

# KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 5.30 p.m.

Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent,  
London, E14 2BG

The meeting is open to the public to attend.

**Members:**

Mayor John Biggs	(Executive Mayor)
Councillor Amina Ali	(Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar	(Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit)
Councillor Asma Begum	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Equalities)
Councillor Rachel Blake	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty)
Councillor David Edgar	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Danny Hassell	(Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Candida Ronald	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	(Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth)

[The quorum for this body is 3 Members]

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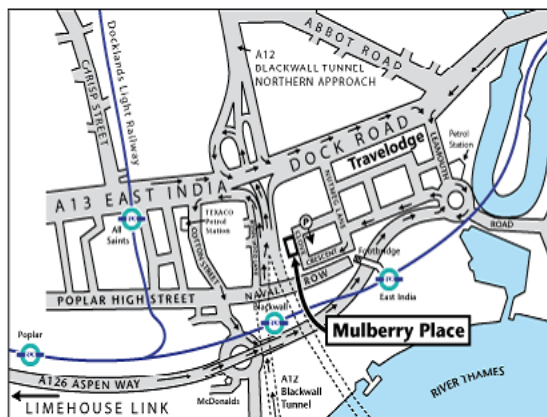
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## **A Guide to KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD**

### **Decision Making at Tower Hamlets**

As Tower Hamlets operates the Directly Elected Mayor system, **Mayor John Biggs** holds Executive powers and takes decisions at Cabinet or through Individual Mayoral Decisions. The Mayor has also appointed this Board to administer the affairs of two charities of which the Council is sole trustee. Membership of the Board is set out on the front page of this agenda.

### **Which decisions are taken by King George's Field Charity Board?**

The Board administers the affairs of the King George's Field, Mile End charity, and the King George's Field – Stepney (Tredegar Square, Bow) charity and discharges all duties of the Council as sole trustee of these Charities. Decisions on these matters are executive decisions and so are treated much in the same way as decisions of the Mayor.

The Board may also take Key Decisions. The constitution describes Key Decisions as an executive decision which is likely

- a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the borough.

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- The decisions will be published on: **Friday, 6 September 2019**
- The deadline for call-ins is: **Friday, 13 September 2019**

Any Call-Ins will be considered at the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee can reject the call-in or they can agree it and refer the decision back to the Mayor, with their recommendations, for his final consideration.

### **Public Engagement at King George's Field Charity Board**

The main focus of King George's Field Charity Board is as a decision-making body. However there is an opportunity for the public to contribute through making submissions that specifically relate to the reports set out on the agenda.

Members of the public may make written submissions in any form (for example; Petitions, letters, written questions) to the Clerk to King George's Field Charity Board (details on the front page) by 5 pm the day before the meeting.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS 7 - 10**

To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992.

See attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) 11 - 14**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### **3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **3.1 Updates: Budget, 10 Year Maintenance Plan, Summer Activities, Proposed New 5-a-side Astro Pitches at Stepney Green**

To follow.

### **4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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### **5. EXEMPT MINUTES**

Nil items

### **6. EXEMPT REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil items

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

**Next Meeting of the Board.**

Wednesday, 4 December 2019 at 5.30 p.m. in the Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

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# Agenda Item 1

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER**

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Members' Code of Conduct at Part 5.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Please note that the question of whether a Member has an interest in any matter, and whether or not that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, is for that Member to decide. Advice is available from officers as listed below but they cannot make the decision for the Member. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending a meeting.

### **Interests and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)**

You have an interest in any business of the authority where that business relates to or is likely to affect any of the persons, bodies or matters listed in section 4.1 (a) of the Code of Conduct; and might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of yourself, a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward affected.

You must notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of any such interest, for inclusion in the Register of Members' Interests which is available for public inspection and on the Council's Website.

Once you have recorded an interest in the Register, you are not then required to declare that interest at each meeting where the business is discussed, unless the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI).

A DPI is defined in Regulations as a pecuniary interest of any of the descriptions listed at **Appendix A** overleaf. Please note that a Member's DPIs include his/her own relevant interests and also those of his/her spouse or civil partner; or a person with whom the Member is living as husband and wife; or a person with whom the Member is living as if they were civil partners; if the Member is aware that that other person has the interest.

### **Effect of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on participation at meetings**

Where you have a DPI in any business of the Council you must, unless you have obtained a dispensation from the authority's Monitoring Officer following consideration by the Dispensations Sub-Committee of the Standards Advisory Committee:-

- not seek to improperly influence a decision about that business; and
- not exercise executive functions in relation to that business.

If you are present at a meeting where that business is discussed, you must:-

- Disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, if later; and
- Leave the room (including any public viewing area) for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision

When declaring a DPI, Members should specify the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which the interest relates. This procedure is designed to assist the public's understanding of the meeting and to enable a full record to be made in the minutes of the meeting.

Where you have a DPI in any business of the authority which is not included in the Member's register of interests and you attend a meeting of the authority at which the business is considered, in addition to disclosing the interest to that meeting, you must also within 28 days notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the Register.

**Further advice**

For further advice please contact:-

Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer – 020 7364 4800.



## APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>

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**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD**

**HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2019**

**ROOM C1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE  
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**Members Present:**

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| Councillor Sabina Akhtar (In the <b>Chair</b> ) | – (Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Brexit)                                    |
| Councillor Rachel Blake                         | – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty) |
| Councillor David Edgar                          | – (Cabinet Member for Environment)   |
| Councillor Danny Hassell                        | – (Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Young People)                          |
| Councillor Sirajul Islam                        | – (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)                          |
| Councillor Candida Ronald                       | – (Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)                          |
| Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman                       | – (Cabinet Member for Work and Economic Growth)                                    |

**Other Councillors Present:**

**Apologies:**

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| Mayor John Biggs      |   |
| Councillor Amina Ali  | – (Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing)                     |
| Councillor Asma Begum | – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Equalities) |

**Officers Present:**

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| Agnes Adrien   | – (Head of Litigation, Legal Services) |
| Stephen Murray | – (Head of Arts and Events)            |
| David Knight   | – (Senior Democratic Services Officer) |

**1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None were declared.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

That the unrestricted minutes of the Board meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings. Copy to signed.

### **3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **3.1 Updates for board and request to approve new pitches.**

The Board received a report that provided details of planned activities in King Georges Fields Trust ('KGFT') sites over the summer period and outlined plans for the development of a ten year maintenance plan. The report also asked the Board to consider the proposal for new pitches in Stepney Green as this is a material change to the park and the facilities on offer. In addition, it was noted that should the Board support the proposal then the KGFT would be consulted on their views of the proposals. The main points of the discussion on the report maybe summarised as follows.

The Board:

- Noted that Appendix 1 of the report detailed the draft figures for the end of financial year April 2018 to March 2019. Headline figure being that there was a surplus of £273,399;
- Noted that these figures are subject to change and clarification but a healthy surplus has been achieved within this year;
- Noted the notes from the first meeting of the KGFT working group (Appendix 2 refers), that had been established to consider the governance of the Board and how it might widen the participation of managing the park spaces beyond Members of the Executive;
- Noted Appendix 3 that provided an update on the proposed 10 year Maintenance Plan for KGFT of the report lands and infrastructure;
- Noted that repairs and maintenance issues needed to be addressed and to develop audit trails on all work and activities to ensure a proper Maintenance Plan is established;
- Noted with concern that the Mile End Accounts had not yet been up loaded onto the Charities Commission site as the new account manager is currently awaiting the required administration rights;
- Noted that the Maintenance Plan highlights some key issues which have been identified by parks staff;
- Agreed that it would wish to take a more active role in the management of the budget and therefore wished to (i) receive a fuller report providing a breakdown on the accounts and financial predictions (ii) to see full set of audited accounts (Including a full narrative) at a future meeting for onward submissions to the Charity Commission;
- Noted Appendix 4 of the report that outlined the proposal for two new five a side all weather pitches in Stepney Green. As the Parks Management believe that there is demand for such a facility and that it would provide a reliable income stream for future years;
- Whilst expressing concern at the loss of any green space to these pitches, accepted that they would promote healthy living; generate income for the Trust;
- Wanted more information so that they could develop a proper 10 year plan for the Parks;

- Wished to work closely with Resources Directorate and the Parks Service in order to develop a consistent approach to the running of the Parks;
- Wanted to establish proper structures so as to support the future development of the parks to meet the various interests and activities in the Parks;
- Noted that the maintenance of buildings and planting is undertaken by the Green Team but it does not cover the replacement of plants or trees. Therefore, this will be built into the 10 year Plan and the structural aspects of the 3 Pavilions and the Water Features (Inc new pumps);
- Was reminded that after the death of King George V it was agreed to establish the King George's Fields Foundation to carry the late King's name forward through future generations. The aim being to promote and to assist in the establishment throughout the United Kingdom of playing fields for the use and enjoyment of the people;
- Was reminded that when the King George's Fields Foundation was dissolved in 1965 there were over 400 King George Playing Fields and they are legally protected by Fields in Trust and managed locally by either the Council or a Board of Local Trustees. There are also strict covenants and conditions that ensure that the public will continue to benefit from these open play areas;
- Agreed on the importance of (i) the impact of any changes on the parks ecosystem; (ii) how people see the use of the Trust Land; (iii) the proper processes are put in place to ensure the financing of the developments; (iv) addressing any potential cause of ASB; and (v) undertaking consultation with local residents to seek the views of the us of the Parks;
- Agreed on the importance of developing a sustainable income stream by the Parks for the development of the infrastructure; and
- Noted that the Stepney City Farm lease is being dealt with through the Asset Management Team.

Accordingly the Chair Moved and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

1. To note the draft Outturn Budget for 2018-19;
2. To note the update on the 10 year Maintenance Plan;
3. To note the report back from the KGFT Working Group;
4. To approve the plans for the two new 5 a Side Astro Turf pitches at Stepney Green;
5. To receive a report on the lease for Stepney City Farm;
6. To receive (i) a fuller report providing a breakdown on the accounts and financial predictions (ii) a full set of audited accounts (Including a full narrative) at a future meeting for onward submissions to the Charity Commission; and (iii) the Maintenance Plan; and

7. To receive and adopt a legal framework or structure that will help deliver its aims/objectives as per the report considered in February 2019;
8. That (i) the Mayor should be consulted regarding his views on changing the composition of the Board (**e.g.** Back Benchers, Cabinet Members and the representatives of various Friends groups; (ii) .this would involve reviewing the governance of the Trustees and they want to know the process for amending the Constitution; and (iii) Will require training for the Trustees on their roles).

**4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

As the agenda circulated contained no exempt/confidential business and there was therefore no requirement to exclude the press and public to allow for its consideration.

**5. EXEMPT MINUTES**

Nil items

**6. EXEMPT REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil items

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

None

**The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.**

**King George's Field Charity Board**