

# OUR TOWER HAMLETS VISION TO 2035



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# FOREWORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

I am delighted to introduce our shared vision for the next decade of the borough, Our Tower Hamlets 2025-2035.

As someone who grew up in Tower Hamlets and raised my family here, this place is a very special place to me. It has given me the chance to progress and prosper, and I want everyone one of our residents to have the same opportunity to lead a good life here.

Every day, in my role as Executive Mayor, I see the many strengths of our borough. Whether it is:

- Our public services supporting people with kindness and care,
- Our businesses creating access to good jobs,
- Voluntary and faith organisations delivering services that improve people's lives,
- And residents working together to support one another and strengthen their neighbourhoods.

Yet, I also see the challenges we face, such as the scourge of poverty and inequality holding people back from reaching their potential.

This vision reflects the love people have for our borough and highlights the areas we need to focus on to make it even better.

I want to thank all residents and organisations who helped develop this borough vision. Achieving the ambitious outcomes set out in this vision will require the council I lead to work side by side with local organisations and residents. This is my personal commitment.

I look forward to going on the journey with our residents and partners, working together to make this special place an even better place to live and work.



**Lutfur Rahman**  
**Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets**



# FOREWORD FROM THE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP

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Our Tower Hamlets 2025 – 2035 sets out our shared ambitions for Tower Hamlets over the next 10 years. The vision is a whole borough vision, shaped through conversations and collaboration between people, community groups and organisations all contributing their insights, experiences and ideas. It reflects what matters most to those who live and work in Tower Hamlets and is rooted in a commitment to working together at all levels.

Our vision is to “work together with kindness, creativity and determination to break the cycle of poverty and inequality and ensure every one of us can live a good life and reach our full potential.” This provides a clear direction for how we will work together and focus on the challenges that matter most, and build a fairer, healthier, and more inclusive Tower Hamlets for all.

Hundreds of stories have shaped the development of this vision. These stories, alongside the data and evidence on the borough and its population reflect the lived experience of hundreds of thousands of people. They show that Tower Hamlets has made significant progress over the past decade in areas such as education and reducing crime.

However, for many the last 10 years have been extremely challenging. The pandemic hit Tower Hamlets hard bringing profound tragedy to many families. The housing crisis has escalated, and rising costs have left almost half of all the children in the borough living in poverty. Many businesses are still

navigating the realities of leaving the European Union, while the cost-of-living crisis continues to leave both small business and people reeling.

There is hope that the next 10 years will be easier, but we also recognise that they may be as challenging and uncertain as the last. *Our Tower Hamlets 2025 -2035* will help guide our decisions, shape strategies and plans, and act as a call to action for communities and local organisations. By working together, we will build on our strengths and tackle the challenges we face to create a borough where everyone has the chance to lead a good life and reach their potential.

This vision owes deep gratitude to everyone who helped shape it. From the people who shared their lived experiences and developed the ambitions with us, to members of our Youth Council who brought fresh perspectives, and to local organisations and communities who led this work collaboratively, your contributions have been invaluable. We look forward to continuing to work together as we deliver on these key ambitions.



# INTRODUCTION

A journey through Tower Hamlets reveals a borough with a proud history of standing up to injustice and supporting each other through tough times. From the fight against fascism on Cable Street in the 1930s, neighbours helping one another during World War Two, to the places of worship where volunteers provided food to local people during the pandemic. Kindness and togetherness are an important part of who we are.

**“The East End’s History of struggle and solidarity still inspires me”**  
David, Shadwell

It is in this spirit that hundreds of local people came together to share their views and experiences – representing thousands more across the borough. Their voices helped shape this vision for Tower Hamlets over the next 10 years. Our Tower Hamlets 2025 - 2035 sets out the kind of place we want Tower Hamlets to be, our shared ambitions, and how we will achieve them together.

