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Report of: Corporate Director Aman Dalvi Originating officer(s) Owen Whalley – Service Head – Planning and Building Control		Title: The Mayor for Tower Hamlets' Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme Wards Affected: All	
Lead Member		Cllr Alibor Choudhury	
Community Plan Theme		One Tower Hamlets	
Strategic Priority		Securing Sustainable Communities	

1.0 **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for the introduction by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets of a Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme. Its purpose will be to offer assistance to faith communities in maintaining and improving buildings in which faith based activities occur.
- 1.2 The report describes how the scheme will provide funding and guidance through a grants programme operated by the Council. This will focus on repairing, adapting and improving faith buildings, particularly those costly buildings inherited by communities which are expensive to maintain and therefore at risk of falling into disrepair. It lays out steps to achieve this and how this will help consolidate the vibrant faith diversity within the Borough. The Scheme will run for three years commencing in 2012 with a budget of £2 million.

2.0 **DECISIONS REQUIRED**

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 Agree the establishment of the Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme;
- 2.2 Authorise the Corporate Director of Development and Renewal after consultation with the Lead Member for Resources to establish and manage the Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme for 2012-15,

with grant decision-making following the process to be adopted for the Grants Panel to ensure coordination of all grant moneys being awarded by the Council and to define and recruit to the post of Community Faith Buildings Programme Officer.

3.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 3.1 Tower Hamlets Community Plan sets out that the borough has historically been home to a mix of communities. Waves of migration to the borough included the Flemings in the 14th century, French Huguenots in the 17th century, the Jewish community, Irish Catholics, and Chinese; Bangladeshis in the mid-20th century and more recently Somali, and Eastern European communities.
- 3.2 The Evidence Base (appendix) illustrates how this diversity has brought about a significant legacy of important historic and more modern faith buildings, as many of the borough's historic faith communities have erected buildings both as places of worship and to serve social needs of communities past and present. There are also non-purpose built sites which have been used and adapted by faith communities. Whilst many of these are valuable assets – they are also a costly inheritance and meeting the cost of maintaining, adapting and repairing these often historic sites, is a significant financial challenge for a number of faith communities. Additionally smaller and newer faith communities who are making use of non-purpose built buildings have different problems adapting accommodation to meet their needs.
- 3.3 Tower Hamlets benefits from its diverse, vibrant and engaged faith communities. They play an essential role in delivering the Community Plan to 2020 and in achieving the objective of One Tower Hamlets. This is delivered through these faith communities' key role in service provision and their unique ability to engage the local community. An important strand of their work is delivered through their buildings in use for a wide range of faith-based purposes.
- 3.4 These buildings are at the heart of their communities and are often important architecturally as well as socially, appearing on both the Local and Statutory lists of Listed Buildings and forming focal points in the borough's 58 Conservation Areas. A significant group of Listed faith buildings within the borough are included on the English Heritage Register of Heritage at Risk. The 2011 register includes eight faith buildings and associated structures, the condition of which ranges by English Heritage's definition from very bad to poor. Historic buildings because of their age, architecture and construction are often more expensive to maintain and adapt than more recent buildings.
- 3.5 The Tower Hamlets Religion/Belief Equality Scheme 2009-12 highlights that one of the main issues that limits the potential of faith

communities in their use of buildings relates to the age and condition of buildings and the capacity of groups running buildings to bring forward improvements. Detailed as:

- (i) The condition/suitability of existing buildings limit their use for the delivering of services, where local faith communities lack resources to make the necessary adjustments to enable this to happen, including making substantial repairs, or the installation of better facilities.
- (ii) The capacity of faith communities to engage strategically as organisations, can also limit their ability to bring forward new proposals. This ranges from knowledge of how to plan viable development projects or access to appropriate advice or funding.

