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Education...

- £380m investment in education and schools – transforming existing schools, expanding every school in the borough. Built new schools, including Bow School (£30m) and St Paul's Way School (£32m) and new special school, Beatrice Tate, at old Southern Grove site.
- Reinstated and kept the local Education Maintenance Allowance, axed by the government, at £400 per year for 16-18 year olds. The first borough to do so.
- Introduced Higher Education Awards for students/young people – £1,500 per year grants for university students – the first borough to do so.
- Introduced Free School Meals for all primary school kids and reception, after which the government at the time followed Tower Hamlets example. Benefited at least 4,000 children.
- Education in the borough improved drastically, our schools were recognised as best urban schools nationwide.
- Campaigned to deliver new schools in the borough.
- Protected and invested in our council nurseries.
- Created 1,575 additional school places.

● *I took a 25% pay cut from my allowance each year as the Leader of the council.*

● *I took £10,000 pay cut a year as the first elected Mayor of Tower Hamlets (2010-15).*



Policing & Community Safety...

- Funded more community police officers and THEOS.
- £2.2m to fund 55 extra dedicated local police officers in the borough, not just for THH properties.
- Tackling addiction – 1,230 drug dealers arrested and almost £200,000 worth of drugs seized.



Free Universal Homecare/Social Care, Health and Wellbeing...

- Protected Free Homecare to vulnerable residents – The only borough in the country providing free home care for elderly and vulnerable residents with £17m funding.
- Increase in lunch club provision to tackle loneliness and to improve health of older residents.
- Secured an extra £15m for health facilities in the borough.



Faith & Community...

- £3m supporting buildings of all faiths – refurbishment of a synagogues and support for churches.
- Delivered the burial ground for local residents at Eternal Gardens. Burial site for Tower Hamlets Residents at cost price with subsidised burial cost price at £650.
- Refurbished Altab Ali Park.



Housing Homes and Homelessness – a national record then acknowledged even by the government...

- Built the most social affordable homes in the UK, 5,590 delivered and 3,000 in the pipeline.
- Bonus award from the government for building the most homes – New Homes Bonus £74m the highest in the country.
- Regeneration of Ocean Estate with investment of £200 million.
- Regeneration of Blackwall reach/Robinhood Gardens with investment of £200 million.
- The first council in the country to build council housing in 30 years, for example, Watts Grove site, Poplar Baths site, and Dame Collet House site.
- Over 3,000 overcrowded families rehoused.
- Our £168m Decent Homes programme saw every council home renovated, which meant £16,000 for each and every Council home with renovation works that included new double-glazing windows, new bathroom and kitchen for all TH Council tenants – refurbished 26,000 Council homes.
- Millions invested in Homelessness Fund to protect vulnerable families, some of them used to be relocated out miles away to Kent and Midlands
- Invested £36m in building new social housing developments at Dame Colet, Haileybury and Poplar Baths sites.
- Car free zone – Parking Permit Transfer Scheme – any household can have 1 permit transferred.

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Libraries & Idea Stores...

● Invested in libraries, also opened a multi-million pounds brand-new idea store in Watney Market.



Jobs, Living Wage, Workers Rights and Social Justice. Pioneering policies and decisive leadership...

● Introduced London Living Wage to all council staff, agency employees and contractors - the first borough in the country to do so at the time.

● The first borough to absorb the government's cut to Council Tax Benefit.

● The first borough to pledge to protect workers by tackling the illegal practice of blacklisting.

● Introduced the People's Plaques to replace the Blue Plaque scheme axed by the government.

● Protected workers' rights supported Trade Unions and implemented no compulsory redundancy.

● Invested in Social Worker and Teacher Bursaries.

● Funded Meals on Wheels.

● 2,250 new jobs, training and apprenticeships opportunities through the council.

● Graduate Scheme and Community Leadership Schemes.

● Assisted 2,728 local people into jobs and 3,950 residents into Olympic jobs.

● Invested in Day care centres.

● Absorbed £2.6m of cuts to council tax support scheme, helping 10,000 pensioners and 25,000 residents on low income.



