

KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

Wednesday, 28 January 2015 at 5.00 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 Lutfur Rahman (Mayor)

Councillor Oliur Rahman (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Economic

Development (Jobs, Skills and Enterprise)

Councillor Ohid Ahmed (Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Shahed Ali (Cabinet Member for Clean and Green)

Councillor Abdul Asad (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services)

Councillor Alibor Choudhury (Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Shafigul Haque (Cabinet Member for Culture)

Councillor Rabina Khan (Cabinet Member for Housing and Development)

Councillor Aminur Khan (Cabinet Member for Policy, Strategy and Performance)
Councillor Gulam Robbani (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services)

[The quorum for this body is 3 Members]

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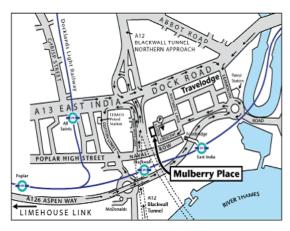
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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (Pages 1 - 4)

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. PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 16 July 2014 and 17 September 2014.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 REQUEST FOR LANDLORDS CONSENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TEACHING POD AT STEPNEY CITY FARM (Pages 11 22)
- 3.2 REPORT TO TRUSTEES: UPDATE ON MILE END PARK (Pages 23 34)
- 3.3 KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITABLE TRUST ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2013/14 (Pages 35 64)

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 OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To confirm as an accurate record of the proceedings the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 16 July 2014 and 17 September 2014

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

Next Meeting of the Board.

Wednesday, 18 March 2015 at 6.30 p.m. in the Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

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.

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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:Meic Sullivan-Gould, Monitoring Officer, 020 7364 4801; or
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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	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. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.			
Contracts	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— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.			
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	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.			
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either—			
	(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or			
	(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.			

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

MEETING HELD AT 6.14 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY AND THEN RECONVENED AT 6.14 P.M.ON WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY 2014

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

Members Present:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Chair)
Councillor Oliur Rahman (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Abdul Asad
Councillor Alibor Choudhury
Councillor Shafiqul Haque
Councillor Rabina Khan
Councillor Aminur Khan
Councillor Gulam Robbani

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Denise Jones Councillor Joshua Peck

Officers Present:

Stephen Murray – (Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities &

Culture)

Matthew Mannion – (Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services,

LPG)

Apologies:

Councillor Ohid Ahmed and Councillor Shahed Ali.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

After opening the meeting at 18:14, the **Mayor** immediately adjourned the meeting for up to half an hour to allow for the completion of an overrunning meeting that included Members of the King George's Fields Board to ensure full attendance for the Board meeting.

The meeting was re-convened at 18:40.

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

RESOLVED

1. That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the King George's Field Charity Board held on 19 March 2014 be agreed and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 King George's Field Board Terms of Reference

RESOLVED

1. That the report be noted.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair Moved and it was: -

RESOLVED

1. That in accordance with 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 contained information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government, Act 1972.

5. EXEMPT MINUTES

RESOLVED

2. That the restricted minutes of the meeting of the King George's Field Charity Board held on 19 March 2014 be agreed and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

6. EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 Mile End Shop update

The report was considered. One recommendation was approved whilst a new recommendation was agreed in relation to the other requests.

6.2 Grant Landlords consent for construction of a teaching POD to Stepney City Farm

Meeting Adjournment

After commencing discussion of this item it became apparent that certain information in relation this report was required before a decision could be taken. The **Mayor** therefore adjourned the meeting for one week to allow for the consideration of this item on Wednesday 23 July 2014 to commence after the Cabinet meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 18:08 on Wednesday 23 July 2014

The report was considered by Members and the recommendation was refused.

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

Nil items.

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified

Chair, Mayor Lutfur Rahman King George's Field Charity Board This page is intentionally left blank

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

MEETING HELD AT 5.38 P.M.ON WEDNESDAY. 17 SEPTEMBER 2014

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

Members Present:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Chair) Councillor Abdul Asad Councillor Alibor Choudhury Councillor Aminur Khan Councillor Gulam Robbani

Officers Present:

Stephen Halsey (Interim Head of Paid Service / Corporate)

Director Communities, Localities and Culture)

Matthew Mannion (Committee Services Manager)

Stephen Murray (Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities)

& Culture)

Kevin Pulsford (Principal Asset Manager)

(Committee Officer) Jonathan Regal (Principal Lawyer) Surjit Sandu

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ohid Ahmed, Councillor Shahed Ali, Councillor Shafigul Hague, Councillor Rabina Khan and Councillor Oliur Rahman.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were made.

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

RESOLVED -

(1) That in accordance with 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 on the grounds that the remaining agenda item contained information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

3. MILE END SHOPS UPDATE

The Board considered the report and after deliberation decided to seek alternative resolutions than those proposed by officers' having taken into account officers' advice.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There were no items considered urgent business.

The meeting ended at 6.05 p.m.

Chair, Mayor Lutfur Rahman King George's Field Charity Board

Agenda Item 3.1

Committee/Meeting: King George's Fields Charity Board	28 th January 2015		Classification Unrestricted	Report No:
Report of:		Title:		
Corporate Director Communit Localities and Culture	Grant Landlords consent for construction of a teaching POD to Stepney City Farm			
Originating officer: Stephen Murray, Nicol Ruchti		Wards Affected: Stepney Green		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks the Board's approval for a request from the lessee, Stepney City Farm (SCF) of the Stepney City Farm, Stepney Way, seeking Landlord's consent as required under their lease terms in order to construct an 'Eco Pod' for training and learning purposes. An 'Eco Pod' is a permanent structure constructed of recycled materials where possible and comprises a planted green roof and timber clad walls. Please refer to **Appendix 1** for Eco Pod design.
- 1.2 This report was considered by the Board at the extraordinary meeting of the 17th September 2014 and the request rejected at this time for reasons outlined in the minutes of that meeting. This then is a request to reconsider that decision after a brief presentation by the lessee to the Board.

2. **DECISIONS REQUIRED**

That the King George's Fields Charity Board:

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report.
- 2.2 Give its approval for the lessee to construct an 'Eco Pod' of approximately 48sqm (11.0m x 4.8m).

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

3.1 Under the terms of the lease granted to SCF the tenant is required to seek Landlord's consent in order to make changes to or construct any new structures within their boundary. SCF has submitted a large funding application to Big Lottery for their volunteer programme. In order to secure the funding, landlord permission is required to allow construction of the learning and training Eco Pod.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 In order to accommodate the increased volumes of staff there is an urgent need for a purpose built facility over and above the existing, sub-standard accommodation on site.