**“This multicultural community is what makes Tower Hamlets special, and it’s why I’m proud to call this place home”**  
Nisha, Whitechapel

Our communities love Tower Hamlets. People see our diversity as our greatest strength. Since the days of the London docks, new communities have arrived in Tower Hamlets and continue to contribute to the welcoming nature of borough life and make us who we are today. This includes a proud tradition of interfaith work, where people of different beliefs come together to build understanding and strengthen community bonds.

People choose to live, work and visit Tower Hamlets because it offers so much within a single borough. It is full of the stories, people, and cultural and heritage destinations that would be the envy of any city in the world.

There’s real excitement about the opportunities here. Tower Hamlets is home to the UK’s third-largest economy. As the UK’s youngest borough, with high-performing schools and some of the best exam results in the country, our young people are well placed to benefit from the opportunities growth brings.

Yet despite Tower Hamlets sitting in the heart of one of the wealthiest cities in the world, many people are not fully benefiting from the borough’s opportunities. Tens of thousands of people, are living in poverty, trapped in low paid and insecure work, lacking adequate housing, and feeling priced out of the borough they call home

**“Tower Hamlets is crowded and full of extremes – rich and poor pressed right up against one another”**  
Aisha, Bow

The people of Tower Hamlets have shaped this vision and give a strong message: “we will not tolerate poverty and inequality because it is holding too many people back from achieving their potential.” They believe everyone deserves the chance to lead a good life, no matter what their background or circumstance.

# CREATED IN PARTNERSHIP

Our Tower Hamlets 2035 is a shared vision for the borough, shaped by the voices of local people, workers, businesses, voluntary and community groups, faith groups and public sector partners. It's rooted in what matters most to the people of Tower Hamlets.

We asked over 2,000 people what they love most about the borough, the challenges they face, and their hopes for the future. We shaped Our Tower Hamlets 2025-35 alongside local people, developing, analysing and testing ideas over the last year to form the draft vision, ambitions and outcomes. Some of the research participant's stories and reflections are featured here alongside many more embedded in our ambitions and commitment to delivering this vision in partnership with local people.

**"It feels like there's an energy where everyone wants to work together to make lasting change"**  
**Andrea, Bow**

The purpose of this document is to guide decision-making, shape the strategies and vision of local organisations and act as a call to action for everyone who lives and works in Tower Hamlets.



**"I was born in London but moved to Ghana when I was three. I came back to Tower Hamlets at five and have been here ever since. Over the years I've lived in Bow, Poplar, and near East India. I've found a real sense of community here, though lately things feel less connected. Rising rents and gentrification are making it harder for people I know to live here long-term. Tower Hamlets has amazing opportunities for young people, but these opportunities need to be promoted well so they can be accessed by those who need them most.**

**Talia, 18,  
East India Quay**



# OUR VISION

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In Tower Hamlets, we have a proud tradition of standing together and supporting one another. Our borough is packed full of opportunity, but those opportunities aren't shared equally, yet. That's not something we can tolerate. Therefore, our vision is to:

“Work together with kindness, creativity and determination to break the cycle of poverty and inequality and ensure every one of us can live a good life and reach our full potential.”

## Tower Hamlets is a Borough with:



The fastest growing population in England, growing from **254,100** to **310,300** between 2011 and 2021, and expected to continue to rise to over **400,000** by 2035.



Close to **17,000** people per square kilometre, Tower Hamlets is the most densely populated area in England with a density more than **37** times higher than the mean for England.



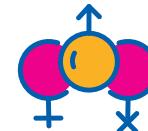
Tower Hamlets has **half** the national average of green space per **1,000** people, and air pollution is the third highest in London.



**Extreme deprivation and great wealth** are close neighbours throughout the borough, even at the smallest mapping levels inequality masks poverty and differences in experience in Tower Hamlets.



At **34.6%**, Tower Hamlets has the largest Bangladeshi population in England and Wales and the largest Muslim population (**39.9%**) in England and Wales, the proportion of Black African residents (**5%**) is double that of England and Wales though below London. **22.9%** are White British. As a proportion, the Chinese population is the third highest and Roma population is fourth highest in England and Wales.