Council Tax...

● I froze Council Tax with 0% increase for 7 years in a row (2008-2015), at £886 for an average Band D in 2015, while making corporate efficiency savings of c. £125m through innovation and leadership.

● Biggs' administration has continually increased the council tax, totalling well over 25%, including proposals in 2021 budget, since 2015, hitting residents hard in their pockets, while cutting and shutting key services.



New Civic Centre & Whitechapel Master Plan...

● Provided leadership, vision and foresight - despite opposition - to buy the Royal London Hospital building, to have our own new Tower Hamlets Civic Hub at the heart of the community in Whitechapel to serve generations to come. We therefore save £16 million per year indefinitely on the existing Town Hall at Mulberry Place.

● Delivered the Town Hall to Whitechapel as a new Civic Hub at the heart of the community as part of Whitechapel Master Plan, including jobs, regeneration and affordable housing while supporting local traders and street market.

● The Whitechapel Vision with the creation of a new civic centre will create 3,500 new homes and 5,000 jobs while preserving dedicated space for culture and small business.



Fairness Commission, a radical approach to tackle inequalities in Tower Hamlets, leading the way...

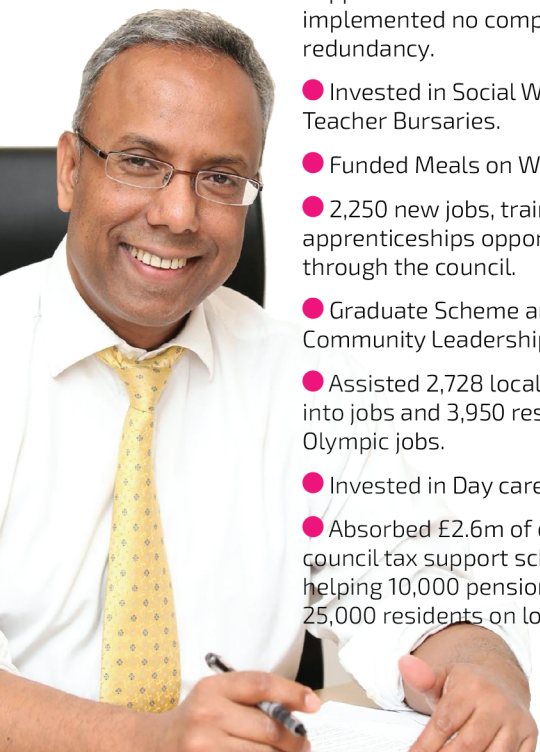
● Ban on advertising for payday loan companies from council-owned property and billboards

● Introduced Energy Co-Operatives: collective energy switches for residents, a number of energy auctions with an average saving for households of £150 per annum through Tower Hamlets Energy (THE) Community Power, a cooperative set up by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets in 2012.

● Pioneered 'Parent-led nurseries' in Tower Hamlets: advised setting targets for childcare expansion and extending cooperative provision. Tower Hamlets is home to a rare example of parent-led childcare in England. Situated in Bethnal Green, Scallywags' childcare costs around half the amount charged in other London nurseries because parents each take turns helping to staff the nursery, in collaboration with professionals.

● Changes to the rules applied to local authorities seeking to build social housing, which would give councils more freedom to borrow in order to invest in housing assets. Tower Hamlets Fairness Commission made this recommendation to national government.

● More power to local authorities to limit gambling and payday companies. If specific planning use classes were created for these kinds of businesses. This was recommended by the Tower Hamlets council.



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Political Leadership against racism, Islamophobia as elected mayor – EDL in Tower Hamlets...

