

Theme	Key Milestone	Lead	Deadline If this column has not already been completed, please ensure the deadline for achieving the key milestone is added	Progress to date Please provide a brief overview following OBA principles: How much? How well? What has been the impact? Next Step	RAG Status Please provide the RAG Status of the Key milestone: Completed (Green) – where the key milestone has been achieved In Progress (Amber) – where the key milestone will be achieved by the deadline Overdue (Red) - where the key milestone has not been completed by the deadline date
Members' Support	CLT and Senior Managers within the Council to ensure relevant Ward Councillors are informed at an early stage of relevant activities in their ward	Chief Executive/ Corporate Directors/ Divisional Directors	Imminent	Services have been reminded of their responsibilities through a range of communications since the launch of the Councillor Support Framework, including articles in TH Now, items on the intranet, and specifically through attending all DLTs to raise and discuss all Strengthening Local Democracy recommendations	Completed
Place Shaping	Create and deliver an internal communications plan to: promote the role of ward councillors	Divisional Director Communications and Marketing	Apr-20	Once the refresh of the members hub is complete - we will feature spotlights on members in internal newsletters.	In progress
Place Shaping	Create and deliver an internal communications plan to: encourage staff to share any information with councillors relating to their wards - people and place - not just issues	Divisional Director Communications and Marketing	Dec-19	At the Senior Leadership Team meeting in October 2019 we raised awareness of the role of Cllrs and how to engage with members. We have also communicated key messages and advice on engagement via our internal newsletters (all staff newsletter and Managers briefing).	Completed
Members' Support	Review the content in the Member Bulletin to ensure it is more engaging, relevant to Members – content will then be received via the members hub	Divisional Director Communications and Marketing	Survey to be held in February and move over to the hub completed by April 2020.	Internal Communications and Members Services have met to discuss the way forward to provide members with information. A survey will be held in February 2020 to gather views and feedback on what information members would like to receive. The members hub will also be improved to provide links to committees and will include regular updates.	In progress
Members' Support	Promote the Members Hub internally	Divisional Director Communications and Marketing	Apr-20	To ensure information is relevant an online form will be created so information can be submitted by service areas. Internal communications will support the promotion of the change through all internal communication channels	In progress

Youth Service	Increase digital communication with young people, this will require additional social media training for Councillors which could also explore ward level social media and legislative presumption that a councillor is acting on the Council's behalf	Divisional Director Communications and Marketing	Jan-20	Two Social Media training sessions have been held. One in the afternoon of 21 January 2020 attended by two Councillors, the second in the evening of 23 January 2020 attended by five Councillors. There is social media guidance to assist Councillors and Officers with areas such as tone of voice, and in addition, the council's social media policy has been reviewed and updated.	Completed
Mayor's Office	Provide social media training sessions for all Councillors	Divisional Director Communications and Marketing	Jan-20	Two Social Media training sessions have been held. One in the afternoon of 21 January 2020 attended by two Councillors, the second in the evening of 23 January 2020 attended by five Councillors.	Completed
Locality Based Data	Signpost to Crime and Disorder data that exists, but aren't accessed - there is lots of data which could be signposted through the Members' Hub	Divisional Director Community Safety	Jun-19	The Community Safety web site has been updated with a page on Safer Neighbourhoods. This provides links to the MPS web site inviting people to sign up to receive crime data for their neighbourhood. This was included in the councillor seminar on 17th October. A reminder will be published in the Members Bulletin 10 January.	Completed. Reminders will be published in the Members Bulletin periodically.
Place Shaping	Develop 'Days of Action' with Councillors, beyond ward walkabouts, where the focus is on the geographical place rather than on one particular issue	Divisional Director Community Safety	June - Days of Action commence	The Mayor's Crime and ASB Board decided not to implement a programme but to pilot the Ward Walkabouts and Days of Action. A Walkabout was conducted in Limehouse Ward on 13 May. This identified the location for the Day of Action on 31 August. A further Walkabout was held on 14 June in Weavers Ward. The Mayor's Crime and ASB Board will decide in February 2020 whether to implement a programme across the borough. Operation Continuum Plus has been introduced in December 2019 that provides an option to replace the days of action, being targeted multi-agency days of action in identified geographical areas to tackle problems identified by the community.	Completed. The Mayor's Crime and ASB Board will decide if they are to continue.
