



THE FORWARD PLAN

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The Forward Plan is published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting.

In addition, new issues and changes to existing issues will be published on the website as soon as they are known.

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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	Neighbourhood Planning: Determination of Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum Redesignation Application	Ward Bow East; Bow West	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Neighbourhood forum designations expire five years after they are initially granted. The Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum designation expired on 16 August 2022. The Forum submitted an application in August 2022, which was refused by the Mayor in Cabinet on 21 June 2023 on the basis that the membership of the Forum was not considered to be representative of the population of the area. The Forum submitted a new application for redesignation on 5 April 2024, after working to address the reason for refusal by broadening the Forum's membership and changing the executive committee		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/11/24
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 1: Tower Hamlets will be a fair, inclusive and an anti-racist borough.?
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	A public notice has been placed in the East End Advertiser and information has been posted on the council website directing the public in how to respond. A public consultation is taking place from 28 August to 10 October. The Cabinet report will be updated before CMT to incorporate full details of the consultation responses. At the time of writing, 17 responses had been received, all of which express support for the redesignation of the Forum.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Screening Tool carried out 18 September 2024, no further assessment needed
Contact details for comments or additional information	Charmaine Campbell, Alifa Khatun, Shivani Patel, Abdul Razak, Sripriya Sudhakar Senior Management Support Officer Charmaine.Campbell@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer alifa.khatun@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer shivani.patel@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer abdul.razak@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Director of Planning and Building Control Sripriya.Sudhakar@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Appendix 1: Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum Application Form Appendix 2: Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Area Map Appendix 3: Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Forum Constitution Appendix 4: Equalities Impact Assessment Screening
Is there an intention to consider this report in	No, Unrestricted

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private session and if so why?			
Title of Report	Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023-24	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 2023 to 2024.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 18/12/24		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
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	NA 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?			
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?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee Challenge Session action plan on the performance of Registered Providers in Tower Hamlets	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	The Chair of the Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee requested a challenge session on Housing Provider Performance in the borough that was held on 26 March 2024. This report sets out an Action Plan, following		

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	recommendations made by the Sub-committee who agreed at their meeting of 13 May 2024, that the recommendations are committed to an Action Plan which is now submitted to the Mayor and Cabinet for their approval
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 18/12/24
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	<p>Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee members Democratic Services Housing & Regeneration Directorate Housing Policy Strategy & Improvement Team LBTH Housing Management Service Tower Hamlets Housing Forum</p> <p>Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny sub-committee members were consulted in their meeting in March 2024 and will be consulted again in a meeting scheduled for April 2025.</p> <p>Democratic Services were consulted in a meeting in July 2024.</p> <p>The Housing Policy Strategy & Improvement team have been consulted by email in addition to the internal Housing Management team and Housing & Regeneration Directorate.</p> <p>The Chair and other members of Tower Hamlets Housing Forum were sent the document by email and submitted comments</p>
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	<p>Charmaine Campbell, Alifa Khatun, Shivani Patel, Abdul Razak Senior Management Support Officer Charmaine.Campbell@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer alifa.khatun@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer shivani.patel@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer abdul.razak@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	<p>Report entitled Scrutiny Challenge Session of Housing Provider Performance in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee Action Plan</p>
Is there an intention to consider this report in	No, Unrestricted

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private session and if so why?			
Title of Report	Reduction and Recycling Plan Progress Report – Qtr 1 and 2, 2024-25	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	Tower Hamlets Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) 2023-2025 was approved by Cabinet in September 2023. A report detailing progress of the RRP is due at Cabinet on a quarterly basis. This report provides an update for Quarter 4 and year end, 2023-24.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 18/12/24		
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	NA NA		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	NA		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Ashraf Ali (Director of Public Realm) ashraf.ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
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	Record of Corporate Director's Actions Quarter 1& 2 (2024 - 2025)	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report sets out, for noting by Cabinet, the Corporate Director's Actions taken under Rule 10 (section 50 Record of Corporate Director's Actions (RCDA) - Waiving of Procurement Procedures) in Part C – Codes and Protocols of the Council's constitution. The section states that Corporate Director's Actions in respect of contracts over		

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	£100,000 must be reported to Cabinet for noting and this report fulfils this requirement.
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 18/12/24		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
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 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	Abdulrazak Kassim (Director Finance, Procurement and Audit) abdulrazak.kassim@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	Mayors Waste Improvement Programme Quarter Two Update	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	<p>The Mayor declared a waste emergency at full Council in November 2022. There were concerns that the waste services were failing, and that the overall performance was poor and lacked visibility. Further briefings to the Mayor and MAB detailing the initial findings and the Waste Improvement Programme was approved on 13 June 2023.</p> <p>December 2023, the Mayor approved an investment of £5m for 2024/2025.</p> <p>On 16 April 2024, the Mayors Waste Improvement Programme (MWIP) delivery plan details were shared with The Mayor and the subsequent action was to provide a quarterly update to MAB.</p> <p>The report provides details of the MWIP with focus on delivery timeline, plans for</p>		

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	the key arterial routes and how this investment will be embedded into the on-going long-term improvement of the service.
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 18/12/24		
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	NA NA		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	NA		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Ashraf Ali (Director of Public Realm) ashraf.ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
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	Strategic Delivery and Performance Report Year 3 Quarter 2	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report will set out performance for Q2 showing progress on the strategic plan priorities and all reportable strategic measures.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 18/12/24		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Mayor		
Who will be consulted before decision is made	N/A		