**7.2%** of residents are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Other sexual orientations. This is significantly higher than the rest of London and England.



The 3rd highest economic output of any local authority in England with **£45.8 billion** added to the UK economy each year, yet **47.5%** of children grow up in poverty (when adjusted for housing costs).



Adults in Tower Hamlets have reported having the highest levels of depression and anxiety (**16.1%**) in London, older people in Tower Hamlets are predicted to be the loneliest in England.



Despite the pressures they face, **63.2%** of children and **76.3%** of disadvantaged children progress to higher education.



**97%** of the **16,445** businesses based in Tower Hamlets are small or micro businesses, sitting alongside some of the global giants of Canary Wharf and the City Fringe.



The lowest rate of home ownership in the country, **23.1%** live in homes they own, while **74.1%** live in social or private rental homes, overcrowding mainly impacts renters.

# OUR AMBITIONS

The **five ambitions** set out here reflect the ambitions our communities have for themselves, the organisations that work in Tower Hamlets and each other.

## Ambition one: People work side by side to improve Tower Hamlets for everyone.



### Where we are now and what you said

Local people and organisations want to work together in partnership to make life better for everyone. They know their lives best, so organisations should listen to their views and opinions, and people should always be involved in the decisions that affect them.

**“Having residents at the table, where decisions are made is a breath of fresh air, we have the understanding of everything going on around us, we know what we want” Reverend James, Poplar**



In the future, people want to build a new kind of relationship with local organisations, one grounded in working together with shared ambitions to create lasting change in their communities. Whether the focus is on health, housing, safety or supporting young people, services should work closely together as a team around individuals and communities, with a presence in local neighbourhoods. Support should be easy to access, see the whole person and provide help early to prevent issues from growing.

Above all, people need local services to show kindness and truly listen, especially when someone's life is complex or challenging. Every interaction should be rooted in respect, understanding, and care.

Many people are actively involved in their neighbourhoods, whether through volunteering, advocacy, faith organisations or leading local groups. Tower Hamlets is lucky to have a vibrant voluntary and community, and faith, sector that run vital services, activities, and events. These organisations are often the place people turn to when they need support.

Our communities are full of people who care and want to make a difference. Local organisations can shift more power to voluntary and community groups, and support communities to act on what matters to them and lead change in their neighbourhoods.

**“What makes the borough strong is when we make sure nobody is left behind. That’s the kind of place I want Tower Hamlets to be, and I’ll do my bit to help make it that way.”**

**Sue, Stepney Green**

## By 2035, we will achieve the following outcomes:

- More people contribute through volunteering
- More people feel they have had a real say about the decisions that affect them.
- Partnerships are more joined up and able to demonstrate improved results for the community.
- Local voluntary and community organisations are valued and supported to help people improve their lives and lead change in their neighbourhoods themselves
- Support is local, easy to access, and more tailored to each neighbourhood.
- Every person is treated with kindness and respect when they use public services.



**“I moved to Tower Hamlets 15 years ago with my partner. We started in Limehouse and now live on a narrowboat near Three Mills. I feel at home here. I’ve got close ties with my neighbours and the local community.**

**I love the diversity and energy here and I feel deeply connected to the people and places. Now I’m retired, I spend my time volunteering with Barts NHS Trust, helping with research at Queen Mary’s, and chatting to neighbours.**

**I enjoy the simple things in life - cooking, opera, and being part of community life. But I worry about the lack of social cohesion. There’s litter, people ride scooters dangerously, and some people seem less considerate.**

**The divide between affluent and poor areas shows how polarised things have become. I’d like to see cleaner streets, more kindness and greater tolerance. If people feel proud to call this borough home, they’ll take responsibility for the place and for each other.”**

**Jim, 70, Bromley-by-Bow**



## Ambition two: All our babies, children and young people get the best start



### Where we are now and what you said



Children, young people and their families feel proud and hopeful about growing up in Tower Hamlets, but they also recognise the real challenges that come with living here.

