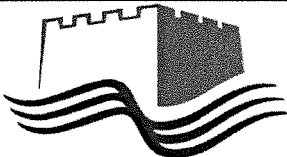


<b>Individual Mayoral Decision</b> Decision Log No: 194	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Sharon Godman, Divisional Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted
<b>Community organisations and faith based groups leasing premises from the council – rent relief</b>	

<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Decision Notice Publication Date:</b>	17 April 2020
<b>General Exception or Urgency Notice published?</b>	<b>Not required</b>
<b>Restrictions:</b>	None
<b>Reason for seeking an Individual Mayoral Decision:</b>	Urgency. The support for community organisations proposed in this report is needed to help them cope with the impact on their sustainability through the Covid 19 epidemic.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out the case for supporting through rent relief, local community based organisations that lease premises from the council, including those which are faith based, during the current Covid 19 epidemic.

These buildings are subject to government regulations which in most cases results in closure and loss of income to the lessees at a time when demand for services is increasing and other funding may be more difficult to secure.

The proposal to grant rent relief for three months will help community organisations through the current crisis and help ensure they are able to continue to provide valued services to local residents in the future.

## DECISION

It is recommended that the Mayor agrees rent relief to the community based organisations that lease premises from the council for the period 1 April to 30 June 2020 as set out in appendix A of this report.

**APPROVALS**


**1. (If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy**

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor. I confirm that the Mayor and/or Lead Member have agreed to this decision being taken using this process.

Signed ..... Date .....

**2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy**

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed  ..... Date 23/4/20 .....

**3. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy**

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

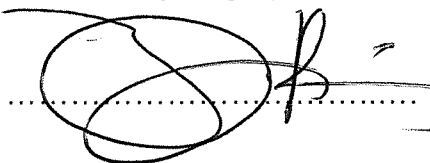
I confirm that this decision:-

- (a) has been published in advance on the Council’s Forward Plan OR
- (b) is urgent and subject to the ‘General Exception’ or ‘Special Urgency’ provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed  ..... Date 23/4/20 .....

**4. Mayor**

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in paragraph 1 in the attached report.

Signed  ..... Date 23/4/20 .....