

London Borough of Tower Hamlets Executive Decision-Making Concordat

The leaders of all political groups in Tower Hamlets believe that it would be inappropriate for Executive Decision making to be executed until a new Mayor takes office without ensuring cross party consensus and commissioner oversight

IT IS AGREED THAT:

Any decision requiring Executive consideration in the period up to June 15th will be subject of cross political party consideration in order that consensus can be achieved in relation to the matter under consideration. Every effort will be made to deal with such matters expeditiously.

(1) Definitions

- (a) "Concordat period" means the period of time from the date on which this Concordat is signed until 15 June 2015.
- (b) "All political groups" comprises the Labour Party Group, the Tower Hamlets First Group and the Conservative Party Group.
- (c) Executive means the remaining members of the Council's Cabinet

(2) Commitment by the Executive

- (a) The Executive will only deal with uncontroversial issues and only then if it is strictly necessary, e.g. due to urgency, to take the decision during the Concordat period.
- (b) The Executive will consult with group leaders to achieve consensus before taking any decision; if consensus is not forthcoming the item will be withdrawn from Cabinet consideration.
- (c) The Executive will consult with the DCLG commissioners and take into account their views before taking any decision.

(3) Commitment by group leaders

- (a) The leaders of each political group will respond expeditiously to consultation by the Executive.

(4) Provision for Emergency Action.

- (a) This concordat does not prevent the Statutory Officers from taking such actions as they consider appropriate (after due consultation

with political groups) to respond to emergency situations under, for example, the Civil Contingencies Act or any other appropriate legislation.

Signed

Cllr Rachael Saunders

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05/05/15.

8.15pm

Cllr Ohid Ahmed
On behalf of the
Cabinet

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*05/05/2015
agreed by
the cabinet
at 7:30pm*

Cllr Peter Golds

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