



FORTHCOMING DECISIONS PLAN

11 April 2024

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Tower Hamlets Council **Forthcoming Decisions Plan**

What is this document?

The Forthcoming Decisions Plan (or 'Forward Plan') contains information on significant decisions that the Council expects to take over the next few months.

As a minimum this will include notice of:

- All **Key Decisions** to be taken by the Mayor, Cabinet or Commissioners
 - This could include decisions taken at public meetings or taken individually at other times.
- Budget and Policy Framework Decisions (for example the Budget Report itself and major policies to be agreed by Council as set out in the Constitution)

In addition the Council aims to publish:

- All other decisions to be taken by the Mayor and/or Cabinet
- All other decisions to be taken at the Commissioners' Decision Making Meetings

Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish notice of all key decisions at least 28 days before they are taken by the Executive or Commissioners. Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Article 13.03 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions can be taken by the Mayor, Cabinet or by the Commissioners individually or in formal meetings

Publication of Forthcoming Decisions

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page, whilst this 'Forthcoming Decisions Plan' collating these decisions will be published regularly, as a minimum at least, 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required.

Urgency

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution have to be followed.

Make your views known

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about a Forthcoming Decisions is to contact the lead officer, or Cabinet Member (where stated), listed. You can also view the Council's [Consultation Calendar](#), which lists all the issues on which the Council and its partners are consulting.

Information about the Decision Makers

Further information on the Mayor and Members of the Cabinet can be found on the Council [website](#). The Commissioners are Sir Ken Knight, Chris Allison, Max Caller and Alan Wood. They have been appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to carry out certain functions of the Council. Details are set out in Part One of the [Constitution](#).

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed on the front page.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
 - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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| Title of Report | Community Engagement Strategy 2024-28 | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | <p>The Community Engagement Strategy outlines the council's vision for community engagement over the next four years and how we will achieve it.</p> <p>This strategy outlines what community engagement is and why it is important to the council, our guiding principles, and the actions we will take to achieve the outcomes.</p> | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 24/04/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | A council that works for you and listens to you |
| Cabinet Member | Mayor |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | <p>Consultation has taken place on the draft vision and objectives for the Community Engagement Strategy. The consultation aimed to involve diverse stakeholders in developing the strategy.</p> <p>The consultation objectives for the strategy were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand what good community engagement means to the community and the issues they want to be involved in. • Get feedback from stakeholders on the draft vision, objectives and proposed ideas for achieving the objectives. • Provide stakeholders with the opportunity to share their ideas on achieving the vision and objectives. <p>We wanted participants to feel listened to, engaged, and aware of how the council will consider their input in the strategy development process.</p> <p>The following methods has been used to engage with the different stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Survey • Pop up sessions across different localities and interfaith week event • 2 x Workshop with staff (one in-person, one online) • 2 X Workshop with members (hybrid) • 2 X Workshop partners (one in-person, one online) • 2 X Workshop with residents through Equalities Hub members (hybrid) • Session with targeted residents (Somali, young people, Bangladeshi women) • Meetings with council service areas who are responsible for community engagement activities. |
| Has an Equality Impact | Equalities screening tool has been completed at the end of this form] |

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| Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | | | |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Robin Beattie (Acting Director of Strategy Innovation and Transformation) robin.beattie@towerhamlets.gov.uk | | |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | None | | |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted | | |
| Title of Report | Tower Hamlets Young People's Supported Housing Pathway | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | <p>The tender for the Young People Supported Housing Pathway (YPSHP) went live on 18th of September 2023 and closed on 17th of November 2023. After the moderation and evaluation of the tenders had concluded, the highest scorers in 3 of the 5 lots in the YPSHP were unable to demonstrate that the provision would provide best value and quality for our children. The current contracts in the YPSHP are delivered through four block contracts with three providers. These contracts will expire on 31st May 2024.</p> <p>The report will ask Cabinet to approve the retendering of the YPSHP and an extension to the existing contracts which will shortly come to an end. This will ensure service continuity and the commencement of a procurement exercise will enable contracts to be awarded to suitably qualified providers when the existing contract extensions have ended. A four-month awarding period will allow for engagement with stakeholders, followed by a four-month mobilisation period to establish; data systems, partnerships, estates, facilities, and service pathways.</p> | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 24/04/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | All Priorities |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Safer Communities, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor) |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | Senior Managers and DLT in Children's Services Consultation has taken place with the internal stakeholders in the YPSH Pathway as part of Children and Young Peoples Placement Board and Young People's Task and Finish Group |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been | |