Community Safety	Encourage all Councillors to become members of their ward SNP, it provides direct contact with their ward Safer Neighbourhood Team, the ward level policing team, including sergeant, officers, etc, and they also benefit from Safer Neighbourhood Board data portal access which provides ward level data	Divisional Director Community Safety	Linked to Ward Walkabouts above that commenced May 2019.	On 17 October the Cabinet Member for Community Safety hosted a Developing Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels seminar for Councillors to encourage members to join their panels. The seminar included good practice examples from members who are actively involved. The Community Safety analyst now provides ward level crime and ASB data with Ward Panels. The new Community Safety E newsletter is sent to all members who subscribe. It includes updated information about community safety issues and has links to the MPS web site and individual Safer Neighbourhood Teams. The Cabinet Member will be making a short video in January 2020 to encourage members to sign up the e newsletter and to get involved with their Safer Neighbourhood Panel.	Completed. Work continues to encourage involvement of councillors.

Community Safety	Training Programme for Members on VAWG	Divisional Director Community Safety	May	VAWG training opportunities are available to members. A VAWG E newsletter is sent to them monthly which advertises training sessions.	Completed
Community Safety	Ward Councillors to be invited to Ward Walkabouts and Days of Action	Divisional Director Community Safety	May	Ward Councillors were invited to the Limehouse and Weavers Walkabouts. The Cabinet Member attended along with local councillors.	Completed
Community Safety	Offer VAWG/Hate Crime/Prevent champion training to Members. N.B VAWG/Hate Crime requires two day training commitment, Prevent one day.	Divisional Director Community Safety	Ongoing throughout 2019	Four Members have attended a 1 day VAWG Champions training session on September 5 th 2019. An additional date of 25th February 2020 has been agreed to repeat this training. Prevent awareness training will be offered in early 2020 and Hate Crime Champion training will continue to be offered.	Ongoing
Community Safety	Review the outcome of the neighbourhood management pilot in North West of the borough	Divisional Director Community Safety	Mar-20	Evaluation of Year 1 (2018-19) has been conducted including analysis of crime and ASB, stakeholder interviews and literature review. Findings are positive with overwhelming support for the pilot, expected short term outcomes have been achieved with a reduction in crime and ASB observed by residents. The pilot area has now been extended to include Whitechapel. The review of Year 1 has informed Year 2 (2019-20).	Completed
Community Safety	Training Programme for Members on Civil Contingencies	Divisional Director Community Safety	Sep-19	When this action was agreed LBTH was to be involved in the London 'pilot', however it has been limited to four boroughs, not LBTH. However, locally Members were provided an overview of Civil Contingencies as part of their induction. On 29 October the Mayor attended role specific training on Civil Resilience. The Housing and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Panel scrutinised Civil Contingencies in December 2019. The Mayor will be involved in Exercise Safer Cities on 3 March 2020. The LGA document 'A Councillor's Guide to Civil Emergencies' has been circulated.	Ongoing
Partnership Working	Encourage attendance at Ward Panels when Members attend their Ward Walkabouts and Days of Action.	Divisional Director Community Safety	Linked to Ward Walkabouts above that commenced May 2019.	Those who attended were encouraged to attend their panels.	Completed
Partnership Working	Advertise all Ward Panels through Members Hub	Divisional Director Community Safety	Linked to Ward Walkabouts above that commenced May 2019.	The Community Safety web site has been updated with a page on Safer Neighbourhoods. This provides links to the MPS web site inviting people to sign up to receive crime data for their neighbourhood. This was included in the councillor seminar on 17th October. A reminder of the new Community Safety newsletter was published in the Members Bulletin 10 January.	Completed

Partnership Working	Advocate use of OWL - online watch link, an online Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety are on OWL (www.owl.co.uk) and use it as a communications tool.	Divisional Director Community Safety	Ongoing	OWL is promoted in Safer Neighbourhood and Neighbourhood Watch communications, on the Community Safety website, and the new e-newsletter, which can be subscribed to via the council's website https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/content_pages/online_services/Sign_up_to_our_newsletter.aspx?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_content=Safer+Together	Ongoing