5. BACKGROUND

- 5.1 SCF is a volunteer-led organisation with volunteering and community engagement being the focus of operations and activities. SCF currently accommodates 11 staff and over 50 regular volunteers. The volunteer programme has doubled (23 volunteers recorded in April 2012 increasing to 51 recorded in April 2013). The programme is inclusive of those not in education, employment or training (NEETs) and long term unemployed are able to join. There are roles in animal care, gardening, crafts and the cafe, as well as specialist internships. There are different streams of volunteering depending on the level of support required, and flexibility about what people can participate in.
- 5.2 Following a period of growth, including the establishment of a locally-sourced food cafe and farmers' market, SCF have identified the urgent need to provide a separate, dedicated, safe and inspiring space for training and learning about city farming, horticultural and animal husbandry skills.
- 5.3 The current accommodation comprises one small activity room which is used as a flexible space for meetings, office space, volunteer break out space and school groups. Feedback from users is that the quality of the space is poor and the conflicting users mean that groups have to be turned away and equally when in use the volunteers have nowhere to have their break indoors in the wet and cold weather. The space itself is not conducive to learning being partly a storage space, a thoroughfare between the office and cafe and an under-equipped place for volunteer breaks.
- 5.4 There is potential for regular courses at the weekend for adults, which SCG is planning to offer when they have a suitable space. It is envisaged that the new Eco space would also be used for skill share sessions and group activities.
- 5.5 An area within the perimeter boundary of the SCF has been identified that could accommodate a small Eco Pod. Please refer to **Appendix 1** for site layout.
- 5.6 Planning Permission has been granted to construct the Eco Pod under application PA/14/00249. Approval was provided 2nd April 2014. Please refer to **Appendix 2** Planning Approval: Decision Notice.
- 5.7 Under the terms of their lease SCF are required to obtain Landlords consent in order to construct the Eco Pod Building.

5.8. The Board should note that in granting SCF permission to construct the Eco Pod would not result in a net loss of public open space as the proposed building is ancillary to the use and function of the site as public open space.

6. FINANCE COMMENTS

6.1 The report sets out a further request by Stepney City Farm to construct an 'Eco Pod' for which planning approval has been granted. The board rejected a previous request in September 2014. There are no specific financial implications emanating from this report for the Kings Georges Fields Board. Stepney City Farm will be responsible for the construction, and a funding application has been submitted to the Big Lottery. The approval of the funding is subject to the Landlord permission being secured.

7. LEGAL COMMENTS

7.1 The lease to Stepney City Farm provides that the tenant shall not make any additions or erect any building without the prior written consent of the landlord. If consent is to be granted for the construction of the Pod it should stipulate that such work is carried out in accordance with the requisite planning and building regulations consents and to the reasonable satisfaction of the landlord.

8. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 SCF is a well-used community resource and a free-to-access, natural environment in which people can interact with animals, plants and each other. As stated in paragraph 5.1 of this report, the volunteer base has doubled over 2012 – 2013 but is now restricted due to the lack of facilities. SCF plays a major role in bringing communities and residents from different backgrounds and ages together, thereby enhancing the opportunity for community cohesion.

9. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

9.1 The Eco Pods are constructed of recyclable products where possible. Once constructed, they provide a more appropriate base for teaching the community about sustainable farming, animal husbandry and environmentally friendly practices. SCF continue to demonstrate the Council's commitment to renewable energy and environmental considerations.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no significant risks to the Council associated with this proposal. Granting SCF permission to construct the Eco Pod would not result in a net loss of public open space as the proposed building is ancillary to the use and function of the site as public open space. However the risk to SCF is that it may lose the opportunity of obtaining funding to improve the facilities within the farm should the Council not consent to this request

11. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The vibrant presence of the SCF in this area provides an interesting and exciting opportunity for the community to learn and take part in semi-rural activities within an inner city Borough.

12. <u>EFFICIENCY STATEMENT</u>

12.1 There are no relevant efficiency issues arising in the context of the board's decision.

13 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Eco Pod and Site Layout

Appendix 2 – Planning Approval: Decision Notice

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "Background Paper"

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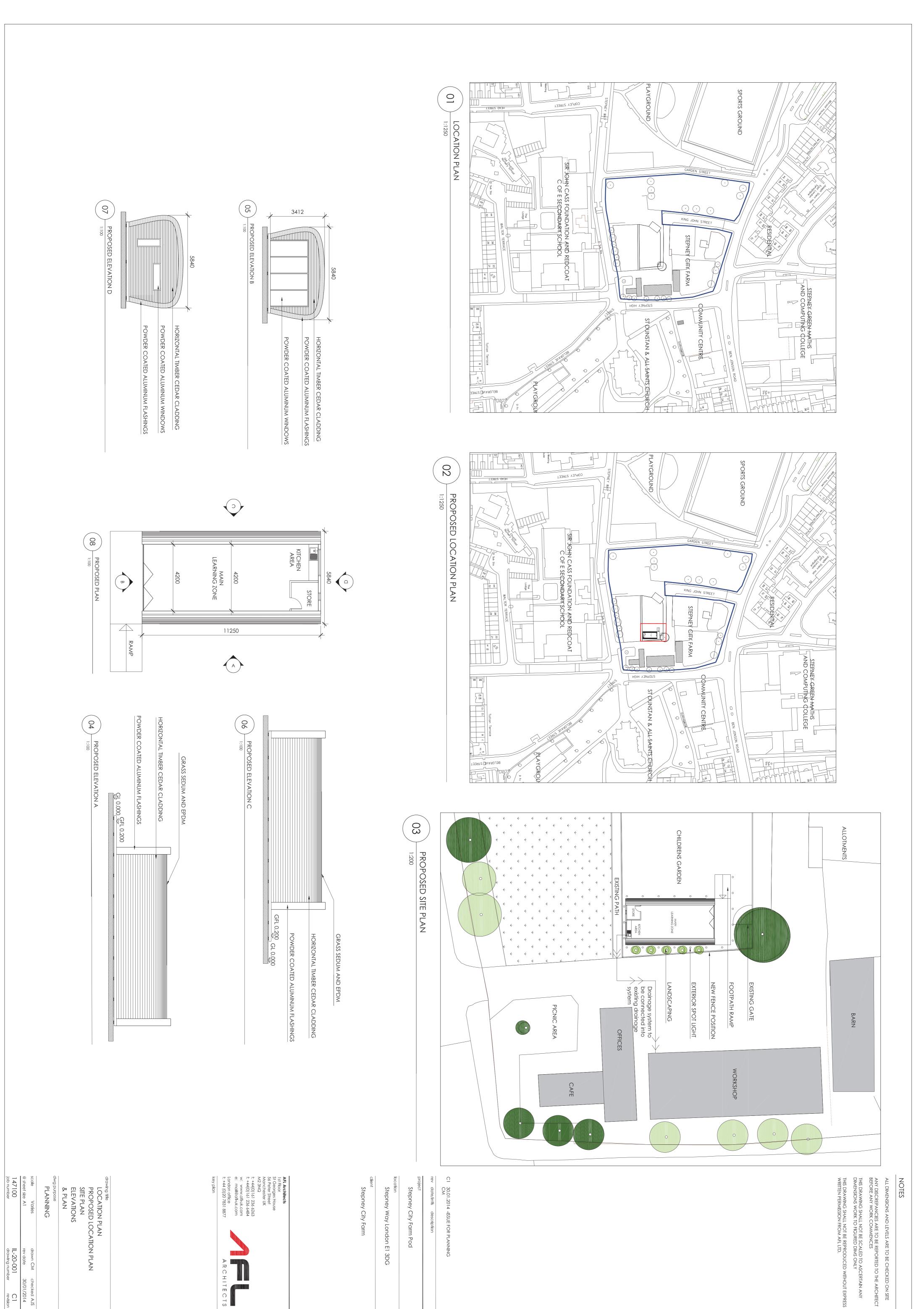
Conceptual drawings of EcoPods







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My Ref: PA/14/00249 **Alt Ref:** PP-03136442

02/04/2014

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

CONDITIONAL PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

In accordance with the Act and Order mentioned above, Tower Hamlets Council as Local Planning Authority hereby gives notice of its decision to grant permission for the development referred to in the schedule to this notice and as shown on the submitted plans and particulars subject to the conditions set out in the schedule.

