







# **Tower Hamlets Council**

**Corporate Induction** 





















## **Programme**

9.15 – 10.00am	Will Tuckley, Chief Executive			
10.00 – 10.45	John Biggs, <b>Mayor of Tower Hamlets</b>			
10.45 - 11.00	Break			
11.00 - 11.30	Member and Officer Protocol			
	Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance			
	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager			
11.30	Close			







## Will Tuckley Chief Executive









## Where we are



- Inner London Borough
- Officially formed in 1965 when the metropolitan boroughs of Bethnal Green, Poplar and Bow were merged
- Heart of the East End
- Close to the City, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Stratford
- Excellent transport connections (major beneficiary of Crossrail and City Airport)







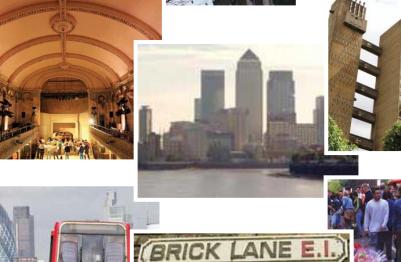


## **Our history**









- Tower Hamlets takes its name from the historical hamlets surrounding the Tower of London
- London's traditional 'East End'
- Successive waves of immigration have shaped the borough
- Borough has seen industrial growth, decline, economic change and regeneration
- Legacy of post war housing renewal
- Transformation of the docklands to the second largest business district in UK – Canary Wharf
- Borough now in midst of further growth and rapid change...







## Some of our key attractions



The borough
has 22 art galleries
and 6 museums,
including the
Whitechapel
Gallery, the
Museum of
Childhood and the
Museum of
London Docklands



10 award winning parks, including Victoria Park, London's first public park

Home to the Tower of London – now a world heritage site – attracting almost **3m** visitors per year





The Boishakhi Mela and fireworks attracted 130,000 people last year



3 city farms including Mudchute Park and Farm – the largest inner city farm in the country

The largest 'blue' network in London, including the Regent's Canal and the River Lea.



The borough is home to almost 900 listed buildings and 58 conservation areas

#### World famous markets:

10 markets with 2,500 pitches including Spitalfields dating from the 17th Century



Tower Hamlets has around 1,000 licenced premises

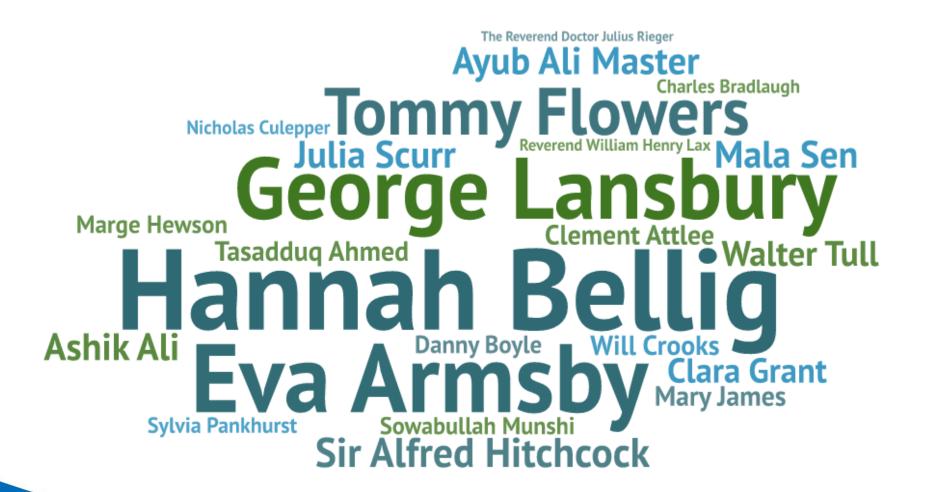








## A place of leaders











## **Key facts**

#### **Population**

- **304,900** residents
- Nearly half aged 20-39
- Fastest growing in UK
- Predicted to reach **365,200** by 2027
- 15 new residents per day





#### **Economy**



- 16,800 businesses
- 278,000 jobs
- Forecast to grow by110,000 jobs in the next decade
- **3rd** highest GVA (output) in London

#### **Diversity**

- 43% born outside the UK (200+ countries)
- 69% from ethnic minority groups
- Over **90** languages spoken
- 1 in 3 are Bangladeshi
- 1 in 10 residents EU-born

#### Education

- 65% pupils achieve 9\_4 pass in Maths/English
- School population set to increase by 15% by 2026











## Challenges

#### Poverty



- 4 in 10 households live below the poverty line
- Highest child and pensioner poverty rates in England
- Deprivation rankings have improved but borough remains highly deprived

