


<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <p>10 December 2024</p>	
<p>Report of: Somen Banerjee, Director of Public Health</p>	<p>Classification:</p>
<p>2035 Strategic Vision for Tower Hamlets</p>	

Executive Summary

We are embarking on an ambitious journey to shape the future of Tower Hamlets through the development of a bold and transformative **2035 Strategic Vision**. This vision, co-produced with residents and partners, aspires to define what we collectively want Tower Hamlets to be by 2035. It will align with the **Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan (2023–2028)** to create a thriving, equitable, and sustainable borough.

Our Aims:

- **Align our efforts:** Harmonise council and partner plans to deliver a seamless and effective approach to public services.
- **Empower our communities:** Collaborate with residents and stakeholders to address inequalities, enhance public services, and improve the borough's overall well-being.
- **Elevate our ambitions:** Build on the **Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan (2023–2028)** to create a more comprehensive and sustainable vision for the borough.

Our Goal:

To craft a bold, inspiring, and inclusive vision that fosters collaboration, seizes opportunities, and delivers long-lasting positive change for our residents by 2035.

Recommendations

The **Health and Wellbeing Board** is recommended to:

1. Participate in a workshop discussion to shape the 2035 vision.

Details of the Report

Background

The most recent Local Government Association (LGA) Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) commended the alignment of the Mayor's manifesto commitments with the council's Strategic Plan (2022–2026). However, it recommended developing a **comprehensive, long-term strategic vision**, co-produced with the community, to guide the borough and council towards 2035.

Current Position

A Strategic Vision Partnership Task & Finish Group, chaired by the Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Council and comprising representatives from the Partnership Executive

Group and multi-sector organisations, is leading this work. The vision builds upon the Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan (2023–2028), which provides a framework to address challenges and harness opportunities collaboratively.

Leveraging the Partnership Plan (2023–2028)

The Tower Hamlets Partnership Plan sets shared partnership outcomes and calls to action to promote the borough's economic, social, and environmental well-being. It is the foundation for the 2035 vision, addressing key challenges such as high service demands, health inequalities, the housing crisis, and the cost-of-living pressures. By aligning the 2035 vision with this plan, we ensure consistency, efficiency, and community-centred development.

Benefits of this approach:

- **Efficiency and Timeliness:** Builds on the Partnership Plan to accelerate delivery by February 2025.
- **Community-Centred:** Reflects the needs and aspirations of residents and stakeholders through inclusive engagement.
- **Alignment:** Creates coherence with existing plans to promote economic, social, and environmental well-being.
- **Focus and Streamlining:** Reduces duplication and enhances strategic focus across partnerships.

Next Steps

- **Engagement Timeline:**
 - Workshops with community stakeholders (October–December 2024).
 - Partnership Congress (December 2024).
 - Final approval and launch (February 2025).
- **Key Deliverables:**
 - Resident Perspectives Paper summarising feedback.
 - One-page 2035 Strategic Vision Document.
 - Implementation Plan integrated into council and partner services.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: A Tower Hamlets for All Partnership Plan 2023 – 2028
- Appendix 2: Workshop discussion

Appendix 1: A Tower Hamlets for All [Partnership Plan 2023 - 2028](#),

Overview

The LBTH Partnership Plan (2023 – 2028) was developed through a collaborative process involving a diverse group of partners from businesses, community organisations, faith groups, voluntary services, and public sector agencies.

The shared vision for the plan is "Tower Hamlets for all - residents and partners working together to improve quality of life, promote equality, opportunity, and empowered communities."

Community engagement

More than 700 people participated in shaping the Partnership Plan, providing valuable insights into their desired vision for Tower Hamlets. Resident perspectives were central to this process, complemented by insights from other council initiatives including the annual residents survey, community grants, and the Local Plan.

Key Priorities

The Partnership Plan focuses on key issues that matter most to residents and where collaborative action can deliver significant results. It highlights five cross-cutting calls to action:

- Call to Action 1: Tower Hamlets will be a fair, inclusive and an anti-racist borough
- Call to Action 2: Everyone in Tower Hamlets should be able to enjoy good mental health and wellbeing
- Call to Action 3: Everyone in Tower Hamlets should feel safe and live in good-quality homes and healthy, inviting neighbourhoods
- Call to Action 4: Everyone in Tower Hamlets should have access to good work and skills and an income that meets their needs
- Call to Action 5: A child-friendly borough where children and young people from all backgrounds thrive, achieve their best, have opportunities, and are listened to

To implement these priorities, the borough's thematic partnership boards feed into the Partnership Executive Group (PEG) and Congress, chaired by the Mayor. These bodies identify opportunities and challenges that require a collective partnership response.

The Partnership Plan provides a framework for our collective efforts and prepares us for future challenges. However, the current plan covers only a five-year period (2023-2028).