You are advised that this permission does not modify or extinguish any covenants, easements or other restrictions applying to or affecting the land, or the rights affecting the land, or the rights of any other person entitled to the benefits thereof. You are also advised that this permission does not relieve you of the need to obtain any approval necessary under the Building Act 1984, Building Regulations 2000, or other related legislation. In this connection you should contact the Head of Building Control, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG (020 7364 5241) for advice or guidance on the necessity for obtaining building regulation approval in this particular case.

Applicants are reminded of the need to comply with the provisions of Part II of the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939 in order to obtain official postal addresses. This should be carried out at least one month prior to the completion of the exterior works. Details of the development, including site and block plans should be sent to the Head of Building Control, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG.

Your attention is drawn to the following statement of applicants' rights:-

1) Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by this decision you may appeal to the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government in accordance with Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. If you want to appeal from the date of your decision notice then you must do so within six months, or 28 days, if the development in your application is the same or substantially the same as development that is currently or subsequently the subject of an enforcement notice. You must use a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN (Tel 0303 444 5000). The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions it imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order. In practice the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

2) Purchase Notice

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State for the Environment refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that they can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can they render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase their interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Act 1990.

3) Compensation

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the local planning authority if permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him. These circumstances are set out in Section 114 and related provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Yours sincerely,

O. / Whalley

Owen Whalley, Head of Planning and Building Control

SCHEDULE

Full Planning Permission

Location: Stepney City Farms, Stepney High Street, London, E1 3DG

Proposal: Single storey detached pod classroom with kitchen area (with no primary

cooking) and store.

Date: 02/04/2014 **Reference:** PA/14/00249

Application 5 February, 2014

Received on:

Application 5 February, 2014

Registered on:

Drawings Approved:

Registered Number: PA/14/00249 **Applicant's Number:** IL-20-001 Rev C1

IL-20-002 Rev C1

AFL Architects - Design statement

Statement of positive and proactive engagement

The Local Planning Authority has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner by making available a formal pre-application process, including free duty officer advice. The Local Planning Authority has also produced policies and provided written guidance, all of which are available on the Council's website and which has been followed in this instance.

Conditions and Reasons:

1 - The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2 - The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans listed in the Schedule to this planning permission.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3 - The entrance doors shall have a minimum clear opening width of 900mm and there shall be no raised thresholds or steps.

Reason: To ensure the development promotes inclusive design in accordance with the requirements of Tower Hamlets Core Strategy policy SP10.

Committee: King Georges Fields Charity Board	Date: 28th January 20	15	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No:	Agenda Item:	
Report of: Corporate Director CLC		Title: Update on Mile End Park				
Originating officer(s) Steve Murray Head of Arts Parks and Events		Wards Affected: Bow West Mile End				

1. **SUMMARY**

1.1 To provide an update on Mile End Park including proposals on introducing paid parking and criteria for free and subsidised usage of Pavilions by community organisations.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The King Georges Fields Trust is recommended

- 2.1 To agree the proposed guidelines for free and subsidised usage of the Arts and Ecology Pavilions in Mile End Park by community organisations.
- 2.2 To agree to the development of the car park adjacent to the Green Bridge as a pay and display car park managed by the Council's own parking services in order to generate income for the Trust . Additionally to create parking bays within the park at Haverfield Road.
- 2.3 To note an update on the commercial units located at the Green Bridge and in particular; para 4.7 of this report and authorise officers to progress any of the current expressions received namely from Foxtons Estate Agents, Brioche Burgers Limited or Loaded E3 (Burger type restaurant) for an assignment of the lease of Units 554 (Zeeras).
- 2.4 To approve a request from MAK Ltd t/a Budgens, the leaseholders of units 383-387 Mile End Road who have made a formal request to assign their lease to Co-Operative Group Food Limited, and to authorise officers to proceed with the formalities to complete the assignment of the lease.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 A key objective of the KGFT is to improve income generation from the assets in Mile End Park whilst maintaining high standards of the facilities there and good

community engagement. This report is an update on aspects of asset management and community engagement.

4. BODY OF REPORT

- 4.1. The car park next to the green bridge is currently used for free and unmanaged parking. It is proposed that this becomes a pay parking area with marked out parking spaces and is managed by the Council's parking services. Any income generated over the cost of maintaining the car park will be reinvested in the upkeep of the parks land. It is proposed that charges be in line with other on street parking in this zone.
- 4.2. Additional to the car park there are areas of roadway within the park close to the Haverfield Road gateway where vehicles currently park for free and it is proposed that parking bays are created here and are also managed by the council's Parking Services. Appendix 2 provides sets out this parking proposal for both sites.
- 4.3. The attached paper Appendix 1, Guidelines for Community Access to Mile End Park Pavilions, outlines details of potential free and subsidised access. A consultation paper on community access to the park pavilion was distributed for feedback at a well attended Friends of Mile End Park meeting on 10th April 2014. This feedback has been incorporated into the Guidelines.
- 4.4. At the extraordinary KGFT Board meeting of the 17th September 2014 the Board instructed Asset Management to invite lease holders for Zeera's restaurant of unit 554 Mile End Road and formally Roasters of unit 389 Mile End Road to consider surrendering their leases. Asset management have confirmed that Zeera will only do so in consideration of a significant payment which is not viable to the Trust. Roaster have declined to surrender their lease.
- 4.5. It is believed that there is still interest from two burger firms and Foxtons Estate Agents in unit 554, the user clause in the lease sets out that the Board is under no obligation to take these forward.
- 4.6. Officers have progressed the transfer of the lease 389 to Treats Food ltd as per the instruction of the KGFT Board. This has effectively avoided a court action challenging the previous refusal to allow the lessee to assign the lease but leaseholders are asking for compensation for their legal costs. This is being dealt with by the council's legal services.
- 4.7 MAK Ltd t/a Budgens have a 25 Year lease that commenced 1st April 2001. They have formally requested to assign their lease to the Co-operative Group Food Limited. The Board may choose to refuse to accept the application to assign their lease however, the Board should note that consent must not be unreasonably withheld. In this instance it would be unreasonable to withhold consent as there is

no change of use and the Co-operative Group is considered to be a good covenant. The Co-operative Food is UK's fifth biggest food retailer with over 2,800 stores across the UK, employing over 62,000 people. If the application request is unreasonably held this could incur legal costs to the Trust. It is recommended that the Board approves the request to assign the lease to the Co-operative Group Food Limited.

