplemented them in other ways. We will be happy to provide a separate response to your question about the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8.3 Question from Councillor Andrew Cregan

What assessment has been made of the economic impacts of the 'Brexit' vote?

Response by Mayor John Biggs

I am disappointed with the referendum vote, particularly as 68 percent of Tower Hamlets residents voted to remain in the European Union and I was clear during the campaign that the East End would be better off staying in the European Union. But we now need to work with the decision and we need to rely on our leadership in Parliament to take us through that.

In terms of an assessment of the impact on our economy, it is too early to say. There is obviously going to be an impact on the property market and there may well be an impact on the financial services industry, which some people may consider to be an alien part of our Borough, but for many people it is not. More importantly is the impact on London's wider economy and the service economy, which is the engine of London's economy, is potentially very severe and we need to work with others and watch that very carefully and champion the role of London in the UK, which can only survive and prosper if it has strong trading links with other places, in particular Europe.

Supplementary question from Councillor Andrew Cregan

I would like to add, as Chair of the Pensions Committee, I too am very concerned about the adverse consequences of the vote on investment returns and interest rates impacting savers approaching retirement in the Borough.

As most of the tools to deal with Brexit and the negotiations over the settlement itself with the rest of the EU are out of the hands of this chamber, I would like to see Tower Hamlets working in tandem with the Mayor of London taking a bullish approach in lobbying the government for an outcome that secures our continued access to the single market (which is critical for London's economy) and that means promoting the continuation of freedom of movement of people as well – 'a Norwegian Model'. Not just because the freedom of movement of people is necessary to ensure the freedom of movement of goods, services and capital, but because EU citizens that live and work in Tower Hamlets and across the UK make a vital and extremely positive contribution to our economy and our society. So will the Mayor stand with Sadiq Khan in pushing for such a resolution?

Response to the supplementary question

Of course I will stand with Sadiq and other local authority leaders in London, the majority, 28, of which supported staying in the European Union. I think another issue we need to work very clearly on is the equalities aspect, because many Londoners depend on our service economy and the opportunities our City has. The new Prime Minister has stated very clearly she is committed to something, something she almost certainly can't achieve I think, which is to secure extraordinarily low levels of migration to our country, which is quite an open country, and I think that's very worrying in terms of the community relations impact for a Borough like Tower Hamlets and for a city like London.

8.4 Question from Councillor Andrew Wood

Will the Mayor inform the council as to what percentage of the 43,589 vehicle owners in Tower Hamlets responded to the Council's recent consultation on the 20 mph speed limit which ended on the 20th June and what is the response of residents to the efficacy of the borough wide limit fixed at 20mph?

Response by Councillor Ayas Miah (Cabinet Member for Environment)

The report on the consultation is not yet finalised, but I will ensure that you have the full result when it is ready. This is a good opportunity to share some initial findings on the introduction of the 20 miles per hour limit in our borough. I am pleased to say that the early indicators are quite positive and quite good. Analysis of the data from the nine months following the introduction of the limit has shown that the overall number of collisions has reduced by 53 percent. This includes the number of fatal and serious collisions reducing by 55 and 56 percent respectively whilst the number of slight collisions has fallen by 30 percent. Overall average vehicle speed across the south west sites has also fallen by 1.4 miles per hour to 18.5 miles per hour. This is just a snapshot, however I will keep this under review, but the initial picture is positive and I am sure Councillor Wood will welcome it.

Supplementary question from Councillor Andrew Wood

Actually I almost didn't make the meeting tonight. I was driving through my ward and, as seems to happen a very frequently nowadays, the vehicle ahead coming towards me was overtaking slower vehicles and came into my lane. I had to break sharply to avoid hitting them and it does seem to be fairly common nowadays that people are more aggressive and overtaking more. As part of this is 20 miles per hour review, are you looking at driver behaviour more generally and whether that has changed or will be changed as a result?

Councillor Ayas Miah response to the supplementary question

When we have the full result of the survey and feedback of course we will work together to respond and fulfil that requirement. Our officers and we are working together in order to achieve it. I think we should wait for the full results.

8.6 Question from Councillor Mahbub Alam

Can the current Mayor confirm which, if any, nurseries, children centres, council's satellite or primary buildings, and critically youth centres, have been closed since June 2015 or will be closed by 2018?

Response by Councillor Rachael Saunders (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services)

We control three childcare sites and have no plans to close them. We have 12 children's centres and no plans to close them. Everything else in that sector is

either run by schools or private businesses. No nursery classes or schools have been closed since 2015. As the Councillor will know, the Council does not control this provision. We are not aware of any plans by governing bodies to close such provision in the future. One school is considering opening such a provision. No maintained nursery schools have been closed since 2015. No designated children's centres have been closed since 2015. There are no plans to close children's centres

The majority of childcare in the borough, over 99 percent, is run by private childcare business or schools and we don't make decisions about whether to open or close them. Two children's centres have local authority childcare on site, John Smith and Overland. We own one building, Mary Sambrook, from which childcare is offered. Places at these day nurseries are funded by DfE Place Funding. The landlord that owns Queen Mary Day Nursery has expressed a desire to take back their building and we have re-provided that service locally so there are no jobs that have been lost in that process and the services have been re-provided in collaboration with St Paul's Way Primary School.

Supplementary question from Councillor Mahbub Alam

Is your memory working? Two years ago when you were the leader of Tower Hamlets Labour Group, you came with some mothers of children from Tower Hamlets nursery to the Cabinet and you urged them to come to the Council to protest against any idea of closing those nurseries. You must have forgot that you told those mothers that you didn't want to close any of the nurseries yourself. Just two years later at the budget scrutiny committee meeting, you gave a commitment that no nursery schools would be to shut down, but you have forgotten about this too because you have closed Queen Mary Nursery, or are you denying that? Secondly can you tell us which youth centres you want to close down? There is no lie about it, tell us which ones you really want to close down.

Councillor Rachael Saunders response to the supplementary question

I object to you using words like your lies, especially when you are reading from a supplementary question you had written before you had heard my answer. You used the word 'lie' about an answer that I gave, which was a question you had written before you'd heard my answer. I didn't tell a lie and I have not told you a lie. In relation to Queen Mary Day Nursery, we are in a situation where, firstly, asbestos and legionnaires disease was found in the building, so it is not safe to run from that building and now we are in a situation where the landlord wishes to sell the building. What we are doing in response to that is to provide childcare as usual on a nearby site, St Paul's Way Foundation Primary School. No jobs have been lost. No places have been lost. Unlike other local authority day nurseries, Queen Mary's operates in a rented building and the landlord can take that building back and we understand a decision has been taken to develop or market the property. No staff have lost their jobs and no parents have lost a free childcare place in response to the move. In response to the question on youth service, what I think you are trying to imply is that the changes are temporary and you want

an answer as to what will be part of the permanent model. I am grateful you recognise the current model is interim. We haven't made decisions yet about the permanent model and if young persons wish to talk to us about what the permanent model looks like, I would be really grateful to speak to them.

8.7 Question from Councillor Rajib Ahmed

What investment is the Council making in local healthcare provision?

