

Elections

Thursday 7 May 2026

Candidates for the election
of the Executive Mayor
of Tower Hamlets



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YOURS ALONE

When you vote, your decision is yours alone.

No-one, not even a partner or family member, is allowed to:

- pressure you into voting a certain way
- offer you something in exchange for your vote
- pretend to be you at the polling station
- complete your postal vote for you

If someone tries to take your vote, or the vote of anyone you know, call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or visit [crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)



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Introduction

On Thursday 7 May 2026, electors in Tower Hamlets will vote for the person they want to be the next Mayor of the borough and for the local councillor(s) to represent their area on Tower Hamlets Council.

I sincerely hope you will exercise your right to vote in this important election. Plans for the elections are already well underway and we are working hard to ensure that local people can cast their votes safely and securely on 7 May.

These elections will have the strongest processes in place in London to prevent fraud and some of the most robust in the country.

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets is an important position. The Mayor will represent the borough and lead the council for the next four years, making decisions about services which matter to local people, from community safety to supporting vulnerable adults and children, and from housing to parks and open spaces.

There are 9 candidates standing for Mayor.

When you cast your vote, you will see that they will be listed on the ballot paper alphabetically (please see a sample ballot paper overleaf). Under the Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Regulations 2007, this booklet is sent to every registered elector in our borough. It contains a short contribution from all candidates for Mayor who chose to be included and who sent me statements which comply with the legal requirements.

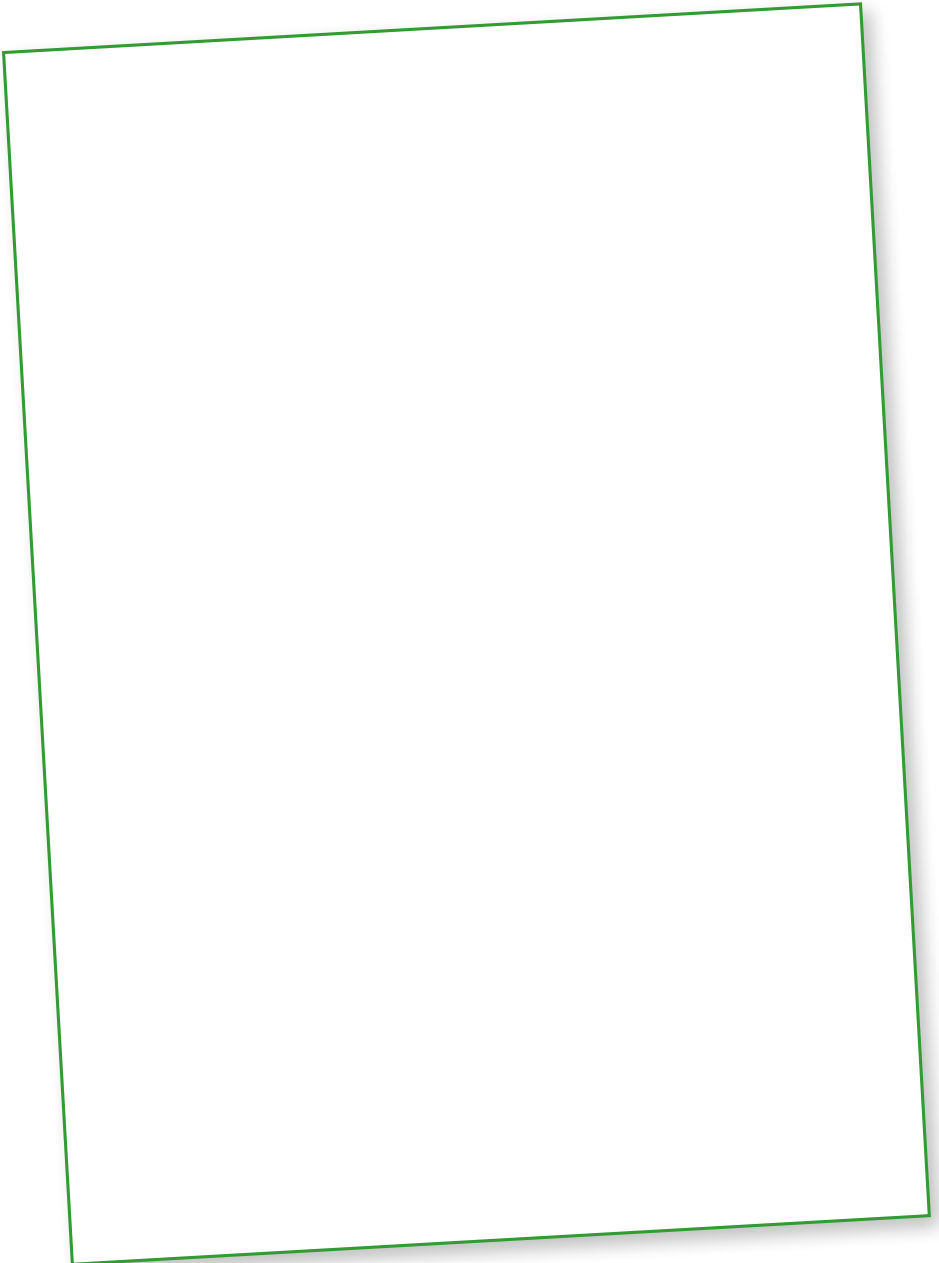
Lots were drawn to determine the order in which the candidates' pages appear in this booklet and the content of each section is the responsibility of the candidate. The views expressed cannot be attributed to the Returning Officer or Tower Hamlets Council.

