

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2013

COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**Members Present:**

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	(Mayor)
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	(Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration)
Councillor Shahed Ali	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Abdul Asad	(Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	(Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills)
Councillor Rabina Khan	(Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Rania Khan	(Cabinet Member for Culture)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Gulam Robbani	(Executive advisor to the Cabinet and Mayor on adult social care)
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Officers Present:

Anne Canning	(Interim Corporate Director, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Aman Dalvi	(Corporate Director, Development & Renewal)
Chris Holme	(Acting Corporate Director - Resources)
Robin Beattie	(Service Head, Strategy & Resources & Olympic Impact, Communities Localities & Culture)
Colin Cormack	(Service Head Housing Options, Development & Renewal)
Ben Gadsby	(Political Adviser to the Conservative Group)
Numan Hussain	(Political Advisor to the Mayor, Executive Mayor's Office, Chief Executive's)
Kevin Kewin	(Service Manager, Strategy & Performance, Chief Executive's)
Martin Ling	(Housing Policy Officer)
Megan Nugent	(Legal Services Team Leader, Planning, Chief Executive's)
Jackie Odunoye	(Service Head, Strategy, Innovation & Sustainability, Development & Renewal)
Takki Sulaiman	(Service Head Communications, Chief Executive's)
Claire Symonds	(Service Head, Customer Access and ICT)
Murziline Parchment	(Head of Executive Mayor's Office, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)
Louise Fleming	(Senior Committee Officer, Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Oliur Rahman, Cabinet Member for Children's Services
- Mr Stephen Halsey, Head of Paid Service and Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture

Noted

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest were made.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The unrestricted minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Cabinet held on 5 June 2013 were presented for information.

4. PETITIONS

No petitions were received.

5. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5.1 Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Unrestricted Business to be considered

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), who provided an update on their meeting held the previous evening.

He reported that they had discussed:

- The findings and recommendations of two scrutiny working groups and a challenge session report;
- The 2012/13 Strategic Performance and Corporate Budget Report; and
- The 2013/14 Work Programme.

Councillor Uz-Zaman thanked Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources for presenting the Strategic Performance and Corporate Budget monitoring report. He also invited the Mayor to attend a Scrutiny Spotlight session at the next meeting of the OSC.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Uz-Zaman for his contribution.

5.2 Any Unrestricted Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

The Clerk advised that no requests had been received by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) to 'call-in' for further consideration, by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, any provisional decisions taken by the Mayor in Cabinet, at the Cabinet meeting held on 5 June 2013.

6. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

6.1 Overcrowding and Under-Occupation Statement

Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing, introduced the report and welcomed the recommendations.

The Mayor welcomed the report and accepted the recommendations.

RESOLVED

To approve the proposals in the report:

1. Approve the Overcrowding and Under Occupation Statement attached at Appendix 1.
2. Approve Overcrowding and Under Occupation Statement Action Plan attached at Appendix 2.

6.2 Draft Homelessness Statement 2013-17

Councillor Rabina Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing, introduced the report and welcomed the recommendations which were important in light of the government reforms to the welfare system.

The Mayor welcomed the report, thanked officers and the Cabinet Member and accepted the recommendations.

RESOLVED

To approve the proposals in the report:

1. *Agree the Homelessness Statement 2013 – 17.*
2. *Agree that the action plan and outcome measures for the statement be finalised by the Homelessness Partnership Board.*
3. *Note the equality analysis of the statement.*

7. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Nil items.

8. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

9. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

9.1 Hostels Commissioning Plan

Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, introduced the report and welcomed the recommendations. He highlighted the incorrect spelling of his name in the report and asked for this to be correct for the record.

The Mayor welcomed the report and accepted the recommendations.

RESOLVED

To approve the proposals in the report:

1. The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to agree the updated Hostels Commissioning Plan attached as appendix 2 and the future design of the hostel sector in readiness for the next procurement. The Hostels Commissioning Plan and recommendations therein will be subject to a formal consultation period following this.

9.2 Extension of Block Contract - Hotel in the Park

Councillor Abdul Asad, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, introduced the report and welcomed the recommendations.