Schools, children's services	Encourage Ward Councillors to meet with children and youth fora run by the Parent and Family Support Service	Divisional Director Education and Partnership	Dec-19	There are a range of different groups that elected members can attend, these features periodically in the Members Bulletin. Cllr Hassel attends regularly	Ongoing
Schools, children's services	Councillors to visit Holiday Childcare Scheme	Divisional Director Education and Partnership	Dec-19	There are a range of different groups that elected members can attend, these features periodically in the Members Bulletin. Cllr Hassel has attended and Cllr McQuillan is attending holiday child care	Ongoing
Schools, children's services	Councillors to attend SEND Our Time Youth Forum	Divisional Director Education and Partnership	Dec-19	There are a range of different groups that elected members can attend, these features periodically in the Members Bulletin. Cllr Hassel has attended.	Ongoing
Licensing	Encourage Councillors to advocate for their ward where a licensed premise is causing problem (request a review), or when a new license is applied for, they could represent all comments from their ward and be the contact for the business	Divisional Director Public Realm	Dec-19	We carried out a Councillor drop in session before Council to advise Members on the actions they can take for residents who are affected by licensed premises. We also occasionally give advice via ME's.	Completed
Licensing	Licensing hold sessions for all Councillors encouraging them to be advocates and advising what they should consider when looking at new license applications or requesting a review of an existing license Look at positive engagement with Councillors, rather than engagement through complaints this involves providing information to Councillors at an early stage and encouraging them to share this with residents to reduce both complaints and Member Enquiries	Divisional Director Public Realm	Dec-19	As above	Completed

Overview and Scrutiny	Provide all non-Executive Councillors with an opportunity to feed into the Overview and Scrutiny work programme	Divisional Director SPP	Jun-19	Revised information and guidance for the overview and scrutiny function of the council has been made available at the council's webpage: https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgn/council_and_democracy/Overview-and-scrutiny.aspx . At the beginning of the scrutiny year, all non-executive members were invited to attend the joint scrutiny workshop to contribute to the development of the work programme for each committee. No (non-scrutiny) non-executive members took part in this session. Non-executive members can also be made aware of scrutiny committee (Overview and Scrutiny Committee and three Scrutiny Sub-Committees) meetings via the automated notification service administered by Democratic Services but must request this, and meeting dates listed on the Council's public calendar. Additionally they have been invited to participate in all Scrutiny challenge sessions and reviews including 'Premises Charges and Community Benefit' and 'Working in genuine partnership with seldom-heard residents to make our communities safer'. No (non scrutiny) non-executive councillors took part in this session. Scrutiny Committee and Sub-Committee Chairs and Scrutiny Leads are readily contactable by non-Executive members to submit items for scrutiny discussion.	Completed
Overview and Scrutiny	Provide an updated Overview and Scrutiny Toolkit to assist Councillors and Officers in undertaking effective Overview and Scrutiny	Divisional Director SPP	Jul-19	Revised information and guidance for the overview and scrutiny function of the council has been made available at the council's webpage: https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgn/council_and_democracy/Overview-and-scrutiny.aspx . This includes a revised Overview and Scrutiny toolkit. Corporate SP have also produced a public brochure - summary information about the scrutiny function in the council.	Completed
Locality Based Data	Provide Councillors with data training on the key principles to keep in mind when reviewing data in order to promote self help	Divisional Director SPP	Sep-19	Data training will start to be provided across the organisation, including for members, as part of implementing the culture change work stream of the Business Intelligence & Analytics Plan implementation throughout 2020/21. This will coincide with the phased rollout of more interactive data products depends on the introduction of new corporate IT solutions.	Overdue
Place Shaping	Support a greater place shaping role in local areas through: The Council's new consultation handbook include consideration of broader area impact on the place	Divisional Director SPP	Oct-19	The consultation handbook includes, as examples of stakeholders, "people who live nearby, local agencies...everyone living in a specific location or neighbourhood, people who work in the area, people passing through...Councillors are community leaders and advocates for their local ward area...residents associations etc"	Completed