- Led and engaged our council to encourage a community response to the EDL's protest. This came under the banner of 'United East End', a coalition of Trade Unions, anti-racists and community groups set up in June 2010 to oppose the EDL's planned demonstration that year [In the run up to the 2011 demonstration, a large rally of about 700 people was held at the London Muslim Centre on 31st July.
- Together key politicians, including former London Mayor, Ken Livingstone, and was designed to act as a 'call for unity against the EDL and urge the biggest possible turnout' at the UAF's counter rally (Unite Against Fascism 30th July 2011). On the day of the September demonstration, they organised a counter rally to 'celebrate the East End's diversity and express its opposition to the racist English Defence League.' (Unite Against Fascism 22nd July 2011).
- A newly elected mayor of Tower Hamlets, led and encouraged people to turn out at the counter rally – suggesting that: 'If we stay at home we're leaving young people on the streets by themselves.' (Ward 23rd August 2011) led a rally opposing the EDL along Whitechapel Road.



Youth Services & Young people Support...

- Maintained and invested in youth service and children's centres.
- Additional £10m a year, on top of core budget, in-house coordinated curriculum-based service, for youth service, new youth centres and children's centres.
- Delivered 48 council run youth centres, clubs, including third sector partnership youth provisions. Our aspiration was to have 2 youth centres/clubs in each ward for young people.
- Opened a new Youth Club in Isle of Dogs. (now shut down under the current administration).
- Delivered new youth and community facilities at the Osmani Centre.
- Delivered new youth and community facilities at the Dame Collet House/ Haileybury Centre.
- Delivered new leisure facilities at Poplar Baths and invested in renovation works at York Hall, St Georges swimming baths, John Orwell Sports Centre and St Georges Town Hall in Cable street.



Community & Voluntary Sector...

- Allocated over £8m to third-sector community and voluntary organisations, e.g. mother-tongue and other language classes, as well as, support for other key community initiatives.



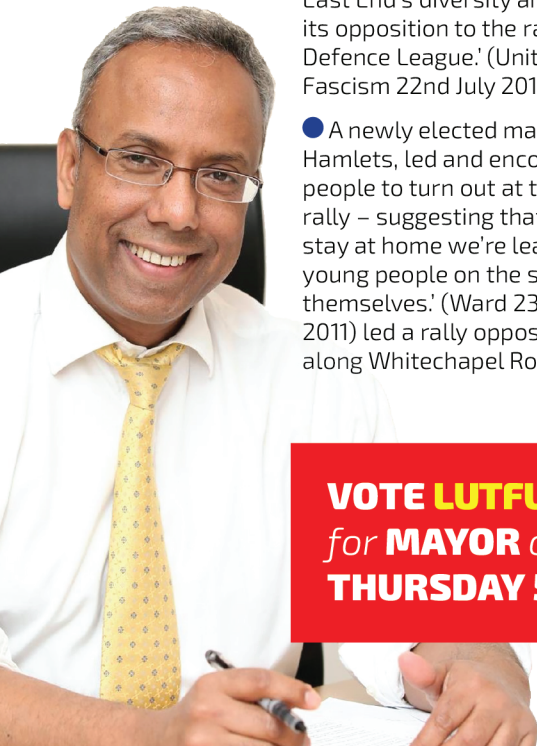
Cleaner and Greener Tower Hamlets: streets, parks, environment, public spaces and markets...

- Won numerous independently assessed government awards for various council services - including the Keep Britain Tidy Award for Clean Streets for cleanest streets in the UK.
- £800,000 for deep cleaning across the borough.
- Invested £10m in Victoria Park regeneration. Also, protected and improved our parks and public spaces across Tower Hamlets.
- Saving King Edward Memorial Park.
- Resurfaced Brick Lane
- Refurbished St. Katherine's War Memorial
- Energy Co-op – saving £130 of energy bills
- Invested in our markets: Whitechapel High Street, Petticoat Lane, Roman Road, Bethnal Green, Columbia Road, Burdette Road.
- Introduced a reporting app for residents, 'Find it Fix it'.



Legacy: Our financial prudence: cash inheritance left by Mayor Rahman administration for Biggs administration...

- At least £90,000,000 of New Homes Bonus for the work done by my administration.
- At least £51,000,000 from 2017-20 under Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- Millions (£) in the capital funds and others grants.
- Source: LBTH Budget papers 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18, 2018-19 and other council documents.



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