Please read the FAQs at the back of this booklet. There is also a great deal of information on our website at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/vote

If you have any queries, you can contact our Electoral Services team by calling **020 7364 0872** or emailing vote@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Stephen Halsey
Returning Officer, and Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Council

Sample ballot paper



How to cast your votes

Vote once against the candidate of your choice



For the Mayor election you have one vote.

For this election, you cast your vote using the first past the post system where each voter makes a mark next to the candidate of their choice on the ballot paper and the candidate who receives the most validly cast votes is elected.

Who can vote?

To vote in this election your name must be included in the Register of Electors for Tower Hamlets.

All registered British, Commonwealth, Republic of Ireland and qualified European Union citizens will be entitled to vote.

Further information on the qualification of European Citizens can be found here:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/running-electoral-registrationengland/eligibility-register-vote/what-are-nationality-requirementsregister-vote/can-a-citizen-european-union-register-vote>

To vote in these elections you must be aged 18 years on, or before, 7 May 2026.

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5,000 HOMES AFFORDABLE & SOCIAL HOMES

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change**

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I am proud to support our mayoral candidate and councillors. They will fight for residents

and deliver real change. Tower Hamlets deserves leaders who put people first — and that is exactly what they will do.

Lilian Collins Leader,
Tower Hamlets Independents

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7 MAY
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Your Mayoral Candidate for Tower Hamlets

Vote for One Candidate by putting Cross in this box

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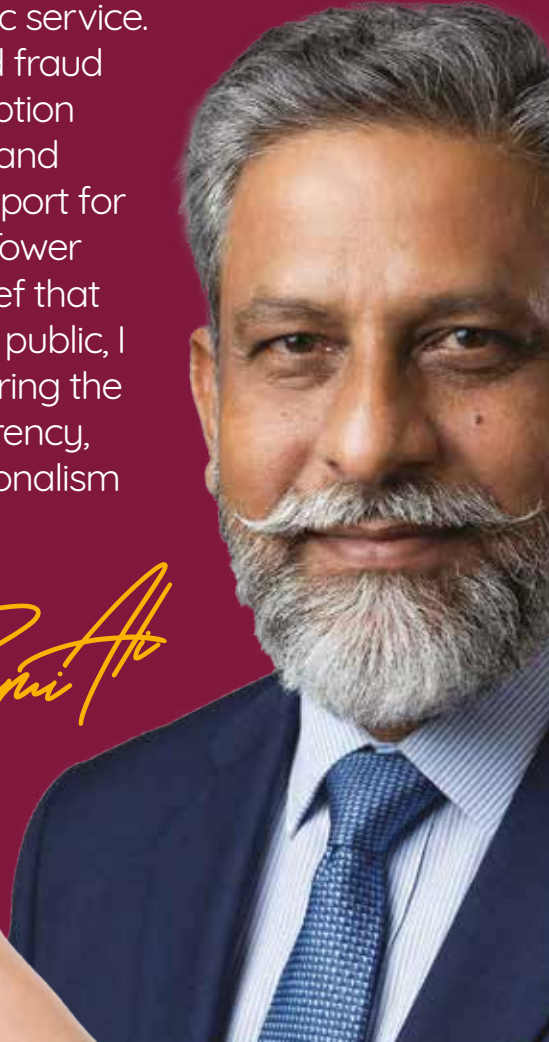
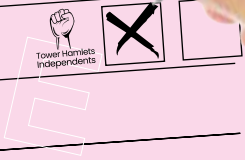
ZAMI ALI FOR MAYOR

