

PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF UNRESTRICTED CABINET PAPERS

Planning Policy Explanatory Note on Tall Buildings	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Development & Renewal Cllr Helal Uddin
The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan that will include a new policy on “Tall Buildings”. These policies are anticipated to be published in draft in autumn 2016 and adopted in 2017. In the interim however, more applications for “Tall Buildings” are likely to be received. This is an explanatory note to ensure that the Council’s policy on “Tall Buildings” is made clear to interested parties.	
Substance Misuse Commissioning (1)	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Communities Localities & Culture Councillor Denise Jones
The Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT), within CLC, currently commissions drug / alcohol treatment interventions via 23 individual contracts with statutory and third sector providers. There is an urgent need to re-procure this provision. The procurement process for the three core services has now concluded and recommendations for award are presented in this report.	
Substance Misuse Commissioning (2)	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Communities Localities & Culture Councillor Denise Jones
The remainder of services to be commissioned (beyond the core services above) were not considered appropriate for inclusion in those contracts. Options for the procurement of these services are outlined in this report. Results from consultation on the decommissioning of the Harbour Recovery Centre, and options for the future of this service, are presented.	
Housing Policy and Affordability Commission	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Development & Renewal Councillor Helal Uddin
This report sets out the aims of the Cabinet Commission to investigate the delivery of genuinely affordable housing in Tower Hamlets, the terms of reference and process that took place, key issues arising from its meetings and draft recommendations for policy for the Mayor in Cabinet to consider in order to improve the affordable housing offer in the Borough.	
Hostel Commissioning Plan (HCP) 2016 -2019	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Development & Renewal Councillor Helal Uddin
A new Hostel Commissioning Plan (HCP) is needed as the current HCP expires this year and hostel contracts come to end in 2016/7. The Council faces significant financial pressure and as part of the published budget and savings proposals for Adults’ Services has identified the need to deliver more cost effective and efficient adult social care across commissioned services. Officers have therefore identified opportunities to deliver savings through the new HCP.	
Children Looked After Strategy 2015-18	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Children & Families

	Councillor Danny Hassell
<p>The council has a duty, embedded within its policies and procedures, to support families to care for their own children, using any universal and targeted support available. However, when children cannot live safely within their own extended families the council acquires a corporate parenting duty towards those children. The council also has a duty to ensure sufficient accommodation is available for children looked after and that services are provided to children in need or at risk of entering care or custody – the ‘sufficiency duty’.</p>	
The Tower Hamlets Education Partnership (THE Partnership)	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Children & Families Councillor Danny Hassell
<p>This report provides an update on the establishment of Tower Hamlets Education (THE) Partnership. This is intended to be a schools-led partnership to accelerate improvement by promoting and extending existing joint working. It will cement the successful collaboration – between the schools themselves and between schools collectively and the local authority and other key partners – which has brought such marked benefits to the education of children and young people in the borough over the past twenty years.</p>	
Maintaining Educational Excellence in Tower Hamlets	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Children & Families Councillor Danny Hassell
<p>This report summarises the key implications for the Council arising from the DfE schools White Paper, <i>Educational Excellence Everywhere</i>, and the DfE consultation on the National Funding Formula. As well as the duty to maintain schools, the White Paper sets the scene for responsibility for school improvement moving from local authorities to the school-led system and local authorities’ role in allocating funding to local schools will be overtaken by the move to a National Funding Formula.</p>	
Children and Families Plan 2016-19	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Children & Families Councillor Danny Hassell
<p>The 2016-19 Children and Families Plan sets out how the partnership will support children and families in Tower Hamlets over the next three years. The Plan has been developed in close consultation with staff and stakeholders, as well as with children and families themselves.</p>	
Public Health Savings Proposal	Scrutiny Lead Scrutiny Lead for Adult Services Councillor Amina Ali
<p>This is a pre-consultation paper for the first phase of public health savings. It follows two previous papers on Public Health savings proposals and sets out proposals for savings of £2.3m for consultation from mid-May to mid-June to determine final savings A further paper will be written for discussion at MAB on the remaining £2.7m.</p>	