5. <u>COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</u>

- 5.1 The report seeks the approval of King Georges Fields Trust to the proposed guidelines for free subsidised usage of the Arts and Ecology Pavilions by community organisations. The income generated contributes to offsetting the rising costs of the Park and to improve subsidy to community access and community access to arts activity whilst reducing the dependence on General Fund resources. The proposed guidelines will place a limit on the number of free or subsidised bookings which will ensure that there is no loss of income to the Park.
- 5.2 The report considers the potential opportunity at the car park next to the green bridge which is currently provides free unmanaged parking and Haverfield Road. It is proposed that these areas within the Mile End Park become a pay parking zone with marked out parking spaces and managed by the Council's parking service on behalf of the Trust. The parking charges will be in line with the Council's on street charges within that zone. The extent to which any additional income generated is realised and used as a subsidy will need to be considered alongside the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan as part of the budget process.
- 5.3 The report also provides an update to the proposals for the reassignment of leases on the commercial units. The reassignment of the leases will ensure that rental income will continue to be achieved from the units at 383 -387 and 554 Mile End Park. The rental income contributes to sustaining the overall financial position of the park and it is essential that all the units are fully occupied

6. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD -LEGAL SERVICES

6.1 On 28th February 2000 the Charity Commission approved a scheme for the management of the Trusts assets. The 2000 Scheme makes provision for limited disposal of land. Under Clause 5(1) (a) the Scheme restricts the use of the Trust land. The Council may let part or parts of the Park Lands on leases not exceeding 10 years to provide recreational facilities to the public or to provide such services to the public ancillary to recreation as are mentioned in Article 7 of the Greater London Parks and Open Spaces Order 1967 on the terms mentioned in that article. The Council may let the Shop Units to raise moneys for the upkeep of the parkland.

- As Trustees the Council are under a fiduciary duty to protect the assets of the charity for the public benefit and so need to obtain the best consideration from any leases. They are entitled to rely on professional advice in order to discharge their duties.
- The lease for 554 Mile End Road dated 2002 made between LBTH(1) and Urban Developments Regeneration Ltd (2), contains a covenant on the part of the Tenant not to assign part or the whole of the premises without the prior written consent of the Landlord but such consent is not to be unreasonably withheld.
- The permitted user in the lease is "Use within Class A3 of the Use Classes Order as an Indian Restaurant with/without an off-licence", the tenant would require the landlords consent in the form of a deed of variation to vary the user. The landlord is not obliged to give such consent and could charge for any agreement to vary the lease.
- Although the Landlord is not obliged to agree a change of user so could refuse without having to give any reasons. With regards to the consent to assign the lease the landlord has to act reasonably in refusing such consent. Here the trust could withhold consent in respect of the proposed assignment to one of the proposed companies referred to in the report of the lease on the grounds that the proposed assignee will not use the premises for the use permitted in the lease. The Board should take a commercial approach with regards to the request for the assignment and take into account the prospects of permitting an assignment to a tenant that will continue to provide the charity with a rental income that provides the best return for one its assets.
- The lease for 383-387 Mile End Road dated 2002 made between LBTH(1) and Urban Developments Regeneration Ltd (2), contains a covenant on the part of the Tenant not to assign part or the whole of the premises without the prior written consent of the Landlord but such consent is not to be unreasonably withheld.

7. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Mile End Park is an important community asset that is open to all.
- 7.2 The intention in reviewing our bookings policies for both the Park and its buildings is to better reflect the priorities of One Tower Hamlets and in particular how these assets can support and promote community cohesion.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 The management of Mile End Park is focussed on providing good quality green spaces in a sustainable way.

8.2 The commercial aspects of the park directly link to supporting the maintenance of this key green space.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The proposals within this report are in part focussed on diversifying the income streams into the park that help to guarantee good quality maintenance for the future and mitigate against any fluctuations in the market for rentals and hires.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Mile End Park forms part of the boroughs facilities that help to engage young people in healthy outdoor and indoor activity.

11. <u>EFFICIENCY STATEMENT</u>

11.1 We will continue to carry out bench marking against similar facilities in the area to ensure we remain competitive in the hire of our buildings and spaces.

12. **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Guidelines for Community access to Mile End Park Pavilions Appendix 2 – Background to proposal for managed car parking

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "Background Paper"

None

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Appendix 1

King Georges Fields 14th January 2014

Mile End Park Pavilions Guidelines for Community Access

1. Background

- 1.1. The Arts and Ecology Pavilions operate both as community facilities and as a method of raising income through hire, in line with the objectives of the Trust. The Pavilions already have in place reduced hire rates for community use. However, requests for community access to the buildings either at further reduced rates or free of charge are received regularly. Such request must be balanced against the Trusts duty to meet its financial obligations in order to maintain the park and its assets.
- 1.2. There are currently no clear operating guidelines on further reduced or free community access to these buildings. This report sets out proposed principles to be applied to such community booking enquiries alongside a proposed assessment process.

2. Community Access Guideline and Process

2.1. Community Access to Pavilions

- 2.2. Community Access to the Pavilions in Mile End Park is already a core feature of the Mile End Park offer. Community hire rates are in place and events are organised throughout the year in partnership between the Council's Parks Service and community organisations. This includes a number of free events each year, organised by Parks Rangers in both pavilions with a focus on arts based activities in the Arts Pavilion and an ecology/biodiversity focus in the Ecology Pavilion.
- 2.3. This document sets out arrangements for the allocation of free or subsidised (beyond the level of the standard community hire rate) bookings to community groups.
- 2.4. Free access is defined as free of hire charges. Provision of staff to open, close and manage the building during the hire period may have to charged for.
- 2.5. Annual allocation of community use at nil or further reduced rates
- 2.6. In order to deliver its objectives of community access and protection of the park for future generations, the Trust needs to balance free and

- income generating activities. It is therefore necessary for the Trust to place a limit on the number of free or subsidised bookings.
- 2.7. The following annual allocations will apply as a total across both Pavilions:
 - 2.7.1. The equivalent of up to four weeks free of exhibition space
 - 2.7.2. The equivalent of up to four weeks exhibition space at 50% of the standard community hire rate at the time
 - 2.7.3. A total of up to 196 free hours of other community use
 - 2.7.4. A total of up to 196 hours of other community use at 50% of the standard community hire rate at the time
 - 2.7.5. A maximum of six bookings of up to eight hours on each occasion for the Friends of Mile End Park, to be contained within the allocation set out at 2.7.3.

2.8. Core criteria for free or subsidised community access

- 2.9. Only groups based in the Borough or able to demonstrate strong ongoing working ties to the Borough should benefit from free or subsidised usage.
- 2.10. Free or subsidised usage should be of benefit to Tower Hamlets residents and open to all.
- 2.11. Free or subsidised usage will not normally be granted for events that make a charge to those attending or that seek to make a profit. The exceptions to this would include events raising funds for local charities.
- 2.12. The Friends of Mile End Park group will be pre-allocated a set number of bookings each year as set out below.
- 2.13. One large community arts based exhibition will be contained within the allocation set out at 2.7.1 above.
- 2.14. Alongside this large exhibition a fixed number of free and subsidised arts exhibitions for locally based artists will be contained within the allocations set out at 2.7.1 and 2.7.2 above. It is expected that priority would be given to maintaining and extending our links with local further and higher education establishments in supporting student exhibitions and events.
- 2.15. This does not include an unspecified number of free community events organised by Arts, Parks and Events staff.