I am a practising barrister, called to the Bar in 2011, with a career rooted in justice, integrity, and public service. My work spans criminal and fraud law, international anti-corruption and tribunal advisory roles, and long-standing pro bono support for vulnerable communities in Tower Hamlets. Guided by my belief that power is held in trust for the public, I am standing for Mayor to bring the same standards of transparency, accountability, and professionalism to local government.

Zami Ali

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Mohammed Hannan

Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor



Making our streets cleaner and safer



Fighting for step-free access at our stations



Standing up for you on housing issues

Want to get involved?

towerhamletslibdems@gmail.com

my plan as Mayor for **Tower Hamlets**

» **Turn our failing council around**

The council has put council tax up year after year. Meanwhile the Government has been forced to send in inspectors to take control of a council that has been found to fail to deliver on its duty to provide value from our council tax payments. We would put Tower Hamlets back on sound footing to deliver services you deserve.

» **Cleaner and safer streets**

Tower Hamlets has the best that London has to offer - from our amazing parks and high streets to world class pubs and restaurants. But crimes like phone snatching are through the roof, and flytipping and litter plague our streets due to the current council's mismanagement. Liberal Democrats would clean up our streets, and fight Sadiq Khan's police cuts to keep us safe.

» **Make our stations step-free**

Being able to use your local train station is a basic right that everyone deserves, whether its disabled people, those with mobility issues, or even those with buggies and young children. That Wapping, Shadwell, and other stations on the Windrush line continue to be inaccessible is not acceptable - Liberal Democrats would use the council's firepower to fight for the upgrades Tower Hamlets residents need and deserve.



» **Stand up for you on housing issues**



London is in the midst of a housing crisis. Our shortage of homes means that Tower Hamlets has one of the worst overcrowding rates in the country, and rents and mortgages are through the roof. Meanwhile, leaseholders are being ripped off by service charges and poor service. Liberal Democrats are campaigning to abolish leasehold, scrap ground rent, and build more homes to ease rents and bring the dream of home ownership back in reach for renters across the borough.



HIRRA KHAN ADEOGUN FOR MAYOR



I'm a lifelong East Ender. I've lived in Tower Hamlets for the past ten years with my husband and our new son. I grew up on benefits and my family was once made homeless. **All six of us sheltered in my uncle's attic for months whilst I did my GCSEs.**

Those experiences drive what I'm working for — a Tower Hamlets where homes are secure, the air is clean, the streets are safe, and young people can thrive. Right now, we're being let down.

I'm offering a fresh start for Tower Hamlets:

- No favouritism. No backroom deals.
- More council homes, and calling for rent controls.
- Solidarity with people of Palestine, calling out the UK's role in genocide.
- Essentials that work for people, not for profit.

