

Non-Executive Report of the:  <b>Council</b>  17 January 2018	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Petitions to Council</b>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services.
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

## SUMMARY

1. This report sets out the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 17 January 2018. The texts of all petitions received for presentation to this meeting are set out in the attached report.
2. The Council's Constitution provides for up to four petitions to be heard at each ordinary Council meeting. These are taken in order of receipt, except that petitions for debate (those in excess of 2,000 signatures) will take precedence. Should more than four petitions be received, all remaining petitions will be listed to be formally noted by Council.
3. Responses to all petitions will be sent to the lead petitioner and displayed on the Council website.
4. For Petitions listed as for debate:
  - a. petitioners may address the meeting for no more than 3 minutes.
  - b. Members may then question the petitioners for a further 4 minutes.
  - c. The petition will then be debated by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. All speeches are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. During his or her speech, any Councillor may move a motion for the Council's consideration relevant to matters in the petition (this does not require the suspension of the Council Procedure Rules).
  - d. The speaker will invite the Mayor or (at the Mayor's discretion) the relevant Lead Member or Committee Chair to respond to the petition for up to 3 minutes.
  - e. Following the petition debate, any motions moved will be put to the vote in the order they were tabled.

- f. If no motion is agreed, the petition will stand referred to the relevant Corporate Director for a written response within 28 days of the meeting.
5. For Petitions listed as to be heard:
  - a. Petitioners may address the meeting for no more than 3 minutes.
  - b. Members may then question the petitioners for a further 4 minutes.
  - c. Finally, the speaker will invite the Mayor or (at the Mayor's discretion) the relevant Lead Member or Committee Chair to respond to the petition for up to 2 minutes. The petition will then be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will provide a written response within 28 days of the date of the meeting.
6. Members, other than a Cabinet Member or Committee Chair responding at the end of the item, should confine their contributions to questions and not make statements or attempt to debate.
7. For Petitions listed as to be noted, petitioners may not address the meeting. The Speaker will state where they will go for a full response.

## **PETITIONS FOR DEBATE**

No petitions for debate had been received by the petitions deadline.

## **PETITIONS TO BE HEARD**

### **5.1 Petition regarding Latham House fire safety (from Mr. M Ahmed and others)**

We the undersigned petition the council to:

Conduct an independent inspection of the cladding of Latham House for it's a) fire safety and b) insulation qualities. If single/both aspects are not up to a high standard for living, we demand improvements.

Due to a decline of community and vehicle safety/protection over a period of ten years, we the undersigned demand CCTV cameras to be installed in three strategic locations in Mountmorres Estate, 1) Centre of Latham House carpark 2) Westport Street/Chudleigh Street junction 3) Westport Street/Old Church Road junction. We also demand the council to develop a respectable solution to the continuous disruptions caused by events at Troxy on Commercial Road.

### **5.2 Petition regarding Galleon House fire safety (from Nasim Ahmed and others)**

*Please note the following is an extract of the full petition, which is around 2,500 words. The full text of the Galleon House fire safety petition can be found on the Council's Petitions website at [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/petition](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/petition)*

We, the residents of Galleon House, are extremely concerned over fire safety on our block and the poor standard of work completed by East End Homes (EEH). Our fear over these issues and the neglect shown by EEH over complaints raised by residents has been further intensified by a recent fire on the first floor of our block during the weekend of 14 October 2017.

Our appeal to the council:

- We appeal to Tower Hamlets council for the following:
- We are calling on the council to investigate the issues raised by residents of Galleon House concerning work carried out by East End Homes.
- We want the council to obtain assurances from EEH that it will address the fire safety concerns of the residents.
- We want EEH to explain their failure to carry out the work they promised, especially concerns over fire safety.
- We want the council to obtain assurances from EEH that it will not increase service charge given that the renovation was meant to

address essential problems in the block.

- We also request the council to call on EEH to suitably compensate the residents for its poor standard of work including (lifts, water pressure, drainage, entry doors and balusters etc).

### **5.3 Petition for water sprinklers at Anglia House, Salmon Lane E14 (from Momina Begum and others)**

We the residents of Anglia House ask the Tower Hamlets Council and its Mayor to immediately ensure that water sprinklers are installed (retrofitted) in our tower block in the aftermath of Grenfell Tower, and the recommendations made by Keith Wiseman, the coroner for Southampton (sprinklers to be fitted to all building higher than 30 metres (98 ft), and Judge Frances Kirkham, the coroner at the inquest into the deaths of six people at Lakanal House in Camberwell, south-east London.

We appreciate efforts by our ward Cllr Mahbub Alam for pursuing this issue on our behalf and would be grateful if the Council could act on our request urgently.

### **5.4 Petition regarding the Campaign for Outdoor Gym in Sir John McDougal Park, Westferry Road, E14 (from Natasha Bolter and others)**

We the undersigned - residents of Canary Wharf ward and Isle of Dogs - support the campaign by our local independent Cllr Maium Miah (Canary Wharf ward) to have an outdoor gym installed by the Council in Sir John McDougal Park (Gardens), Westferry Road, London E14. The Council has been considering a proposal to install outdoor gyms but fails to confirm or inform residents about the locations or how are these being chosen. The Council has formally stated that "outdoor gyms are on the agenda". We ask the Council to confirm that an outdoor gym will be installed in Sir John McDougal Park within its existing proposal. In addition, S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy monies can easily be - and must be - used by the Council to invest in local neighbourhoods and communities particularly given the rate and scale of development in Isle of Dogs and Canary Wharf where the case is even stronger and makes perfect sense.

We want the Council to keep the local residents fully informed and consult with them properly instead of deciding where to install outdoor gyms behind the closed door.

## **PETITIONS TO BE NOTED**

No further petitions had been received by the petitions deadline, so there are no petitions to be noted at this meeting.