

# KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

Tuesday, 12 January 2016 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 John Biggs – Mayor

Councillor Sirajul Islam – (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member

for Housing Management & Performance)

Councillor Shiria Khatun – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for

Community Safety)

Councillor Rachael Saunders – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for

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Councillor Rachel Blake – (Cabinet Member for Strategic Development)

Councillor David Edgar – (Cabinet Member for Resources)

Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs – (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)

(Cabinet Member for Environment)

Councillor Joshua Peck – (Cabinet Member for Work & Economic Growth)

[The quorum for this body is 3 Members]

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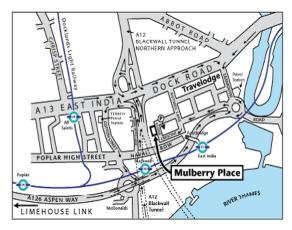
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## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 28th July 2015.

## 3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Report 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**

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To confirm as an accurate record of the proceedings the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Board held on  $28^{\text{th}}$  July 2015.

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

**Next Meeting of the Board.** 

Tuesday, 5 April 2016 at 5.30 p.m. in the Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

## 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:-

Melanie Clay, Monitoring Officer, 020 7364 4800; or

Matthew Mannion, Committees Manager, Democratic Services, 020 7364 4651

## **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.



KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD, 28/07/2015

## LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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

## HELD AT 6.39 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2015

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

#### **Members Present:**

Mayor John Biggs – Mayor

Councillor Sirajul Islam – (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet

Member for Housing Management &

Performance)

Councillor Shiria Khatun – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for

Community Safety)

Councillor Rachael Saunders – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for

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Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs – (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult

Services)

Councillor Ayas Miah – (Cabinet Member for Environment)

Councillor Joshua Peck - (Cabinet Member for Work & Economic

Growth)

## **Apologies:**

Councillor Asma Begum – (Cabinet Member for Culture)

#### **Officers Present:**

Jackie Odunoye – (Service Head, Strategy, Regeneration &

Sustainability, Development and Renewal)

Kathryn Robinson – Head of Legal Operations, Legal Services,

Law Probity and Governance

Stephen Murray – (Head of Arts and Events, Communities

Localities & Culture)

Matthew Mannion – (Committee Services Manager, Democratic

Services, LPG)

#### 1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

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

The unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the King George's Field Charity Board held on 18 March 2015 were noted.

#### UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION 3.

#### 3.1 Grant of New Lease - 554 Mile End Road

Jackie Odunoye, Head of Strategy, Regeneration and Sustainability, introduced the report. Following questions about restrictions in the lease on the type of food that could be served she explained that the new lease was consistent with the previous one but as a general principle officers would look at whether leases should be broadened or more nuanced.

The Mayor stated that he was happy with the recommendations subject to the appendix on the Part Two agenda.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. To regularise the position of the company currently in occupation of the property, following the disclaiming of the lease by the Treasury Solicitor as a result of the liquidation of the original tenant company.
- 2. To note that the proposal will be cost neutral for the Trust and crucially will maintain receipt of the market rent for the unit.
- 3. To note that the proposed course of action will avoid the occurrence of a vacant unit with the consequential loss of rental income and also minimises expenditure on professional fees in respect of marketing of the property.

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

## **Management of Mile End Park**

Following recent events the Friends of Mile End Park requested that they address the Board as they had concerns over the way the park was being run. They explained that in the past the Council was more open about the way the park was managed, with published management plans, specifically dedicated officers and more engagement with the Friends. They felt that care for the park had deteriorated and it was very difficult to find out what was supposed to be happening.

The Mayor and Board Members thanked the Friends for bringing their concerns to the meeting and for the work they did to support the Park. Members stated that they also had concerns about the care the park received and whether integrating the park's team into the main Parks service had had a detrimental effect. There was a general welcome to the idea of looking at how the park was operated, its accountability and increasing the role of park users and supporters.

It was proposed that officers come back to a later meeting with a report setting out options for consideration.

#### 5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

#### **RESOLVED**

1. 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.

#### 6. MINUTES

The exempt/confidential minutes of the meeting of the King George's Field Charity Board held on 18 March 2015 were noted.

#### 7. EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

## 7.1 Grant of New Lease - 554 Mile End Road - Appendix 1

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That the appendix be noted in relation to the main report at item 3.1 of the agenda.

## 7.2 Removal of gates near the Palm Tree pub in Mile End Park

Kathryn Robinson, Head of Legal Operations, introduced the report looking at the removal of gates near the Palm Tree pub in Mile End Park.

The Board discussed the report and then agreed the recommendations as set out in the report.

## 8. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.

Chair, Mayor John Biggs King George's Field Charity Board



## Agenda Item 5

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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