Hirra

This statement has been prepared by Hirra Khan Adeogun who resides in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The election agent is Daniel Smith 10 Arbery Road London E3 5DD



Read our manifesto online
towerhamlets.greenparty.org.uk/manifesto-2026

REAL ACTION ON HOUSING AND COST OF LIVING

- **More affordable homes. Protect renters** by holding landlords to account and helping resolve complaints.
- **Cheaper energy bills** for at least 2000 households to start. Community supermarket pilots for a cheaper food shop.
- **More fully-funded childcare.** Extend free school meals to breakfast clubs too. Invest £3.8M more in programmes for young people.
- **Career mentors** for people on low income and young people to help them get the jobs they want.

THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ECONOMY

- **Better designed waste bins and storage areas.** Improve bin pick-up schedules.
- **Tackle anti-social behaviour** by addressing root causes and dealing with 'hot-spots'.
- **Strict limits on new and existing data centres.**
- **Spend more of the council's money with local businesses.** Build a strong, green, caring economy. New £20M 'Community Wealth Fund' for residents to help decide how money is invested locally.

PROUD OF OUR DIVERSITY AND VALUES

- **Twin Tower Hamlets with a Palestinian town,** and stop investing in companies that are enabling Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine.
- **Champion migrant rights and make sure services never share information** with immigration enforcement agencies.
- **Support SEND services to listen actively** to children and their families.
- **Safer streets,** particularly for Disabled people and women walking at night.

HOPE IS HERE

Don't just protest on 7 May – use your vote to fight for socialist change



Vote HUGO PIERRE

Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition

**TUSC
AGAINST
CUTS**

A WORKERS' MAYOR ON A WORKER'S WAGE

● Hugo says: **“A socialist mayor would start building the homes, jobs and services our fast-growing borough needs right away.** No more Tower Hamlets austerity cuts, closures, or charges that pass on the government's funding cuts.

“Strikes and community campaigns have beaten cuts and low pay. A socialist mayor would bring unions and the community together in a **mass campaign to win more money from the government.**”

“Candidates for the Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition – TUSC – are workers, trade unionists, and young people who have had enough. We say **the whole working class needs its own, new, mass party** so we can fight back everywhere.

“Big companies like the banks in Canary Wharf suck up record profits – while our bills go up, and our jobs and services suffer. We need a new way of running society – based on democratic public ownership and planning to benefit all, not creating billionaires. **We need socialist change. That's why I'm a member of the Socialist Party, which is part of TUSC.**”



JOIN THE SOCIALISTS!

GET INVOLVED

Call or text
07858 179 780

PUBLIC MEETING

Wed 29 Apr 7pm

Venue, join info
and more:



● Hugo pledges: **“I will only take a worker's wage if elected, not a bloated salary of over £80,000.**

The rest will go towards supporting local working-class campaigns.”



Promoted by Aysha Burton on behalf of Hugo Pierre, 17 Colebert House, Colebert Avenue, London E1 4JP

● **NO CUTS TO JOBS OR SERVICES** – fight for more funding

● **BUILD COUNCIL HOMES and CAP PRIVATE RENTS now**

● **CREATE JOBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE with living wages for all**

● **NO COUNCIL TAX OR RENT HIKES to make up for cuts**

● **WORKERS' UNITY against war, racism, and the cost of living**

● **Build 3,000 council homes a year.** *Tower Hamlets has over 25,000 on the council home waiting list – while property sharks build unaffordable private housing.* >>Scrap developers' greedy plans, build 100% council homes. >>Take over empty properties. >>Bring repairs back to the council and under tenants' democratic control.

● **Cap private rents.** *Young workers and families are crammed into poorly maintained homes – with the seventh-highest private rents in the country!* >>Start a compulsory landlord register to enforce decent standards and cut rip-off rents. >>Help tenants organise to fight back.

● **Fight the cost-of-living crisis.** >>Immediate £15-an-hour minimum wage and inflation-proof rises for council workers. >>Support trade union struggle for jobs, pay and conditions. >>Extend Tower Hamlets' free school meals for all, student allowances, free adult social care, and support funds for residents struggling with bills. >>Make nurseries and after-school clubs free. >>Campaign for free public transport – and for transport, energy and water to be nationalised under democratic control.