**“The biggest challenge I see is housing. There just aren’t enough big flats for families. I see families crammed into small spaces, using the living room as a bedroom.” Sue, Stepney Green**



Families want the best for their children’s education. Our children and young people are full of talent and potential, the borough has excellent schools, and children make good academic progress from the time they start school.

However, children in Tower Hamlets are less likely than their peers elsewhere to begin school with a good level of development (61%). Families are asking for more support to help every child get the best start.

One in five children starting school - and nearly half of Year 6 pupils - are overweight. Nearly 1 in 5 children have special educational needs or disabilities. Tower Hamlets has above average prevalence of mental illness in school aged children and mental health admissions. It’s essential that we work together to ensure all children and young people can access the support they need to prevent health issues as they grow older.

Nearly half of all children in Tower Hamlets grow up in poverty, 44% of families live in overcrowded homes, without the space they need to play, do their homework or have time for themselves. Families said the cost-of-living crisis makes it hard to afford the essentials and fun activities for their children, ensuring that every child and young person can access safe spaces to connect, play and thrive in their neighbourhood is vital.

Safety matters deeply. While 84% of pupils felt safe in their local areas, and serious youth violence is declining 28% of pupils reported that they had been bullied at school during the past year.

Young people are happy about the increased youth offer in the borough and want to have positive activities to do where they can have fun with friends and family.

**“I go to one of the best schools for disadvantaged pupils in the country. Being from Tower Hamlets, people sometimes make assumptions about what you can or can’t achieve. I’m determined not to be limited by that” Saleh, 17, Poplar**



Young people are ambitious and want good careers. They believe local employers should offer part-time jobs and that schools should build strong links with the global businesses based here. Apprenticeships and work experience opportunities help young people feel they can build successful futures in Tower Hamlets without needing to leave the borough to find good jobs.

## By 2035, we will achieve the following outcomes:

- Children and young people achieve their best in education and have opportunities to develop a career
- Fewer children and young people live in overcrowded homes
- Children and young people are healthier overall and health inequalities reduce
- Children and young people get the right support at the right time if they have special educational needs or a disability
- Children and young people feel safer and have access to safe spaces to socialise, make friends and build relationships.
- Children and young people are empowered to take action and become leaders in tackling the climate crisis



**“I grew up on the Isle of Dogs and went to the local primary school. I genuinely enjoy going to school and hanging out with my mates at youth clubs, especially the after-school clubs. One of my favourite childhood memories is going to Poplar Baths with my dad - we’d wake up early, go swimming, then grab something to eat afterwards.**

**My life revolves around school, community involvement and my friends. I believe education is the key to transforming Tower Hamlets by giving young people the knowledge and tools to break cycle of poverty. We need to start with children - making sure they have strong foundations and support when they stumble.**

**I’m a member of the Youth Council, which I joined after helping a friend with their campaign. Now it’s a central part of my life, alongside my studies and work experience. I’m busy with meetings and projects and I want more young people to experience the kind of community I’ve experienced through the Youth Council. Being involved has helped me come out of my shell and excel in ways I never expected.”**

**Joseph, 17, Isle of Dogs**



## Ambition three: Every adult has the chance to build a good life



### Where we are now and what you said

Housing is at the heart of everything in Tower Hamlets. It shapes health, opportunities, and sense of belonging. Tower Hamlets has the lowest rate of home ownership in the country, alongside the highest and rising levels of population density, and overcrowding. Some council homes in Tower Hamlets are ageing and require significant investment to meet modern standards. With over 29,000 households on our housing register and rising levels of homelessness, too many people in the borough feel that having a safe and secure place to call home is out of reach.

