

**BUDGET COUNCIL**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2014/15**

**BUDGET MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ALIBOR CHOUDHURY, CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES**

**I propose the following motion in relation to Agenda item5: "Report of the Mayor in Cabinet on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014:-**

**That Council: -**

**General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax Requirement 2014/15**

1. Agree a General Fund revenue budget of £293.933m and a total Council Tax Requirement for Tower Hamlets in 2014/15 of £66,396,000 as set out in the table below.

Service	Revised Base 2013-14 £'000	Savings		Growth £'000	Adjustments £'000	Total Budget 2014-15 £'000
		Approved £'000	New £'000			
Education, Social Care and Wellbeing	195,442	(2,010)	0	1,105	(7,005)	187,532
Communities, Localities and Culture	79,471	(350)	0	1,654	(1,591)	79,184
Development & Renewal	19,648	(1,534)	0	(2,062)	(1,365)	14,687
Resources	6,795	(230)	0	19	(36)	6,548
Chief Executives	9,760	0	0	13	(381)	9,392
Public Health	29,982	0	0	0	0	29,982
<b>Net Service Costs</b>	<b>341,098</b>	<b>(4,124)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>(10,378)</b>	<b>327,324</b>
<b>Other Net Costs</b>						
Capital Charges	9,444	0	0	1,845	0	11,289
Levies	1,661	0	0	0	0	1,661
Pensions	14,393	0	0	2,599	0	16,992
Other Corporate Costs	(6,230)	(2,568)	0	1,447	4	(7,347)
<b>Total Other Net costs</b>	<b>19,268</b>	<b>(2,568)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22,595</b>
<b>Public Health</b>	<b>(31,382)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(879)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(32,261)</b>
<b>Core Grants</b>	<b>(23,452)</b>	<b>(3,408)</b>	<b>(2,265)</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(26,839)</b>
<b>Reserves</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Earmarked	(9,799)	0	0	(239)	9,809	(229)
General Fund (Smoothing)	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inflation</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,842</b>
<b>Total Financing Requirement</b>	<b>295,732</b>	<b>(10,100)</b>	<b>(4,644)</b>	<b>15,008</b>	<b>(565)</b>	<b>293,933</b>
<b>Government Funding</b>	<b>(150,670)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(82)</b>	<b>28,172</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(122,580)</b>
<b>Retained Business Rates</b>	<b>(100,800)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,016)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(102,816)</b>
<b>Council Tax</b>	<b>(63,343)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(3,053)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(66,396)</b>
<b>Collection Fund Surplus</b>	<b>(1,645)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>(316,458)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(5,151)</b>	<b>29,817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(291,792)</b>

2. Agree a Council Tax for Tower Hamlets in 2014/15 of £885.52 at Band D resulting in a Council Tax for all other band taxpayers, before any discounts, and excluding the GLA precept, as set out in the table below:-

BAND	PROPERTY VALUE		RATIO TO BAND D	LBTH COUNCIL TAX FOR EACH BAND
	FROM £	TO £		
A	0	40,000	$\frac{6}{9}$	£590.35
B	40,001	52,000	$\frac{7}{9}$	£688.74
C	52,001	68,000	$\frac{8}{9}$	£787.13
D	68,001	88,000	$\frac{9}{9}$	£885.52
E	88,001	120,000	$\frac{11}{9}$	£1,082.30
F	120,001	160,000	$\frac{13}{9}$	£1,279.08
G	160,001	320,000	$\frac{15}{9}$	£1,475.87
H	320,001	and over	$\frac{18}{9}$	£1,771.04

3. Agree that for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in 2014/15:-

(a) The Council Tax for Band D taxpayers, before any discounts, and including the GLA precept, shall be **£1,184.52** as shown below: -

	£
	(Band D, No Discounts)
LBTH	885.52
GLA	299.00
Total	1,184.52

(b) The Council Tax for taxpayers in all other bands, before any discounts, and including the GLA precept, shall be as detailed in the table below: -

