

# THE FORWARD PLAN

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# Tower Hamlets Council Forthcoming Decisions Plan

#### What is this document?

The Forthcoming Decisions Plan (or 'Forward Plan') contains information on significant decisions that the Council expects to take over the next few months.

As a minimum this will include notice of:

- All Key Decisions to be taken by the Mayor or Cabinet.
  - This could include decisions taken at public meetings or taken individually at other times.
- Budget and Policy Framework Decisions (for example the Budget Report itself and major policies to be agreed by Council as set out in the Constitution)

In addition the Council aims to publish all other decisions to be taken by the Mayor and/or Cabinet.

#### **Key Decisions**

The Council is required to publish notice of all key decisions at least 28 days before they are taken by the Executive. Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Section 3 of the Constitution. Key Decisions can be taken by the Mayor, the Mayor in Cabinet or an officer if it has been expressly delegated.

#### **Publication of Forthcoming Decisions**

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page, whilst this 'Forthcoming Decisions Plan' collating these decisions will be published regularly, as a minimum at least, 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required.

#### **Urgency**

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution have to be followed.

#### Make your views known

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about a Forthcoming Decisions is to contact the lead officer, or Cabinet Member (where stated), listed. You can also view the Council's Consultation Calendar, which lists all the issues on which the Council and its partners are consulting.

#### Information about the Decision Makers

Further information on the Mayor and Members of the Cabinet can be found on the Council's website.

#### **Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private**

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed on the front page.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

- 1. Information relating to any individual
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
- 4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
- 5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- 6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
  - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
- 7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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Title of Report	MAJOR EVENTS CONCESSION FOR VICTORIA PARK	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	The Victoria Park Major Events Concession vice September 2022. This Concessionaire tender of the Major Events Policy.  The scope of the tender has been amended to policy (subject to Cabinet approval).  The Concession tender will be for a period of by a further one plus one years and would control to the decision is a Key Decision because it wo communities of two or more wards.	was postponed per o reflect the propos four years with an mmence from 1 Jan	ending a review sed updated option to extend nuary 2025.

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 20/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Matthew Eady (Director of Commissioning and Culture) matthew.eady@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Exempt Appendix One and sections of the Cabinet report.		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) The report and appendix will include financially sensitive information.		
Title of Report	Tower Hamlets Reduction and Recycling Plan 2023 - 2025	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes

Summary of Decision	A Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) has been developed and produced. RRPs are a requirement set by the Greater London Authority to ensure all London authorities are in general conformity with the London Environment Strategy.
	The current RRP covers the period April 2023 to the end of March 2025 and comprises environmental metrics drawn from the previous RRP reporting cycle (2018-2022), along with a cross-cutting action plan drawn from our strategies including the Strategic Plan and Waste Strategy.

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 20/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Michael Butler (Interim Director Of Enviroment) michael.butler@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Tower Hamlets Reduction and Recycling Plan 2023 - 2025		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	LTN Update	Ward Bethnal Green West; Spitalfields & Banglatown; St Katharine's & Wapping; Weavers	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Review of proposed removal of traffic management schemes implemented under the Liveable Streets programme.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 20/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Relevant internal and external stakeholders including, but not limited to, emergency services, local schools and Transport for London have also been consulted.  Surveys on the proposals have been issued to residents in the areas directly affected. The survey is also available for the general public to complete.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Dan Jones (Director, Public Realm) dan.jones@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	REVIEW OF THE MAJOR EVENTS POLICY, VICTORIA PARK	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report asks Cabinet to consider and approve an updated Major Events Policy for Victoria Park. The original policy was agreed by Cabinet in 2011. A partial amendment to the policy was approved by Cabinet in 2021, in response to the impact of COVID-19 on events.  A full review of the Major Events Policy is being recommended to enable the Council to be competitive with other London venues and be able to hold a wider range of events in the park for the public and resident benefit.  The decision is a Key Decision as it would have a significant effect on the		
	communities of two or more wards.		

Community Plan	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure
Date of decision	20/09/23
Decision maker	Cabinet