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| carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Layla Richards (Head of Strategy and Policy – Children and Culture) layla.richards@towerhamlets.gov.uk |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | N/A |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted |
| Title of Report | New Social Housing Regulatory Functions and Nominees to Adopt Responsibilities |
| | Ward(s) All Wards |
| | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | <p>For Cabinet to approve the nominated council positions to take on additional responsibilities that have derived from the changes to social housing regulations and has created two new functions as summarised below:</p> <p>Regulation 1. Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023</p> <p>Regulative Function “Health and Safety Lead” – to monitor Health & Safety compliance in social housing including assessing risks and providing advice to Cabinet on how the risk should be managed.</p> <p>Regulation 2. Charter for Social Housing Residents/ Consumer Standards</p> <p>Regulative Function “Responsible Person” - to oversee compliance with the new consumer standards. The requirement is noted in the Charter for Social Housing Residents.</p> |

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| Decision maker | Cabinet |
| Date of decision | 24/04/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | A council that works for you and listens to you |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding |
| Who will be consulted before decision is | N/A |

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| made and how will this consultation take place | N/A | | |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | No | | |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk | | |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Charter for Social Housing Residents. 2. The Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 | | |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted | | |
| Title of Report | Contract extension for School Health and Wellbeing Service and Integrated Young People's Health and Wellbeing Service (Safe East | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | The robust and rigorous evaluation of the Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing service (CYPHWS) procurement concluded the bid did not deliver best value. The proposed timeline would award the contract by November 2024 and enable mobilisation in the Summer term. On this basis, the Mayor in Cabinet is asked to approve extensions for two contracts 1) School Health and Wellbeing Service and 2) Integrated Young People's Health and Wellbeing Service (Safe East). | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 24/04/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | A council that works for you and listens to you |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | N/A |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | No |

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| Contact details for comments or additional information | Dr Somen Banerjee (Director of Public Health) somen.banerjee@towerhamlets.gov.uk | | |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | N/A | | |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted | | |
| Title of Report | Women's Safety Action Plan | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? No |
| Summary of Decision | The Women's Safety Action Plan includes details on work the Council and partners are taking to improve women's safety across the borough. The Action Plan is based on recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Board. | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 24/04/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | Empower Communities and Fight Crime |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Safer Communities |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | None required for this action plan. However multiple partners and report findings have helped develop the action plan. This is from across Council directorates such as Sports, Parks, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, private businesses, statutory organisations such as MPS and third sector needs. 2019 internal and external VAWG consultation initially highlighted the issue around women's safety. |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | Yes this will be carried out. |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Ann Corbett (Director, Community Safety) ann.corbett@towerhamlets.gov.uk |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | The Women's Safety Action Plan VAWG Strategy Background Paper: The Women's Safety Overview & Scrutiny Report |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted |

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| Title of Report | Approval of the council's revised Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | <p>The Mayor and Cabinet are asked to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council's revised Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy <p>In addition, permission is sought from the Mayor and Cabinet, should any further amendments be required as a result of legislation or case law, to delegate approval of subsequent amendments to the document to the council's Corporate Director of Housing and Regeneration.</p> <p>The council's revised Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy clearly sets out the council's approach as to how officers will use available housing stock to discharge the council's statutory homelessness duties and responsibilities. The policy will ensure that the council follows current legislation and provides a reference point for Housing Options staff to make their decisions.</p> | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 22/05/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | Homes for the future |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | Health, Adult and Community (HAC) Childrens Services The policy and supporting documents will be discussed with the relevant internal stakeholders in advance of MAB |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | Yes |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Karen Swift (Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration) Karen.Swift@towerhamlets.gov.uk |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | Equality Impact Assessment Homelessness Accommodation Placement Policy |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted |

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| Title of Report | Housing with Care Strategy 2023-2033 | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | To adopt the Housing with Care Strategy that sets out the high-quality housing with care options that the Council needs to deliver over the next ten years to meet the future care and support needs of residents whilst continuing to promote their independence and wellbeing. | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 22/05/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | A council that works for you and listens to you |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | N/A |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | A QA checklist will be completed, which confirms that the proposals have due regard to any equalities impacts for the population cohort concerned |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Warwick Tomsett Joint Director, Integrated Commissioning warwick.tomsett@towerhamlets.gov.uk |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | N/A |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted |

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| Title of Report | Tower Hamlets Council Strategic Plan: 2024/25 Annual Delivery Plan | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | <p>The Strategic Plan 2022 to 2026 is the council's main corporate business plan. The plan embeds the Mayor's vision and the administration's manifesto into a high level policy framework and demonstrates how they will be delivered alongside the council's statutory duties. The plan sets a framework for performance monitoring and reporting. It is supported by and aligned with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.</p> <p>Each year the council publishes an Annual Delivery Plan. The 2024/25 Annual Delivery Plan describes the key actions the council will take this year to deliver</p> | | |

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the Strategic Plan, and how we will measure progress.

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 22/05/24 | | |
| Community Plan Theme | All Priorities | | |
| Cabinet Member | Mayor | | |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | N/A | | |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | N/A | | |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Robin Beattie (Acting Director of Strategy Innovation and Transformation) robin.beattie@towerhamlets.gov.uk | | |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | None | | |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted | | |
| Title of Report | Victoria Park Licence to Occupy | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | The granting of a licence to AEG Presents Limited to occupy areas of Victoria Park at times to be specifically agreed between August 2024 and September 2027. This is a key decision in that it may have a significant impact on the communities of two or more wards. | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 22/05/24 | | |
| Community Plan Theme | Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure | | |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation | | |

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| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | N/A | | |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | N/A | | |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Jahur Ali (Director Leisure and Culture) Jahur.Ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk | | |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | N/A | | |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | Partly Exempt (Part of the report will be exempt) Exempt appendix 1 | | |
| Title of Report | Draft Serious Violence and Exploitation Strategy | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | <p>The Serious Violence Duty came into effect in Jan 2023, requiring police, councils and local services to work together to share information and target interventions to prevent and reduce serious violence. The authorities responsible were responsible for forming a relevant partnership, agreeing a local definition of serious violence, producing a serious violence needs assessment for the borough and using this to inform a strategic delivery plan for the partnership to tackle serious violence. The serious violence and exploitation strategy group is a sub-group of the Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>This item presents the Draft Serious Violence and Exploitation Strategic Plan: formulated using the findings from the Serious Violence needs assessment, recommendations, engagement with professionals and wider consultation with our local residents (including children, young people and young adults).</p> <p>The Serious Violence Plan on a Page, produced in Jan 2024, has been used to consult the public and professionals on the proposed approach to tackling violence and exploitation: contributing to the development of the full strategic delivery plan.</p> | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 10/07/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | Empower Communities and Fight Crime |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Safer Communities |