<b>BAND</b>	<b>PROPERTY VALUE</b>		<b>RATIO TO BAND D</b>	<b>LBTH</b> £	<b>GLA</b> £	<b>TOTAL</b> £
	<b>FROM</b> £	<b>TO</b> £				
A	0	40,000	$\frac{6}{9}$	590.35	199.33	789.68
B	40,001	52,000	$\frac{7}{9}$	688.74	232.56	921.30
C	52,001	68,000	$\frac{8}{9}$	787.13	265.78	1,052.91
D	68,001	88,000	$\frac{9}{9}$	885.52	299.00	1,184.52
E	88,001	120,000	$\frac{11}{9}$	1,082.30	365.44	1,447.74
F	120,001	160,000	$\frac{13}{9}$	1,279.08	431.89	1,710.97
G	160,001	320,000	$\frac{15}{9}$	1,475.87	498.33	1,974.20
H	320,001	and over	$\frac{18}{9}$	1,771.04	598.00	2,369.04

- 4 Approve the statutory calculations of this Authority's Council Tax Requirement in 2014/15, detailed in **Appendix A** to this motion, undertaken by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the requirements of Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 5 Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the Annual Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement as presented to Cabinet on 5 February 2014.
- 6 Approve the General Fund Capital and Revenue Budgets and Medium Term Financial Plan 2014-2017 as amended by the alternative options as agreed by the Mayor in Cabinet on 5 February and as set out in the report of the Mayor in Cabinet as summarised in the tables below.

### Summary Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2014-17

	2013-14 £'000	2014-15 £'000	2015-16 £'000	2016-17 £'000
<b>Net Service Costs</b>	292,004	295,732	293,933	311,545
<b>Growth (Incl Public Health)</b>	40,566	6,619	2,306	7,619
<b>CLG Grants transferring into baseline</b>	23,717	0	0	0
<b>Savings</b>				
<b>Approved</b>	(26,029)	(6,692)	0	0
<b>New</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Inflation</b>	5,760	4,842	5,500	5,500
<b>Core Grants (incl Public Health)</b>	(40,522)	(4,266)	9,074	1,540
<b>Earmarked Reserves (Directorates)</b>	(530)	(804)	0	0
<b>Contribution to/from Reserves</b>	766	(1,498)	732	0
<b>Total Funding Requirement</b>	<u>295,732</u>	<u>293,933</u>	<u>311,545</u>	<u>326,204</u>
<b>Government Funding</b>	(150,670)	(122,580)	(86,595)	(69,271)
<b>Retained Business Rates</b>	(100,800)	(102,816)	(104,872)	(106,970)
<b>Council Tax</b>	(63,343)	(66,396)	(67,392)	(68,402)
<b>Collection Fund Surplus</b>	(1,645)	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>	<u>(316,458)</u>	<u>(291,792)</u>	<u>(258,859)</u>	<u>(244,643)</u>

Detailed analysis of the Medium Term Financial Plan by service area 2013/14 to 2016/17