2.16. **Process**

- 2.17. A formal applications process modelled on the process in place for community access to the Victoria Park Hub Building will be put in place.
- 2.18. All applications for free or subsidised usage will need to be made in writing against the agreed criteria. Applications will be decided on by a panel of three parks staff meeting on a regular basis. Key criteria for judging applications as set out above are:
 - Borough based or demonstrable ongoing links and/or partnerships
 - Free to enter
 - Demonstrably open to all and supporting community cohesion
 - Constituted groups and not individuals
 - Priority for arts or ecology based projects
 - Clear benefits to the community
 - Proposals that demonstrate projects will be of good quality and operate safely
 - Proposals that are in line with the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy
 - Proposals that do not make a profit

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Appendix 2

King Georges Fields Trust 14th January 2015

Regulation of parking in areas of Mile End Park

Background

Discussion and investigations have been undertaken around the potential for the regulation of parking in Mile End Park. The aim is to both manage the use of currently unregulated parking areas and also generate income for the upkeep of the park.

The car park will be managed by the council's parking service. The income generated would cover the cost on managing the car parking with the balance going to the upkeep of Mile End Park. The option of management via a private contractor was considered but legal advice was that this could be challenged with regards to the car park considered to be on private land or.

The proposed charges for Mile End Park car park are laid out below: :

It is suggested that the tariff introduced is via an experimental order which allows for review before 18 months to amend or make permanent

Monday – Sunday on-street)	up to 1 hour	= £2	(£1 saving compared
Monday – Friday on-street)	4 hours	= £5.	(£7 saving compared to
Monday – Friday on-street)	all day	= £7	(no current provision
Saturday – Sunday on- street)	4 hours	= £3	(£9 saving compared to
Saturday - Sunday on-street)	all day	= £5	(no current provision

It is proposed that the parking bays within Mile End Park at Haverfield Road are the same as on street parking as these are on roadway and not within a car park. Consultation would form part of the legal process around adopting a traffic management order. Parking services will put this into their work plan once they get Board approval.

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Committee/Meeting: King George's Fields Charity Board	Date: 28 January	2015	Classification Unrestricted	Report No:
Report of:		Title:		
Corporate Director, Communities, Localities & Culture		King George's Fields Charitable Trust Annual Accounts, 2013/2014		
Originating officer: Stephen Adams			Affected: /est , Mile End	

1. **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report provides details of the annual accounts of the King George's Field Mile End and King George's Field Tredegar Square charities for the 2013/2014 financial year.

2. **DECISIONS REQUIRED**

King George's Fields Charity Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Agree the annual report and accounts for the King George's Field, Mile End Charity (registered number 1077859) for the 2013/2014 financial year set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Agree the annual report and accounts for the King George's Field Tredegar Square charity (registered number 1088999) for the 2013/2014 financial year set out in Appendix 2.
- 2.3 Subject to approval of 2.1 and 2.2, authorise the Mayor to sign the annual reports and accounts for submission to the Charity Commission.

3. BODY OF REPORT

3.1 The accounts relate to the King George's Field, Mile End charity (registered number 1077859) (which includes Stepney Green and Whitehorse Road Open Space) and King George's Field Tredegar Square charity (registered number 1088999). From the accounts attached in the appendices, the Board will see that King George's Field Mile End produced a surplus of £20,000 and that King George's Field Tredegar Square achieved a balanced position. The surplus of £20,000 was transferred to the reserve and has been added to the amount carried forward from 2012/2013. The balance in the reserve now stands at £39,572; this will be carried forward to meet legal costs around decisions on the Mile End Park Stadium lease and shop leases.

- 3.2 The Board will note that the General Fund contribution to King George's Field, Mile End fell from £249,670 in 2012/2013 to £111,767 in 2013/2014, which was due to rental income from shop tenants increasing. There were increases in the various sources of income (which are analysed in more detail in paragraph 3.5) and variations in expenditure (the most significant of which are analysed in more detail in paragraph 3.6).
- 3.3 The accounts are prepared from the information contained in the Council's audited accounts for 2013/2014.
- 3.4 The major income and expenditure are outlined within the account as follows:

Income-

The major income items are commercial rents generated from shop lettings at Mile End Park and hire of the Arts and Ecology Pavilions.

Salaries-

These relate to the Parks Service and support staff who assist in managing the facilities.

Employee Related Expenditure-

This relates to training and insurance of staff engaged in the activity of managing the facilities.

Repairs and Maintenance-

This includes all repairs to buildings, trees and fences, and grounds maintenance costs.

Energy and Water-

This relates to electricity, gas and water services.

Other Services-

This relates to refuse collection and disposal, transport, printing and cleaning.

Communications-

This relates principally to telephones and mobile phones.

Stock and Equipment-

This relates to the purchase of equipment and materials.

Fees and Insurance-

This relates to the insurance of the park buildings

The major variations in income, for King George's Field, Mile End, between 2012/2013 and 2013/2014, are shown in the table below, together with a brief explanation of the major changes. The figures referred to below are shown on page 6 of the report on King George's Field Mile End (Appendix 1).

Source Of	2012/2013	2013/2014	Variance	Changes

Income	Actual	Actual	£	
Rentals	359,338	531,351	+172,013	Full-year occupation by shop tenants in 2013/14.
Other Lettings	83,084	65,123	-17,691	Loss of one-off letting of Arts and Ecology pavilions to University of London for exams, in 2012/13.
Sponsorship & Donations	28,930	5,200	-23,730	Reduction in level of sponsorship & donations, for one-off Olympic related activities in 2012/13.
Other Income	113,270	6,693	-106,577	One-off Insurance recovery in 2012/13 of £98k (Green Bridge) and other smaller variations in income

3.6 The major variations in expenditure, for King George's Field, Mile End, between 2012/2013 and 2013/2014, are shown in the table below, together with a brief explanation of the major changes. The figures referred to below are shown on page 7 of the report.

Type Of	2012/2013	2013/2014	Variance	Changes
Expenditure	Actual	Actual		
	£	£	£	
Salaries	277,124	202,334	-74,790	Reflects the continuing reorganisation of the Council's services.
Repairs & Maintenance	469,254	386,984	-82,270	Reduction due to responsive repairs spend. One-off multipitch work at Stepney Green and one-off Olympic spend in 2012/13.
Energy & Water	56,030	34,375	-21,655	Lower level of metered water usage.
Other Services	71,541	50,011	-21,530	No vacant shops in 2013/14, therefore no Business Rates charged.

3.7 The outturn position for King George's Field Mile End was a surplus of £20,000, which has been put into reserve. King George's Field Tredegar square recorded a breakeven position. To comply with the Charity Commission's requirements, the Board are asked to note and endorse these accounts, and agree their submission to the Charity Commission.

3.8 Mile End Stadium Lease

The Council has historically subsidised the Trust on an annual basis but rent has not been applied for the use of the land upon which Mile End Park Leisure Centre is built. In January 2014 the Trustees agreed to grant to the Council a lease of the land on which Mile End Park Leisure Centre and facilities are situated for a term expiring on 1st May 2019, at an annual rent of £104,000, assessed by an independent valuer according to RCIS standards. However, the Council, and not the King George's Field Trust, is the registered owner of the Mile End Park Leisure Centre site, and in law it is not possible for the Council to grant itself a lease. As a result the Trust is not in a position to sub lease the land to the Council. Consequently, the Council continues to subsidise the Trust whilst officers seek a solution to the current position in relation to the title to the land.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

4.1 The comments of the Chief Financial Officer have been incorporated into this report.

5. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD – LEGAL SERVICES

- 5.1 The Council is the Trustee of the Mile End Charity pursuant to the Governing Document which is a scheme dated 28th February, 2000. The Council's constitution establishes the King George's fields Charity Board to administer the charity's affairs and discharge the Council's trustee functions.
- 5.2 The trustees have a duty to keep the accounting records and must prepare a statement of accounts in respect of each financial year. The attached statements of accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice- Accounting and Reporting by Charities, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.
- 5.3 As reported last year Officers have been working to resolve the use of the Mile End Leisure Centre by GLL under the Leisure contract. The Council has historically subsidised the Trust on an annual basis but no set off rent has been applied for the use of the land on which Mile End Leisure Centre is built, however such arrangements need to be clearly set out in the accounts of the Trust.

6. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

6.1 There are no direct sustainability implications in this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Managing financial risk is of critical importance to the Directorate and maintaining financial health is essential to sustaining and improving service performance. Specific risks are project managed, recorded and progress is monitored through the directorate risk register process.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no direct crime and disorder reduction implications in the report.

9. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

9.1 Efficiency improvements inform the ethos of the Mile End Park Annual Management Plan and the running of the other parks and open spaces that form part of King George's Fields.

10. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Annual Report and Accounts, King George's Field Mile End charity

Appendix 2 – Annual Report and Accounts, King George's Field Tredegar Square charity

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "Background Paper"

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KING GEORGE'S FIELD, MILE END CHARITY NO 1077859

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For The Year Ended 31 March 2014

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014. The financial statements are subject to audit, and are shown on pages 6 to 12 of this report.

The legal and financial information set out below forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the constitution, and the Statement of Recommended Practice-Accounting and Reporting by Charities, as published by the Charities Commission in March, 2005, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No 629, 2008).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

King George's Field Mile End is a registered charity. It is referred to throughout this report as the "Charity".

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The sole trustee of the Charity is the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which delegates its responsibilities to a Committee called the King George's Field Trust Charity Board which directs the affairs of the Charity and acts as the Charity's trustees. The affairs of the Charity are directed by the Board of Trustees. The trustees meet formally quarterly or more frequently, if required. For Mile End Park, the original master plan, directed by the Trustees, is now largely complete. There is a formal agenda for meetings which is agreed in advance with the Chair of the Trustees. The day to day running of Mile End Park is delegated to the Parks Development Officer (Community). For Mile End Park, an Annual Management Plan is produced, which is geared to the annual Green Flag competition, and looks at the park for the period January to December.

The Parks Service within Tower Hamlets Council was restructured into the Arts, Parks and Events Service on 1 March 2013. Key responsibility for this service rests with the Head of Arts, Parks and Events. Mile End Park is managed by the Parks Manager and the day to day running of Mile End Park is delegated to the Parks Development Officer (Community); Parks Development Officer (Infrastructure) and Parks Community Involvement Officer (Young People).

The original Trust Deed, and the subsequent variations, which are referred to below, also dealt with the use of other open space and park areas, within what is now the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. These other areas are managed by other Council employees.

The members of the Charity Board were also those Councillors who were the members of the Mayoral Cabinet.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Mile End Park has its own Annual Service Plan that covers, amongst other matters, the major strategic, business and operational risks. The Service Plan covers the period April to March, and is used to inform the overall Communities, Localities & Culture Directorate plan and individual performance targets. In practice, there is an overlap between this and the Annual Management Plan, but the emphasis and content may vary. In respect of the other park and open space areas, the Council has similar strategies to deal with business and operational risks. The Charity Board is satisfied that systems are in place to monitor and control all areas where there is an identifiable risk with financial, operational, or reputational implications.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY

The Charity's objectives are set out in the Trust Deed, dated 9th November, 1965, and a Deed of Variation dated 29th January, 1997. They are as follows:

 To preserve in perpetuity the covenanted land and to apply the land to such charitable purposes as are set out in the Recreational Charities Act 1958, including the construction of indoor recreational facilities, subject to the approval of the National Playing Fields Association and the Charity Commission in respect of any additional purposes.

Generally, the Charity maintains the area of Mile End Park as a park and open space for the recreation of the general public, including but not limited to the inhabitants of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The other park and open space areas are managed to achieve similar objectives

ACTIVITIES REPORT - MILE END PARK

Mile End Park has been recognised by the GLA as a Metropolitan Site of Important Nature Conservation (2014). The Park contains some of the best example of London's habitat with particular rare species or important populations of species that are particularly significant within heavily built-up areas. The Park is now amongst many green spaces in London with highest priority for protection. The identification and protection of metropolitan sites is necessary to support a significant proportion of London's wildlife, and to provide opportunities for people to have contact with the natural environment.

The outdoor adventure activity area has gone from strength to strength with the new BMX facility proving to be very popular.

The park retained its Green Flag status for another year and hosted a number of successful community events including those put on by our own rangers and the Friends of Mile End Park group. The play park's annual 'Day by the

Sea Side' was a huge success, which attracted over 5000 residents over the day.

We have benefitted from a growing corporate volunteer scheme which provides free labour and an income stream to the park. Corporate volunteers programme carry out horticultural and grounds maintenance based tasks and activities conducted throughout the year by 1700-2000 corporate individuals which help with the maintenance and sustainability of Mile End Park. Income generated via this scheme was approximately £30k.

Plans were put in place for both the Arts and Ecology Pavilions to undergo refurbishments in 2014/15. This will include new exhibition hanging systems for both and the creation of storage and food preparation area in the Arts Pavilion. Both Pavilions were registered as venues where marriages and civil partnerships can take place. The aim is to increase the capacity for income generation whilst subsidising community access and activity.

The grounds maintenance across the council has been brought back in house and the Clean and Green team carry out most of the maintenance and cleaning of the park. Additional funds are secured via Section 106 monies to carry out additional planting along the central reservation and improvements to infrastructure such as the Pavilions.

The commercial units situated in the Green Bridge continue to generate income to the Trust with the addition of a smaller unit about to come on line which was previously used as a ranger's office. There is also a proposal to introduce paid parking into the car park in this location.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The net incoming resources for the year totalled £20,000 (£55,428 deficit in 2012/2013). This included a contribution from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets of £111,767 (£249,670 in 2012/2013). Incoming resources of £737,644 (£919,929 in 2012/13) were greater than costs incurred of £717,644. As a result, the Charity made a surplus of £20,000 for the financial year, which has been transferred to reserve.

The Charity continued to rely on a number of sources for its income, in addition to the financial contribution from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which has reduced considerably for the 2013/14 financial year. Within Mile End Park, these included Commercial Rents from properties located in the Green Bridge shops, and fees and charges from the letting of other facilities in the park, e.g. the hire of pavilions. The sources of income are shown in more detail in the attached financial report. There are no Restricted Funds or Endowment Funds, as defined within the Statement of Recommended Practice, 2005.

The Charity is grateful to all who provided it with funds to enable it to carry out its work within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

The largest items of expenditure continue to be the cost of staff salaries, and the work of maintaining the park areas and buildings within them. Staff salaries accounted for £202,334 in 2013/2014 (28% of total resources expended, compared with £277,124 in 2012/2013 or 30%). Repairs and maintenance accounted for £386,984 (54% of total resources expended, compared with £469,254 in 2012/2013, or 51%).