Overview and Scrutiny	Provide training to all Councillors and Senior Managers Forum	Divisional Director SPP	<p>CfPS Expert Chairing Skills for Scrutiny 11 June 2019</p> <p>CfPS Financial Scrutiny 26 June 2019</p> <p>Finance Scrutiny - 5 September 2019</p> <p>Training for Officers on operational/practical issues 5 December 2019</p>	Corporate SP with the Centre for Public Scrutiny have offered training for both scrutiny members and officers with two CfPS training events attended this municipal year: general scrutiny and financial scrutiny. Additionally, Corporate SP have run internal training sessions for scrutiny members about finance scrutiny (with CD Finance) and for officers on operational/practical issues.	Completed
Overview and Scrutiny	Develop and promote the Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)	Divisional Director SPP	Mar-20	While there are currently arrangements in place, a formal Councillor Call for Action process (CCfA) is being developed which will ensure overview and scrutiny arrangements enable any member of the authority to refer a local government matter to the relevant overview and scrutiny committee. This is being drafted alongside a Communications plan to ensure that it is published on the intranet and widely promoted. The final CCfA will need to go before DLTs and approved by CLT, and is scheduled to be in place March 2020.	In progress
Place Shaping	Support a greater place shaping role in local areas through: Utilise co-production framework to deliver placed based activities	Divisional Director SPP	Dec-19	We support the co-production network which is facilitated by Tower Hamlets CVS. We also support and work in partnership with a number of placed based co-produced initiatives including the Communities Driving Change programme led by Public Health.	Completed (ongoing)
Overview and Scrutiny	Use digital technology to allow residents to feed into the Overview and Scrutiny work programme	Divisional Director SPP	Apr-20	Revised information and guidance for the overview and scrutiny function of the council has been made available at the council's webpage: https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ignl/council_and_democracy/Overview-and-scrutiny.aspx . This includes a 'Suggest an issue for Scrutiny to look into' facility for residents to input items into the work programme. Additionally, the use of Slido was piloted at a community safety scrutiny challenge session to further engage the views of residents and ensure they were able to participate in the meeting even though they could not attend. Based on the success of this session we will look to use it at future sessions where there is significant engagement with residents. We will identify where this will be best used as we develop the 2020/21 work programme in May and June 2020.	Completed

Overview and Scrutiny	Use the consultation hub to feed into the Overview and Scrutiny work programme	Divisional Director SPP	Apr-20	To support the development of the scrutiny work programme Members are provided with numerous sources evidence including: annual resident survey, horizon scanning of national and local issues, discussions with key partners, responses to the online web form from residents. As part of the development of the 2020/21 work programme Members will be provided with the information submitted to the consultation hub.	In progress
Place Shaping	Promote and raise awareness of the Local Community Fund and Corporate Small Grants to Councillors to signpost to their networks so they can apply	Divisional Director SPP	April 2019 and ongoing	Two Member briefings were delivered (12th and 14th March 2019). These were attended by 14 Members. At the end of the sessions Members said they felt better able to advise their constituents on which funding programme would be most appropriate for them. the LCF and Small grants programmes have now commenced and no further action is planned.	Completed
Place Shaping	Hold Overview and Scrutiny meetings in the community and look to focus meetings on a 'place' (geography) rather than particular topics	Divisional Director SPP	June 2020 in conjunction with OSC work programming	Scrutiny Challenge Sessions have been held at other locations: such as that for Premises Charges & Community Benefit Rent Reduction Scheme in Whitechapel Idea Store in November 2019. Due to logistical and cost issues for holding scrutiny committee meetings outside Mulberry Place it has not been possible to move OSC meetings in the community: webcasting of OSC meetings requires adequate IT infrastructure and equipment, and will have a cost implication. However, the Sub-Committee meetings are not webcast and as part of the work programming for next year we will plan to hold some of these meetings in community setting i.e. Children Scrutiny Sub-committee could meet in a school or youth centre.	In progress