Response by Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)

Through our public health services we invest millions in prevention, health promotion and tackling health inequalities. This includes GP services, pharmacy work, health visiting, breastfeeding support, sexual health services and drug and alcohol services. More specifically, we know from residents and GPs there is a lot of concern at the moment about pressure on GP surgeries and not being able to get appointments, not being able to be seen quickly, particularly when new housing is coming on stream. That is why we are investing £15.8 million of Section 106 money (money we have got from developers) to modernise GP practices and create some more green spaces that will benefit residents' health. There are four GP practices particularly that I want to highlight: Aberfeldy, Sutton's Wharf, Goodmans Fields and William Cotton Place. I know that all of those areas' residents and GPs have been clamouring for much needed improvements to the building and expansions so they can seem more patients and I'm really pleased that the Mayor has agreed to those proposals.

No supplementary question from Councillor Rajib Ahmed

8.9 Question from Councillor Candida Ronald

Could the Mayor or Cabinet Member please provide an update on the investigation into the THH data protection incident, after the blog 'Love Wapping' alleged an unauthorised use of Council's tenants' data as part of the 2014 and 2015 Tower Hamlets Mayoral campaigns?

Response by Mayor John Biggs

I'm extremely grateful for this question because there is an update and the update is contained in a report produced by Tower Hamlets Homes, which I imagine you have received. What that tells you is that the investigation into what the address list was that was used ascertains, without any credible doubt, that the list was obtained from a list provided in response to a Members enquiry by Tower Hamlets Homes by the then Mayor's Office and the Mayor's Office appears to have passed on confidential address details to both the previous mayor in his election campaigning and the Independent Group's mayoral candidate for campaigning in last year's campaign. This is clearly a breach of data security and I think it shows a breach of trust. It's a matter that we hopefully can blot out in this Borough, but it does require

people to recognise that they have to behave and act within the law when they are trusted with public information.

Supplementary question from Councillor Candida Ronald

Does it worry you that that information has not yet been accounted for and still could be illegally used for political campaigning in the future?

Mayor John Biggs response to the supplementary question

I think the foundation of that is that we all have, as elected members, access to confidential information, such as the address details of people. When someone comes to you with case work, that doesn't give you the right to transfer that information to your political party, for example, and use it to send propaganda. If people have a list of addresses like this was then to use that in a direct mail campaign or to target voters is a fundamental breach of trust. It is a misuse of data and it should be stamped upon. Now that Tower Hamlets Homes has ascertained that was the source of this data, we need both a safeguard to prevent it happening again and we need to look at the behavioural issues that lay behind it because, clearly, there are people in this chamber, I think, who have a problem in discerning between what they should do and what is not proper.

8.10 Question from Councillor Rabina Khan

How many homeless families have been helped from Bed & Breakfast into Temporary Accommodation since July 2015?

Response by Councillor Sirajul Islam (Cabinet Member for Housing Management & Performance)

I'm not surprised Councillor Khan is concerned with families in bed and breakfast, because at the time she left office there were 232 families in this sad situation. However, I am pleased to say that 12 months later, after a year of concerted political effort from the Mayor and myself and hard work from officers, that number has reduced by 68 percent to just seventy five families. In the period, 794 new bed and breakfast bookings were made, though this includes single household accommodation on a discretionary basis and assuming that 75 per cent of all B&B placements are families, this would indicate in the region of 520 families have been moved from B&B in the 13 months to June 2016. I hope that Councillor Khan welcomes this progress and joins me in congratulating officers in reducing the embarrassingly high numbers she left with us.

Supplementary question from Councillor Rabina Khan

The mayor has been busy, hasn't he? He's been busy exporting homeless families out of the Borough. He exported 1,000 families out of Tower Hamlets into places alongside Kent, all the way into Gillingham, all the way into Dartford. Why do you feel that it was an investment to invest in temporary accommodation outside of this Borough? I will give you an example: in

Chatham, there is a block of flats there that were newly refurbished with new kitchens, all ready and waiting for bed and breakfast families to be exported out of this Borough into Kent.

Councillor Sirajul Islam response to the supplementary question

Last June, when Mayor Biggs took office, we inherited almost 200 homeless families living in B&B for months and months and months. This Council was breaking the law. By law you can only keep families in B&B for a maximum of six months. This Council, under the old administration and Councillor Khan's leadership placed people in B&B for months and months and months. If those people went to the ombudsman then we would have been in serious problems. We took a leadership decision to move hundreds of families into accommodation in order to meet that obligation. I understand Councillor Khan was passionately advocating people moving to Kent at an O&S sub-committee meeting on Monday night, so I don't know why you've changed your mind now. We as an administration are very, very passionate about homeless people. We have reduced B&B six-week stay to 19 at this stage from 219, so that is progress and that is a commitment from us.

8.11 Question from Councillor Helal Uddin

Can the Mayor update Full Council on some of the key results of the recent Annual Residents' Survey?

Response by Mayor John Biggs

The residents' survey was a survey of 1,000 local residents, carried out by a reputable firm and done scientifically. It reports that 71 percent of residents surveyed were satisfied with the way the Council runs things. It was up six percent on last year. Half of the eighteen services monitored have seen an improvement in services ratings whilst none saw a decline. We saw a big increase in the percentage of people who thought the Council was doing a better job than one year ago, up by 17 percent to 61 percent. That is still too low a percentage. Almost three quarters, 72 percent, of those surveyed said they trusted the Council. The majority of people remain positive in their views of the area: 83 percent of residents are satisfied with the area as a place to live and most feel that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get along. There are still many, many areas where we need work to improve things. The reality is that, yes, we have made improvements and we should be proud of those, but we have many further challenges and that increase of 17 percent moves us, really, only to around the London average or what you should expect for your average authority. We need to aspire to a lot better than that. We have made progress, we are digging ourselves out of a hole, but we need to do a lot more to demonstrate we are meeting the whole range of needs of local people.

Supplementary question from Helal Uddin

It is very helpful to know that there is that 17 percent an increase in resident confidence compared to a year ago and we highly appreciate it. Could you

also touch a little bit on whether engagement with the public would help us to build more connection, give people more confidence and empower them to engage more in future?

Mayor John Biggs response to the supplementary question

As you know, you have been appointed as the mayoral advisor for this very area, for working better on community liaison and consultation so we do engage local people. People do not necessarily want to spend every night of the week in meetings at a church hall or a community centre about technical issues, but people do want to be listened to and we need to show that we listen to them and are accountable to them. I am proud of what we've done so far and we need to do more to be a responsive council and I am pleased that you are part of our Team, Councillor Uddin.

8.12 Question from Councillor Julia Dockerill

Further to our meeting on 31 May and his site visit on 1 July, what plans has the Mayor devised to improve Tower Hill's functioning, appearance and relationship with surrounding areas to ensure our borough makes best use of this incredible tourist asset?

Response by Councillor Denise Jones

As you know, the Tower of London is a World Heritage Site and it is in this Borough. It is the finest historic asset that we have and for many people that come here it is their first introduction to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. A lot of people don't even realise it is in Tower Hamlets. It is therefore important that the Borough project its best face and not only that it looks good, but also functions effectively. For that reason the Mayor has requested that the Council's new Local Plan provides a clear steer on the future of this area and sets out the Council's ambitions for the area in terms of standard of design and layout. This will be done in consultation with the local community and stakeholders, including Historic Royal Palaces, TFL and neighbouring boroughs. There have been a number of complaints recently from the Tower of London, Trinity House and other stakeholders around that area about street cleansing in the area and other issues including ice cream vans, so we will continue to work with advice from the City of London to make sure that the area is cleaned up properly.

Supplementary question from Councillor Julia Dockerill

I wanted to ask about the street cleansing issues and whether there are any plans that have been devised specifically to deal with the bin problems that we have been having?