Full details of the Charity's revenue income and expenditure are given in the accompanying financial statements. This includes the figures for income and expenditure in the format required for submission to the Charity Commission, and these are shown on Page 7 of the report.

INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity has no investments.

RESERVES POLICY

Since the sole trustee is the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which meets in full the Charity's net expenditure, the Charity's funding is secured. However, where a surplus has been generated money is moved to a reserve. There is a balance of £39,572, currently held in reserve which will be carried forward to offset expenditure in subsequent years.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trust Charity Board is required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the Balance Sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements which give a true and fair view, the Board should follow best practice and

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- (b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue on that basis

The Board is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the relevant statutory requirements.

The Board is are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity, and are hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE CHARITY TRUST BOARD

The board consisted of the Mayoral Cabinet with the following members for the financial year 2013/2014

Chair Mayor Lutfur Rahman Councillor Ohid Ahmed Vice Chair Councillor Alibor Choudhury Member Councillor Rabina Khan Member Councillor Rofique U Ahmed Member Councillor Oliur Rahman Member Councillor Shafigul Hague Member Councillor Shahed Ali Member Councillor Rania Khan Member Councillor Abdul Asad Member

However, when they meet as the Board, their key decision-making must, as trustees, be in the best interests of the park and open space areas, within King George's Field.

AUDITORS

The accounts for 2013/2014 are subject to audit.

BANKERS

The Charity's bankers are the bankers for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which is the Co-operative Bank,

SOLICITORS

The Charity's solicitors are the Legal Service of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The principal address of the Charity is the Council's address: Tower Hamlets Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

This report and the financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28th January, 2014, and signed on their behalf by the Mayor of London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Chair of King George's Fields Charity Board.

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KING GEORGE'S FIELD, MILE END CHARITY NO 1077859 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including an Income & Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March, 2014

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<u>2013/14</u>	2012/13
INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Rentals	531,351	359,338
Other Lettings	65,123	83,084
Sponsorship & Donations	5,200	28,930
Multi-Pitch Income	17,510	30,209
Other Income	6,693	113,270
Revenue Contribution	111,767	249,670
Total Incoming Resources	737,644	864,501
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Salaries	202,334	277,124
Employee Related Expenditure	4,016	3,470
Repairs & Maintenance	386,984	469,254
Energy & Water	34,375	56,030
Other Services	50,011	71,541
Communications	451	180
Stock & Equipment	36,080	34,001
Fees & Insurance	3,394	8,329
Total Resources Expended	717,644	919,929
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	20,000	(55,428)
Net Movement in Funds	20,000	(55,428)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total Funds Brought Forward	19,572	75,000
Total Funds Carried Forward	39,572	19,572

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, MILE END CHARITY NO 1077859 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including an Income & Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March, 2014

-	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	PRIOR YEAR TOTAL FUNDS
	2013/14	2013/14	2012/13
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£	£
Incoming Resources From Generated Funds			
Voluntary Income	116.967	116,967	278,600
Activities Generating Funds		613,984	472,631
Other Income	6,693		113,270
Total Incoming Resources	737,644	737,644	864,501
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable Activities		717,644	919,929
Total Resources Expended	717,644	717,644	919,929
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	20,000	20,000	(55,428)
Net Movement in Funds	20,000	20,000	(55,428)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds Brought Forward	19,572	19,572	75,000
Total Funds Carried Forward	39,572	39,572	19,572

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, MILE END CHARITY NO 1077859 BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March, 2014

	2013	UNRESTRICTE /2014	ED FUNDS <u>2012/201</u>	<u>13</u>
Current Assets Debtors & Payments In Advance	£	£ 39,572	£	£ 83,424
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Receipts In Advance: falling	-		63,852	
due within one year	-	0	-	63,852
Net Current Assets	_ =	39,572		19,572
Funds	_	39,572	_	19,572

The figure for Debtors & Payments In Advance represents:

The surplus remaining from 2012/13 (£19,572) and the funding by the Council of the surplus of net incoming resources over resources expended in 2013/2014 of £20,000, that has been carried forward.

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, MILE END CHARITY NO 1077859 CASH FLOW STATEMENT For The Year Ended 31 March,2014

	UNRESTRICT	ED FUNDS
	2013/2014	2012/2013
Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities, 2013/2014	<u>£</u> 20,000	<u>£</u> 75,000
Reconciliation of net incoming/(outgoing) resources to net cash flow		
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources for the year	<u>£</u> -	<u>£</u> -
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	43,852	(83,823)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors & Receipts in Advance	63,852	8,823
Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities, 2013/2014	20,000	75,000

ACCRUALS 2013/2014

Summarised figures from transaction listings. See transactions listings for details.

Sundry Creditors

Sundry Creditors	2013/2014
Parks & Open Spaces, Management & Admin (part)	0.00
Whitehorse Road	0.00
Stepney Green	0.00
Mile End Park	0.00
Belgrave Open Space	0.00
Total	0.00
Sundry Debtors	
Mile End Park	0.00
Total	0.00
Receipts In Advance	
Mile End Park	0.00
Total	0.00
Payments In Advance	
Mile End Park	0.00
Total	0.00

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, MILE END CHARITY NO 1077859

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2014

1 Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with appropriate accounting standards. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice-Accounting and Reporting by Charities, issued in March, 2005 (the SORP), as amended in 2007.
- b) Income is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable. Fees, charges and rents are accounted for as income at the date the Charity provides the relevant services.
- c) There are no restricted funds, within the definition contained in the 2005 SORP. Incoming resources are therefore used for any of the Charity's purposes.
- d) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended exclude VAT which is recoverable by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- e) Where income or expenditure has been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the balance sheet.
- f) Employees working in the Mile End Park and at other parks and open spaces are Council employees. They are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme administered by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

2 Staff Costs and Numbers

Total	£202.334	£277.124
Pension Contributions	£14,216	£21,147
National Insurance	£19,312	£21,097
Salaries	£168,807	£234,880
Staff Costs were as follows:	2013/2014	2012/2013

One Parks employee received more than £70,000 during the year (2012/2013 one employee), but in both years only part of his salary costs were charged to the King George's Fields, Mile End accounts. Overall, the reduction in costs, between 2012/2013 and 2013/2014, reflects the continuing reorganisation of the Council's services.

The average weekly number of employees during the year was as follows (full-time equivalents)

2013/2014	2012/2013
5 70	6 92

3 Taxation.

The Charity does not pay any tax on its activities, and statutory requirements relating to the payment of tax are not applicable.

4 Fixed Assets.

No fixed assets are shown in the Charity's accounts. Any capital expenditure on the construction and improvement of assets in Mile End Park or the other parks and open spaces is shown in the accounts of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, together with the financing of those construction and improvement works.

5 Creditors.

Amounts Falling Due Within One Year:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Trade Creditors	Nil	£63,852
Receipts in Advance	Nil	Nil
Total	Nil	£63,852

6 Debtors

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Rentals and Payments In Advance	Nil	Nil
Other	£39,572	£83,424
Total	£39,572	£83,424

In 2013/2014, Other Debtors represent the Council's funding of:

The surplus remaining from 2012/13 (£19,572) and the funding by the Council of the surplus of net incoming resources over resources expended in 2013/2014 of £20,000.