#### Inequali



- Average household income in the borough's most affluent area is nearly three times the average in the poorest area (£61,038 vs. £23,034)
- Employment rates remain well below average for BME residents, women and disabled people

## Health



- Life expectancy lower than the England average
- Year 6 children 43% overweight/obese compared with 34% in England
- Population aged 65+ is projected to grow by **38%** between 2016-2026 leading to a rising demand in social care

#### Housing



- Average house price £498,598 more than double national average
- 35,000 low income households receiving Housing Benefit
- Over 19,000 households on the housing waiting list









## **What we deliver (2017-18)**



286
socially rented homes delivered

733
businesses
supported
through
council
activities

residents supported into work

72% of people are satisfied with how the council is run, according to our latest Annual Residents' Survey

92% of people think that people from different backgrounds get along well together

68.4% of early years pupils achieved a good level of development

68% of pupils achieved the national standard in key stage 2

47.2% average attainment 8 score for pupils in key stage 4

Distinction
average score
for vocational
subjects in
key stage 5 Technical
Levels

3,719
adults received support from adult social care services in 2016-17

14m
in Community Infrastructure levy and £26.3m received in S106 payments which funded a total of 131 projects

Distinction + average score for vocational subjects in key stage 5 - Applied General

83.34% of resident contact transactions were dealt with online

90% overall customer access satisfaction 99.3% of Council Tax was collected 2,234
households found temporary accommodation

280
apprentices
employed with
44 places as
part of social
value on
contracts

Last year we collected almost **7,000** 

tonnes

of litter

centrally controlled on street CCTV cameras help the police make an average of 3 arrests every day

Our parks, gardens and open spaces won 25 awards last year with Victoria Park recognised as best large park in London

1,902,737 total number of visits to our Idea Stores in 2016-17 1,916 food safety inspections carried out

7,000km
of streets
cleaned
every
week



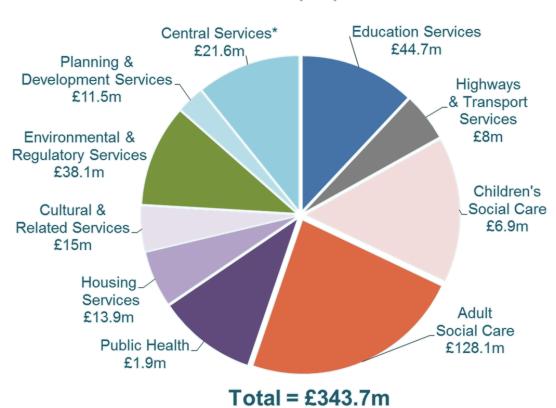






## What we spend

## Net expenditure budget 2018/19 (£m)



#### **Challenges:**

- The council will have to save £58m from the budget by 2020
- ...in context of rising demands for services
- Equivalent to £1 in every £6 we currently spend
- Council has already made £138.3m savings since 2010

Improving today, shaping tomorrow







#### What our residents think

**74%** agree the council is efficient and well run

**79%** say they trust the council a great deal or a fair amount

**83%** of residents are satisfied with their area as a place to live

**92%** feel people from different backgrounds get on well together

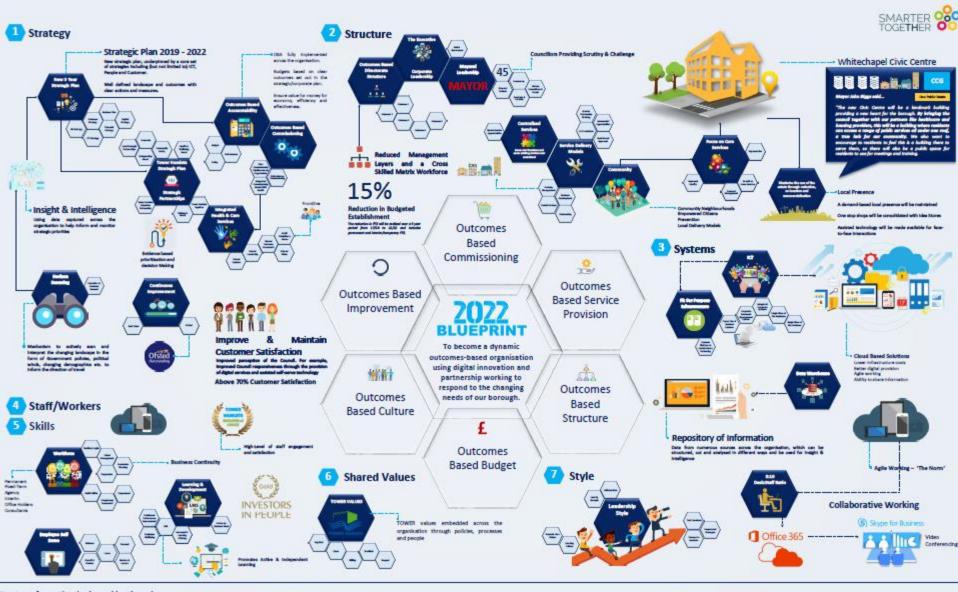
**47%** feel the council is difficult to get through to on the phone

