

CORRUPTION IN TOWER HAMLETS

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Operation of organised crime networks within London Borough of Tower Hamlets council (LBTH) between 2010 and 2020.

- METHODS
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Although the majority of organised corruption discovered to date has taken place within the youth service other parts of LBTH have been affected.
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Youth Service officers were appointed to positions without required qualifications. They later use LTBH credit cards to pay for courses to 'gain' appropriate creditation.
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Fraudulent bank transfers achieved by using bank accounts of friends hired for a small percentage of transaction.
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No internal checks were made that organisations receiving funds actually existed, a bank sort code and number were deemed sufficient.
- ACQUISITION
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All those involved in the activities shown are either former or currently serving LBTH officers. All their names and identities are known. None have been prosecuted.
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It is understood that many council properties were leased on a minimal rent to LBTH officers for their own enterprises.
- Up to 80 properties are involved. The identity of the seniorLBTH officer running this operation is known to EEE.
- DISTRIBUTION
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At Burslem Street cars belonging to customers were used to deliver drugs without their knowledge, a rapid turnover of new vehicles making the operation invisible to the Met Police Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system.
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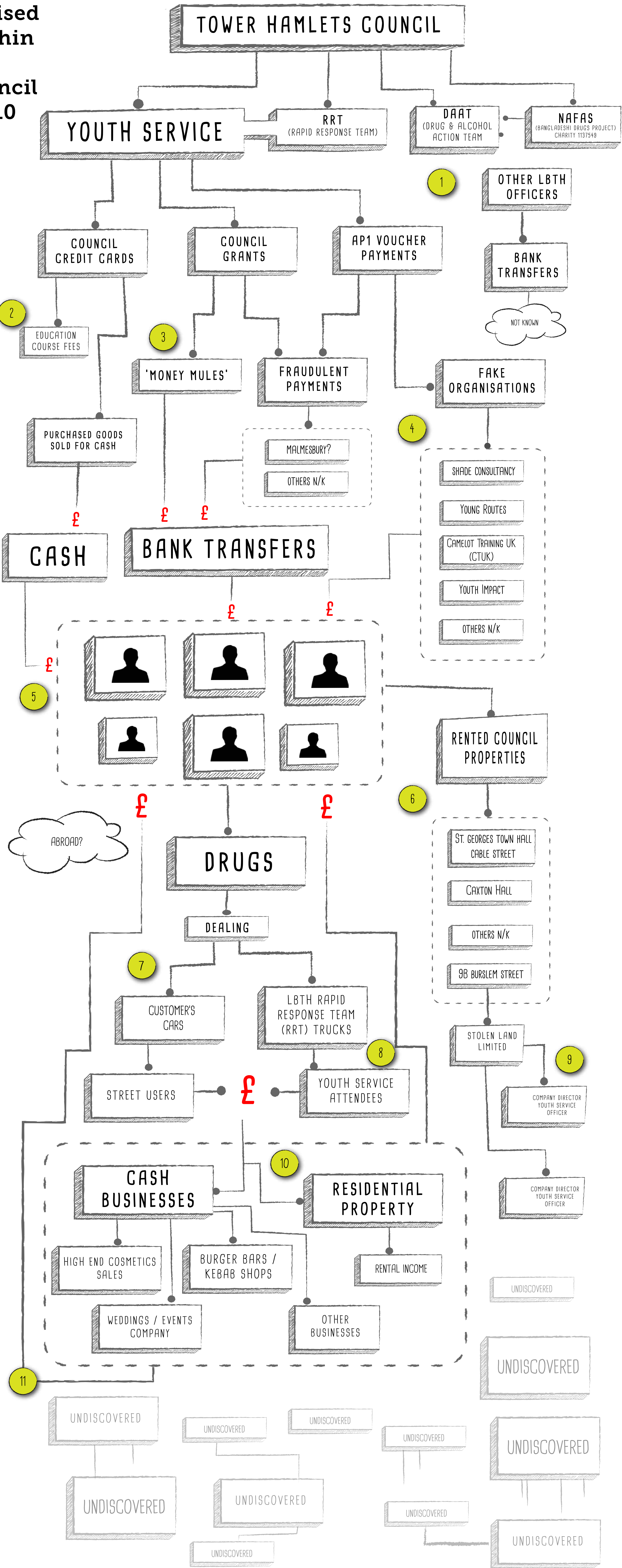
The LBTH Rapid Response Team (RRT) trucks were regularly used to deliver drugs to young people on the estates in the north of the borough, the very people the Youth Service should have been protecting.
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One of the organisations run from Burslem Street was Stolen Land Limited. Both directors were Youth Service officers.
- MONEY LAUNDERING
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This is where it all gets messy - deliberately so.

Cash obtained from drug deals or other criminal activity is 'washed clean' through being introduced into a series of cash-based businesses.
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Once laundered the money can then be reintroduced into the normal banking system if required.



CONVICTIONS?

Not one. Odd that, innit?