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, STEPNEY (TREDEGAR SQUARE, BOW)

CHARITY NO 1088999

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For The Year Ended 31 March 2014

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014. The financial statements are subject to audit, and are shown on pages 5 to 10 of this report.

The legal and financial information set out below forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the constitution, and the Statement of Recommended Practice-Accounting and Reporting by Charities, as published by the Charities Commission in March, 2005, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No 629, 2008).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

King George's Field, Stepney (Tredegar Square, Bow) is a registered charity. It is referred to throughout this report as the "Charity".

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The sole trustee of the Charity is the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which delegates its responsibilities to a Committee of the Council called the King George's Fields Trust Charity Board which directs the affairs of the Charity and acts as the Charity's trustees. The affairs of the Charity are directed by the Board of Trustees. The trustees meet formally annually or as and when strategic direction is required. The Square is managed by Council employees of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

The members of the Charity Board were also those Councillors who were the members of the Mayoral Cabinet.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The Council has strategies to deal with business and operational risks. The Charity Board is satisfied that systems are in place to monitor and control all areas where there is an identifiable risk with financial, operational, or reputational implications.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITY

Tredegar Square Gardens is located in the Bow West Ward of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The gardens and surrounding area are a designated Conservation Area for planning and development purposes.

The object of the Charity is the maintenance of the gardens for the use and enjoyment of the public.

The gardens are approximately 0.5 hectares in area, and are formally laid out to grass, shrub beds, hedges and rose beds.

The gardens are maintained by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Horticultural maintenance is carried out regularly to an annual programme of works, and includes the pruning of shrubs, roses and hedges, weed control on beds and paths, grass cutting and maintenance of tree bases. Arboricultural work is carried out on an as required basis with the health and safety of the trees given a high priority. Bins and benches are provided for use by visitors and cleansing takes place frequently, normally daily.

The gardens are open during daylight hours. Park rangers and security staff patrol, lock and unlock the gardens throughout the year.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The net incoming resources for the year totalled £11,567 (£11,275 in 2012/2013). This represented the revenue contribution from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets equal to the costs incurred. As a result of this contribution, the Charity made neither a surplus nor a deficit for the financial year.

Full details of the Charity's revenue income and expenditure are given in the accompanying financial statements. This includes the figures for income and expenditure in the format required for submission to the Charity Commission, and these are shown on Page 6 of the report.

INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity has no investments, since there are no surplus funds.

RESERVES POLICY

Since the sole trustee is the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which meets in full the Charity's net expenditure, the Charity's funding is secured. The Trust Charity Board therefore does not need to set up any financial reserves to protect against any unforeseen fluctuations in income or expenditure.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trust Charity Board are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the Balance Sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements which give a true and fair view, the Board should follow best practice and

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- (b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue on that basis

The Board is responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity, and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the relevant statutory requirements.

The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity, and are hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

THE CHARITY TRUST BOARD

The board consisted of the Mayoral Cabinet with the following members for the financial year, 2013/2014:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman Chair Councillor Ohid Ahmed Vice Chair Councillor Alibor Choudhury Member Councillor Rabina Khan Member Councillor Rofique U Ahmed Member Councillor Oliur Rahman Member Councillor Shafiqul Haque Member Councillor Shahed Ali Member Councillor Rania Khan Member Councillor Abdul Asad Member

However, when they meet as the Board, their key decision-making must, as trustees, be in the best interests of the park area, within King George's Field.

AUDITORS

The accounts for 2013/2014 are subject to audit.

BANKERS.

The Charity's bankers are the bankers for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which is the Co-operative Bank.

SOLICITORS

The Charity's solicitors are the Legal Service of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The principal address of the Charity is the Council's address: Tower Hamlets Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2 BG

This report and the financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14th January, 2014, and signed on their behalf by the Mayor of London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Chair of King George's Fields Charity Board.

Lutfur Rahman

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, STEPNEY (TREDEGAR SQUARE BOW) CHARITY NO 1088999 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including an Income & Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March, 2014

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2013/14	2012/13
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£
Public Realm Revenue Contribution Total Incoming Resources	11,567 11,567	11,275 10,509
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Salaries Repairs & Maintenance Other Services Total Resources Expended	11,567 - 11,567	636 10,639 - 11,275
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources		
Net Movement in Funds	-	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total Funds Brought Forward	-	-
Total Funds Carried Forward	-	-

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, STEPNEY TREDEGAR SQUARE, BOW) CHARITY NO 1088999 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including an Income & Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March, 2014

Tor the year ended or March, 2014	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS	PRIOR YEAR TOTAL FUNDS
	<u>2013/14</u>	2013/14	2012/13
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£	<u>£</u>
Incoming Resources From Generated Funds			
Voluntary Income Total Incoming Resources	11,567 11,567	11,567 11,567	11,275 11,275
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable Activities Total Resources Expended	11,567 11,567	11,567 11,567	11,275 11,275
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources	-	-	
Net Movement in Funds	-		
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total Funds Brought Forward	-	-	-
Total Funds Carried Forward	-	-	-

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, STEPNEY (TREDEGAR SQUARE BOW) CHARITY NO 1088999 BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March, 2014

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Current Assets Debtors - 1,01	
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year - 1,01	14
Net Current Assets	

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, STEPNEY (TREDEGAR SQUARE BOW) CHARITY NO 1088999 CASH FLOW STATEMENT For The Year Ended 31 March,2014

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	
	<u>2013/14</u>	2012/13
Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities	<u>.</u>	<u>£</u>
Reconciliation of net incoming resources to net	cash flow	
Net Incoming/Outgoing resources for the year	<u>£</u> -	<u>£</u> -
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	1,014	(1,844)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	(1,014)	1,844
Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities	_	_

KING GEORGE'S FIELD, STEPNEY (TREDEGAR SQUARE, BOW) CHARITY NO 1088999

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 March 2014

1 Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with appropriate accounting standards. They follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice-Accounting and Reporting by Charities, issued in March, 2005 (the SORP).
- b) Income is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable.
- c) There are no restricted funds, within the definition contained in the 2005 SORP. Incoming resources are therefore used for any of the Charity's purposes.
- d) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended exclude VAT which is recoverable by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- e) Where income or expenditure has been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor the relevant amount is recorded in the balance sheet.
- f) Employees working in Tredegar Square are Council employees. They are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme administered by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The staff costs are the apportioned costs of several Council employees (including employer's National Insurance and pension fund contributions).

2 Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows: 2013/2014 2012/2013
Total £642 £636

These apportioned costs represent the small amounts of time spent by Council staff on duties connected with the maintenance and security of the park. No employee connected with this work received more that £60,000 in either 2013/2014 or 2012/2013.

3 Taxation.

The Charity does not pay any tax on its activities, since in any financial year, expenditure equals income, and statutory requirements relating to the payment of tax are not applicable.

4 Fixed Assets.

No fixed assets are shown in the Charity's accounts. Any capital expenditure on the construction and improvement of assets in Tredegar Square would be shown

in the accounts of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, together with the financing of those construction and improvement works.

5 Creditors.

Amounts Falling Due Within One Year:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Trade Creditors	nil	£1,014
Receipts In Advance	nil	nil
Total	nil	£1,014

6 Debtors

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Commercial and other rentals Other Debtors Total	nil nil nil	nil £1,014 £1.014
Iolai	riii	£1,014