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| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | Residents and Stakeholders Consultation with residents and stakeholders has been a part of the process of developing of this strategy | | |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | N/A | | |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Ann Corbett (Director, Community Safety) ann.corbett@towerhamlets.gov.uk | | |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | A New Met for London Plan, 2023-2025 Serious Violence Duty - Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 Serious Violence Needs Assessment 2023 | | |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted | | |
| Title of Report | Land at Gill Street – Options | Ward(s) Limehouse | Key Decision? Yes |
| Summary of Decision | The report deals with the future of an area of council land at Gill Street, Limehouse. It includes an option for the council to dispose of the land for a new community building. | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 22/05/24 | | |
| Community Plan Theme | A clean and green future | | |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living | | |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | Legal Services, Finance Emails, document circulation | | |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | N/A | | |
| Contact details for comments or additional | Paul Patterson (Interim Corporate Director Housing And Regeneration) | | |

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| information | paul.patterson@towerhamlets.gov.uk | | |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | N/A | | |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted | | |
| Title of Report | Grant shopfront Improvement: 57 Brick Lane | Ward(s) Spitalfields & Banglatown | Key Decision? No |
| Summary of Decision | This item seeks approval for a grant award to be made to enable shopfront improvements to be made to the Grade II listed building, 57 Brick Lane. | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 22/05/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills and Growth |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | <p>Mayor Rahman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to Housing and Regeneration DLT on 08.01.2024 • Presented at Jobs, Skills and Growth Portfolio Member on 19.12.2023 • Shared with Mayor Rahman and the Mayor's Office on 19.12.2023. • Regular engagement with the business – they are eager for the works to start. • Engagement with the business on 06.11.2023 to inform them the project was not to proceed. • The business met with the Mayor to discuss reinstating the funding. |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | N/A |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Ellie Kershaw (Acting Director, Growth and Economic Development) ellie.kershaw@towerhamlets.gov.uk |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | <p>Planning + Listed Building Consent approved on 26.11.2022 PA/22/01704/NC + PA/22/01705/NC</p> <p>Structural Engineer and Timber Specialist report</p> <p>Structural Engineer sketch for remedial works to the corner brickwork</p> <p>Grants Determination Sub-Committee Report 06.02.2018</p> |
| Is there an intention to | No, Unrestricted |

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| consider this report in private session and if so why? | | | |
| Title of Report | Annual Report on School Performance for 2022-2023 | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? No |
| Summary of Decision | <p>This report provides an overview of education performance in the school year 2022/23.</p> <p>A summary analysis of the 2023 results, compared to previous years, is provided for national average attainment including for Children in Our Care (CIOC). The report highlights successes, challenges and barriers to further progress. The report also highlights THEP support and interventions in primary and secondary schools to raise achievement through system leadership.</p> | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 22/05/24 | | |
| Community Plan Theme | A council that works for you and listens to you | | |
| Cabinet Member | Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor) | | |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | N/A | | |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | No | | |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Yasmin Ashley, Lisa Fraser Executive Support Team Leader, Childrens & Culture and Health, Adults & Community yasmin.ashley@towerhamlets.gov.uk, (Acting Corporate Director, Children's Services) lisa.fraser@towerhamlets.gov.uk | | |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | N/A | | |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted | | |
| Title of Report | Food Insecurity Action Plan – | Ward(s) All Wards | Key Decision? |

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| | Response to recommendations | | No |
| Summary of Decision | As part of the scrutiny committee's review of LBTH's response to food insecurity a number of recommendations were made for improvements to the local authority's response. This report outlines comments from relevant services and actions taken on board as a result of these recommendations. | | |

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| Decision maker Date of decision | Cabinet 22/05/24 |
| Community Plan Theme | Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure |
| Cabinet Member | Cabinet Member for Equalities and Social Inclusion |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | N/A |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | No |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Ellie Kershaw (Acting Director, Growth and Economic Development) ellie.kershaw@towerhamlets.gov.uk |
| What supporting documents or other information will be available? | Tower Hamlets Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Food Insecurity in Tower Hamlets Scrutiny Review |
| Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why? | No, Unrestricted |

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