Place Shaping	Support a greater place shaping role in local areas through: Supporting Councillors to bring together a diverse range of partners including residents to shape localities	Divisional Director SPP	Apr-20	A scrutiny challenge session focusing on premises charges and the community benefit rent reduction scheme was held on 27 November 2019. The session was chaired by Scrutiny Lead for Resources & Finance, Councillor Tarik Khan and aimed to assess the impact of the introduction of premises charges on community organisations in the borough. Corporate SP is working with the OSC Chair to finalise the scope of some scrutiny work to engage the communities in two TH Wards: St Dunstan's and Bethnal Green. It is anticipated that scoping will be completed early February, with resident engagement to be held in February, with all evidence/views to be collated in March, with a report to be tabled at OSC meeting in April 2020.	In progress

Locality Based Data	Ensure Councillors are notified through the Members' Bulletin when data sets on the Borough Statistics and the Borough Profile pages are updated or when new data sets are added	Divisional Director SPP	Ongoing	As new data sets become available, they are promoted by the Members Bulletin	In progress
Locality Based Data	Signpost members to the Borough Statistics and the Borough Profile pages, including their sub pages and factsheets via the Members' Hub	Divisional Director SPP	Dec-19	The Members' Hub contains direct links to Borough Statistics, Ward Profiles, etc held on the council's website. Unlike keeping static information on the Hub, in this way, the information available always remains current as it is updated directly on the website.	Completed
Place Shaping	Map Member Enquiry 'hot topics' against wards	Divisional Director SPP	When IT upgrade to intelligence tools has been completed	This exercise is halted pending the IT upgrade to our corporate IT infrastructure and subsequent introduction of new business intelligence software tools. Until that time, it will not be possible to produce live mapping Member Enquiries against council wards. Any maps produced at present would remain static.	Overdue
Youth Service	Councillors and Cabinet Members are encouraged to become more involved in the established youth representatives' annual training programme	Divisional Director Youth and Commissioning	Ongoing	The Young Mayors and Youth Council Training programme takes place on an ad-hoc basis and needs more coordination. An initial meeting was had with the Senior Committee Services Officer and Head of Democratic Services about involving the Young Mayors in the elected members training but no dates were agreed. An annual training programme will be devised for 2020-21 and the Youth Service will meet with Democratic Services to agree some joint-training.	In progress
Youth Service	Give young people the opportunity to shadow Cabinet Members and senior council officials/ Commit to the British Youth Council's accredited Local Councillor Shadowing Award for young people to shadow local councillors for a minimum of 10 hours	Divisional Director Youth and Commissioning	Ongoing	All Young Mayors have now met their adult counterparts, but this does not happen on a regular basis. The ASDAN Local Councillor Shadowing Award has yet to be completed but will be by the end of the financial year.	In progress
Youth Service	Add Councillor visits to the youth centres' annual programme so that young people can expect and look forward to an opportunity to meet and engage with elected members	Divisional Director Youth and Commissioning with support from Head of Democratic Service	Ongoing	This is done on an ad-hoc basis and needs better coordination and youth engagement so as to involve a wider cohort.	In progress
Youth Service	Involve the Youth Council in Councillor induction. Training young people to train councillors has worked well elsewhere	Divisional Director Youth and Commissioning with support from Head of Democratic Service	Ongoing	An initial conversation took place between the Head of Youth Service and Head of Democratic Services but no progress has been made on this.	In progress
Planning	Adopt and implement a new Planning Statement of Community Involvement	Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control	May-19	A new Statement of Community Involvement was adopted at Cabinet on the 24/4/19. This document is now active and is guiding all public consultations from planning & building control. It is helping deliver more cost effective and efficient consultation. The council receives around 3000 planning applications a year.	Completed

Planning	Review and up-date/amplify information available to all councillors about Neighbourhood Planning	Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control	Sep-19	All Neighbourhood Planning material is up-to-date and has been reviewed. A guide produced by the LGA for Councillors is on the Members Hub and is now to have alongside it a short explanatory note with general information for Members on Neighbourhood Planning in Tower Hamlets.	Completed
