

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**Cabinet – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Agenda item 5.1 (i) – Chair’s advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Unrestricted Business to be considered (pre-decision scrutiny questions/ comments)**

<b>Cabinet Report</b>	<b>Question / Comments</b>
Agenda Item 6.2 Adoption of Housing Investment Programme Capital Estimates – 2010/11 (CAB 030/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. With reference to paragraph 6.6 has the Council or Tower Hamlets Homes identified a discrete project which could be undertaken as a decent homes pilot programme and if so what will this involve?</li><li>2. The first column in Table 2 outlines available resources of only £38K for 2010/11 - is this prudent? Does the contingency mentioned in 7.6 of £500,000 relate to risks in this area?</li></ol>
Agenda Item 6.3 Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Energy Efficiency Scheme (CAB 031/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Where does street lighting come into the calculations? Are we investigating a centrally controlled system for the borough, which could give the option of dimming lights during periods of least need, and could save up to 40% of the lighting costs in future years, with a subsequent large saving in carbon footprint.</li><li>2. With reference to paragraph 7.5, is the Council’s general fund budget sufficient to cover a possible penalty payment on carbon emissions, given that cash flow is mentioned as being a factor in payment of the initial carbon payment?</li><li>3. Will we update the Council’s Procurement Policy to reflect our energy efficiency objectives in awarding contracts?</li></ol>
Agenda Item 6.4 Renewal of Housing General Build Repair and Gas Servicing and Repair Contracts (CAB 032/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A key issue raised with Members by residents is around repeat visits because of the unacceptable condition of the area left by contractors. Can the Cabinet explain how this will be addressed by the new contractor?</li><li>2. In relation to paragraph 16.1, what areas of duplication exist between THH and the contractor, and why?</li></ol>

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Agenda Item 6.6 Poplar Baths – proposed procurement route (CAB 034/101)	1. With reference to paragraph 7.5 can the Cabinet clarify how much we may have to pay back developers if the scheme does not go ahead?
Agenda Item 7.1 Childcare Capital Projects (CAB036/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Cabinet confirm how the borough is meeting the needs for affordable childcare in the borough?</li> <li>2. In relation to paragraph 5.10, the two projects for consideration are part of the uncommitted budget, and in the process of appeal, what are the implications if the appeal fails (beyond the fact that they will not progress and keeping in mind provision of childcare in the borough)?</li> </ol>
Agenda Item 7.2 Culloden Primary School – Proposed Expansion (CAB 037/101)	1. In paragraph 6.7 it states that there are some unfilled places in upper years due to movement out of the borough. Is this a general trend and if so, how many places does it leave unfilled in our primary schools. Do we have a plan to manage this?
Agenda Item 10.1 2009/10 Capital Outturn (CAB 040/101)	1. In Appendix 1.1 it outlines plans for additional funding from TfL. Can you explain what this is for?
Agenda Item 12.1 Exercise of Corporate Director Discretion	1. Can the Corporate Director for Children, Schools and Families clarify if we would have saved money if the 3 contracts being renewed were re-tended at the right time and is there an issue with management of contract in Children, Schools and Families Directorate?