● **Young people deserve a real future.** *East End youth unemployment is the fifth highest in the country. Unacceptable!* >>Create council apprenticeships – with a proper qualification, trade union rates of pay, and a guaranteed job at the end. >>Reopen and expand youth clubs with access to a full range of free, well-staffed activities. >>Free leisure centres for all. >>Kick profit out of schools – stop and reverse 'academies'. >>Campaign for free university education, cheap student rents, and living grants for all. >>For united working-class struggle against poverty, war, racism and all oppression and division, and the climate crisis.

● **Make the big polluters pay, not the poor.** *Tower Hamlets: worst for pollution levels and recycling, poor on clean transport and energy – and the lowest car ownership in the country.* >>Real democratic decision-making over traffic measures. >>Build more solar panels and sustainable energy sources. >>Install more electric vehicle charging points and create subsidies to help residents buy electric vehicles. >>Expand recycling services to cover all residents and workplaces.

JOIN THE FIGHTBACK socialistparty.org.uk tusc.org.uk

VOTE CONSERVATIVE DOMINIC

NOLAN

For Mayor of Tower Hamlets

**OPEN TOWN HALL TO
SCRUTINY**

**FAIR HOUSING
ALLOCATIONS**

**TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR**



Conservatives

1

Open to Scrutiny

Government inspectors have reported a lack of transparency and 'toxic' culture at the Council. I will open the Mayor's office to scrutiny.

2

Fair Housing for Local People

Government inspectors have been instructed to investigate the management of housing. I will see houses are allocated fairly. Houses for local people.

3

Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

We need to crack down on shoplifting, drugs and fly-tipping. We don't have enough police. I will direct more money to enforcement.

4

Planning for All

I want a planning system that works for you, not just developers. More homes in the right places.

5

Stand Up to the Government

The scandalous approval of the Chinese Embassy in our borough and the closure of the Britannia Hotel show a government imposing bad decisions on us. Let's stand up for Tower Hamlets.

6

Better Recycling

Tower Hamlets reportedly has the lowest recycling rate in England. I



Dominic has lived across the borough in Wapping, Bow, and now on the Isle of Dogs

**Help Deliver Honesty to the Council
Vote Conservative on Thursday May the 7th**


Sirajul Islam

Labour candidate for Mayor of Tower Hamlets

I have spent 24 years serving Tower Hamlets as a councillor. My connection to this borough is deep and longstanding, and I remain rooted here as a council tenant in Bethnal Green. That lived experience shapes how I serve and the priorities I fight for.

The East End has a long history of communities standing up for one another from the birth of the Labour movement to the first social homes at the Boundary Estate. I'm running for Mayor to protect that legacy and restore a council that works for everyone: fair, transparent, and focused on delivery.

The recent Government Best Value inspection made clear that Tower Hamlets needs fresh leadership to end the chaos. My promise is a return to transparency, where public money is spent responsibly, decisions are made in the public interest, and residents can trust that every pound is used to deliver real benefit for the whole borough.



My priorities for a fairer Tower Hamlets



Fairer Housing: More affordable homes, fix repairs on time and hold landlords to account.



Safer Streets: Cut crime through visible policing, community action and more CCTV.



Cleaner Streets: Fix waste services, boost recycling, and restore pride in our streets.



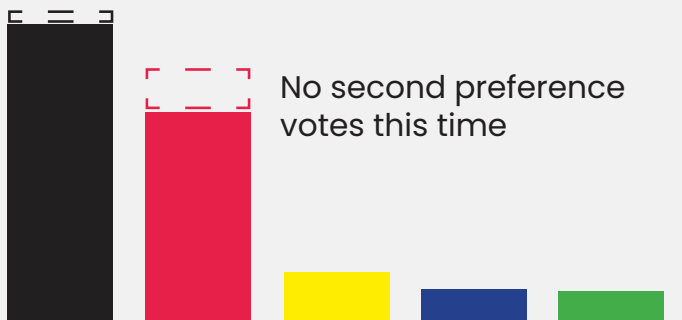
A council that cares: Support families, tackle poverty, and deliver fair, high-quality social care.



A council that works: Restore trust, end chaos, and make the council work for residents again.