**56%** feel people using or dealing drugs is a very or fairly big problem

The top 3 resident concerns are lack of affordable housing, crime and rising prices

Source: 2017 Tower Hamlets Annual Residents' Survey

## **Blueprint**



Our transformation is shaped by three lenses:





<sup>2.</sup> We will consider who is best placed to deliver on quality and value for money



- 1. We will put our citizens at the heart of everything we do
- We will design services against an understanding of purpose, demand and outcomes
   We will ensure customer interactions with the Council are resolved at the first point of contact where possible.

















## **Core Values**

#### **Together**

We work <u>together</u> across boundaries and with partners to achieve the best outcomes for Tower Hamlets

#### **Open**

We are open and transparent

#### Willing

We are <u>willing</u> to challenge, innovate and be accountable

#### **Excellent**

We empower each other to be excellent and go the extra mile

#### Respect

We <u>respect</u> all communities, they are the heart of everything we do





#### **Tower Hamlets - the council**

Directly Elected Executive Mayor:

John Biggs, Labour

(Elected May 2018)

Council, Labour (42) Conservative (2) PATH (1)







## **Our priorities**

Mayor's Manifesto

Strategic Plan Tower
Hamlets
Plan

## Corporate Leadership Team & Divisional Directors





Zena Cooke Resources	Ann Sutcliffe (Acting) Place	Debbie Jones Children's	Denise Radley Health, Adults & Community	Asmat Hussain Governance	Tom McCourt Strategic Director
Adrian Gorst Information Technology	Vicky Clark Growth & Economic Development	Christine McInnes Education Partnership	Ann Corbett Community Safety	Andreas Christophorou Communications	Robin Payne (Interim) Public Realm
HR & Transformation	Mark Baigent (Interim) Housing & Regeneration	Judith St John Sports, Leisure & Culture	David Jones (Interim) Adult Social Care	<b>Janet Fasan</b> Legal	
Neville Murton Finance, Procurement & Audit	Owen Whalley Planning & Regulations	Nancy Meehan (Interim) Children's Social Care	Warwick Tomsett Integrated Commissioning	Sharon Godman Strategy, Policy Equalities & Partnership	
Shazia Hussain Customer Services	Richard Chilcott (Interim) Property and Major Programmes	Ronke Martins Taylor Youth and Commissioning	Somen Banerjee Public Health		

















**Q&A**Will Tuckley, Chief Executive











## John Biggs Mayor of Tower Hamlets







## John Biggs, Mayor of Tower Hamlets

- The role of the Mayor
- The borough
- Vision of residents
- Key priorities
- Making Tower Hamlets a better place
- Q&A



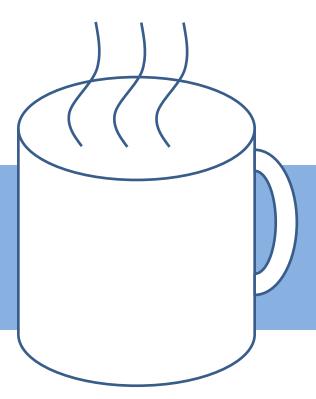






## Break

11:00 – 11:15am











## **Member and Officer Protocol**

Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director - Governance Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager





## Why Elected Members matter?

- Local Government is political environment
- Distinctive feature democratically elected
- Reputation and performance
- Political leadership at regional & national level
- Elected Members have local knowledge and represent community
- Help bring communities /groups and organisations together





# (Q1)

## How many Wards are there?







20 Wards of Tower Hamlets









## How many **Councillors** are there?







## Political makeup

#### **Directly Elected Executive Mayor:**

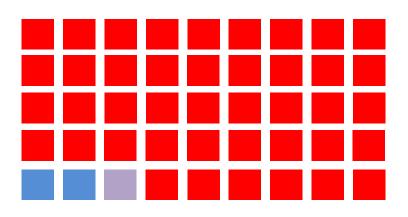
John Biggs

#### 45 Councillors

- 42 Labour
- 2 Conservative
- 1 People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets

#### 2 Parliamentary Constituencies

- Bethnal Green & Bow (Rushanara Ali MP)
- Poplar & Limehouse (Jim Fitzpatrick MP)















