

A range of services

The council provides many services for residents and businesses. Go to the A-Z on the website at

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Get information on welfare reform

The council's benefits service can provide information about housing benefit, council tax benefit and entitlement to free school meals. It has compiled a list of helpful agencies at...

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK/WELFAREREFORM

Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of

the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Meetings

Tuesday, July 2

6.30pm: Human resources committee

Business includes reports on new starters and senior management vacancies.

For details, call 7364 4207 or email evelyn.akoto@towerhamlets.gov.uk

7pm: Overview & scrutiny committee

The agenda includes scrutiny working group reports on removing barriers to youth employment and improving post-16 educational attainment. Also a report of the scrutiny challenge session on mental health and housing. For details call 7364 4333 or email angus.taylor@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, July 3

5.30pm: Cabinet

The agenda includes reports on overcrowding and under-occupation, homelessness, and a hostels commissioning plan.

For details, call 7364 4651 or email matthew.mannion@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tuesday, July 16

6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee

For details, call 7364 4120 or email simmi.yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, July 17

5.30pm: Development committee

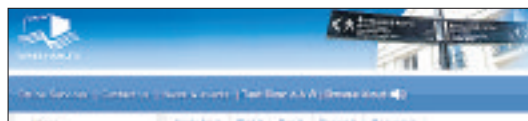
For details, call 7364 4877 or email zoe.folley@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Thursday, July 18

5.30pm: Strategic development committee

Contact Zoe Folley for details (see above).

Details are accurate at time of going to press. Agendas are available online a week before meetings, which are at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG, except Cabinet.



Tower Hamlets online

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

For information on council services, including:

- report a missed rubbish collection
- make a doorstep recycling request
- report an abandoned vehicle
- bulk rubbish collections



Event gives offenders a chance to have their say

YOUNG offenders had the chance to tell senior council staff what they thought of the service they receive.

Fifteen teenagers took part in the launch of the youth advisory group on June 7.

The meeting at Oxford House, Bethnal Green, brought together people who use the council's youth offending service and those who run the service.

Also in attendance was Julie Fox, assistant chief inspector at Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation.

The launch event gave the young people the opportunity to share their ideas for how to improve the service.

Top of the list was for case workers to offer practical help in finding them work, followed by finding money for suitable trips and ensuring reparation courses were linked to their offences.

Other suggestions included greater respect from police during stop and searches, and basing case workers around the



Information on the launch of the youth advisory group

borough to avoid young people having to travel so much.

Stuart Johnson, Tower Hamlets' head of youth offending services, said it was important for the council to try to engage with such hard-to-reach groups.

He said: "In an American prison someone had the audacity to ask the inmates on Death Row what they thought of the service. The authorities listened to what they said. So you can ask the impossible.

"The people at our event said they were pleased somebody was listening."

Mr Johnson described the event as "incredibly energetic" and said it was now down to him and his team to deliver on the action points raised.

The event was run by User Voice, a charity led by ex-offenders aimed at reducing crime.

Tower Hamlets is one of the first councils in the country to work with it.

Planning

E1

28 Beaumont Grove – reduce crown of sycamore tree by 40%, reshape and tidy up.

41-47 Vallance Road – application for prior approval for change of use from offices at first floor for four self-contained flats.

100 Whitechapel Road – extension to alcohol-free hotel, with extension and change of

use to alternative commercial uses at adjoining existing Citroen garage, on land at and adjoining 100 Whitechapel Road, on behalf of Alyjiso Ltd.

E3

42 Ridgdale Street – application for non-material amendment re planning permission ref PA/12/01142, dated 25.6.12, to change roof cladding material from zinc to Colorcoat steel.

Unit 55, Omega Works, 4 Roach Road – application for lawful development certificate re existing use for residential purposes.

This is not a definitive list of all current planning applications. For more details go to the council's website at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk and click on Planning & Building.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team

Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment. 71 Johnson Street, E1. 7790 1344 www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas

Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community. The Davenant Centre, 179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1 7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre

In-patient detox for 18+ males. Riverside House, 4th Floor, 20 Garford Street, E14. 7538 9421

Young People's Service

Treatment for under-19s. Unit 26, Skyline Village, Limeharbour, E14. 3069 7878 www.lifeline.org.uk

Isis

For women aged over 18 c/o Hopetown Hostel, 60 Old Montague Street, E1. 7426 0399 www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team

Unit 22, Skyline Village Limeharbour, E14. 0800 008 7200 www.rapt.org.uk

Somali Substance Misuse

Help, advice & referral for people with khat, alcohol or drug issues. Contact Idris Elmi. Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham, Open House 13 Whitethorn Street, E3. 7510 1081

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