

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

REPORT OF THE CABINET

07 JUNE 2006

To receive the report of the Cabinet at its meeting held on Wednesday **07 June 2006**.

The Members who attended our meeting were: -

Councillor Denise Jones (Chair) (Deputy Leader of the Council)	(Leader of the Council)
Councillor Helal Abbas	(Lead Member, Children's Services)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Lead Member, Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnerships)
Councillor Anwara Ali	(Lead Member, Equalities, Employment and Skills)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Lead Member, Older People and Health)
Councillor Rupert Bawden	(Lead Member, Housing and Development)
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Lead Member, Resources and Performance)
Councillor Lutfur Rahman	(Lead Member, Culture)
Councillor Abdal Ullah	(Lead Member, Cleaner, Safer, Greener)
Other Members present: -	
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	
Councillor Louise Alexander	(Scrutiny Lead Member, Learning Achievement & Leisure)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Scrutiny Lead Member, Learning, Achievement and Leisure)
Councillor Shamim A. Chowdhury	
Councillor Stephanie Eaton	
Councillor Peter Golds	
Councillor Abjol Miah	
Councillor Timothy O'Flaherty	
Councillor M. Mamun Rashid	
Councillor Simon Rouse	(Scrutiny Lead Member, Excellent Public Services)
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	(Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

***1. The Council's Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011: Year 1 Implementation Plan (2006/7) and Best Value Performance Plan (CAB 009/067)**

We considered a report (cover report attached as Appendix A to this council report) which: -

- Provided a framework for a new strategic plan for the Council for the period 2006-11, and an Implementation Plan for Year 1 (2006 – 2007), and also included the Best Value Performance Plan.
- Constituted a draft of the final Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011: Year 1 Implementation Plan (2006/7) and Best Value Performance Plan for our consideration.
- Informed us that the advice / comments of this Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in relation to this Budget and Policy Framework matter, would be circulated for our consideration at our meeting, to be held on 7th June 2006.
- Informed us that in accordance with this Authority's Budget and Policy Framework set out within its constitution, as amended, distribution of the report 20 days prior to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, held on 6th June 2006, has provided an additional opportunity for Members of this Authority to provide written comments to the originating officer of the report before us.
- The final, integrated document (Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011: Year 1 Implementation Plan (2006/7) and Best Value Performance Plan) would, subject to our agreement, be submitted to Full Council, for consideration, on 21st June 2006.

We considered the advice and comments of our Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in respect of the report before us, detailed in a paper presented to us for our consideration, by our Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Uz Zaman.

Our Chief Executive, Ms Gilbert, in introducing the report before us Informed us that the proposed Strategic Plan spanned a 5 year period, in contrast to the 4 year span of the previous Plan, and the contents were fundamental to the work of this Authority.

Our Chief Executive, Ms Gilbert, at the request of our Chair, responded to the matters raised by our Overview and Scrutiny Committee, held on 6th June 2006 as follows: -

Paragraph 1

The finalised version of the Strategic Plan 2006-2011 would indicate more clearly how past challenges in delivering the outcomes within the Strategic Plan 2002-2006 had informed and influenced actions, targets and milestones proposed for the new Strategic Plan.

Paragraph 2

The report and appendices before us, comprising the Strategic Plan and BVPP, did set out the priority outcomes, for the Authority, in the five year period and a related basket of indicators (the Tower Hamlets Index) which were monitored very closely. However the detail regarding this might not be readily apparent, and greater clarity would be given to this in the finalised document.

Paragraph 3

Officers of this Authority had intended rates of progress should be appropriately profiled across the full five years of the Strategic Plan and BVPP. Our Chief Executive and our other Corporate Directors would re-examine the profiling of the targets to ensure an appropriate rate of progress.

Paragraph 4

An appendix to the Tower Hamlets Strategic Plan Annual Report set out detailed explanations for instances where the Authority's performance was 10% or more below the Best Value Performance Indicator target.

Our Chief Executive, Ms Gilbert, concluded by indicating that Officers of this Authority would endeavour to accommodate, if appropriate, the advice and comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the Strategic Plan progressed towards publication.

We endorsed the Council's Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011: Year 1 Implementation Plan (2006/7) and Best Value Performance Plan and agreed that full Council be recommended to approve these Plans, attached at Appendix 1 and 2 to the report before us, subject to necessary and appropriate amendments to ensure that the plan is accurate, coherent and reflects the views of Members.

We agreed that our Chief Executive should be authorised to make appropriate and necessary amendments to the Strategic Plan 2006-2011 Year 1 and Best Value Performance Plan (2006/2007) in advance of final publication and requested that these amendments include appropriate accommodation of the advice and comments of our Overview and Scrutiny Committee detailed in the paper presented to us for our consideration, by our Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

We therefore recommend Council to: -

1. Approve the Council's Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011: Year 1 Implementation Plan (2006/7) and Best Value Performance Plan, attached at Appendix 1 and 2 to the report (CAB 009/067) **(Attached at Appendix A to this Council report)**, subject to necessary and appropriate amendments to ensure that the plan is accurate, coherent and reflects the views of Members.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive to make appropriate and necessary amendments to the Strategic Plan 2006-2011 Year 1 and Best Value Performance Plan (2006/2007) in advance of final publication; and that these amendments include appropriate accommodation of the advice and comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee circulated at the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7th June 2006.

**Councillor Denise Jones
Chair of the Cabinet**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background paper" number of holder	Tick if copy supplied	If not supplied, name and telephone
Cabinet Agenda – 07/06/06 Record of decisions Cabinet Meeting 07/06/06.		Angus Taylor 020 7364 4333