Theme			
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Matthew Eady (Director of Commissioning and Culture) matthew.eady@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) The report and appendices will include commercially and financially sensitive information.		
Title of Report	Insourcing of direct payment support service	Ward	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	The Direct Payment Support Service is currently commissioned to an external service provider (People Plus) and the contract will be coming to an end on 31 March 2024. As part of considering the future of the service and how it will be delivered, this item outlines the vision for the future service delivery model and recommends insourcing the service from April 2024 into Adult Social Care division.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 20/09/23
Community Plan Theme	Invest in public services
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the	Yes required

result of this Assessment?			
Contact details for comments or additional information	Katie O'Driscoll (Director of Adult Social Care) Katie.O'Driscoll@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Tower Hamlets Customer Experience Strategy Post Consultation  Ward All Wards  Yes  Key Decision? Yes		
Summary of Decision	This report seeks comments and approval of the Tower Hamlets Customer Experience Strategy 2023 -2026. The strategy was launched for public consultation, on the 5th of June and internal staff engagement on the 21st of June ending on the 7th of July. The strategy sets out our vision to deliver against the commitments outlined in the and will connect the council with our customers and facilitate their easy access to our services to help them have a better future.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 20/09/23	
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you	
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding	
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	DLTs - Resource, Place, Health, Adult and Community, Children and Culture The Customer Experience Strategy steering group External Residents, Businesses, Students and other Stakeholders	
	The following engagement on the Customer Experience Strategy has already taken place.  • Internal engagement /Staff /DLT/Councillors  • Councillor Engagement May 2021  • Smarter Together POD sessions Influence and collaboration on Corporate Customer Service Strategy April 2022  • National Customer Service POD session October 2022  • Internal Customer Survey December 2022  • External Customer Survey November 2022  • Public Engagement 5th June – 7th July  • Staff engagement 21st June – 7th July	

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes - equalities implications will be included in the report to cabinet		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Raj Chand (Director, Customer Services) raj.chand@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Draft Customer Experience Strategy Customer Experience Strategy Evidence Base Customer Experience Strategy Equality Impact Assessment Draft Action Plan Benchmarking Summary Summary of public engagement feedback		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Tower Hamlets - Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	The annual report outlines the achievements of the Safeguarding Adults Board, its subgroups and partner agencies over the period 2022 to 2023.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 20/09/23	
Community Plan Theme		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care	
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Annual SAB Report is developed by partners of the SAB. It will be presented to the Safeguarding Adults Board for sign off and will also be reviewed by the Health, Adults and Communities Directorate Leadership Team. The report will also be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board.	
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Katie O'Driscoll (Director of Adult Social Care) Katie.O'Driscoll@towerhamlets.gov.uk	

What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Review of Statement of Licensing Policy 2023	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Statutory five year review of the Statement of Licensing Policy.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 20/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	See Report  Consultation has been carried out and is included in the report		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Simon Baxter (Interim Director Public Realm) simon.baxter@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Housing Development Capital Programme Additions	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Information on the latest schemes for inclusion for direct delivery as part of the Housing Development Capital Programme.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 20/09/23		
Community Plan Theme	Homes for the future		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Additional Licensing Houses in Multiple Occupation Designation  Ward All Wards Yes  Key Decision Yes		
Summary of Decision	To consider renewing the additional licensing – houses in multiple occupation designation.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 25/10/23	
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you	
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency	
Who will be consulted	Consultation info included in the report.	
before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Internal and External Consultation	
Has an Equality Impact	Yes	

Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?			
Contact details for comments or additional information	David Tolley (Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards) david.tolley@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Permit Transfer Scheme	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	To make sure that the PTS continues to be clear, transparent, and fair to our residents, as well as addressing the day-today operational issues.  Extend the scheme to residents in under-occupied properties with three or more bedrooms.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 25/10/23	
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future	
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency	
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The briefing note was sent to Housing Options for their comments, and we attended their management meetings for Q&A sessions.  Internal consultation only	
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Dan Jones (Director, Public Realm) dan.jones@towerhamlets.gov.uk	
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Data on permits, the housing register, and future developments	

Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Tower Hamlets New Local Plan: Regulation 18 Consultation Draft	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Cabinet will be asked to approve the Regulation 18 Local Plan – Consultation Draft for statutory consultation. The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012, as amended. The draft Plan contains a proposed vision and objectives for Tower Hamlets over the next 15 years to 2038, a spatial strategy, new planning policies and site allocations.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 25/10/23	
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities	
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding	
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Mayor's office – at the regular Planning meeting with the Mayor, where key updates, such as 'early engagement' and outputs have been presented, including the 'vision' for the Local Plan. The Mayor and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding, have provided a steer on aspirations and policy direction to ensure alignment with the new Strategic Plan.	
	Internally – input of colleagues across the Council at the regular Local Plan Steering Group Meeting and regular Working Group Meetings held across each of the Plan's 10 policy theme areas. These discussions were followed by presentations to the DLT, CLT over recent months, followed by separate engagement with specific officers.	
	Externally – Greater London Authority, Transport for London, Historic England, London Boroughs of Newham, Greenwich, Hackney, City of London Corporation, London Legacy Development Corporation, neighbourhood forums, key landowners, Canal and River Trust, Network Rail, Environment Agency and Historic England.	
	The Draft new Local Plan has been informed by early engagement that was held from January 2023 to March 2023. The Council's 6-week early engagement stage for the new Local Plan included a range of digital, interactive and accessible events to ensure maximum outreach across the community. Events were held both online and in-person and included promotion through social media, emails, website, newsletters, press notices and posters/leaflets. During this early engagement phase, the Council received over 6000 online visits across the 'Let's Talk' website and the interactive 'Story Maps' platform. The Local Plan engagement document was downloaded 500 times and cumulatively,	

