


Non-Executive Report of the: COUNCIL 18 July 2018	
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Motions submitted by Members of the Council	

Originating Officer(s)	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.
Wards affected	All wards

SUMMARY

1. Two motions have been submitted by Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 13 for debate at the Council meeting on Wednesday 18 July 2018.
2. The motions submitted are listed overleaf. In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, the motions alternate between the administration and the other Political Groups, with the Opposition Group motions starting with the largest Political Group not to have that meeting's Opposition Motion Debate slot.
3. Motions must be about matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the Borough. A motion may not be moved which is substantially the same as a motion which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the previous six months; or which proposes that a decision of the Council taken in the previous six months be rescinded; unless notice of the motion is given signed by at least twenty Members.
4. There is no specific duration set for this agenda item and consideration of the attached motions may continue until the time limit for the meeting is reached. The guillotine procedure at Council Procedure Rule 9.2 does not apply to motions on notice and any of the attached motions which have not been put to the vote when the time limit for the meeting is reached will be deemed to have fallen. A motion which is not put to the vote at the current meeting may be resubmitted for the next meeting but is not automatically carried forward.

MOTIONS

Set out overleaf are the motions that have been submitted.

14.1 Motion regarding the Grenfell Tower response

Proposer: Councillor Sirajul Islam

Secunder: Mayor John Biggs

This Council notes:

1. The catastrophic Grenfell Tower fire disaster which broke out on 14th June last year in Kensington and Chelsea which killed 72 people.
2. The causes of the fire are still being investigated but it is strongly believed that the fire spread so rapidly because of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding that was found on the outside of the building.
3. In the immediate aftermath of the fire, Tower Hamlets Council gave significant support to Kensington and Chelsea including seconding staff to the borough to provide assistance.
4. Despite Government promises to the contrary, according to media reports many of those made homeless by the tragedy have yet to be permanently rehoused over a year on from the disaster.

This Council also notes:

1. At the time of the Grenfell fire, THH and the council had already completed new Fire Risk Assessments on all of its 900 Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) blocks.
2. The council provided support to RPs and private landlords to test and replace cladding on tower blocks in the borough, including Randall House (a PFI scheme), which had a small amount of category 3 ACM which was quickly replaced.
3. In the Budget this year the Mayor, Council and THH agreed a significant programme of investment, committing £26.8m in new fire protection works with the aim of reducing the fire risks in THH properties even further over the next four years.
4. The Mayor and council have consistently lobbied Government to secure funding for cladding replacement costs and that it took almost a year for the Government to agree to do so but that this funding does not cover private blocks, of which there are many in Tower Hamlets, and does not cover councils to install sprinkler systems in high rise blocks to further reduce fire risks.

This Council resolves:

1. To support the Grenfell Public Enquiry and to call on Government to fully fund councils and the Fire Brigade to implement its recommendations.
2. To continue to lobby Government for funding to install sprinkler systems in high rise residential blocks and to provide support to leaseholders and tenants in private blocks where cladding needs to be removed.

14.2 Motion regarding Education Results and Target Setting

Proposer: Councillor Peter Golds
Seconder: Councillor Andrew Wood

The Council notes:

That at the last Cabinet meeting the Cabinet member responsible for Children, Schools and Young People presented “Validated end of Key Stage and Examination Results for the academic year 2016-17” but as a purely verbal update.

No actual results were attached to the Cabinet report or were available online.

Repeated references were made to Tower Hamlets exceeding national standards and that we should continue to exceed national averages. Whilst welcome England does include a number of areas with low educational outcomes and we should aspire to even higher standards given both our greater relative financial resources and the higher aspirations of our children and parents.

The Council therefore call on the Mayor that in future the council:

1. Publishes all educational and exam results though the Council website and in reports
2. Specifies the educational benchmarks should be based on:
 - a. England as a whole
 - b. Inner London
 - c. The highest performing London Borough on any particular benchmark
 - d. The neighbouring Boroughs of;
 - i. Newham
 - ii. Greenwich
 - iii. Lewisham
 - iv. Southwark
 - v. Hackney

That the City of London is excluded as the number of pupils is so low as to make comparisons difficult

This Council believes that this will provide comparable data on which to judge the relative outcomes of our pupils and schools.

That without accurate data and comparatives Tower Hamlets risks falling behind peer councils as previously.

Based on a small sample of educational analysis (which has been summarised for brevity) this is what the results would reveal. That Tower Hamlets while performing better than the national average is either average or below average when compared to its benchmarks.