**“I dream of stability: having my own home” Khalid, Stepney Green**



As well as housing, many residents lack other fundamental “building blocks” for healthy lives, such as quality employment, financial inclusion, access to healthy food and clean air. Many people are feeling the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, especially those already in poverty. Long-term economic inactivity and extremely low incomes lead to significant health challenges. People living with health issues are looking for joined up help close to home so they can lead happy, healthier lives.

Tower Hamlets is fortunate to have strong health provision and partnerships with a rich and diverse voluntary and community sector that delivers important services, activities, and events, as well as opportunities to volunteer. These small organisations build strong relationships with communities and are often the first port of call when people need support.

Tower Hamlets contributes £38.8 billion to the UK economy and offers 155,000 jobs, many in finance, tech, and science. Over the next decade, we will build on this strength by working together to attract investment that benefits everyone - creating new opportunities and good jobs for local people.

However, currently 1 in 10 households in Tower Hamlets survive on less than £15,000 a year. People want to be connected with good jobs and have access to lifelong learning. They're also worried that the rise in automation and artificial intelligence will change the types of jobs available and want support to develop the skills to access them.

Education is a strength. Over half of local people have a degree, and local universities like Queen Mary and City College are valued. However, women and disabled people are more likely to have no qualifications and can feel disconnected from the borough's opportunities.

Tower Hamlets has extreme inequalities, across the borough, people in chronic deprivation live right alongside more affluent neighbours. For a sustainable economy and to make best use of the talent and energy of the people of this borough, this must change.

**Tower Hamlets has amazing opportunities for young people, but these opportunities need to be promoted well so they can be accessed by those who need them most.**

**Talia, East India Quay**



## By 2035, we will achieve the following outcomes:



- More decent homes are built that are the right size for people, affordable and safe.
- Homelessness is reduced and fewer people need temporary accommodation.
- Health services act earlier, and effective prevention stops health issues from escalating.
- People of all ages can learn new skills to get better jobs.
- More local people have secure, well-paid jobs, and a fair chance to get them.
- The local economy grows, including through support for small businesses, creating jobs for the people of Tower Hamlets.



**“I came to the UK in 2007, when I was 19. When I first arrived, I felt a bit out of place, but over time I have come to love the multicultural life here. Housing is the biggest challenge I see in Tower Hamlets. Overcrowding is a real problem. I work four days a week, on top of getting my kids ready for school and balancing family with community work. My job involves advocating for other people’s needs and making sure their voices reach professionals. In the future, I want to be in a management position where I can drive real changes and have real impact.”**

**Sahra, 37, Aberfeldy**

## Ambition four: As people grow older, they live well and enjoy life



### Where we are now and what you said

While Tower Hamlets has a young population, many older people call the borough home, and their numbers are expected to grow in the coming years. Older people spoke about wanting to live healthy, joyful lives as they age.

**“Even when carers visit, it isn’t the same as a friend coming round”**  
**Ada, Poplar**



Older people are living longer in Tower Hamlets, but not everyone is living well with significant differences in experience between the most and least deprived. The impact of poverty means that people's health starts to deteriorate much earlier than in other areas, especially for women. People raised concerns about poor health outcomes and long-term health conditions. Neighbourhood working helps older people feel supported, with general practices, local services and community groups working together to provide help close to home.

Many older people want to stay in their homes for as long as possible but there is a shortage of good quality housing accommodation in the borough that is appropriate to older people's needs. Suitable housing options, such as one-bedroom flats and care homes that are culturally and religiously appropriate, remain limited. This is a particular priority for many of the Muslim and LGBTQ+ people we spoke to, who emphasised the importance of inclusive housing that reflects their needs. This can lead to older people holding onto larger family-sized homes when they would like to downsize. Housing quality and delays to repairs, especially lifts can have a significant impact.

Nearly half of older people live in income-deprived households, which many say limits their ability to socialise, travel, or take part in community activities. There's a strong call for action to tackle pensioner poverty and improve financial security and quality of life.