The Mayor welcomed the report and accepted the recommendations.

RESOLVED

To approve the proposals in the report:

1. Approve the extension requested in paragraph 6.3.
2. Authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) to enter into all necessary documents to implement the decision at 2.1

10. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

10.1 New Cross – Finsbury Market Cable Tunnel – Subsoil Disposal

Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources, introduced the report.

The Mayor welcomed the report and accepted the recommendations.

RESOLVED

To approve the proposals in the report:

- a) Note the contents of the report;
- b) Agree the freehold disposal of the subsoil interest to UKPN on the terms proposed in parts 1 & 2 of this report.

10.2 Contracts Forward Plan Q2

Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources, introduced the report.

The Mayor welcomed the report and accepted the recommendations.

RESOLVED

To approve the proposals in the report:

- 1. Consider the contract summary at Appendix 1, and identify those contracts about which specific reports – relating to contract award – should be brought before Cabinet prior to contract award by the appropriate Corporate Director for the service area;**
- 2. Confirm which of the remaining contracts set out in Appendix 1 can proceed to contract award after tender subject to the relevant Corporate Director who holds the budget for the service area consulting with the Mayor and the relevant lead member prior to contract award; and**
- 3. Authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) to execute all necessary contract documents in respect of the awards of contracts referred to at recommendation 2 above.**

10.3 Strategic Performance, 12/13 General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Monitoring Q4

Councillor Alibor Choudhury, Cabinet Member for Resources, introduced the report.

Mr Chris Holme, Acting Corporate Director Resources, advised that he would respond in writing to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the areas of concern raised by the Committee.

The Mayor welcomed the report and accepted the recommendations.

RESOLVED

To approve the proposals in the report:

1. Note the Council's financial performance compared to budget for 2012/13 as detailed in Sections 3 to 6 and Appendices 1-4 of this report.
2. Note and approve the proposed transfers to reserves as detailed in Appendix 5 of this report.
3. Review and note 2012/13 year end performance for strategic measures and Strategic Plan activities in Sections 7 and 8 and detailed in Appendices 6 & 7.

11. ANY OTHER UNRESTRICTED BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

12. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil items.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That pursuant to regulation 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting:

- (a) As it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted in Section Two of the agenda, that if members of the public were present during consideration of this business there would be disclosure of exempt information.
 - Exempt information is defined in section 100I and, by reference, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the 1972 Act"). To be exempt, information must fall within one of the categories listed in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Schedule 12A, must not fall within one of the excluded categories in paragraphs 8 and 9 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption must outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.
 - Agenda item 20.1 "New Cross – Finsbury Market Cable Tunnel – Subsoil Disposal Part II" as the discussion of those reports was likely to contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). In particular information relating to the financial affairs of the Council and the Lessee.
- (b) As although there is a public interest favouring public access to local authority meetings, in this case the Cabinet concluded that given the information contained in:
 - Agenda item 20.1. "New Cross – Finsbury Market Cable Tunnel – Subsoil Disposal Part II" contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). There is information in

the report relating to the financial affairs of the Council and the Lessee. This information is not information falling within paragraph 8 (information required to be reported by companies) or paragraph 9 (development for which the Council may give itself planning permission) of Schedule 12A. The report is concerned with one of the Council's disposal proposals which is at a critical stage. Publication of the details of any proposals could prejudice the Council achieving its obligation to obtain best consideration from the use of its resources and best value from the procurement process.

that the public interest in maintaining the exemption on the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing it.

14. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Nil items.

15. OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15.1 Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Exempt / Confidential Business to be considered.

Nil items.

15.2 Any Exempt / Confidential Decisions "Called in" by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Nil items.

16. A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Nil items.

17. A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Nil items.

18. A SAFE AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

19. A HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Nil items.

20. ONE TOWER HAMLETS

20.1 New Cross – Finsbury Market Cable Tunnel – Subsoil Disposal Part II

RESOLVED

The Mayor considered the report and agreed its recommendations.

21. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS CONSIDERED TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

22. EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 5.49 p.m.

Chair, Mayor Lutfur Rahman
Cabinet