

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**Cabinet – 6<sup>th</sup> October 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>
6.1 Conservation Strategy (CAB 042/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In paragraph 9.5 it states that current statutory List of Listed Buildings was identified as poor. With this in mind have we identified the best way on keeping this List updated?</li><li>2. The report says we have one of the highest tallies of new listings of buildings in London, what is included in here and what percentage of it are Historical updates that needed to be done, and what percentage are 'new' decisions?</li><li>3. With reference to paragraph 10.7 what is the anticipated enforcement measures that we expect to be taken to protect the heritage and will this extend to Conservation areas?</li><li>4. Given the current workload of TH planning staff is there going to be extra pressures brought to bear on them to extend their area of responsibility, with this perhaps leading to a lack of rigour in applying these new guidelines?</li></ol>
6.2 Neighbourhood Shops Policy (CAB 043/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Last year’s scrutiny review on reducing childhood obesity also recommended that the Council should work with Tower Hamlets Homes and RSLs to review the way they lease their properties, ensuring that encouraging healthy eating is a pre-requisite for any new food business. Can you clarify what work has been undertaken with Tower Hamlets Homes and RSLs in this regard?</li></ol>
6.3 Future Contracting Approach for Waste and Public Realm Services (CAB 044/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Can you outline how you will ensure that tenders for contract of both Public Realm and Waste Disposal Contract ensure we have documented proof on competency in all needed areas, with penalty clauses for non compliance to Council standards or loss of service?</li></ol>

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7.1 Contracts Forward Plan (CAB 045/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In light of the fact that we have changed telephony suppliers a number of times over the last 5 years can you provide a breakdown of costs of the network changes during that period and also explain if we are making the right choices?</li> <li>2. With reference to the £350k contract for materials recycling facility can you clarify if this will require the tender to meet energy efficiency objectives or will this be considered in the Contracting strategy currently being developed?</li> </ol>
7.3 Mainstream Grants Advice Services and Corporate Match Funding Programmes – Arrangements for 2011 and Beyond (CAB 047/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With reference to paragraph 6.24 and the reduction in the Corporate Match Funding (CMF) Budget and Working Neighbourhood Fund Programme coming to an end, can you outline if any further resources have been identified to support third sector organisations? In addition to financial support can the Cabinet outline what other support will be available to third sector organisations?</li> <li>2. Can you explain how much external funding has been secured by third sector organisations for the borough through the CMF Programme in the last year?</li> <li>3. Can you provide a list of third sector BME organisations that have received CMF and how much they have received?</li> <li>4. Can you outline what will be the future priority for allocation of CMF?</li> </ol>
8.1 Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2010-2011 (CAB 048/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The report mentions food imports being on the rise, with worries about ingredients and hygiene. Do we have any kind of figures on the rises seen here?</li> </ol>