While many older people are active members of the community with busy social lives, our interviewees described friends and neighbours who are lonely and isolated. People want to make sure everyone has somewhere to go and someone to talk to.

**“I want to carry on making connections, keep my garden alive, and sit in my favourite pubs that feel like a home from home.”**

**David, Shadwell**



Set against these challenges there are real opportunities: the energy and passion of our older people; the strong network of community and voluntary organisations across the borough; and the commitment to free homecare and joint working in neighbourhoods to provide person centred support.

## By 2035, we will achieve the following outcomes:



- As people grow older, they are supported to build independence, resilience, and wellbeing.
- Older people live healthier and longer lives, no matter what their background.
- Older people, especially those in income deprived households have opportunities to socialise, travel and access cultural and community events.
- Fewer older people feel lonely or isolated.
- More older people live independently in homes that suit them for longer.
- Older people are listened to and have opportunities to play an active role in community life.

**“In 1971, I got married and moved to Tower Hamlets. I’ve been here ever since. Both of my children were born at the Royal London Hospital, and I now have three grandchildren. I started working in shops before becoming a nursery nurse for 28 years, a role I loved.**

**My husband passed away 20 years ago, and I do feel lonely sometimes, but I didn’t want to go into depression, so I keep myself busy doing activities at different community centres. I take part in activities at different community centres. On Monday’s I do exercise classes, Tuesday’s I go to bingo, Wednesdays are for yoga and Tai Chi, and Thursday’s I enjoy embroidery at the Aldgate Centre.**

**I want to bring young children and older people together more. When I worked with teenagers from local schools, it was wonderful. These communities help me, and I help them back by volunteering. Even though I’m older, I have so much I want to do still in life. I love dancing, and when I die, I pray I die dancing.”**

**Nisha, 84, Whitechapel**



## Ambition five: Tower Hamlets is a place we're proud to call home



### Where we are now and what you said



People take pride in Tower Hamlets because of its rich diversity, welcoming nature of the community, and deep-rooted history and heritage. The borough's celebration of many religions and traditions is a source of strength and unity. Many people described feeling proud of their unique identities and of living in a community where people are accepted without judgement.

**"I don't want racism to go back to like it was when I was a child."**  
**Aisha, Bow**



While Tower Hamlets has a proud history of standing against racism and fascism. People and communities know the pain and exclusion that racism has caused. Progress has been hard fought by communities working and standing together to challenge prejudice. Today, many people are worried about rising polarisation and hate crime.

That said, with so many people moving in and out of the area and the population expected to grow by 20.4% over the next 10 years, it can be hard to build new relationships. People would love to see local people, community groups and services working together to organise more community events like picnics, street parties, and shared celebrations that bring people together and help friendships grow.

Clean streets and tidy public spaces help people feel proud and safe in their neighbourhood. Many are pleased to see improvements in waste collection and street cleaning efforts, but there is still a need to maintain street paving, cleanliness of public spaces. Parks and green spaces are especially valued, but people worry they're being lost to development, leaving fewer places for people to convene, play and relax in the nature and outdoors.

Community centres and leisure centres are seen as essential places to meet, connect, and take part in activities and stay healthy. But people have noticed a decline in places to gather, from youth clubs and places of worship to sports facilities and local pubs. They want to see existing spaces protected in neighbourhoods and new ones created.

While some types of crime have fallen and people overall feel safe in the areas around their homes, people still worry about antisocial behaviour, drug concerns, and theft. People want to continue to see a strong presence of police and community safety officers to ensure that enforcement is visible, responsive and rooted in local priorities. Collaborating with people to tackle these issues and supporting them to feel confident in reporting concerns and shaping safer communities is focused on improved neighbourhood safety.

Tackling the climate emergency is not just a global issue – it is a local one too. The fight against climate change begins right here at home, on our streets and in our buildings. The sharp rise in energy prices has had a devastating impact on people across Tower Hamlets. Energy bills have increased by thousands of pounds per year, leaving many – not only those on the lowest incomes – struggling to keep their homes warm.