Planning	Review approach to Local Infrastructure Fund consultations around CIL and introduce an approach which highlights opportunities for Councillors to get involved in consultations regarding the allocation of CIL monies.	Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control	Dec-19	The Autumn 2019 Local Infrastructure Fund Consultation asked members and local people for their infrastructure priorities and to nominate specific infrastructure projects. A members briefing meeting provided direct involvement in the consultation and also encouraged members to speak with local people and attend area based workshops and drop ins. A number of members took this opportunity and attended events. This will now be the base approach for LIF consultation each year. Over 3000 residents attended or contributed to the events, 15 members attended the workshop and 7 attended the briefing session.	Completed
Planning	Strengthen Ward Councillors knowledge on the planning process and how they can encourage residents to positively engage e.g. this could be a short online guide or similar	Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control	Feb-20	This is still in discussion and development. Balancing available resource is a consideration and it maybe that the new SCI is clear how residents can get involved and engage positively in the planning process.	In Progress
Planning	Develop and implement a pre-application committee presentation process , for appropriate applications, as part of the pre-application process to enable Councillors to engage and understand significant proposals at any early stage	Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control	TBC	The first pre-application Strategic Development Committee (SDC) presentation was held on the 20 November 2019 for the Marion Place gas works site in Bethnal Green. The approach was well received by the committee and arrangements were piloted in a live environment with applicants, the public, committee members and ward members are all able to see and engage in the process. The item took about 50 minutes to work through the presentation and questions. It is anticipated that on average one major development per quarter will be presented to the committee for discussion and information at pre-application stage. The process is designed to support better informed decision making by the committee when they come to consider the follow on planning application at a later stage. The outcome is expected to be: fewer committee overturns of officer recommendations, less planning appeals and public inquiries which are a significant impact on resources, greater certainty in the planning process for applicants, the community and other stakeholders, positive planning decisions for sustainable development, supporting the delivery of housing, jobs and infrastructure. Outcomes will need to be assessed over a longer time period as there may be typically 6 – 9 months between a pre-application presentation and the formal decision by the committee on a subsequent planning application.	Completed

Planning	Add weekly list of planning applications, by ward, to the Members Hub	Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control	01-Jul-19	Each Member receives direct by email a fortnightly ward-sorted listing of planning applications and decisions. The Council's online planning register holds a pre-formatted rolling list of applications and decisions for the past individual 16 weeks. This is in addition to the option to query any given week's activity for the period back to January 2000. The function is available to anyone accessing the Council's website. We are working to complete the Hub entry which will be there very shortly. This will provide another channel to secure the information.	Completed
Youth Service	Explore 'Hack' events undertaken in other local authorities to address specific issues with Councillors involved in scene setting and active engagement in the days	Head of Democratic Services	Mar-20	Have monitored their use by other Councils (for example #notwestminster are running one in Kirklees in February. However, attendance not appropriate given current restrictions on non-essential expenditure. Will monitor from afar.	In progress
Members' Support	Create a toolkit for Ward Councillors utilising the areas suggested in this framework including a guide for staff and what the council can do to support them	Head of Democratic Services	Jun-20	We are working on building this into the Member Hub.	In progress
Members' Support	Utilise the Members Bulletin and Member Hub to further promote learning and development	Head of Democratic Services	Imminent	The Hub is being used to store learning and development documents and presentations and the bulletin and other methods are being used to promote learning and development. [Note - A report was presented to Standards Advisory Committee on 30 January on options being explored to improve the Hub and Bulletin.]	Completed
Partnership Working	Provide Tower Hamlets Housing Forum (THHF) Executive with guidance to assist their members' handling of Member Enquiries	Head of Democratic Services and Head of Information Governance	Ongoing	Slight delay due to change in Chair of the Forum. Head of Democratic Services due to meet the new Chair in February to explore ideas.	In progress