Remember: Only Labour can beat the current administration

Tower Hamlets Mayor Election 2022



ONLY REFORMUK CAN SOLVE TOWER HAMLETS' FINANCIAL CHAOS

If elected as your Mayor, my top priority will be to ensure the council's finances are stable and your money is being spent wisely.

The council's current debt is over £68 million and a staggering £48,000 is spent on debt interest payments alone, every single week. You deserve better than this financial chaos and poor management. If elected, as Reform UK Mayor of Tower Hamlets I will make sure that we finally put the needs of local people first.

Only Reform UK has a plan for Tower Hamlets Council by eliminating wasteful spending and helping to tackle the cost-of-living crisis. Tower Hamlets' finances are broken and only a Reform UK Mayor will fix it.

John Bullard

**JOHN
BULLARD**

REFORM UK CANDIDATE
FOR MAYOR OF
TOWER HAMLETS



**TOWER HAMLETS NEEDS JOHN BULLARD.
VOTE REFORMUK ON 7TH MAY**

ONLY REFORMUK WILL FIX BROKEN LONDON

- 1 PUT LONDONERS FIRST
FOR SOCIAL HOUSING**
- 2 OPPOSE HOUSING ILLEGAL
IMMIGRANTS IN HOTELS**
- 3 SUPPORT OUR STRUGGLING
HIGH STREETS**
- 4 END ULEZ AND THE
WAR ON DRIVERS**
- 5 CRACK DOWN
ON ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR**



LAILA CUNNINGHAM

Reform UK's London Spokesperson

London is one of the world's great capitals. Yet today it often feels like a lawless city where many Londoners cannot afford to live.

Only Reform UK will fix our broken city. We have no interest in protecting a failing status quo. It's time for something new. It's time to put Londoners first. Vote for a London that works for you.

VOTE REFORMUK ON 7TH MAY

VOTE LUTFUR & ASPIRE



For

Proven **RECORD** & Brighter **FUTURE...**



"Lutfur and Aspire have my full support, showing us what is possible when local government prioritises social justice"
Jeremy Corbyn MP
Parliamentary Leader of Your Party



"Lutfur is a visionary leader who understands how to deliver groundbreaking projects for residents"
Len McCluskey
Former General Secretary
Unite Union



"I am proud of positive changes delivered by Aspire for thousands of women"
Shenaly Miah
Tower Hamlets resident
and tutor at a local college



"Mayor Lutfur works tirelessly with all faiths and communities"
Mawlana Shamsul Haque
Faith Leader



Since being elected Mayor in 2022, my priority has been to make Tower Hamlets work for all.

After years of damaging austerity from the previous administration, **we reversed the cuts and we introduced groundbreaking investment in frontline Council services - £250 million over 6 years.**

We have made history as the first council in the country to provide universal free school meals for all primary and secondary pupils, to re-establish the Education Maintenance Allowance, as well as university bursaries, and to bring back Winter Fuel Payments for pensioners cut by central government.

Through these policies and many others, **we have provided more support to our residents with cost of living pressures than any other local authority**, from universal free homecare for all elderly and disabled residents in need and Meals on Wheels, to school uniform grants and free swimming.

Housing has been a top priority. We have built thousands more affordable and social homes for our residents, with 6,441 homes delivered or in delivery by May 2026, while investing £609 million improving the quality of existing council homes.

By investing in housing, leisure, waste, youth provision, community and green spaces, public health, education and community safety, we are building better, stronger neighbourhoods for all.

Our new manifesto will go even further with groundbreaking cost of living support, and I can't wait for you to read it soon.



I AM INCREDIBLY PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE DELIVERED, AND I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO PUT YOUR TRUST IN ME & THE ASPIRE CANDIDATES ON 7TH MAY 2026

Lutfur Rahman

EXECUTIVE
MAYOR of
TOWER
HAMLETS

**LUTFUR
RAHMAN**



VOTE LUTFUR RAHMAN & ASPIRE

For DELIVERY & CONTINUITY



COST OF LIVING SUPPORT



We made history as the first council in the country to introduce universal free school meals for all primary & secondary school pupils, benefitting 38,000 children. We became the first council in the country to bring back the Education Maintenance Allowance, along with university bursaries, helping 5,200 students, and the first in the country to provide universal school uniform grants for low income families, helping 21,000 pupils over 3 years.