**“I want my children and grandchildren to grow up here feeling safe.”**  
**Zahara, North Bow**



Tower Hamlets is home to a wealth of fantastic destinations to be enjoyed by local people and tourists who visit from all over the world. From world class museums and galleries to the UNESCO heritages site at the Tower of London. The borough boasts famous markets, vibrant city farms, and much-loved parks and open spaces. Whilst there are many free activities, people have told us that they struggle to access some and want days out to be more affordable and accessible for all.

## By 2035, we will achieve the following outcomes:



- Neighbours know each other, spend time together and feel safe in their neighbourhoods
- Organisations do much more to end experiences of racism, hate, and discrimination.
- The borough is climate resilient and adapts for people to live healthily and comfortably
- Reduced carbon emissions by making homes energy efficient, helping lower bills.
- Streets and public spaces are clean, with waste well managed.
- People have access to beautiful parks, culture and community spaces in their neighbourhoods.

**“I’ve lived in North Bow since I was a teenager, and growing up here has shaped who I am. Now I live here with my husband and son. I’ve always worked hard, often nine-to-five shifts, but I make sure to spend as much time with my son as possible.**

**Our summers were filled with small community gatherings and neighbours looking out for each other. I love that Tower Hamlets celebrates its diversity – from Eid events to festivals for other faiths and neighbourhood celebrations. I feel at home here because of the relationships I’ve built – watching friends grow up and now seeing their children. It truly feels like a community.**

**The cost of living has been tough. I used to take my son around London for just two pounds, but now it feels like we’re being priced out of doing fun things. I do appreciate initiatives like the Be Well swimming passes though. Safety is always on my mind. Some parks feel uninviting, though I value the park upgrades. In ten years, I hope to still be living here comfortably, surrounded by neighbours who know and care for each other. I want my children and grandchildren to grow up here feeling safe.”**

**Zahara, 50, North Bow**



# HOW WE WILL PUT THE VISION INTO ACTION

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Local partners will work together to develop a joint delivery plan that ensures these shared ambitions are embedded in our partnership working and priority setting. As we start to deliver against the ambitions, we are committed to learning, reflecting, and sharing openly. We will continue the relationships and conversations that have shaped these priorities, while creating space for challenge and inviting others to join us in shaping the future of the borough.

This partnership approach will shape how we deliver services and help us achieve our shared ambitions. Local services, businesses, VCS, faith groups, and communities are committed to working together with support that fits each area's needs. It is about recognising local knowledge, addressing inequalities, and working together to improve lives. Whether it's health, housing, safety or family support, services can act as one team around people, recognising that people live whole lives, not separate ones split by services.

Our communities are home to people who care deeply about Tower Hamlets and bring valuable skills, energy, and ideas to strengthen their communities. Deeper partnership working creates opportunities for everyone to come together, act on the issues that matter to them, and make a meaningful difference.



# HOW WE'LL UNDERSTAND THE CHANGES HAPPENING IN TOWER HAMLETS

The delivery of 'Our Tower Hamlets 2025-2035' will be overseen by the Partnership Executive Group - a group of public, private and third sector organisations working together to improve Tower Hamlets.

A delivery plan will be co-produced with local organisations that will set out the action that will be taken to achieve the ambitions and outcomes. This plan will be refreshed each year.

We are developing a framework to understand local challenges, opportunities and differences in outcomes and experiences. This framework will include:

- **The outcomes we want to see for our communities**
- **Indicators that reflect real change in people's lives**
- **Sources of data we will use to give an honest picture of the borough**

We will share what we are learning through a publicly accessible dashboard, helping everyone see how the borough is doing. This data will be used to inform priority setting and future work.

The vision will be reviewed and refreshed in 2029 to ensure it reflects changing circumstances and community needs.



How I experience my neighbourhood



Metrics that show progress against the outcomes



Continued engagement on priorities



# GET IN TOUCH

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