Place Shaping	Consideration of utilising community venues such as schools/youth premises across the borough for appropriate Councillor events e.g. Planning Committees, Overview and Scrutiny meetings	Head of Democratic Services	Immediately	The Committee Services team have procedures in place to support the hosting of meetings at external venues as and when they are requested.	Completed
Schools, children's services	Arrange similar events for secondary-age and college-age students and promote local democracy within schools and colleges by attending appropriate events	Head of Democratic Services / Divisional Director Education and Partnership	Oct-19	An initial event was held as part of National Democracy Week in October for the Young Mayor and his Deputies (Secondary School age children). The initial session has been analysed with the Mayor's officer and the next session (planned for summer 2020) is being designed with the aim of encouraging a more robust debate of the topics selected.	Ongoing

Schools, children's services	Develop a programme that focusses on democracy and deliver it in schools - Young Mayor Programme	Divisional Director Education and Partnership	Oct-19	Young people can join the youth council which is a rolling programme. They have the opportunity to take part in debates and forums about the community and young people. They also plan and deliver their own programmes raising awareness if issues that concern young people. The Young Mayors scheme invites the young people of Tower Hamlets to take part in and run for Young Mayor. Young people receive training and support to prepare their campaigns and lean how local democratic process work. The Takeover Challenge is an annual event where young people can shadow senior managers in the Council for the whole day and gain valuable insight into how the council operates and also make key decisions. The ASDAN Leadership Programme helps young people develop knowledge and skills for learning, work and life.	Ongoing
Schools, children's services	Promote youth democracy during Local Democracy Week (in October) by planning drop-in event(s) for young people to engage with their local councillors, including engaging with existing youth democracy structures.	Head of Democratic Services / Divisional Director Youth & Children's Commissioning	Oct-19	Successful sessions were arranged with primary school children as part of National Democracy Week, they hear from local councillors and the Speaker on how local democracy works and got to take part in debates in the Council chamber as well as visiting the Speaker's Parlour.	Completed
Partnership Working	Promote the work of Tower Hamlets Housing Forum (THHF) and it's subgroups (including the Community Involvement Network) to Councillors	Head of Democratic Services in conjunction with the Chair of THHF and the THHF Co-ordinator in the Place Directorate	Ongoing	Slight delay due to change in Chair of the Forum. Head of Democratic Services due to meet the new Chair in February to explore ideas.	In progress
Members' Support	Review the effectiveness of the Members' Bulletin and Members' Hub and how they could improve information sharing with Councillors	Head of Democratic Services/ Divisional Director Communications and Marketing	Dec-19	A report was presented to the Standards Advisory Committee on 30 January 2020 with proposals for improvements to the Bulletin and Hub.	Ongoing
Schools, children's services	Expand on training on the education system and engagement with schools	Head of Democratic Services/ Divisional Director Sports, Leisure and Culture and Head of Parent and Family Support	Sep-20	This is logged as an item on the forthcoming training plan. Date summer 2020	In progress
Schools, children's services	Encourage and improve Councillor engagement with schools	Divisional Director Education and Partnership and Head of Parent and Family Support	Jun-20	Discussions are taking place in late February to identify the actions to encourage and improve Councillor engagement with schools. This will be appropriately resourced and implemented. The Participation and Engagement Plan is being developed, although the main focus is on engagement with parents.	Overdue

Schools, children's services	Develop Participation and engagement plan	Head of Parent and Family Support	Sep-20	This is logged as an item on the forthcoming training plan. Date summer 2020	In progress
Members' Support	Organise engagement sessions with Ward Councillors on the electoral process Electoral Registration (EIR) Fraud reporting tools in place Challenges still faced in the electoral process	Head of Electoral Services	Sep-20	Statutory review of polling stations took place in 2019, final decision was made by the council on Wednesday 15 January 2020. Sessions will be held with Councillors on elections in Autumn 2021 as part of the member development programme.	In progress