Councillor Denise Jones response to the supplementary question

We are actually waiting at the moment for a meeting with the City of London, who have offered to suggest some new ways of doing that. Also the Tower of London have said that they clean up the area around the Tower of London

and they are quite happy to move up a little bit, next to the Trinity Gardens, that we own, and deal with the rubbish near the station which is causing a problem. There will be more information shortly.

Question 8.5 was withdrawn by the questioner due to the similarities in content with question 8.4. Question 8.8 was not put due to the absence of the questioner. Questions 8.13 - 27 were not put due to lack of time. Written responses would be provided to the questions. (Note: The written responses are included in Appendix 'A' to these minutes.)

Extension of time limit for the meeting

Mayor John Biggs **moved**, and Councillor Sirajul Islam **seconded**, a procedural motion, that "under Procedure Rule 15.11.7 the meeting be extended for 15 minutes, to consider and vote on the reports for consideration (Items 9.1,9.2, 11.1,11.2). The procedural motion was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

9. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

9.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2015/16

Councillor John Pierce, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, presented the Committee's Annual Report for 2015-16.

The recommendation set out in the report was put to the vote and was **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council note the contents of the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2015-16.

9.2 Appointment of Members to the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Director, Law Probity and Governance regarding appointments to the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs reported that the list of elected representatives needed adjusting to reflect the decisions taken (as set out in resolution 1 below).

The recommendations set out in the report were put to the vote and were **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 21 June 2016 the Health and Wellbeing Board discussed amendments to its membership as

reflected in the amended Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 2 to the report to be amended to include the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services and remove the post of the Executive Advisor on Adult Social Care.

2. That it be noted that the Mayor has agreed the updated Terms of Reference in respect of membership and has nominated:
 - (a) That the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult services be the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board;
 - (b) That the Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Performance becomes a voting member of the Board; and
 - (c) That a Councillor from the largest opposition group be appointed as a non-voting as a stakeholder and that that Councillor be put forward by such group.
3. That the appointment of co-opted members to the Board be agreed.
4. That a Councillor from the largest opposition group be appointed as a stakeholder to the Board.

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND QUESTIONS ON JOINT ARRANGEMENTS/EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (IF ANY)

There was no business to transact under this agenda item.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Treasury Management Outturn Report 2015/16

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Director of Resources setting out the Treasury Management Outturn for 2015/16.

The recommendations set out in the report were put to the vote and were **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Council note:

1. The Treasury Management activities and performance against targets for the twelve months to 31 March 2016.
2. The Pension Fund investments balance (set out in section 9 of Annex A of the report).
3. The Council's investments as at 31 March 2016 (as in Appendix 2 of the report).

4. The Prudential indicators outturn for 2015/16 (set out in Appendix 1 of the report).

11.2 Appointments related to the Standards Regime

The Council considered the report of the Corporate Director of Law Probity and Governance regarding the appointment of an Independent Person, a Reserve Independent Person and also Independent Co-opted Members of the Standards (Advisory) Committee.

The recommendations set out in the report were put to the vote and were **agreed**. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED:

That the Council agree:

1. That Ms Hall's term of appointment as Independent Person be increased to five years, as outlined in paragraph 1.3 of the report, to expire on 24 June 2018.
2. The recruitment of a Reserve Independent Person with a report to be presented to Council to confirm their appointment.
3. The recruitment of three new Independent Co-opted Members to the Standards (Advisory) Committee with a report to be presented to Council to confirm their appointment.

12. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

None of the submitted Motions were debated due to lack of time.

13. URGENT MOTIONS

The Council agreed to suspend Procedure Rule 13.1 to enable the following urgent motion to be debated without notice:

13.1 Motion Regarding the Ian Mikardo school.

Mayor John Biggs, **moved** and Councillor Sirajul Islam **seconded**, the motion as **tabled**.

Councillor Oliur Rahman **moved**, and Councillor Rabina Khan **seconded** a friendly amendment to the motion as set out below:

This Council requests the Executive Mayor to:

1. whilst we recognise that there has been an investigation, there needs to be a public enquiry taking into consideration the feelings and

experiences of parents and members of the local community as to how they feel and to learn lessons from this episode.

2. prepare a statement explaining that schools are responsible for appointing their own staff and that the Council and police will always work to protect ethnic minority and other relevant communities from hate crimes, and circulate this widely to local residents. The statement should acknowledge that parents have right to be assured that staff at the school which their children attend are appointed in a proper manner. This statement should be publicised fully using all communication channels.
3. to write to all school governors in the borough pointing out the sensitivity which should be exercised when considering appointing people convicted of serious offences, and especially those with a racist element, and to ensure that this need is communicated to all new LEA governors when they are appointed in the future, and a report provided to the relevant committee of the Council for information and any appropriate legal and professional input.
4. to write to all schools in the borough to advise them of this resolution.
5. to follow the example of the late Jo Cox MP, who said that her multi-ethnic community had more in common than it had division, by promoting community harmony in Tower Hamlets and having no truck with any actions which would cause distress and promote disharmony.

Mayor John Biggs indicated that he accepted paragraphs 2-5 of the amendment and altered the substantial motion accordingly.

Following debate, the motion as amended was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

RESOLVED

This council notes:

- Three individual motions were tabled at the Council meeting related to the appointment of an individual at Ian Mikardo school.
- The Mayor has made a full statement to Council and published a detailed report setting out the findings of the investigation carried out by officers in to the appointment and the role the council played.
- That the appointment of the individual in question by Ian Mikardo school was a matter for the school.
- That representatives of different political groups on the Council have expressed their personal views about the appointment, including the Mayor who has stated that had the decision been down to him, he would not have approved the appointment.
- That Ian Mikardo School has been judged as excellent, provides a vital service to some of our most vulnerable youngsters, and its transformation has happened under its current head teacher.

- The council currently has no legal power to object to school appointments on community cohesion grounds.

This Council believes:

- That the events of 2001 remain raw, and that our thoughts should be with the family of Shibli Rahman who have inevitably found the renewed attention on his the murder distressing.
- That the fear of racial violence, and the scars of experience, while clearly events have moved on and confidence has grown, remain real for members of our BME communities.
- That we strongly believe in rehabilitation but that this does not reduce the feelings of pain in victims of crime. For this to happen there needs to be a far more comprehensive process of reconciliation. The Council cannot do this on behalf of others but we can and should strongly signal the importance of bridge building through steps such as outreach, confidence building and restorative justice.
- That councillors and the Mayor in particular should offer leadership on issues of public interest and concern.
- That the leadership team and governors at Ian Mikardo should take account of the understandable community concern this information has caused and continue its dialogue with local residents, parents and staff to resolve the concerns. We welcome the moves towards greater outreach and communications from the school.
- That there is no justification for vandalism and damage to school buildings and that such actions serve no purpose and should be wholly condemned.

This council resolves:

To welcome and endorse the Mayor's actions tightening up the rules around controversial school appointments by requiring , where a DBS check for a maintained school appointment returns a serious conviction, the Corporate Director of Children's Services, after consultation with the relevant Lead Member or the Mayor, where necessary, to express the clear view of the authority on the appointment, including the impact on community cohesion.

To reaffirm that we will always be intolerant towards racism and racial violence and that Tower Hamlets is no Place for Hate.