SFR49/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 1, 2017

Table 18: Attainment in key stage 1 teacher assessments by region, local authority (LA) and gender

	English Reading	English Writing	Mathematics	Science
	Percentage reaching the expected standard²	Percentage reaching the expected standard²	Percentage reaching the expected standard²	Percentage reaching the expected standard²
ENGLAND	76	68	75	83
Inner London	79	73	79	84
Richmond upon Thames	83	72	82	91
Lewisham	80	73	78	87
Greenwich	80	76	81	85
Hackney	80	77	81	84
Newham	78	73	80	83
Southwark	79	73	78	83
Tower Hamlets	76	72	77	81

Based on these KS1 statistics Tower Hamlets would have the worst outcomes within the reference group.

SFR49/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 1, 2017

Table 21: Percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard¹ in key stage 1 teacher assessments by free school meal eligibility and gender

	English Reading	English Writing	Mathematics	Science
	Pupils known to be eligible and claiming free school meals	Pupils known to be eligible and claiming free school meals	Pupils known to be eligible and claiming free school meals	Pupils known to be eligible and claiming free school meals
	All	All	All	All
ENGLAND	61	52	60	69
Inner London	70	64	70	76
Newham	75	68	75	81
Newham	75	68	75	81
Hackney	74	71	75	77
Southwark	75	67	72	78
Tower Hamlets	71	65	70	76
Greenwich	68	63	69	76
Lewisham	67	60	64	75

Based on these KS1 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks

SFR69/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 2, 2017 (revised)
 Table L1: Attainment at the end of key stage 2 in reading, writing and mathematics by region, local authority (LA) and gender

	Percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard ³			Percentage of pupils reaching a higher standard ⁴		
	All	Boys	Girls	All	Boys	Girls
ENGLAND	62	58	66	9	7	10
Inner London	68	65	71	11	10	13
Kensington and Chelsea	76	73	80	18	14	22
Hackney	72	69	75	13	11	15
Greenwich	71	68	74	13	10	15
Newham	70	67	73	11	9	13
Tower Hamlets	68	64	71	10	8	12
Southwark	64	60	67	9	8	10
Lewisham	62	58	66	9	7	10

Based on these KS2 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks (sorted by 1st column)

SFR69/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 2, 2017 (revised)

Table L4: Progress scores¹ of pupils by subject, local authority and region

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
	Progress score ¹	Progress score ¹	Progress score ¹
ENGLAND	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inner London	1.2	1.5	1.8
Kensington and Chelsea	2.4	1.5	2.8
Hackney	1.7	2.3	1.9
Newham	1.5	2.6	3.0
Southwark	0.9	0.9	1.4
Tower Hamlets	0.8	1.4	1.5
Greenwich	0.7	1.4	1.1
Lewisham	0.1	-0.1	0.2

Based on these KS2 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks (sorted by Reading column).

SFR69/2017: National curriculum assessments at key stage 2, 2017 (revised)						
Table L10a: Attainment of pupils at the end of key stage 2 in reading, writing and mathematics by ethnicity, region and local authority						
	Percentage of pupils reaching the expected standard ³					
	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Chinese	All pupils
ENGLAND	61	63	64	61	78	62
Inner London						
London	70	68	70	63	79	68
Bromley	75	77	86	75	88	76
Greenwich	67	71	80	73	85	71
Hackney	75	74	75	67	80	72
Lewisham	66	66	70	56	80	62
Newham	65	72	70	72	100	70
Tower Hamlets	62	63	70	63	72	68
Southwark	68	65	69	60	65	64

Based on these KS2 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks (sorted by Asian column)

SFR01/2018: GCSE and equivalent results in England 2016/17 (revised)				
Table LA1: GCSE and equivalent entries and achievements of pupils at the end of key stage 4 by gender for each local authority ¹ and region				
Region/ Local Authority ¹	Average Attainment 8 score per pupil ³	English and maths GCSEs	English Baccalaureate	Progress 8 ³
		Percentage of pupils who achieved a strong 9-5 pass ⁵	Percentage of pupils who achieved all components (including a strong 9-5 pass in English and maths) ⁶	Average Progress 8 score ⁴
England ¹	44.6	39.6	19.7	.
Inner London	48.2	46.0	27.8	0.21
Kensington & Chelsea	55.0	57.4	30.9	0.45
Southwark	50.5	47.8	32.8	0.31
Hackney	49.4	44.7	28.4	0.38
Newham	48.4	45.8	29.9	0.41
Tower Hamlets	47.2	44.3	27.1	0.25
Lewisham	44.2	37.9	19.0	-0.28

Based on these KS4 statistics Tower Hamlets would have below average outcomes compared to the benchmarks (sorted by average attainment 8)