- 3.6 The Council can offer financial, or other assistance, to faith buildings under its “power of general competence” in the Localism Act 2011 as to do so will deliver the objectives stated above as set out in the Council’s Community Plan, supported by the Strategic Plan and Third Sector Strategy.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Option 1: No Fund

- 4.1 An alternative option is to determine that the Mayor for Tower Hamlets Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme is not deemed a recommended course of action and therefore considered not appropriate for grant support by the Council.
- 4.2 However whilst there is an existing, very modest, grant mechanism in place for heritage assets; this is narrow in its dissemination and thus fails to address the needs of all buildings. Buildings are a costly asset for faith communities, and consequently there is a significant demand for repairs, adaptations and improvements to faith based buildings, especially for those communities who no longer have a significant numerical presence locally and are therefore less able to lever in financial support, but are part of the multi-faith heritage of the borough requiring continuing support.
- 4.3 The Council would miss an opportunity to provide real support for many community based organisations in a difficult economic climate.

Option 2: Reduced Fund – amended categories

- 4.4 The scheme as devised and set over 3 years at £2 million provides significant funding which will make a difference to many community

faith based groups and organisations. The category approach identified below (Type A, B and C grants) enables a range of buildings/groups with varying capacities to be supported. If resources are reduced the breadth that the proposed scheme would allow either in number of buildings/groups or categories would be similarly narrowed in scope.

- 4.5 There are advantages in the proposed form of the scheme because it enables a range of community faith buildings to be supported.

Option 3: All Community Buildings

- 4.6 The Council already operates a range of grants which support third sector organisations in the provision of their services in the borough. Additionally, the Council operates a Historic Building Grant scheme for heritage assets. Planning contributions, where negotiated, may also be available for buildings. There are also a number of other grant schemes for non-faith buildings, including those operated by the National Lottery, English Heritage and charitable sources.
- 4.7 The Community Faith Buildings approach provides an area of specific identified need which the existing very limited heritage funds have highlighted. However, the Scheme will be giving opportunities to groups across all faiths over the whole of the Borough. It is not exclusive to one faith or another.

5 **BACKGROUND**

- 5.1 Following concerns about the legal powers of local government bodies restricting what those bodies could do the government promoted the Localism Act 2011. This gives the Council “a general power of competence” which allows it to do anything an individual could do unless it is specifically prohibited from doing so. This means the Council can offer assistance to Faith Communities in furtherance of its Community Plan objectives.
- 5.2 In exercising this power, a local authority should have regard to their strategy which is set out in the Council’s Community Plan.
- 5.3 The Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme will deliver the aims of the following key Council documents:

(i) *Tower Hamlets Community Plan 2009 - 2020*

To deliver the Community Plan the Council understands the need to work differently: smarter and more innovatively. In this current financial context efficient use of resources is paramount, the Community Plan efficiency agenda emphasises that significantly

reduced budgets mean that we will have to do things differently, more efficiently, maximising resources to produce better outcomes – in order to continue providing vital services.

Maintaining and maximising the use of existing community buildings, in this case used for faith based purposes, will be able to contribute to that agenda and contribute to meeting Objective 5 of the Community Plan: Providing effective local services and facilities – the delivery of which is set out in the Local Development Framework with Third Sector Organisation delivery partners.

Additionally, by ensuring faith communities have a continuing stake in the life of the borough; the Support Scheme will assist in delivering the aims of 'One Tower Hamlets' which runs throughout the Community Plan. The aims that would be delivered against are around reducing inequalities and poverty, strengthening cohesion and making sure our communities continue to live well together through the delivery of the Scheme.

(ii) Third Sector Strategy

The aim of the Council's Third Sector Strategy is to create an environment for a thriving Third Sector in Tower Hamlets. Consultation has highlighted 5 key areas in which the Council can make a real difference to the Third Sector. Objective 5 for premises sets out that our objective is to support high quality premises for the Third Sector to satisfy the key premises requirements of the Third Sector. The Community Faith Building Support Scheme assists the Council in achieving these objectives for faith communities.

Whilst premises themselves are only one factor in ensuring the delivery of Third Sector services, they are a fundamental building block in improving service outcomes; providing a place for the community to come together and thus contributing to community cohesion. Third Sector organisations need to have access to appropriate and affordable space. The scheme will enable existing buildings owned/long leased and used by faith groups to be used more effectively in the future, particularly in relation to energy efficiency Health and Safety and access issues to the benefit of the community.