We also ensured the 6th lowest council tax rate in London, while freezing council tax for low income households, making sure the poorest pay no council tax and scrapping council tax for foster carers.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH



Invested £22 million in education and youth, opened 20 new youth centres, and achieved Outstanding rating for children's services, in addition to free school meals, free uniforms and the Education Maintenance Allowance and university bursaries. Introduced £1 million fund to support young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities with their transition into adulthood.

A CLEANER & GREENER BOROUGH



Investing £15 million to improve waste and recycling services. As part of our strategy to transition to a net zero borough, we have reduced carbon emissions by 32% in the last year alone. We have invested £6 million in improving air quality and enhancing our beautiful green spaces, planted 4,000+ trees since 2022 and established 2,370 electric vehicle charging points in the borough, in one of the fastest rollouts in the UK.

SUPPORTING ELDERLY & DISABLED



We became the second council in the country to provide universal free homecare to ensure all elderly and disabled people in need can receive free care at home, as well as introducing Meals on Wheels, to deliver hot nutritious meals to vulnerable residents. We were also the first council to approve restoring Winter Fuel Payments for pensioners when this was cut by central government.

AFFORDABLE, HIGH QUALITY HOMES



We've delivered more homes than any other London borough since 2013, exceeding our target with 6,441 affordable and social homes delivered or in delivery by May 2026 and an additional upcoming 3,300 homes through the Mayor's Accelerated Housing Programme, particularly family sized homes. Brought Tower Hamlets Homes in-house and we are investing £609 million to improve existing council homes and tackle historic damp and mould problems, as well as investing in Homelessness Services to support residents out of rough sleeping.

AFFORDABLE LEISURE & FREE SWIMMING



We brought leisure services in house to make them more affordable, while committing £40 million to improve facilities and introducing free swimming for all women, all men aged 35+ and parents and carers to swim with their children. We opened the People's Spa at York Hall, while investing £67 million to rebuild St George's as a state of the art leisure centre with two swimming pools. We are also proposing a brand new Whitechapel leisure centre with a new swimming pool.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS



Invested £8 million in community safety, creating the Anti-Crime Task Force, upgrading CCTV across the borough, creating a new dog patrol service and the first specialist council-run Drug Squad in the country. We tripled the number of Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers to 72, increased the number of Council funded police officers to 26, and protected Bethnal Green station from closure by the Met Police.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY SERVICES



Restored vital services which had been cut previously, bringing back One Stop Shops to bring the Town Hall to you, reopening Watney Market Idea Store and reintroducing the Community Language Scheme and the culturally sensitive service for tackling drug addiction. We created dedicated services for women and girls, including opening the new Nari Centre, the first dedicated youth centre for girls and Tower Hamlets Women's Commission. Increased grants for voluntary and community organisations to £4.5 million per year.

TERENCE MCGRENERA

INDEPENDENT

**HOUSING IS THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE FOR VOTERS IN TOWER
HAMLETS**

Housing is the main reason I am standing to be a candidate for Mayor in the local election on 7 May. It is the place where most people began their day and it is where they end their day. A home is a fundamental need for everyone. Far too many people cannot afford an inexpensive, decent, safe home in which to live. Politicians have downgraded the needs of millions of people over the past forty years by failing to provide the homes that form the basic building blocks for a civilised society. Such homes would go a long way to solving the cost of living crisis as people spend a large proportion of their money on housing.

Politicians have ignored their needs in favour of people who aspire to become homeowners. The main aim of the main political parties has been to increase the number of people becoming homeowners. For there to be a surge in home buying, young people wages would have to rise substantially, or house prices would have to fall dramatically. That is not going to happen. Buying a home is virtually impossible for the overwhelming majority of people living in Tower Hamlets. Therefore, the focus should be on renting, both public and private.