This Council requests the Executive Mayor to:

- prepare a statement explaining that schools are responsible for appointing their own staff and that the Council and police will always work to protect ethnic minority and other relevant communities from hate crimes, and circulate this widely to local residents. The statement should acknowledge that parents have right to be assured that staff at the school which their children attend are appointed in a proper manner. This statement should be publicised fully using all communication channels.

- to write to all school governors in the borough pointing out the sensitivity which should be exercised when considering appointing people convicted of serious offences, and especially those with a racist element, and to ensure that this need is communicated to all new LEA governors when they are appointed in the future, and a report provided to the relevant committee of the Council for information and any appropriate legal and professional input.
- to write to all schools in the borough to advise them of this resolution.
- to follow the example of the late Jo Cox MP, who said that her multi-ethnic community had more in common than it had division, by promoting community harmony in Tower Hamlets and having no truck with any actions which would cause distress and promote disharmony.

The meeting ended at 10.20 p.m.

Speaker of the Council

APPENDIX A – WRITTEN RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS THAT WERE NOT PUT AT THE MEETING

6.1 Question from Rupia Rahman

Does the Mayor believe that the Council's anti-social behaviour team fit for purpose, especially when it comes to dealing with unacceptable behaviour from neighbours?

Response of Councillor Shiria Khatun (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety)

Residents continue to tell us that anti-social behaviour is one of their top concerns, which is why we have made it one of our highest priorities. I am proud that Mayor Biggs has invested in Council services that deal with this problem, with extra money for the noise nuisance service and for the ASB team.

Our response to anti-social behaviour is led by the anti-social behaviour team, which currently consists of Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers, Noise Nuisance Officers and the Rapid Response Team. They deal with noise nuisance in domestic/commercial premises, ASB related activity on the streets created by street drinkers, beggars, and youths as well as supporting policing operations. ASB case investigators deal predominantly with street related disorder, supporting private and rented sector tenants whilst supporting RSL's as necessary to comply with their duty of care.

Tackling anti-social behaviour effectively requires true partnership working – with every department of the Council working hand in hand with the police, Tower Hamlets Homes and other large housing providers, schools, and crucially the public – including ward panels, residents groups, and neighbourhood associations.

We want to make sure our approach is better co-ordinated and that our successes are better understood. That is why we will bring forward a new Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, which will set out clearer lines of responsibility, and move towards better joint working on the ground. We will co-produce this strategy with our partners over the coming months.

6.2 Question from Sha Hussain

Does the Mayor agree with Poplar Harca which has imposed a huge increase in parking charges on the resident? Is it not unfair and unjustifiable increase and what has the Mayor achieved for residents since his promise at the last Council petition to put pressure on Poplar Harca to decrease the charges?

Response of Councillor Sirajul Islam (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing Management & Performance)

The Mayor was very concerned to learn of the high year-on-year increase in parking charges, and noted the very high number of enquiries from Poplar HARCA residents. He was disappointed that there had not been an appropriate level of engagement with residents prior to these changes being made.

The Mayor met with Poplar HARCA's Chair and Chief Executive, and more recently with the whole Board. As a result, Poplar HARCA agreed to reduce the increases to tenants and resident leaseholders from the proposed £7 a week for a bay and £15 a week for a garage, to much lower charges of £4 for a bay and £12 for a garage. The Mayor however remains of the view that the scale of increases is excessive and that the manner of communicating the proposals was very poor.

The Mayor met with the Chair and Chief Executive again recently, along with local ward Councillors. He raised further concerns, including reducing charges for permits for family members, and HARCA agreed to explore this and come back.

It is however in the end a matter for the HARCA. Like all other Housing Associations and the Council the Government has imposed a rent reduction of 1% for the next 4 years which has seriously impacted on income which pays for essential services.

Whilst the Mayor accepts that this is a difficult time for Poplar HARCA, he was pleased that following his intervention a more reasonable increase this year was agreed for tenants and resident leaseholders. It may be worth noting that the Council used to have representatives on the HARCA Board Directors, but that these were removed because of non-attendance under the previous Mayor. This has greatly weakened our, and your, voice and was a shameful failure.

6.3 Question from Tareq Talukder

Does the Mayor believe that it is appropriate to cut funding of a high performing organisation such as NAFAS?

How does he intend to fill the gap that have been created by himself?

Response

I would like to pay tribute to NAFAS' excellent work in running drug treatment services for vulnerable people in recent years, and regret that they have been unsuccessful in their bid to run drug treatment services in the future.

The Council has a duty to ensure best value. Drug / alcohol treatment services in Tower Hamlets (including but not limited to NAFAS) have not been

subject to a formal procurement exercise in over 6 years. Since 2010, there has been significant consultation amongst partner organisations, service providers and service users to establish the structure of a treatment system which is accessible to all and delivers optimal outcomes. As a result of that ongoing consultation, a new structure for drug and alcohol treatment services was established and agreed at Cabinet.

The procurement of 3 contracts to form that new treatment system has now been carried out in an open and transparent manner, and in accordance with legislation and LBTH policy, and whilst NAFAS were invited to tender as part of that process, their bid scored lower than other tenders put forward.

The new recovery support service that is to be commissioned will include all interventions that NAFAS are currently delivering as well as those currently delivered by; RAPt Island Day Programme, RAPt Changes Day Programme, and Nacro Intervention Link Service. In addition, the service will be contracted to deliver enhanced support to ensure individuals in recovery receive support and advocacy in relation to their accommodation, ETE and finances. There will be a flexible programme of structured psychosocial interventions and increased access to counselling services as well as less formal peer mentor led programmes and social activities.

6.6 Question from Mizan Rashid

Can the Mayor explain why he is closing an unprecedented, record number of Youth Centres in the Borough?

Response of Councillor Rachael Saunders (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services)

It's important to recognise we are not cutting the youth service. These changes involve no cuts to the youth centre budget and no reduction in the number of hours service we provide.

In addition to serious allegations of fraud and malpractice made against the youth service under the previous Mayor we inherited a situation where some youth centres only had a single young person using each week. Others had failed basic health and safety checks and many had too few staff which meant very short notice closures leaving young people with nowhere to go.

We are acting to improve what was a youth service in crisis; it would be reckless not to act. Unlike the previous administration we take our responsibilities seriously. We are committed to improving the youth service so it is fit for purpose and provides a good quality service for as many young people as possible, whatever their background. That is why the new interim model will see 8 hub youth centres open six days a week supported by another 16 additional Council funded youth projects and a £120,000 summer programme of activities. On top of this we should not forget that there are many excellent non-Council funded youth clubs in the borough for example

the Rich Mix, Spotlight, HARCA and others. This is an interim set of changes and there will be a full consultation on longer term plans in the near future.

8.8 Question from Councillor Craig Aston

Will the Mayor provide:-

(a) a breakdown of the number of hours worked, and:-

(b) full details of the items of advice tendered, by (1) "Mayoral advisor" Cllr Denise Jones, (2) "Mayoral advisor" Cllr Helal Uddin, and (3) "Mayoral advisor" Cllr David Chesterton.

Response of Mayor John Biggs

I thank the Councillor for this opportunity to outline the new role of Mayoral Adviser, as agreed by Full Council at the AGM in May 2016.

The role of Mayoral Adviser is a way of involving Members with specialist knowledge in the leadership and policy roles of the Council, and to support and assist the Mayor and Cabinet. As part of the Mayor's normal decision making process, I will consult with Mayoral Advisers on issues related to their responsibilities and receive recommendations.

