

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.

The web pages also contain past Forward Plans and publication deadlines for future Plans. To visit the web pages go to <u>http://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1</u>.

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 <u>Constitution</u>. 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 <u>Consultation Calendar</u>, 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 <u>website</u>.

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	Procurement and delivery of new electric vehicle charging points 2024-2026	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report seeks mayoral approval for officers to undertake three procurement projects for installing over 2000 new electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the borough in 2024. This report also seeks mayoral approval to delegate the contract awarding for each of the above procurement exercises to the director of the public realm.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 31/01/24		
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	Legal, Finance and Procurement will be consulted Each EV charging site will be subject to public consultation under Section 17 of the Local Authorities Act which required a site notice for each proposed site. Where dedicated charging bays are proposed		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Will be carried out		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Simon Baxter (Interim Director Public Realm) simon.baxter@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	EQIA EV charger sites list		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted NA		
Title of Report	Budget Report 2024-25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-27	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) 2024-27.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Council 20/03/24		
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 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?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	John Harrison Interim Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit john.harrison@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	Grant shopfront Improvement: 57 Brick Lane	Ward Spitalfields & Banglatown	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This item seeks approval for a grant award to be made to enable shopfront improvements to be made to the Grade II listed building, 57 Brick Lane.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/03/24
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Growth
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Mayor Rahman Presented to Housing and Regeneration DLT on 08.01.2024 Presented at Jobs, Skills and Growth Portfolio Member on 19.12.2023 Shared with Mayor Rahman and the Mayor's Office on 19.12.2023. Regular engagement with the business – they are eager for the works to start.

	 Engagement with the business on 06.11.2023 to inform them the project was not to proceed. The business met with the Mayor to discuss reinstating the funding. 		
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	Ellie Kershaw (Acting Director, Growth and Economic Deve ellie.kershaw@towerhamlets.gov.uk	(Acting Director, Growth and Economic Development)	
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Planning + Listed Building Consent approved on 26.11.2022 PA/22/01704/NC + PA/22/01705/NC Structural Engineer and Timber Specialist report Structural Engineer sketch for remedial works to the corner brickwork Grants Determination Sub-Committee Report 06.02.2018		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Women's Safety Action Plan Ward All Wards Key Decisio No		Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	The Women's Safety Action Plan includes details on work the Council and partners are taking to improve women's safety across the borough. The Action Plan is based on recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Board.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 24/04/24
Community Plan Theme	Empower Communities and Fight Crime
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Safer Communities
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	None required for this action plan. However multiple partners and report findings have helped develop the action plan. This is from across Council directorates such as Sports, Parks, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, private businesses, statutory organisations such as MPS and third sector needs. 2019 internal and external VAWG consultation initially highlighted the issue around women's safety.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Yes this will be carried out.

Contact details for comments or additional information	Ann Corbett (Director, Community Safety) ann.corbett@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	The Women's Safety Action Plan VAWG Strategy Background Paper: The Women's Safety Overview & Scrutiny Report		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Contracts Forward Plan 2023/24 Q3Ward All WardsKey Decision? Yes		
Summary of Decision	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. The report asks for confirmation that all contracts can proceed to contract award after tender.		

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Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 31/01/24
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	Where required, consultation with service users and stakeholders will be undertaken as part of the project and budget approval process.
consultation take place	Necessary consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's policies and procedures
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 Interim Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit 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	No, Unrestricted

private session and if so why?			
Title of Report	HAP Regeneration Scheme	Ward Stepney Green	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	In March 2022, planning consent was granted Apsley and Pattison Houses, known as HAP, and the reprovision of the existing community approval on the use of Section 203 powers of 2016 (HPA 2016), to expedite the scheme for matters and to deal with third party rights and seeking an in principal approval of using Com powers. A further report will be presented to 0 CPO which will empower the Council to acqui within the site boundary ('Order Land') neces scheme.	for the delivery of 4 y space. This report f the Housing and F r the purposes of la l easement. This re pulsory Purchase Cabinet in late 2024 ire all land and pro	412 new homes is seeking Planning Act nd transfer port is also Order (CPO) 4, to make the perty interests

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 31/01/24
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	HAP Resident Panel Internal consultation: with Finance and Procurement External consultation: with HAP Residents Panel will take place through regular monthly meetings
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No, but a full EQIA has been carried out and was appended to the last report to Cabinet on this scheme in December 2021
Contact details for comments or additional information	Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	HAP Regeneration Scheme Cabinet report: 15th December 2021
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt)

Title of Report	Budget Report 2024-25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024-27	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This report sets the budget for the financial year 2024-25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the years 2024-27.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 31/01/24		
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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be con Budget consultation takes places with busine Hamlets.	sulted.	
	Internal consultation will take place via MAB s meetings External consultation takes place via the Bud weeks starting October 2023.		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	John Harrison Interim Director of Finance, Procurement and Audit john.harrison@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	Licence to occupy areas of Victoria Park in 2024, 2025 and 2026 at times to be more specifically agreed	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes

Summary of Decision	The report will recommend that the Mayor in Cabinet approves the option to enter into a three-year Licence to Occupy with AEG Presents Limited for a set number of days per annum yet to be agreed and in line with the major events policy for Victoria Park. The report will recommend that the Mayor in Cabinet authorises the Corporate Director of Communities to arrange for the completion of all necessary agreements in relation to the three-year licence to occupy. The decision to enter into a three-year Licence to Occupy with AEG Presents Limited will enable the Council to receive a licence fee subject to a Premises Licence being granted.

