

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

**RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY
BOARD**

HELD AT 5.34 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2017

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

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs	
Councillor Amina Ali	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Asma Begum	(Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor David Edgar	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Denise Jones	(Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)
Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Youth)

Apologies:

Councillor Rachel Blake	(Cabinet Member for Strategic Development & Waste)
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Cabinet Member for Work & Economic Growth)
Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs	(Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services)

Officers Present:

Paul Greeno	(Senior Corporate and Governance Lawyer, Legal Services)
Stephen Murray	(Head of Arts and Events)
Joel West	(Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

DECISION:

That the unrestricted minutes of the Board meeting held on 27 June 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Updates on Mile End Park

DECISION:

That the King George's Field Charity Board:

1. Notes the information update on free to access activities in Mile End Park.
2. Agrees in principle that the Friends of Mile End Park be allowed up to six free days' hire of park facilities each year, subject to legal advice.
3. Notes the summary of commercial activity in Mile End Park.
4. Notes the update on the lakes by the Arts and Eco Pavilions and asks that officers prepare a more comprehensive analysis of the issues, options and projected costs regarding the water loss and methods to rectify it.
5. Rejects the proposal to erect a statue of Swami Vivekananda in Mile End Park, primarily on the grounds that the application does not evidence a direct link of the subject to the site.
6. Agrees that the proposed guidance for applying to place statues, plaques etc as presented at Appendix 5 of the report should also apply to lands managed by the King George's Field Charity Trust, but asks that a tailored version of the guidance is submitted to a future meeting of the Board for formal approval.
7. Asks that guidance is prepared to inform the Board of their powers and duties as Trustees of the King George's Field charities and how this differs from their role as Members of the Council.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (D. Jones)
(Stephen Murray –Head of Arts, Parks and Events).

Reasons for the decision

The report is mainly for noting but decisions required are:

- To approve or decline the proposal to place a statue in Mile End Park. This in response to a formal application
- To consider changes to the existing guidelines and application form for placing statues and other structures in Mile End Park.

Alternative options

The alternative options would be to not consider the proposal to either place a statue or consider changes to the existing guidelines and application form. This is not recommended however as it leaves the guidelines and application form unchanged and would in effect be a negative response to the applicants to place a statue in the park.

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

None.

The meeting ended at 6.23 p.m.

Mayor John Biggs