In order to carry out this role effectively, Mayoral Advisers are encouraged to consult with Council officers and Cabinet members as needed, with the support of the Mayor's Office.

The responsibilities of each Mayoral Adviser are explained in Appendix A1 to this document and will be publicly available on the Council's website. Their advice covers the areas of their briefs.

8.13 Question from Councillor Marc Francis

What has been the income from parking charges at the St Mark's Gate car park in each month since their introduction?

Response of Councillor Ayas Miah (Cabinet Member for Environment)

Please see below:

St Mark's Gate car park figure since opening In January 2015

Jan 2015	£1,168.00
Feb 2015	£986
Mar 2015	1,464.60
Apr 2015	£1,826.00
May 2015	£1,390.60

June 2015	£798.00
July 2015	£796.00
Aug 2015	£774.00
Sep 2015	£561.00
Oct 2015	£651.60
Nov 2015	£362.00
Dec 2015	£578.00
Jan 2016	£454.00
Feb 2016	£681.00
Mar 2016	£864.00
Apr 2016	£963.00
May 2016	£995.00
June 2016	£920.20
Total	<hr/> £16,233.00

8.14 Question from Councillor Muhammad Mustaqim

Does the current Mayor believe that the Council Tax-payer's money should be used to promote the Mayor and his Cabinet?

Response of Mayor John Biggs

No, not for political purposes.

All official communications by Tower Hamlets Council are now governed appropriately by the DCLG Publicity Code and the Tower Hamlets Communications Protocol.

This is of course a marked departure from the approach taken by the previous Mayor, who ordered his name and photo to be featured on official correspondence, advertising hoardings, Council building site hoardings, and throughout Council buildings.

8.15 Question from Councillor Danny Hassell

Following both the government's decision to cut public health funding (despite high levels of need and rising demand on many health services locally) as well as the decision that the NHS will not commission PrEP on a national basis (despite the research findings), can the lead member please update the Council on what steps have been taken to deliver prevention and support services to those at risk of, or living with HIV in the borough?

Response of Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)

Thank you for this important question. Sexual health is a key priority for me and the Mayor and represents a significant proportion of our public health spend, given the high levels of need we know we face in the borough.

Like you, I am deeply disappointed by the Government's short-sighted decision to cut the public health grant. In our savings proposals, we have sought to protect sexual health prevention and support services as much as possible, which has been welcomed by the sexual health sector locally.

We invest in a number of services e.g. enhanced sexual health promotion in high risk groups, living well with HIV, and health promotion in undiagnosed HIV. In our savings proposals, the Council has sought to mitigate the reduction in funding for these sexual health promotion services and proposes a reduction of 4% compared to an average of 13% across all Public Health areas. According to a national campaign run by sexual health charities, some boroughs have cut these kinds of HIV support services entirely.

I also have recently met with local service provider Positive East, to hear about the work that they do supporting residents living with HIV and preventing further HIV transmission. I am also meeting a range of local providers including Step Forward which supports young people, community pharmacies providing sexual health advice, and the clinics run by Barts health. We are committed to working with providers to support these services.

I was disappointed that NHS England has stated that PrEP is not within their legal powers to commission, despite having asked an expert group to work for a year to look at the evidence and make recommendations that PrEP should be funded by NHS England for key at risk groups. One of the research centres as part of this expert group's work was here in Tower Hamlets, at the Ambrose King Centre in Whitechapel.

Local residents were part of this trial, which was so effective at protecting participants from infection with HIV that the placebo element was ended early and then all participants were provided with PrEP. Since the national decision was taken, the Council has sought assurances from NHS England that the local residents who were receiving PrEP as part of the research trial would have their medication continued after September when their current prescriptions run out. We have just heard this will continue for 6 months.

Since this decision by NHS England not to consider PrEP for funding Council officers have been involved in developing and supporting the position of the Association of Directors of Public Health which expresses concern that NHS England is inappropriately seeking to shift commissioning responsibilities and costs to local authorities and that continued delay is not in the public interest.

A Judicial Review of the decision of NHS England not to consider PrEP for funding was instigated by the National AIDS Trust and the local authorities are party to this review through London Councils. The first hearing of the Judicial Review took place on the 13th July and a decision is anticipated within the next four weeks. Once the judgement has been made, the Council will be working with London Councils to review our position with regards to the future provision of PrEP.

8.16 Question from Councillor Peter Golds

Will the Mayor inform the Council as to what representation his administration has made seeking to amend the TfL proposals to revise bus routes serving the Isle of Dogs, that will see Spindrif Avenue denuded of a bus service despite an increasing local population and a doctor's surgery.

Response of Councillor Ayas Miah (Cabinet Member for Environment)

I share residents' concerns at the loss of service along Spindrif Avenue and the severance of the direct connection the D3 provides between Westferry Road / Spindrif Avenue and the Royal London Hospital. Having canvassed opinions from all local Ward Councillors affected by the proposals to change the 277 and D3 routes, officers responded to the consultation in March 2016.

Serious concern was expressed by the Council about both the loss of a service along Spindrif Avenue and the severance of the direct connection the D3 provides between Westferry Road / Spindrif Avenue and the Royal London Hospital. Access to health facilities and the proposed Civic Hub in Whitechapel will increase the need for better connections between these areas to fulfil a social need. While a direct link will be created on mainline Crossrail services in the future, this will not effectively serve this specific local demand.

A formal response from TfL is still awaited but we understand that a modification to the proposals has been made to reroute the 135 along Spindrif Avenue to protect a service along that link.

8.17 Question from Councillor John Pierce

How much income has the Council received from film companies using buildings and streets in Weavers Ward as film locations in the last 3 financial years and the current year to date?

Response of Councillor David Edgar (Cabinet Member for Resources)

The management of filming activity in the borough is undertaken under contract to the Council by the Film Office company. They provide monitoring figures for the Council but their systems do not allow for the production of reports giving income generated on a ward basis and so we are not able to provide the information requested.

8.18 Question from Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury

In November 2015, Cllr Shiria Khatun said the Police were not previously recording Islamophobic crimes separately, but would do so from then on (i.e. from November 2015). Could she provide details of a) how many Islamophobic crimes have been recorded since November 2015 in Tower Hamlets? b) how many racist complaints and/or crimes have been recorded in

2014/15 and 2015/16, with a particular focus on numbers and percentage comparison with the previous five years?

Response of Councillor Shiria Khatun (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety)

The Police collect and hold this data, it is not held by the Council. A request for this information has been made and when received will be provided to Cllr Choudhury.

8.19 Question from Councillor Chris Chapman

Will the Mayor please inform the Council and residents of the Isle of Dogs as to why a speculative developer was permitted to demolish three grade two listed buildings in Eastferry Road, despite warnings being given to the Council that such an attempt was imminent?

Response of Councillor Rachel Blake (Cabinet Member for Strategic Development)

The short answer to the question is that the developer was not permitted to demolish these sites.

The property address is 2, 4 and 6 East Ferry Road and whilst the buildings are located in the Coldharbour Conservation Area, they are not Listed.

It would appear, that Building Control were served notices of intended demolition in January 2015, and as a matter of policy, development management were advised of these applications and the site owners were advised that no such demolition should proceed without planning permission. At that time no demolition took place and the matter was closed. Since then the properties were demolished on or around the 26th June without any permission from the Local Planning Authority.

Our Legal team are urgently considering a case for prosecution as on the face of it a criminal offence has been committed.