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 31/01/24		
Community Plan Theme			
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation		
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	NA None		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	NA		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Raj Mistry Corporate Director for Communities raj.mistry@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?	Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Information relation to existing concessionaire and the proposed Licence to Occupy arrangements is exempt information, the release of which may significantly prejudice the existing concessionaire's future business arrangements. Therefore, the public interest in knowing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption.		
Title of Report	Fixed Penalty Notice Increase for Environmental Crime	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes

Summary of Decision	To inform the Mayor and Cabinet Members of the revised fixed penalty notice
	(FPN) levels available for environmental crimes, namely fly-tipping, littering,
	household waste duty of care, graffiti, and fly-posting, which came into force
	under The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (England) Regulations
	2023 ("the Regulations") on the 31st July 2023

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 21/02/24		
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	Simon Baxter (Interim Director Public Realm) simon.baxter@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	NA		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Food Insecurity Action Plan – Response to recommendations	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	As part of the scrutiny committee's review of LBTH's response to food insecurity a number of recommendations were made for improvements to the local authority's response. This report outlines comments from relevant services and actions taken on board as a result of these recommendations.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 21/02/24
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Equalities and Social Inclusion

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?	No		
Contact details for comments or additional information	Ellie Kershaw (Acting Director, Growth and Economic Development) ellie.kershaw@towerhamlets.gov.uk		
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Tower Hamlets Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Food Insecurity in Tower Hamlets Scrutiny Review		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Reduction and Recycling Plan Progress Report - Quarter 3, 2023	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
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 3, 2023-24.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 21/02/24
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	Simon Baxter (Interim Director Public Realm) simon.baxter@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	Determination of Admissions Arrangements for 2025/26	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This is the annual report to determine the Local Authority's school admissions arrangement for community schools for 2025/26 school year		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 21/02/24
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	Public The council is legally required to determine its school admission arrangements every year and consult the public, if there are any proposed changes. Given that changes are being proposed there will be a full public consultation with a report on the responses available as part of the cabinet report.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	NA
Contact details for comments or additional information	Lisa Fraser (Acting Corporate Director, Children's Services) lisa.fraser@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	 Proposed admission arrangements and oversubscription criteria in 2024/25 for: community nursery classes community primary schools. community secondary schools Proposed schemes co-ordinating admissions in 2025/26 for : Reception and Year 7 In-Year admissions Published Admission Number for each school in Tower Hamlets for 2025/26

Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Planning for School Places 2024/25 Review and Recommendations	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	This is the council's annual report on its review of pupil place planning in Tower Hamlets. It explains: ? the current position on the provision of school places in the borough; ? the projected demand for school places in future years; ? the steps being taken to manage the sufficiency and sustainability of school places in accordance with the council's school organisation strategy. The report also serves to inform: ? decisions on education capital investment planning and future bids to the DfE's new school programmes; ? the medium to longer term commissioning or decommissioning of places for children and young people with SEND; ? discussions with school and trust leaders around required changes to current SEND provision to meet emerging needs.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 21/02/24	
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	NA NA	
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Lisa Fraser (Acting Corporate Director, Children's Services) lisa.fraser@towerhamlets.gov.uk	
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	 LA's Annual Report on School Roll Projections LA's SEND Sufficiency Plan Overview Council's Local Plan approach to allocating school sites Summary of capital funding streams available 	

Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Annual Report on School Performance for 2022-2023	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	This report provides an overview of education performance in the school year 2022/23. A summary analysis of the 2023 results, compared to previous years, is provided for national average attainment including for Children in Our Care (CIOC). The report highlights successes, challenges and barriers to further progress. The report also highlights THEP support and interventions in primary and secondary schools to raise achievement through system leadership.		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 21/02/24
Community Plan Theme	A council that works for you and listens to you
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	NA NA
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional information	Yasmin Ashley, Lisa Fraser Executive Support Team Leader, Childrens & Culture and Health, Adults & Community yasmin.ashley@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Acting Corporate Director, Children's Services) lisa.fraser@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	Parks and Open Spaces Capital Improvement Programme (Playgrounds)	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? No
Summary of Decision	 The Parks Capital Improvement programme will enable investment into parks and open spaces. Investment improvements will include: Upgrades to playground equipment in Council managed parks and open spaces, which have been identified through a risk-based approach in line with the Council's internal Operating Procedure to ensure that play equipped is well maintained and safe. A minimum of 50% of play equipment will be accessible. 		

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 21/02/24		
Community Plan Theme	Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure		
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation		
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	Raj Mistry Corporate Director for Communities raj.mistr	y@towerhamlets.g	ov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None		
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why?	No, Unrestricted		
Title of Report	Housing with Care Strategy 2023-2033	Ward All Wards	Key Decision? Yes
Summary of Decision	To adopt the Housing with Care Strategy that sets out the high-quality housing with care options that the Council needs to deliver over the next ten years to		

meet the future care and support needs of residents whilst continuing to promote	
their independence and wellbeing.	

Decision maker Date of decision	Cabinet 27/03/24	
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		
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	A QA checklist will be completed, which confirms that the proposals have due regard to any equalities impacts for the population cohort concerned	
Contact details for comments or additional information	Warwick Tomsett Joint Director, Integrated Commissioning warwick.tomsett@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	