Mayor's Office	Review and explore different formats for Ask the Mayor, including local sessions, digital and large 'state of the Borough' events to improve engagement	Head of Mayor's Office	Dec-19	Review completed. In 2019 held local events in April, July, October with over 150 people attending in total. Digital Ask the Mayor to follow. Trialled a larger Budget and 2020 focussed Ask the Mayor on 16th January 2020.	On track but ongoing
Youth Service	Give young people more direct access to local Councillors through programmes such as the new Young Mayors programme where Deputy Young Mayors, or Youth Cabinet members, will work alongside their adult counterparts on a regular basis	Head of Mayor's Office/ Divisional Director Youth and Commissioning	Ongoing	Mayor and Deputy Mayor's met with Young Mayor counterparts following their election to discuss joint working. Young Mayor team presented to both Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny on their plans for their term in office. Mayor, Cabinet, Young Mayor team and Youth Council held joint debate on environmental issues in October 2019.	Ongoing
Place Shaping	Hold regeneration open days inviting Councillors and a variety of partners to increase engagement this could include reviewing existing events led by Housing Providers	Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration	Mar-20	Formulation and prioritisation of the programme for 2020/21 is being finalised to meet the Mayor's 2000 homes target. It is proposed that an event for councillors is held during the year. A new estate regeneration routemap is currently being designed for work with housing association partners which will help ensure earlier and planned engagement with the Council and in consequence the ability to better inform councillors of progress.	Overdue
Housing	Compile list of Residents' Associations, Tenant Management groups for each ward and publish for easier engagement by Councillors – this could potentially be a page of ward contacts in each area profile	Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration	Ongoing	This information is available on the links provided. TMO organisation need further contact information included. TMO: http://www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk/Get_involved/Tenant_management_organisation.aspx TRA: http://www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk/Get_involved/Tenants_residents_association/Tenants_and_Residents_Associations_in_your_local_area.aspx	In progress
Housing	Provide Councillors with further training and information to assist them in managing service user expectation	Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration	Apr-20	Reviewing how best to assist Councillors with managing service user expectation will take place shortly and be put in place for the new financial year	Overdue

Housing	Publish Housing Association contact details mapped by ward for Councillors to contact them direct/share information with tenants	Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration	Ongoing	A ward by ward directory has been compiled which lists all the RPs that have stock within the relevant ward. Contact numbers for staff are given where known or appropriate but most RPs now work on a basis of using a call centre for enquiries. Where known media/corporate enquiries numbers are given. Outside of directly approaching RPs themselves councillors can contact the Affordable Housing and Partnerships Development Team who undertake day to day operational liaison with RPs. There is an out of service	In progress
Housing	Provide Councillors with further information on home improvement grants and energy efficiency grants	Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration	Ongoing	Updates are provided to lead members but not directly to all Councillors. A way forward will be planned so that all information on the grants is appropriately shared.	Overdue
Building Social Housing	Publicise how housing development schemes have evolved and been improved through the consultation and engagement process to show how effective engaging with the process can be	Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration	Jun-20	Consultation with residents takes place residents on all new proposed housing developments from the smallest of only a few units to the current largest one of approximately 450. The views of residents and councillors are always listened to to developing these schemes as the Council recognises that without resident insight and support schemes cannot progress successfully. The process that is gone through will be linked to an event about regeneration in the 2020/21 financial year.	Overdue
Building Social Housing	Publicise housing development schemes through the Councillor Bulletin	Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration	Ongoing	The Mayor and housing deputies are informed at briefings of progress on the Mayor's 2000 Homes target. Ward councillors are informed of consultation events with the public and invited to attend as well as being briefed about schemes in their ward. Councillors receive newsletters relevant to schemes in their wards. We are happy to contribute to the The Members' Bulletin but need to investigate how to make use of it.	In progress