The site owner in law would need to apply for planning permission to demolish the aforementioned building. The owner was aware of this as he/she was informed in writing at the time the notices were served. The site was again visited on the 10 May 2016 and it was concluded that the block of buildings were sufficiently restrained to not need a dangerous structure notice. The owner/owners representative was contacted in writing on the 2 June 2016 asking his/her intention for the building. We did not receive a response

8.20 Question from Councillor Abdul Asad

Can the Community Safety Cabinet member provide the list of anti-social behaviour and crime hot-spots (areas with the highest number of anti-social behaviour) in the borough with respective crime rates – both percentage and

numbers - for each hot-spot with the types of crimes and corresponding numbers and percentages?

Response of Councillor Shiria Khatun (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety)

The Police collect and hold this data, it is not held by the Council. A request for this information has been made and when received will be provided to Cllr Asad.

As a snapshot please see attached Appendix A2.

8.21 Question from Councillor Shah Alam

I regularly walk in Mile End Park and have recently noticed an alarming increase in dropped litter, a general lack of upkeep, an increase in anti-social behaviour and gang related activity. One thing that residents have highlighted is if the Council could install more signs across the park with warnings against dropping litter other than provided bins, use penalty notices if needed which the Council has the power to do, and to ensure that THEOs are visiting it regularly to monitor the situation and to provide reassurance to local families and residents who use the park. Will the current Mayor listen and act?

Response of Councillor Asma Begum (Cabinet Member for Culture)

Cleanliness of local parks is an issue that has been raised with me by local residents, especially following warm weekends. It is important that park users are encouraged take their rubbish home with them, or use the bins provided.

I have asked officers to consider what options can be implemented to improve the operations in Mile End Park, and for this issue to be considered as part of the preparation for any new cleansing contract.

8.22 Question from Councillor Ohid Ahmed

Please provide the official recorded headline crime rate for the Borough, both in numbers and % terms, for each year since May 2011 until June 2016?

Response of Councillor Shiria Khatun (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety)

The Police collect and hold this data, it is not held by the Council. A request for this information has been made and when received will be provided to Cllr Ahmed.

8.23 Question from Councillor Gulam Robbani

How much new money in the budget for 2016/17 relates specifically to dealing with the scourge of drug-dealing and gangs related crimes which was not

available in the budget passed by the Council in February/March 2015 and February 2014?

Response of Councillor Shiria Khatun (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety)

From April 2016, the Council has invested in a Police Task Force of 5 officers and a Sergeant to support the work with enforcement. Tackling ASB will be an important priority for them. Through youth and children's services, we have also introduced a "Gangs Coordinator" to lead on the work in partnership as outlined in the Gangs Strategy.

Crime in Tower Hamlets is down 4% on last year – that means over 1,000 fewer offences. As a result the last year saw the lowest number of offences and lowest crime rate in over 15 years. At the same time public confidence has also increased - the fear of crime is now lower than at any time in the last six years

8.24 Question from Councillor Aminur Khan

How much new and extra money has been put in place, for out of hours' noise and nuisance service, in the 2016/17 budget and how does that compare to the budget passed in February/March 2015 and February 2014?

Response of Councillor Shiria Khatun (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety) and Councillor Ayas Miah (Cabinet Member for Environment)

In providing support to residents to reduce noise pollution and disturbances additional funding of £110,000 was approved (£75,000 as part year in 2015/16) to ensure the provision of a 24 hour noise service all weekend / every day of the week.

Original budget 2014/15 £48,682
Original budget 2015/16 £48,682
Original budget 2016/17 £158,682

8.25 Question from Councillor Maium Miah

How many total Council assets of any kind were sold by the Council between 1994 and 2010, what were these and at what price(s). Please provide clear details, breakdown, total money generated and how was it spent?

Response of Councillor David Edgar (Cabinet Member for Resources)

Details on disposals before 1997 are not available - corporate property or finance records do not go back that far.

We have compiled a list of asset sales between 1997 and the current date setting out the information requested which can be made available separately to you.

If information is required on a specific Council asset sold before 1997, then the external Land Registry office will need to be contacted for details. Please advise if there is a specific asset that information is required on.

When the Council disposes of assets, the capital receipt is held as unapplied until used to fund capital expenditure schemes within the Capital Programme set by Full Council each year.

8.26 Question from Councillor Suluk Ahmed

Please provide a list of all properties, premises, assets that the Council manages in any capacity for which rent, rates or any other payments is received by the Council, its agencies and agents and calculated in the budget by the Council?

Response of Councillor Rachel Blake (Cabinet Member for Strategic Development)

In line with the Local Government Transparency Code, the Council publishes a list of all Council-owned land and buildings on the website. This list includes details of the tenure characteristics of the site, including those that are leased out. This can be found in the Transparency section of the Council's website.

http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgn/council_and_democracy/Transparency/transparency.aspx

8.27 Question from Councillor Harun Miah

When did the Blackwall Reach Regeneration Project start and what stage of completion (% of the project completed) was this project in June 2015?

Response of Councillor Rachel Blake (Cabinet Member for Strategic Development)

Preparation for the Blackwall Reach project began in 2007/08 with adoption of the Development Framework and initial land acquisitions by HCA (now GLA). Following extensive consultation, and a hiatus during which the market crashed and the Council had to seek immunity from listing for Robin Hood Gardens, Swan was procured as developer in 2011, and formal decant/land assembly commenced. Outline planning and first stage detailed planning approvals followed in 2012 and physical work on new buildings started in 2013.

At June 2015 none of the homes had yet been fully completed, though they were nearing structural completion. The new community centre, housing office and replacement mosque were also incomplete, and the new school had not

yet been structurally completed. Since June 2015 these aspects of the project have reached structural completion and have been fitted out. Woolmore School, part-funded by s106 monies, was completed in readiness for the September 2015 intake.

It is difficult to quantify these initial outputs as a percentage of the multiple benefits and outputs that the overall scheme will deliver. With a large-scale scheme of this type, much unpublicised effort goes into the enabling stages of design, consultation, procurement and land assembly, including acquisition of residential and commercial owners, and decant of tenants. The land assembly process was ongoing at June 2015, and remains so at present.

The following example percentages therefore illustrate diverse aspects of scheme progress at June 2015.

- Foot-print of overall scheme area developed: 1.05 hectares (13%)
- Final completion of new homes: 0 (0%)
- Tenant decants by Council: 111 (54%)
- Residential acquisitions by Council: 23 (51%)

Each of these activities forms part of a sequence of events that has enabled the next rolling phase of the project to start and continue successfully.

At present, construction on Phase 1B is underway, Phase 2 start in 2016, and land acquisitions have progressed, with a CPO confirmed for 80% of the scheme area.

APPENDIX A1 – NOTE ON MAYORAL ADVISORS

Mayor John Biggs

At the AGM I proposed that Cabinet will continue with 9 members. It was agreed that we also create three ‘**Mayoral Adviser**’ positions. These members would have no legal rights to delegated responsibilities as exercisable by Cabinet members but would instead advise the Mayor on key cross cutting matters.

The role of Mayoral Adviser is a way of involving Members with specialist knowledge in the leadership and policy roles of the council, and to support and assist the Mayor and Cabinet.

As part of the Mayor’s normal decision making process he will consult with Mayoral Advisers on issues related to their responsibilities and receive recommendations. In order to carry out this role effectively, Mayoral Advisers are encouraged to consult with council officers and Cabinet members as needed, with the support of the Mayor’s Office.

