

Tower Hamlets Constitution

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Part A: Introduction

Chapter 1: Introducing the Council's Constitution

1.

This Constitution sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. Some of these processes are required by the law, while others are a matter for the Council to determine.

The Constitution is divided into nine parts.

This part - Introduction

[Part B](#) - Public Rights, Responsibilities and Participation

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2.

The purpose of the Constitution is to ensure that:

The Mayor and Council provide clear and accountable leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations;

The roles and responsibilities of the executive, non-executive, scrutiny and officer functions are clearly defined and documented, with clear delegation arrangements;

Citizens, businesses and other organisations are actively involved in decision making;
Citizens are effectively represented by their Mayor and Councillors;

The delivery of services to the community is improved; Decisions are taken efficiently, effectively and transparently;

Decision-makers are clearly identifiable, that they explain the reasons for their decisions and can be held to public account;

The highest standards of conduct of Members and officers of the authority is maintained and that no one will review or scrutinise a decision in which they were directly involved;

It provides a comprehensive document explaining how the Council operates, who is responsible for taking decisions and how they will be taken.

3.

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution.

Section 1: Constitutional Framework

4.

[Overview of the constitution and its legal basis]

Section 2: Purpose and Scope

5.

Chapter 2: How the Council Operates

Chapter 3: Suspending, Interpreting and Amending the Constitution and Changes to Executive Arrangements

Chapter 4: Glossary of Terms

Part B: Public Rights, Responsibilities and Participation

Chapter 1: Executive Structure

6.

[Introduction to executive structure]

Section 1: Executive Arrangements

7.

[Executive arrangements and decision-making processes]

Section 2: Committee System

8.

[Committee structure and delegations]

Part C: Decision Making

9.

[Who is responsible for which functions]

Part D: Council

10.

[Council, cabinet, committee, access to information rules]

Part E: Committees and Joint Arrangements

11.

[Codes of conduct, member-officer relations, protocol documents]

Part F: The Mayor and Executive

12.

[Remuneration and allowances scheme]

Part G: Overview and Scrutiny

13.

[Senior management structure and officer roles]

Part H: Members

Part I: Officers
