



Black Women's Health & Family Support

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**MR JOHN BIGGS (MAYOR OF TOWER HAMLETS)
GRANT DETERMINATION (CABINET) SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017.**

RE : SUBMISSION - REGARDING 82 RUSSIA LANE BUILDING

1. Black Women's Health & Family Support (BWHAFS) have been issued with a 3 year Heads of Terms dated back in 2014 with a 2 year extension by the Assets Manager Ralph Million.

At the last Grants Determination Sub Committee meeting held on 17/1/17 chaired by the Mayor, Mr John Biggs. It was agreed that a new lease is issued to our organisation not a backdated lease from 2014.

As stated in our previous submission no Heads of Terms, lease or communication was received in 2014 from the council concerning our lease.

We will be happy to have a lease in place if the council could confirm the current status of our building. Whether our building is registered as Community Benefit Building to enable our charity benefit from the 80% rent discount.

As mentioned in our previous letter, 82 Russia Lane has been used for community provision since it was built. Services provided by our organisation is free for our clients. If we are forced to stop our services, it will have serious impact on our young and elderly clients living in Tower Hamlets. BWHAFS have very limited funding to cover full rent.

2. BWHAFS would also like a clarification in the following on the Heads of Terms 2014 :-

- Is the £25,000 rent per year or over a period of 3years?
- Is the Insurance for the building or contents?
- What repairs and maintenance need to be undertaken by our charity?
- What service charges is to be undertaken by our charity?
- What utilities bills needs to be paid by our charity?

3. We would like the Council to release our advance grants from January – March 2017 while we negotiate our lease to enable us pay our members of staff on time as many of them are single mothers with young children, and to pay invoices to avoid potential penalty payments.

Joycelyn Hayford (Operations Director)



Signed (On Behalf of the Board of Trustees).