The Third Sector Strategy sets out the Council's objectives for the funding of Third Sector Organisations, in that these should be transparent, efficient and to reflect local needs. Transparency should ensure there will be a fair process with clear decision making criteria. Efficiency should ensure Third Sector Organisations will be dealt with consistently and that the Council ensures maximum value for money through this engagement. In reflecting local needs we should ensure that funding reflects local aspirations. The Council will recognise this

in the Strategy - that obtaining maximum value from the Third Sector required funding, including giving grants to support valued activities.

The Faith Buildings Grant support scheme will, as set out in the Strategy introduce an open application for grant aid against defined criteria – together with monitoring of organisational health and evaluation of delivery.

6.0 BODY OF THE REPORT

- 6.1 This report sets out steps to establish a Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme for three years (2012-2015) to help meet the needs of Tower Hamlets faith communities. The scheme at a practical level will consist of a Faith Buildings Grant Programme. It is open to all faiths to apply.

The Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme & Grant Programme

- 6.2 The Community Faith Buildings Grant Programme will increase the flow of funding to community faith groups who own or lease premises for:

- the repair and maintenance of buildings inclusive of the site and boundary walls. This will include addressing Health and Safety issues;
- improvements to buildings inclusive of the site and boundary walls. This will include adaptations to improve accessibility, improvements to deliver energy efficiency and security;
- It is also proposed to assist faith groups to plan and develop projects to improve buildings with grant assistance for professional fees.

- 6.3 The scheme is designed to deliver sustainable, appropriate assistance for these works to existing faith buildings where the costs of maintenance, repair and improvement are the responsibility of a local faith organisation. The scheme is for assistance to existing faith-based buildings only and is not for funding the establishment of new premises by faith groups. The scheme will cover only formally constituted faith groups who meet other detailed eligibility criteria.

The Grants Programme Resources

- 6.4 The Grants Programme will have a total of £2 million pounds from Council funds and will be spread over three years. This will breakdown to be approximately:

£1,800,000 for capital grants across categories below;
£200,000 (10%) for Programme Management

The Grant Categories

6.5 The Programme is aimed at meeting a broad selection of buildings/groups with differing needs and across all faiths and will consider applications in the following categories:

- **Type A grants.** This will be aimed at delivering more modest financial assistance to community faith buildings and congregations for works of repair, alteration, modification or improvement where they are in poor condition, or where there are other specific barriers to use, such as costs of repair and maintenance. It is proposed that these grants should be capped at £75,000. For these grants, the Council will look flexibly at ownership and leasehold arrangements on a case by case basis.
- **Type B grants.** This will be for substantial grant assistance to community faith buildings identified through the process as being significant to the community and/or part of existing regeneration plans within the Local Development Framework and associated documents, which could receive major capital assistance. It is proposed that these grants should be capped at £300,000 at a rate of 100% of the costs where there is no match-funding available. These buildings will need to be owned or leased on long leases by the community faith group applying as the sum is potentially so significant.
- **Type C grants.** This is for professional support for organisations in pursuit of developing valid bids for Type A and B Grants to assist groups in achieve their overall aims of building improvement or development. This would include support for example in commissioning architects, quantity surveyors or engineers services where required. It is proposed that these grants should be capped at £10,000.

Project Management

6.6 The Support Scheme will be led from Development and Renewal. Alongside the appointed Programme Manager, it will include a lead officer from the Directorate Resources teams for financial monitoring auditing and compliance, risk management and programme and project control. Specific advice on the grant process operation will be obtained from other sections in Development & Renewal as appropriate, specifically advising on building selection, surveying and repairs.

6.7 The Scheme will be run by a dedicated Community Faith Buildings Programme Officer funded from the programme for three years. This

role should be established at a P04 level salary (£37,851 - £40,506). The post will also carry a budget to support advertising, marketing material/grant packs and any other activity required to deliver the programme. The post holder's focus will be the day-to-day project management involved in delivering the Faith Buildings Grant Programme. This will include:

- Help congregations maintain and make best use of their buildings
- Help faith communities in the borough take a strategic approach to the use and conservation of historic places of worship.
- Setting up and administering the full Grants process across all Grant types (A, B and C) including defining in detailed requirements;
- Prepare all reports for the Grants Panel which includes Members and Officers for recommendation to the Mayor for a decision;
- Prepare formal advertising and marketing for the scheme;
- Undertake set-up and/or subsequent discussions with Advisory Groups such as the Interfaith Forum and individual Faith Groups across the Borough and develop approaches to involvement through the three years to ensure a robust, co-ordinated and consistent programme;
- Gather evidence and monitor the effectiveness of the programme preparing an Annual Report;
- Completing detailed Equalities Assessments and gathering Equalities information;
- Ensuring that Programme Risk Management processes are integrated into the Council's approach to Risk Management including appropriate identification on Risk Register's and identifying suitable mitigations;
- Advice and/or assistance as appropriate/relevant with all formal permission and permit/licence processes required for planning and heritage, building control, heritage and operational considerations. Acting as a link into the Council and other stakeholder organisations where necessary. E.g. Faith Bodies, Local Housing providers, other public bodies or in some cases private organisations.
- Develop a sustainable approach which could then be maintained in some form going forward if required. This can also help to address with raised expectations in the community.

Delivery and Operation

- 6.8 A bidding process will be established through the Council's existing Grants Panel; for Type A and Type C grants this will be by application against published criteria to be circulated to all formally constituted relevant faith groups (it will also be generally publicised), for which there will be two bidding rounds per year;

- 6.9 For larger type B grants for capital intensive works to key buildings, there will be two grant giving rounds per annum; in view of the work involved in preparing larger schemes, a single stage process is proposed, but the process will offer up to two initial pre-bid meetings with applicants, which will lead on, to a full application to the Grants Panel. The formal pre-bid process in discussion with the Council should be no longer than 4 weeks so resources and energy can remain focussed. It is understood that for Type B grants the development of the actual bid may be longer.
- 6.10 Beyond the key principle a more detailed eligibility and operational criteria is being developed for each Type of Grant. All grant applications will be assessed against an agreed criteria and the decision made strictly in accordance with that criteria. It is anticipated that the grant programme will be very popular and to manage expectations it will need to operate consistently.
- 6.11 It is proposed this criteria, not the principle, will all be discussed in draft with the Interfaith Forum before being finalised but is likely to include:
- Any formal organisational constitution requirements/bona fides;
 - Grantees will enter into legally binding agreements to ensure compliance with the Scheme. These agreements will set out the performance criteria and monitoring arrangements. In appropriate cases the performance of the works to be funded by the grant may be secured by a legal charge on the property. Confirmation requirements as a faith group and confirmation that the building is used principally by a faith group(s) or has a significant faith group use;
 - Property ownership or leasehold details with unexpired lease length requirements (asset creation and use);
 - For Type A and B grants detailed information on accounts and operation of the organisation to ensure it has capacity to manage projects at scale being bid for;
 - For Type C grants detailed information on current capacity of the group and an assessment of capacity to manage in the future.
 - Grants will be for up to 100% of costs of professional fees or works dependant on proof of the availability of other match-funding to faith groups from different sources;
 - Confirmation of all necessary insurances and approvals to-date;
 - Restrictions on number of applications. E.g. only one Type A or Type B application will be considered by an organisation. If making a Type C grant it will support an application for an A or B grant.
 - Where a public building is primarily used for faith purposes, the scheme will meet costs in relation to this use, and costs will be identified accordingly. Ancillary faith buildings will be included, for example church halls where they fulfil all the same conditions as

the principal building, i.e. their sole, or main use, is as a place in use by a faith group. Burial grounds and other public space outside faith buildings, inside their boundary, will also be included.

- Works carried out to repair or to maintain the fabric of faith buildings will be eligible. External fabric includes foundations, walls, roofs, rainwater goods, drainage, windows and doors (this covers maintenance to a window as well as repair).
- Internal surfaces, floors, stairs, joinery, plumbing, heating and electrical installations and supplies will also be eligible. Priority will be given to works necessary for Health & Safety reasons or that result in an upgrade of the services, or where access to a building is going to be improved.
- The grant programmes are not intended to provide things to fit out buildings/kitchens such as dishwashers, cookers, micro-waves and other fixed or portable electronic goods such as IT equipment, TV's and other smaller goods such as kettles.
- Claims for surveys, reports and investigations will be additionally accepted as part of the grant as appropriate. Any fees undertaken prior to the associated work, will be reclaimable for all or part of the works to which they relate. They will also be eligible where they form part of a professional fee invoice in planning for works to take place.