Social housing is the most challenging and least glamorous sector of housing provision. It is also the most neglected sector. It has seen the least investment over that period, causing the most suffering and affecting so many people in need of a decent place to live. It is also the best solution to the housing crisis. People in Tower Hamlets know that promises have been made about building social housing and have been broken. It is pointless promising to build, say a thousand council houses, and failing to do so. Such people are fools to make such promises. As a result, people feel betrayed and lose interest in politics

What is needed is a new mindset to the housing crisis. What I am proposing is to change the system whereby Tower Hamlets depends on

funding fundamentally from the Government, the Greater London Authority and the private sector. It would be a recognition that collaborating with the private sector and in return getting around twenty per cent of the homes that would be built is madness. That is what would happen in any deal with developers.

Any such scheme would lead to a massive increase in gentrification of Tower Hamlets. The Trust for London charity recent research found that Tower Hamlets had the largest number of areas in its top fifty places for gentrification in London over the past decade. Any further increase would be bad news for the nearly 29,000 people on Tower Hamlets housing waiting list. It would be a betrayal. Working with the private sector on regeneration schemes often leads to social cleansing. The legal status of the homes built would be protected from the right to buy legislation.

What I propose for Tower Hamlets is to establish its own lottery, sell the idea to other London boroughs and help them to combine in a London wide organisation. It would be called THE LONDON LOTTERY. The proceeds from the revenue of tickets sales would help to set up a property company - to build, buy and manage - homes for rent on a non-profit basis. It would be the foundations upon which a new housing settlement would be built as well as putting right the policies that have caused the housing crisis over the past forty years.

I, Terry McGreenera, have lived in Tower Hamlets since I left University some forty years ago when I was allocated a hard-to-let, one room dwelling by the GLC. I'm still there. Since then, I have studied for master's degrees in housing and journalism. My dissertation was about housing. Currently I edit my own publication The Housing Times which tries to highlight the housing crisis in Tower Hamlets. Over the years I have presented many petitions to Tower Hamlets Council about housing. I am a member of the council's Tenants Voice committee. I am also the recipient of two warning letters from Tower Hamlets Council

How the votes for Mayor will be counted

The verification and count for the Mayoral election will take place on Friday 8 May 2026 in the Platinum Suite at the London Excel Exhibition Centre commencing at 8:30am.

The candidate with the most validly cast votes will be elected.

Following the official declaration by the Returning Officer, the result will be published on the council's website and displayed at the Town Hall.

You can follow the council on social media for the Mayor result and the Council results on Saturday 9 May 2026 from 9am:

@TowerHamletsNow.

Frequently asked questions

Please visit our website for a full list of FAQs at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/vote

When will the polling stations be open?

Polling stations will be open from 7am-10pm on Thursday 7 May 2026. The location of your polling station is printed on your poll card.

Please take your poll card with you so that the staff can scan the QR code into the software and issue your ballot papers to you.

I have lost my poll card, can I get another one?

If you are on the register you don't need a poll card to vote. You can attend the polling station and staff there will help you.

Do I need to take ID to the polling station?

You are now required to show acceptable Voter ID before you can receive your ballot papers.

A list of acceptable Voter ID can be found here:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voterid/accepted-forms-photo-id>

Why has every voter in my house been sent a booklet?

The law requires every registered voter is sent their own copy so they can see who the candidates are.

Do the candidates contribute to the cost of the booklet?

The law allows for the Returning Officer to require a contribution from candidates towards the cost of printing the booklets. All candidates contributed the same amount – £500.

How do you know that people who are voting are legitimate?

The council has worked hard to ensure that the borough's electorate are correctly registered under Individual Electoral Register (IER) ensuring everyone's details have been verified before adding them to the register.

Frequently asked questions

Where can I find out more information about elections in Tower Hamlets?

Go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/vote or call us on **020 7364 0872**.

I can't find my polling station using the interactive map – the page doesn't load up

During busy periods our maps may take longer to load onto the system. Please contact us and we can have a look for you.

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ONE VOTER, ONE BOOTH

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