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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?	None		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Ayesha Hakim Rahman (Acting Deputy Director of Strategy, Improvement and Transformation) ayesha.hakimrahman@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
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 None		
Title of Report	Best Value Report and Draft Directions Update	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	An update on the Best Value Inspection of Tower Hamlets Council, following publication of the inspection report on the 12th November and draft directions. We accept the findings of the Best Value Inspection report and acknowledge the need for urgent action to address the serious failings identified.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 18/12/24
Community Plan Theme	
Cabinet Member	Mayor
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None None
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Kirsty Roberts (Strategy & Policy Lead) kirsty.roberts@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other	Best Value Inspection Report (on gov.uk) Letter to the CEO LBTH (on gov.uk)

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information will be available?	Representation letter from Statutory Officers		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Fees and Charges 2025-26 Report	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Fees and charges are reviewed annually as part of the financial and business planning process. This ensures that they are set at the appropriate level for the prevailing economic circumstances and represent good practice in terms of the Council's aim to provide value for money.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 08/01/25		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
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	The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted. Consultation will take place via MAB SRP and Overview and Scrutiny meetings		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	EIAs are being carried out for any new charges and where charges have increased above inflation		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Abdulrazak Kassim (Director Finance, Procurement and Audit) abdulrazak.kassim@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	Revised Adult Social Care Charging Policy Incorporating Free Community Based Services	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes

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Summary of Decision	The current charging policy for adult social care support references charges for both residential and non-residential provision. The introduction of free community based services in April 2025 requires the existing adult social care charging policy to be updated to reflect this change.
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 08/01/25		
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you		
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	None None		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Required		
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?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Budget Report 2025-26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-28	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report sets out the issues and actions which inform the development of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2025-28.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 08/01/25		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living		

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Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted. Internal consultation will take place via MAB SRP, Star Chamber sessions and Overview and Scrutiny meetings.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Abdulrazak Kassim (Director Finance, Procurement and Audit) abdulrazak.kassim@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	Skylines Village Regeneration Scheme - Resolution for an in-principle Compulsory Purchase Order	Ward Blackwall & Cubitt Town	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	Approve a resolution in principle for a single Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in relation to the Skylines Village regeneration scheme		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 29/01/25
Community Plan Theme	TH Plan 4: Everyone in Tower Hamlets should have access to good work and skills and an income that meets their needs.
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	Commercial property interests Statutory consultees through planning process The commercial property owners affected by the proposal have been contacted directly by the Council. The Council will also undertake a pre-CPO engagement process with affected parties to review the impact to their property or land interest and to explain the CPO process in further detail. Prior to making the Order the Council will send

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	pre-CPO letters to all identified property interests to explain the process and the impact to their individual rights		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	An equality impact analysis checklist and report has been completed which assesses the impacts to the protected characteristics. The report supports the implementation of the measures proposed to facilitate delivery of the overall regeneration: overall the impacts of the scheme are considered to be positive		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Charmaine Campbell, Alifa Khatun, Shivani Patel, Abdul Razak, Karen Swift Senior Management Support Officer Charmaine.Campbell@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer alifa.khatun@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer shivani.patel@towerhamlets.gov.uk, Senior Management Support Officer abdul.razak@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Section 226 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 203 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Grant resolution for Planning Application ref: PA/17/01597 dated 18 March 2019		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Financially Sensitive		
Title of Report	Youth Justice Board Strategic Plan Update Report	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	It is a constitutional requirement for Cabinet to review the Youth Justice Board annual plan and progress update. The plan sets out the priorities and strategic goals of the Youth Justice Board and operational frontline service delivery. This report provides the progress made over the last 12 months on the priority areas set out in the Strategic Youth Justice Plan 2023-2025.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 29/01/25
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 Youth Justice Service, Partners and young people were consulted.

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Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	NA		
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?	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2023-2025		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Budget Report 2025-26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-28 (Late Jan report)	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report sets out the issues and actions which inform the development of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2025-28.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 29/01/25
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities
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	The Mayor, Lead Member for Resources and the Cost of Living; and the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be consulted. Internal consultation: Yes External consultation: No
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	Abdulrazak Kassim (Director Finance, Procurement and Audit) abdulrazak.kassim@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other	No

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information will be available?			
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted N/A		
Title of Report	Contract Forward Plan – Q3 – FY 2024-2025	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	<p>This report presents the contracts being procured during quarter three. The report also sets out the Contracts Forward Plan at appendix 2 to this report.</p> <p>The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender.</p>		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 29/01/25		
Community Plan Theme	All Priorities		
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	<p>Where required, consultation with service users and stakeholders will be undertaken as part of the project and budget approval process.</p> <p>Necessary consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures</p>		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No. Contract specific EqIA is expected to be completed by respective contract owners as part of the directorate approval.		
Contact details for comments or additional information	John Harrison (Director of Corporate Efficiency) john.harrison@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Report and appendices include details of all contracts to be awarded.		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Joining together tree contracts and teams on council streets and estate land	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No

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Summary of Decision	Services managing trees and other arboricultural services across council land are currently divided across two teams and two contracts within Housing Management and Public Realm respectively. As part of our efforts to integrate and in-sourcing housing services, this report proposes for Public Realm to adopt Housing Management's tree stock in time for the new financial year (2025/26) through 'merging' of the two Arboriculture (tree) contracts
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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 26/03/25
Community Plan Theme	A clean and green future
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Environmental Services Officers – Housing Management. Internal staff consultation in accordance with Council Change Policy – an assessment of the potential impact on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) will be undertaken for reorganisation of Environmental Services
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Ashraf Ali, Gulam Hussain, Darren Reynolds (Director of Public Realm) ashraf.ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer) Tel: 4710 gulam.hussain@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Interim Director of Neighbourhoods) darren.reynolds@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	LBTH Tree Management Plan
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted

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