	there were 392 submissions to the project and approximately 115 attendees across the events.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes, relevant equality impact assessments will be carried as reYes  Relevant equality impact assessments will be carried as required as part of the new Local Plan preparation process. Such assessments are requirements setout in the Town and Country Planning Regulations.		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Jennifer Peters (Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control, Place) Jennifer.Peters@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	App 1. Tower Hamlets Regulation 18 Draft New Local Plan App 2. Tower Hamlets Regulation 18 Draft Integrated Impact Assessment - Scoping Report App 3. Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation Strategy (to be provided at MAB)		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Children and Families Strategy 2023-2028	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This reports presents our partnership strategy for improving outcomes for children and families in the borough over the next five years.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 29/11/23		
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: A better deal for children and young people: aspiration, education & skills		
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Directorates, partner organisations including VCS, children and families, Elected Members.  Internal consultation and consultation with partners ongoing – partnership meetings and other forums. Additional consultation with children and young people through established engagement mechanisms. Consultation with Elected Members and scrutiny.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this	Will be carried out		

Assessment?			
Contact details for comments or additional information	Susannah Beasley-Murray (Divisional Director of Supporting Families) susannah.beasley-murray@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Mudchute Farm, Park and Allotments, Pier Road E14; Variation of Lease Terms	Ward Blackwall & Cubitt Town; Island Gardens	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Cabinet approval was granted in June 2019 to surrender the existing Mudchute Association lease and grant a new 99 year term.		
	The new lease has yet to complete, and the Mayor has requested that the lease term be reconsidered, therefore this requires a new Cabinet approval to vary the existing Cabinet decision.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 25/10/23
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A
Contact details for comments or additional information	Stephen Shapiro (Acting Director of Property and Majory Programmes) Stephen.Shapiro@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be	June 2019 Cabinet Paper

available?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Corporate Equalities Plan 2023- 2026	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report sets out the Council's corporate equality priorities over the next three years to achieve our vision to build a strong, inclusive and fair borough addressing inequalities through the services we provide, the money we spend, the people we employ and working effectively with our partners to ensure better outcomes for those living, working and studying here. Working in parallel to ensure our workforce reflects the community.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 25/10/23		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Equalities and Social Inc	lusion	
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	N/A		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transforsharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk	ormation)	
What supporting documents or other information will be available?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	New Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan 2023-2028: plan agreement	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	A new Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan 2023	-2028 is presented	for agreement.

It sets out a new shared vision and strategic framework for the borough that the Tower Hamlets Partnership can influence. It is informed by key findings from the 2021 census data, a state of the borough paper and views from stakeholder and community engagement. Residents, young people, community, faith, voluntary, and public service organisations have all contributed to its development.

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 29/11/23		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
Cabinet Member	Mayor		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	As above  A Tower Hamlets for All community and stakeholder engagement ran from Dec 2022-March 2023. Residents, young people, community, faith, voluntary, and public service organisations have all contributed to partnership plan development.  Further engagement of key stakeholders has continued up to plan agreement, including a partnership congress of partnership and community stakeholders in autumn 2023.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Not yet, will be attached with the cabinet paper		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Sharon Godman (Director, Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) sharon.godman@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Cover report and partnership plan will be supported by background evidence papers as appendices (the state of the borough report and resident perspectives).		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Youth Justice Board Annual Report	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	It is a constitutional requirement for Cabinet to review the Youth Justice Board annual plan. The plan sets out the priorities and strategic goals of the Youth Justice Board and operational frontline service delivery.  This report outlines the priority areas to be delivered over the next 24 months.		

Decision maker Date of decision	<b>Cabinet</b> 29/11/23
Community Plan Theme	Accelerate Education
Cabinet Member	Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Throughout the development and sign off process of the Youth Justice Plan the Youth Justice Service, Partners and young people were consulted  Throughout the development and sign off process of the Youth Justice Plan the
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Youth Justice Service, Partners and young people were consulted.  No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Susannah Beasley-Murray (Divisional Director of Supporting Families) susannah.beasley- murray@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	HMIP Inspection Report
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Youth Justice Improvement Plan, appendix 3 should not be in the public domain as it may negatively impact relationships with families.