I said at the time that I would make more detailed proposals on the appointments.

The three proposed areas of responsibility are:

1. Service Quality & Performance
2. Strategic Planning
3. Community Engagement

The Mayoral Advisers for Community Engagement and for Service Quality & Performance will also have a responsibility for ensuring that equality considerations and outcomes are properly taken into account as we develop policy and make decisions.

Mayoral Adviser for Service Quality and Performance

Cllr Denise Jones

To meet the Mayor regularly (at least monthly) to advise and update on work in the following areas of responsibility:

1. The performance and quality of services, as agreed with the Mayor and involving appropriate Cabinet Member(s), in areas where KPIs, Audit Reports or other indicators suggest under-performance, or where Mayoral Priorities suggest an additional focus is required, working with Cabinet Members/the Mayor as required.
2. In any event to consider the performance of services affecting the street environment, the Council’s services to address ASB, and the performance of services in areas of the Council subject to restructuring through organisational change or in response to budget savings.

Also:

3. To consider, in consultation with the Mayor and Cabinet member, and advise on the Council’s strategies related to Arts, Culture and Heritage
4. To advise the Mayor and lead member(s) on Streetscene, including waste and recycling performance and contracts

Mayoral Adviser for Strategic Planning:

Cllr Dave Chesterton

To meet the Mayor regularly (at least monthly) to advise and update on work in the following areas of responsibility:

1. Planning policy, including on revisions to the LDF and policy subsidiary to the LDF, responses to GLA and other planning policy changes and to local planning strategy, with particular reference to the Isle of Dogs and the City Fringe areas.
2. Major applications with particular reference to the Isle of Dogs and City Fringe.
3. To consider and advise on the infrastructure needs related to development, with particular reference to the Isle of Dogs and City Fringe areas.
4. To attend developer meetings with the Mayor/Cabinet Member for strategic planning, on the above.
5. To advise the Mayor on and represent him at the Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Also:

6. As the Mayor's Cycling adviser to advise the Mayor and Cabinet Member on cycling proposals, and the interests of cycling and cyclists.
7. To lead the Civic Centre Cross Party Working Group, reporting regularly to both the Mayor and the Cabinet member for Resources

Mayoral Adviser for Community Engagement:

Cllr Helal Uddin

To meet the Mayor regularly (at least monthly) to advise and update on work in the following areas of responsibility:

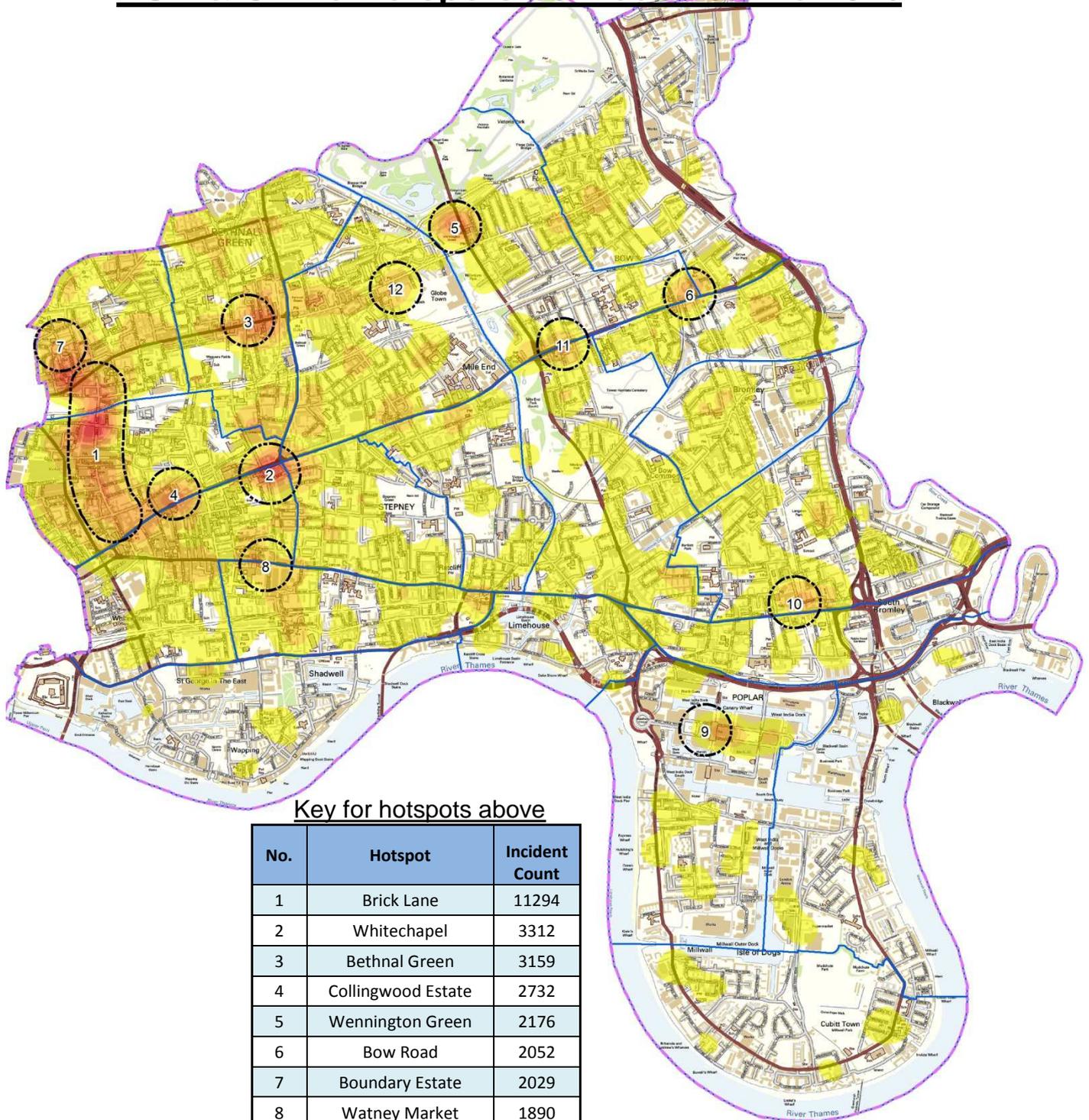
1. To advise the Mayor on community engagement and liaison.
2. To work with the Mayor in the development of local consultative forums.
3. To advise on engagement meetings with community groups, resident groups and key stakeholders.
4. To scrutinise and advise on the equalities implications of policy changes on the local community.
5. To advise the Mayor on the development of stronger inter-community relations and understanding and to advise the Mayor on policy actions to facilitate this.

Also:

6. To work with the lead members for Health and Adult Services, Education and Children's Services, and Housing Management on the relationship of their areas of responsibility to the needs of Black & Minority Ethnic communities.