## How many **Political Groups** are there?





## **2 Political Groups**



**Labour** John Biggs - Mayor



**Conservative**Cllr. Peter Golds

Mayor and Cabinet system







#### Role of Members

- Decision Making
- Overview & Scrutiny
- Regulatory Committees (Planning/Licensing)
- Community Leader, Representative, Advocate
  - special duty to ward all residents
  - promoting cohesion
  - Surgeries/Casework
- Tower Hamlets Partnership
- Representative on outside bodies
- Civic/Ceremonial (Speaker)
- Time commitment/allowances

#### **Role of Officers**

- Advice and accountability
- Specialist/Professional Expertise
- Delegated powers
- Implement decisions
- Day to day responsibilities





## **Codes of Conduct**

- Members Code of Conduct
- Employees Code of Conduct
- Member / Officer Relations' Protocol
- Schemes of Delegation

#### **Tower Hamlets Website**

Home > Council & democracy > Council meetings > Constitution





# Q4

# What kind of **Decision Making** system does this council operate?





## **Decision Making System**

Who takes
Decisions

Principles of Decision Making

Member and Officer Decisions

Executive & Non-Executive Decisions



#### **SUMMARY DECISION MAKING - STRUCTURE CHART**

**Note:** Summary list not all Committees

**Audit Committee** Officer and External decision making and advisory groups other Bodies and bodies that feed into Tower Hamlet's decision making Pensions Committee (includes partners, health services, police, fire etc.) Cabinet Commissions or Standards other bodies (Advisory) Committee Links from Advisory Bodies **General Purposes** Committee **Budget & Policy** King George's Council Strategic Development Cabinet Framework Committee Field Board Development **Grants Determination** Committee Sub-Committee Licensing Committee & Overview and Scrutiny (Subs) Committee Individual Mayoral Officer Decisions Decisions Scrutiny Panels, Health and Health Housing Grants Officer Inter Council Wellbeing Board Scrutiny Scrutiny Scrutiny **Decisions** Committees and Sub-Cttee Sub-Cttee Sub-Cttee (Note: The Health and Wellbeina other scrutiny work Board may also take Executive decisions)

**Executive and Non Executive Decisions**: As a general rule, **Executive Decisions** are most decisions of the Council and are taken by the Mayor/Cabinet or Officers. **Non-Executive Decisions** are various issues specifically reserved for Council and its Committees such as the budget and Planning/Licensing applications.

KEY:

Non-Executive Decision Making

**Executive Decision Making** 

Scrutiny Bodies

**Advisory Bodies** 

**Note:** Some bodies omitted for clarity





#### **Available Advice**

- Senior Colleagues
- Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager

Beverley McKenzie, Head of Member Support

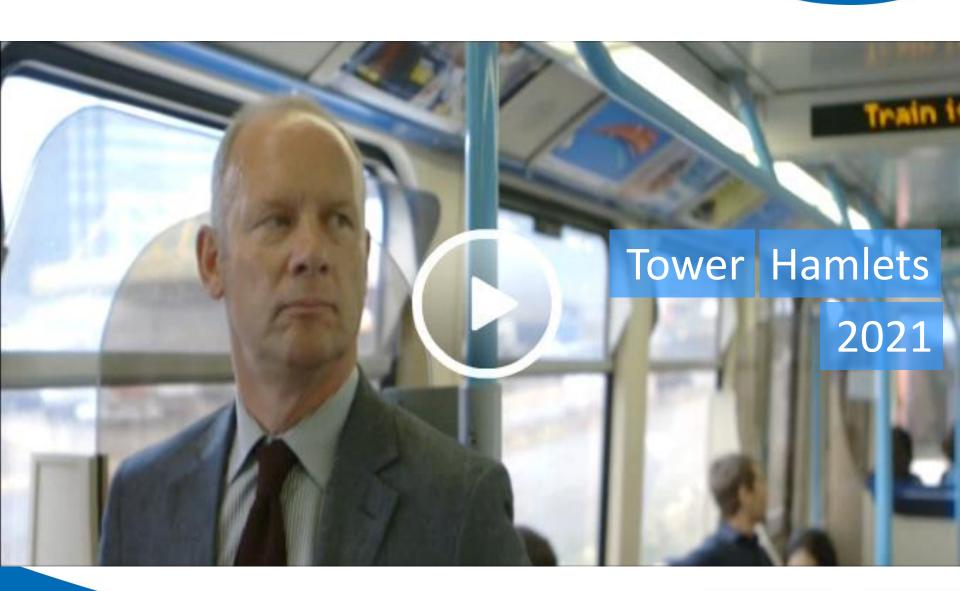
 Guide to Decision Making – Committee Services Intranet















## **Networking and close**

11:45 – 12:00pm







Thank you and enjoy your time in **Tower Hamlets**