

**Executive Decision  
Individual Decision Notice  
Special Urgency Notification**



**Decision Maker: Mayor's Executive Decision Making, 16 Jun 22**

**Classification:**  
Unrestricted

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE DECISION WHETHER TO GRANT A LICENCE TO OCCUPY AREAS OF VICTORIA PARK IN THE SUMMER / AUTUMN OF 2024 AT TIMES TO BE MORE SPECIFICALLY AGREED**

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is hereby given that an Executive Key Decision is required to be taken under Special Urgency provisions as it is not possible to provide at least 5 clear days' notice of the decision.

As required under the above regulations, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed to the above decision being taken under the Special Urgency Provision.

This notification will be published as soon as possible before the decision is taken.

**Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice of the decision:**

The licence to occupy arrangements are time sensitive and if they are to go ahead require an urgent decision in order for the Council's legal department, to be agreed with AEG Presents Limited, a licence to occupy Victoria Park in return for an occupancy fee and allow for:

- Sufficient time for the licensee to apply for a Premises Licence and any other statutory requirements associated with the occupation of the park.
- The licensee to make their arrangements to deliver the proposed events.

Management of the licence to occupy the land is a function that sits within the Children and Culture Directorate and due to the need to determine agreement of the licence immediately the Mayor is asked to delegate authority to allow the Corporate Director, Children and Culture to consider and potentially approve AEG Presents Limited's proposal.

**Signature:**

Matthew Eady

**Date:**

12 June 2023

**Comments of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

I am minded agreeing to the reasons of urgency set out above and for this decision to be exempt from call-in. This is based on my understanding this event brings significant benefit for Tower Hamlets including financial benefit to the Council, attracting more visitors to the borough benefiting our local businesses, the community event the organisers put on for the local community and the work they have done over the years to

reduce impact on the local community.

However, I would like the Mayor and Officers to engage the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the review of the Council's Major Events Policy and would appreciate if we could be informed of the timing of this piece of work to ensure we can incorporate into our work programme. I will also inform the Committee of my decision on this and offer to hold a discussion, if need be, on this and would appreciate the engagement of relevant officers and Cabinet Member

Signature: Councillor Musthak Ahmed

Date: 13 June 2023

### Further details of the decision to be taken:

<b>Key Decision?</b> Yes	<b>Ward(s)</b> All Wards
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>The Corporate Director for Children and Culture is seeking the authority to be able to decide whether to grant a licence to AEG Presents Limited to occupy areas of Victoria Park at times to be specifically agreed throughout the summer and autumn period of 2024. This report asks the Mayor to delegate authority to the Corporate Director so that the Corporate Director may decide to issue such a licence if appropriate terms are agreed.</p> <p>This would be a Key Decision and therefore the Mayor must be specifically be asked for authority before the decision is made under the law. The decision is a Key Decision because if the Corporate Director decides to grant a licence then this could have a significant effect on the communities of two or more wards.</p>

<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>Boost culture, business, jobs and leisure</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation (Councillor Iqbal Hossain)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	Internal consultation with procurement and legal officers.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	No
Contact details for comments or additional	Matthew Eady (Director of Commissioning and Culture) <a href="mailto:matthew.eady@towerhamlets.gov.uk">matthew.eady@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>

information	
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	None
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	No, Unrestricted

## NOTES

### **Advance notice of Key Decisions**

Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Section 3 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, or the Mayor in Cabinet.

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known, whilst a Forward Plan collating these decisions will be published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Forward Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required. [The Committee pages](#) on the Council website include copies of the Forward Plan, Cabinet and other meeting dates and the publication dates of the Forward Plan.

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (including on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution will have to be followed.

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about the issues listed in the Forward Plan is to examine the consultation column of the Forward Plan, and/or contact the report author or Cabinet Lead Member as soon as possible, and no later than 10 working days before the decision is expected to be taken.

Reports, appendices and background papers will be available on the Council's website 5 clear working days before the Cabinet meeting. For all other information or to submit documents in relation to any issue, please contact the relevant officer.

### **Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private**

**The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to an item being considered in private**

please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed below. Note that this applies to Cabinet but not to Individual Mayoral Decisions outside of Cabinet.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
  - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - a) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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