APPENDIX A2

ASB & Crime Hotspots between 2011 to 2016



Key for hotspots above

No.	Hotspot	Incident Count
1	Brick Lane	11294
2	Whitechapel	3312
3	Bethnal Green	3159
4	Collingwood Estate	2732
5	Wennington Green	2176
6	Bow Road	2052
7	Boundary Estate	2029
8	Watney Market	1890
9	Canary Wharf	1672
10	Chrip Street Market	1583
11	Mile End	1461
12	Morpeth Street	1403

Legend

-  Hotspot Areas
-  Ward Boundary
-  Borough Boundary

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Breakdown of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour complaints for ASB hotspots

Crime Type	Hotspot Locations Above																								Grand Total			
	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12					
Incident Type	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%	Calls	%
Anti-social behaviour	1539	1.9	997	1.2	2910	3.6	78	0.1	492	0.6	976	1.2	825	1.0	740	0.9	916	1.1	871	1.1	338	0.4	990	1.2	11672	14.4		
Bicycle theft	51	1.4	27	0.7	177	4.8	42	1.1	24	0.6	45	1.2	12	0.3	19	0.5	18	0.5	19	0.5	37	1.0	126	3.4	597	16.0		
Burglary	119	0.9	81	0.6	414	3.3	23	0.2	77	0.6	114	0.9	46	0.4	47	0.4	90	0.7	73	0.6	57	0.4	81	0.6	1222	9.6		
Criminal damage and arson	148	1.4	76	0.7	375	3.7	40	0.4	85	0.8	85	0.8	53	0.5	53	0.5	95	0.9	74	0.7	25	0.2	101	1.0	1210	11.8		
Drugs	97	0.9	179	1.6	1845	16.5	15	0.1	47	0.4	95	0.9	22	0.2	73	0.7	47	0.4	73	0.7	820	7.3	173	1.5	3486	31.2		
Other crime	94	1.3	47	0.6	435	5.9	154	2.1	43	0.6	160	2.2	25	0.3	42	0.6	108	1.5	53	0.7	242	3.3	143	1.9	1546	20.9		
Other theft	273	1.2	137	0.6	2230	9.6	718	3.1	155	0.7	468	2.0	62	0.3	139	0.6	253	1.1	161	0.7	262	1.1	680	2.9	5538	23.8		
Possession of weapons	9	2.2	4	1.0	15	3.7	1	0.2	3	0.7	5	1.2	1	0.2	2	0.5	3	0.7	7	1.7	1	0.2	4	1.0	55	13.5		
Public disorder and weapons	32	1.6	20	1.0	120	5.8	11	0.5	23	1.1	48	2.3	14	0.7	8	0.4	15	0.7	27	1.3	8	0.4	63	3.1	389	18.9		
Public order	66	1.4	26	0.5	272	5.6	23	0.5	71	1.5	91	1.9	23	0.5	25	0.5	38	0.8	42	0.9	21	0.4	125	2.6	823	17.0		
Robbery	84	1.4	52	0.9	223	3.7	6	0.1	59	1.0	41	0.7	48	0.8	44	0.7	60	1.0	39	0.6	93	1.5	102	1.7	851	14.0		
Shoplifting	103	2.5	23	0.6	241	5.8	280	6.7	119	2.9	60	1.4	14	0.3	2	0.0	60	1.4	88	2.1	0	0.0	22	0.5	1012	24.3		
Theft from the person	60	1.4	46	1.1	519	12.2	124	2.9	22	0.5	60	1.4	12	0.3	51	1.2	31	0.7	19	0.4	103	2.4	112	2.6	1159	27.3		
Vehicle crime	95	0.7	144	1.1	240	1.8	21	0.2	93	0.7	69	0.5	54	0.4	57	0.4	92	0.7	98	0.7	46	0.3	91	0.7	1100	8.1		
Violence and sexual offences	263	1.2	123	0.6	818	3.8	83	0.4	199	0.9	275	1.3	113	0.5	107	0.5	142	0.7	180	0.8	84	0.4	328	1.5	2715	12.6		
Violent crime	126	1.2	47	0.5	460	4.5	53	0.5	71	0.7	140	1.4	79	0.8	52	0.5	84	0.8	66	0.6	39	0.4	171	1.7	1388	13.5		
Grand Total	3159	1.5	2029	0.9	11294	5.2	1672	0.8	1583	0.7	2732	1.3	1403	0.6	1461	0.7	2052	0.9	1890	0.9	2176	1.0	3312	1.5	34763	16.1		

Tower Hamlets Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour complaints made to the Police between May 2011 and June 2016

Incident Type	2011-2012		2012-2013		2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016		Grand Total	
	No. of incidents	% of 2011-2012	No. of incidents	% of 2012-2013	No. of incidents	% of 2013-2014	No. of incidents	% of 2014-2015	No. of incidents	% of 2015-2016		
Anti-social behaviour	18246	39.6%	16391	36.8% ▼2.7%	16506	39.2% ▲2.4%	15352	36.8% ▼2.4%	14366	34.0% ▼2.8%	80861	37.3%
Bicycle theft		0.0%	106	0.2% ▲0.2%	1338	3.2% ▲2.9%	1159	2.8% ▼0.4%	1121	2.7% ▼0.1%	3724	1.7%
Burglary	2566	5.6%	2856	6.4% ▲0.9%	2420	5.7% ▼0.7%	2360	5.7% ▼0.1%	2483	5.9% ▲0.2%	12685	5.9%
Criminal damage and arson	1667	3.6%	2069	4.7% ▲1.0%	2021	4.8% ▲0.1%	2285	5.5% ▲0.7%	2209	5.2% ▼0.2%	10251	4.7%
Drugs	2312	5.0%	3117	7.0% ▲2.0%	2407	5.7% ▼1.3%	1775	4.3% ▼1.5%	1557	3.7% ▼0.6%	11168	5.2%
Other crime	5534	12.0%	1094	2.5% ▼9.5%	205	0.5% ▼2.0%	222	0.5% ▲0.0%	334	0.8% ▲0.3%	7389	3.4%
Other theft	5182	11.2%	7134	16.0% ▲4.8%	3823	9.1% ▼7.0%	3539	8.5% ▼0.6%	3614	8.6% ▲0.1%	23292	10.8%
Possession of weapons	Included below	0.0%	8	0.0% ▲0.0%	108	0.3% ▲0.2%	116	0.3% ▲0.0%	176	0.4% ▲0.1%	408	0.2%
Public disorder and weapons	935	2.0%	1119	2.5% ▲0.5%	<i>Recorded separately as Possession of Weapons or Public Order</i>						2054	0.9%
Public order	Included above	0.0%	108	0.2% ▲0.2%	1244	3.0% ▲2.7%	1651	4.0% ▲1.0%	1850	4.4% ▲0.4%	4853	2.2%
Robbery	1300	2.8%	1385	3.1% ▲0.3%	1158	2.8% ▼0.4%	1133	2.7% ▼0.0%	1120	2.7% ▼0.1%	6096	2.8%
Shoplifting	465	1.0%	793	1.8% ▲0.8%	829	2.0% ▲0.2%	950	2.3% ▲0.3%	1130	2.7% ▲0.4%	4167	1.9%
Theft from the person		0.0%	139	0.3% ▲0.3%	1443	3.4% ▲3.1%	1321	3.2% ▼0.3%	1349	3.2% ▲0.0%	4252	2.0%
Vehicle crime	2614	5.7%	2655	6.0% ▲0.3%	2592	6.2% ▲0.2%	2756	6.6% ▲0.5%	2951	7.0% ▲0.4%	13568	6.3%
Violence and sexual offences		0.0%	458	1.0% ▲1.0%	6015	14.3% ▲13.3%	7081	17.0% ▲2.7%	7936	18.8% ▲1.8%	21490	9.9%
Violent crime	5261	11.4%	5053	11.4% ▼0.1%	Included above						10314	4.8%
Grand Total	46082	100.0%	44485	100.0%	42109	100.0%	41700	100.0%	42196	100%	216572	100.0%

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