Service	Total	Savings		Growth	Adjustments	Total	Savings		Growth	Adjustments	Total	Savings		Growth	Adjustments	Total
	2013-14 £'000	Approved £'000	New £'000	£'000		2014-15 £'000	Approved £'000	New £'000	£'000	£'000	2015-16 £'000	Approved £'000	New £'000	£'000	£'000	2016-17 £'000
Education, Social Care and Wellbeing	195,442	(2,010)	0	1,105	(7,005)	187,532	0	0	138	(272)	187,398	0	0	1,111	0	188,509
Communities, Localities and Culture	79,471	(350)	0	1,654	(1,591)	79,184	0	0	1,235	(73)	80,346	0	0	910	(199)	81,057
Development & Renewal	19,648	(1,534)	0	(2,062)	(1,365)	14,687	0	0	261	(150)	14,798	0	0	339	0	15,137
Resources	6,795	(230)	0	19	(36)	6,548	0	0	0	0	6,548	0	0	0	0	6,548
Chief Executives	9,760	0	0	13	(381)	9,392	0	0	0	0	9,392	0	0	0	0	9,392
Public Health	29,982	0	0	0	0	29,982	0	0	0	0	29,982	0	0	0	0	29,982
<b>Net Service Costs</b>	<b>341,098</b>	<b>(4,124)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>(10,378)</b>	<b>327,324</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>(495)</b>	<b>328,463</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>(199)</b>	<b>330,624</b>
<b>Other Net Costs</b>																
Capital Charges	9,444	0	0	1,845	0	11,289	0	0	0	0	11,289	0	0	0	0	11,289
Levies	1,661	0	0	0	0	1,661	0	0	0	0	1,661	0	0	0	0	1,661
Pensions	14,393	0	0	2,599	0	16,992	0	0	2,000	0	18,992	0	0	1,500	0	20,492
Other Corporate Costs	(6,230)	(2,568)	0	1,447	4	(7,347)	0	0	(1,328)	0	(8,675)	0	0	3,759	0	(4,916)
<b>Total Other Net costs</b>	<b>19,268</b>	<b>(2,568)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22,595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,267</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,259</b>		<b>28,526</b>
<b>Public Health Grant</b>	<b>(31,382)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(879)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(32,261)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(32,261)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(32,261)</b>
<b>Core Grants</b>	<b>(23,452)</b>	<b>(3,408)</b>	<b>(2,265)</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(26,839)</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>11,545</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(17,765)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(16,225)</b>
<b>Reserves</b>																
General Fund (Corporate)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(766)	0	(766)	0	0	0	0	(766)
Earmarked (Directorate)	(9,799)	0	0	(239)	9,809	(229)	0	0	0	495	266	0	0	0	199	465
General Fund (Smoothing)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inflation</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,842</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,342</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,842</b>
<b>Total Financing Requirement</b>	<b>295,732</b>	<b>(10,100)</b>	<b>(4,644)</b>	<b>15,008</b>	<b>(565)</b>	<b>293,933</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>(971)</b>	<b>20,085</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>311,545</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14,619</b>		<b>326,204</b>
<b>Government Funding</b>	<b>(150,670)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(82)</b>	<b>28,172</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(122,580)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(119)</b>	<b>36,104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(86,595)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(139)</b>	<b>17,463</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(69,271)</b>
<b>Retained Business Rates</b>	<b>(100,800)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,016)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(102,816)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,056)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(104,872)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,098)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(106,970)</b>
<b>Council Tax</b>	<b>(63,343)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(3,053)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(66,396)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(996)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(67,392)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,011)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(68,402)</b>
<b>Collection Fund Surplus</b>	<b>(1,645)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,645</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>(316,458)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(5,151)</b>	<b>29,817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(291,792)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,115)</b>	<b>36,104</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(258,859)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,150)</b>	<b>17,463</b>		<b>(244,643)</b>

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**SETTING THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX FOR THE COUNCIL'S AREA**

1. That the revenue estimates for 2014/2015 be approved.
2. That it be noted that, at its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014, Cabinet calculated 74,979 as its Council Tax base for the year 2014/2015 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]
3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/2015 in accordance with Section 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended and the Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2011:
  - (a) £1,184,928,000 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of The Act. [Gross Expenditure]
  - (b) £1,118,532,000 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of The Act. [Gross Income]
  - (c) £66,396,000 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of The Act, as its council tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of The Act). [Council Tax Requirement]
  - (d) £885.52 Being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of The Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. [Council Tax]

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(e)	<b>VALUATION BAND</b>	<b>LBTH £</b>
	A	590.35
	B	688.74
	C	787.13
	D	885.52
	E	1,082.30
	F	1,279.08
	G	1,475.87
	H	1,771.04

Being the amount given by multiplying the amount at 3(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of The Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of The Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. That it be noted that for the year 2014/15 the Greater London Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

<b>VALUATION BAND</b>	<b>GLA £</b>
A	199.33
B	232.56
C	265.78
D	299.00
E	365.44
F	431.89
G	498.33
H	598.00

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5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(d) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014/15 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

<b>VALUATION BAND</b>	<b>TOTAL COUNCIL TAX £</b>
A	789.68
B	921.30
C	1,052.91
D	1,184.52
E	1,447.74
F	1,710.97
G	1,974.20
H	2,369.04

6. New government regulation now requires a local authority to conduct a referendum where if compared with the previous year, they set council tax increases that are “excessive”. Under current legislation and in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council tax set by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for 2014/15 is not deemed to be excessive.