6.12 The Programme will be publicised at the start of each year (or in year 1 as soon as ready) and is open to all faith groups; payable in response to any successful application will be 100% of project costs including professional, set-up fees and VAT. Payments will be made on receipt of invoices for work completed with stage payments to be discussed in more detail but all processes have to align with LBTH Financial Regulations and compliance will be mandatory. Funding will not be granted in advance of works, except where this involves project set-up costs.

6.13 The grant funding allocation profile is initially set at:

Year 1: Up to £900k

Year 2: Up to £900k

Year 3: Remaining resources from these two years.

Programme costs are pro-rata as needed across the three years.

6.14 Additionally, to help sustain activity, Development and Renewal will create a dedicated Tower Hamlets information resource for faith buildings to include comprehensive tailored information, grant form packs and other material to support the scheme. This will include printed information and application forms for written completion as well as dedicated web-based resources. As part of this process it can also gather and monitor continued evidence of need, possibly emerging over-time as a condition survey.

Decision Making Process

- 6.15 The Council's existing Grants Panel will be the mechanism which will be used to make and determine grant awards. The Panel will be advised in their decision making, by an officer body which will include officers from a building background, Finance and Legal Officers. It is proposed it would meet quarterly to consider grant applications and make recommendations for final decisions by the Mayor on grant awards (the first sittings will be closer together to get the programme launched). Following approval of grant applications, monitoring and review of works detailed in the grant applications would be reported back to the Panel by officers to ensure effective governance and value for money criteria are met. This would include an Annual Scheme Report.
- 6.16 To ensure transparency of the grants process the Council will publish annually details of all successful applications, as well as report on numbers received and the amount of grant offers made together with the claims made. Clear outputs for the project and bidding criteria will allow assessment of the success of bids post-implementation, and establish effective audit and adjustment mechanisms for the scheme within its three year life.

Next steps and Timing

- 6.17 There are a number of key steps which are accompanying this process. They are running concurrently in places and in others will continue throughout the three year initiative, either through monitoring and adjustment or through evidence gathering and analysis. The timing is draft, and subject to formal approvals being given and this approach endorsed. Consistent delivery to timetable will depend primarily on resource availability.

Anticipate all to be completed by the end of October 2012.

Step 1: Officers are continuing to develop the detailed eligibility criteria and delivery mechanism set-up requirements of the full Scheme. This will continue and depending on Cabinet decision will then be finalised and readied. It will include preparing all the forms, information packs, guidance notes.

Step 2: Running concurrently will be the preparation of draft marketing, advertising and publicity material.

Step 3: Recruitment processes will be readied subject to Cabinet approval to go out to recruit a Project Manager.

Step 4: Interfaith forum discussions to ensure details are workable in practice.

Step 5: Grants Decision Making Mechanism finalised, agreed and meetings scheduled.

Step 6: Year 1 process to be advertised for A, B and C type grants.

Anticipate all to be completed by end of November 2012.

Step 6: Receipt of First Round TypeA, B and C grant applications.
Assessments, first Grants Panel sits.

Step 7: Announcement of First Grant Awards.

Step 8: First projects commence from now.

New Rounds launched in April 2013.

Step 9: The process will be prepared for further rounds.

7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 7.1 This report seeks approval for the establishment of a specific budget to primarily award grants to faith based groups to facilitate effective asset management of local community assets.
- 7.2 Officers have conducted a review of General Fund reserves and have identified sufficient funding to finance the first year of the scheme. These resources are no longer required for their original purpose, and so initially £900,000 will be set aside for 2012-13, with financing for later years being considered as part of the on-going 2013-14 budget process. Due to the specialist nature of the grants, it is recommended that £200,000 should be top-sliced for client side project management and technical support costs, including the funding of a Community Faith Buildings Programme Officer post as outlined in paragraph 6.7.
- 7.3 The report sets out the basis on which grants will be awarded. It will be important that grants are awarded in accordance with a scheme that ensures best value for the use of Council resources.

8. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

- 8.1 In addition to the general power of competence contained in Section 1 Localism Act 2011 which gives the Council power to do anything that individuals generally may do unless specifically prohibited by law the Council has various statutory powers, which enable it to provide grant funding to organisations to undertake a variety of activities.
- 8.2 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables local authorities to do anything, including incurring expenditure, borrowing or lending money or acquiring or disposing of any property or rights, which facilitate or are conducive or incidental to the discharge of their functions.

- 8.3 Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires best value authorities, including the Council, to “make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness”.
- 8.4 The current report deals with the procedures to be followed in relation to the submission and award of such grant funding for the maintenance of faith based buildings. It is within the Council’s powers to determine the system which it wishes to operate to manage the submission and award process. The method proposed by officers would be an acceptable method to adopt to deal with this exercise as it demonstrates a fair and transparent process and shows how the projects will be monitored to ensure the proposals of the faith organisations are fulfilled. The final decision on grant applications will be made by the Mayor on recommendation from the Grants Panel.

9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The Tower Hamlets Community Plan recognises that faith/religion continues to play a prominent role in the lives of many of the borough’s population with the Census indicating 80% of the population claiming a religious belief. It also gives recognition to the richness of Tower Hamlets in its physical and cultural assets. We are a unique borough in terms of the pattern of religion/belief; whilst 80% of residents claim a religious belief, the third largest religion/belief is people who have no religious belief. The history of the borough as a ‘jumping off’ point for new communities has contributed the religious diversity of the area, and consequently to the number and diversity of buildings in faith use – both new and old.
- 9.2 The Council’s new Religion/Belief Equality Scheme notes that many faith communities, predominantly Jewish and Anglican and Catholic Christian, have historic listed buildings which are expensive to maintain and therefore are at risk of falling into disrepair and are vulnerable to vandalism. Conversely a number of newer faith communities in the borough make use of historic buildings and need to adapt them for use by congregations. The appointment of an officer who could work with this range of faith groups would not only assist faith communities to better meet the needs of their own communities and protect and preserve historic places of worship, but would also encourage faith groups to work more closely with the Interfaith Forum and other local partners.
- 9.3 Preserving the multi-faith heritage of the borough, and adapting these buildings for today’s needs is a key way of strengthening cohesion and addressing an existing inequality for some faith communities

through inadequate buildings, particularly where these drain significant resources from groups and prevent new small communities from being able to engage with the wider community.

- 9.4 An Equalities Analysis (appendix) has been completed for this proposal. The scheme is justified in terms of available evidence and by the Council's aim to promote good relations between different faith groups/no faith groups. The delivery mechanism which will be discussed with the Interfaith Forum will ensure that it brings benefits to the wider/non religious community.

10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 10.1 The implementation of the Mayor for Tower Hamlets Community Buildings Support Scheme is expected to have a positive effect on the environment, retaining existing buildings in use, improving their efficiency and making improvements to the environment generally. Additionally, many buildings will be historic assets to be maintained for future generations, as set out in the Council's Conservation Strategy.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 A detailed Risk Assessment will accompany the scheme and risk management, compliance and auditing will be built into the programme to ensure good practice. The main risk that has been identified is that once given funding, organisations would carry out work that wasn't approved or not carry out any of work grant aided to them. This will be managed through strong governance of the Scheme. Payments will only be made in arrears on receipt of invoices for eligible work completed. Clear outputs for the project and bidding criteria will allow assessment of the success of bids post-implementation, and establish effective audit and adjustment mechanisms for the scheme.

12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The Grant Scheme will encourage improvements in the quality of our borough's faith based buildings, positively impacting security and the provision of a better environment.

13 EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 13.1 The Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme will involve a significant amount of joined up working between the Council and the

Third Sector and will require the efficient and better use of resources leading to the better and advanced use of existing facilities.

14 APPENDICES

14.1 None.

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

Brief description of “background papers”	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
1. Evidence Base relating to the Mayor for Tower Hamlets Community Faith Buildings Support Scheme	Andrew Hargreaves x5576
2. Equalities Analysis	Andrew Hargreaves x5576