

Meeting of the

# CABINET

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Wednesday, 6 October 2010 at 5.30 p.m.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – SECTION ONE

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### VENUE

Activities Hall, George Green's School, 100 Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, London E14 3DW

#### Members:

Councillor Helal Abbas (Chair)	– (Leader of the Council)
Councillor Joshua Peck (Vice-Chair)	– (Deputy Leader of the Council)
Councillor Shahed Ali	– (Lead Member, Environment)
Councillor David Edgar	– (Lead Member, Resources)
Councillor Marc Francis	– (Lead Member, Housing, Heritage and Planning)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	– (Lead Member, Regeneration and Employment)
Councillor Denise Jones	– (Lead Member, Culture and Creative Industries)
Councillor Shiria Khatun	– (Lead Member, Children's Services)
Councillor Rachael Saunders	– (Lead Member, Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Abdal Ullah	– (Lead Member, Community Safety)

[Note: The quorum for this body is 3 Members].

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# LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

## CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2010

5.30 p.m.

### 4. **DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS (Pages 1 - 2)**

To receive any deputations or petitions.

### 5. **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### 5.1 **Chair's advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Unrestricted Business to be considered (Pages 3 - 4)**

To receive any advice of key issues or questions in relation to the unrestricted business of the Cabinet, arising from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

## CABINET

6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

### AGENDA ITEM 4. DEPUTATIONS & PETITIONS

#### STATEMENT FROM STIFFORD Tjrs TRA COMMUNITY CENTRE

##### **Deputation By:**

Salman Alam, Centre Manager

Joynul Hoque, Project Development Officer

##### **Introduction**

Stifford has been delivering key services IN **HEALTH, EDUCATION, ADULT TRAINING, AND ADVISING THE VULNERABLE** in Tower Hamlets for over 10 years. The Centre has an excellent proven track record as highlighted in the cabinet report:

**“Stifford has consistently demonstrated its ability to manage effectively, deliver results and adequately demonstrate and evidence its achievements.”**

##### **Centre’s Redevelopment:**

With the current facility, it is difficult to meet the ever increasing service demands of the local community. As a result, a decision was taken to redevelop the centre into a community hub. The new centre will meet the additional and demanding needs of the community whilst creating local employment and business opportunities.

For this redevelopment we require £4.5 million. We have secured £2 million from Communitybuilders. But this money is subject to securing a 99 year lease.

##### **Our request:**

Based on the above facts, we would like to request the Cabinet members to help us in the following key areas:

## **1. LONG LEASE**

Our funder's requirement is a 99 years lease.

- We therefore request the cabinet to grant Stifford a 99 year lease without any pre-conditions;
- We have been negotiating about the lease for the last 2 years with various council departments and we believe further delays may result in our funders pulling out;
- All issues with regards to sustainability have been identified in our business plan submitted to both Community Builders and the council.

## **2. MARKET VALUE AND PREMIUM**

- We request a **substantial** discount on the market value of the property with an option to pay in instalments over a long period. This is because:
- We are Non- profit making organisation and depend on external funding. Therefore, any extra financial burden or additional costs may jeopardise our services and put a strain on our growth.
- Most importantly, given the deprivation level in Tower Hamlets, a discount will allow us 6000 local users per annum to continue to access our community services who would otherwise not be able to access these services

## **3. MATCHFUNDING**

While external parties such as Community builders and Community Matters have come forward with the bulk of funding, our own council who stands to benefit the most from this redevelopment has not given us any financial assistance.

We therefore request the Cabinet to give any directions to help us match fund the project from either

- section 106 funds; or
- any other funding sources that may be available;

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**Cabinet – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

**Agenda item 5.1 (i) – Chair’s advice of Key Issues or Questions in relation to Unrestricted Business to be considered (pre-decision scrutiny questions/ comments)**

<b>Cabinet Report</b>	<b>Question / Comments</b>
6.1 Conservation Strategy (CAB 042/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In paragraph 9.5 it states that current statutory List of Listed Buildings was identified as poor. With this in mind have we identified the best way on keeping this List updated?</li><li>2. The report says we have one of the highest tallies of new listings of buildings in London, what is included in here and what percentage of it are Historical updates that needed to be done, and what percentage are 'new' decisions?</li><li>3. With reference to paragraph 10.7 what is the anticipated enforcement measures that we expect to be taken to protect the heritage and will this extend to Conservation areas?</li><li>4. Given the current workload of TH planning staff is there going to be extra pressures brought to bear on them to extend their area of responsibility, with this perhaps leading to a lack of rigour in applying these new guidelines?</li></ol>
6.2 Neighbourhood Shops Policy (CAB 043/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Last year’s scrutiny review on reducing childhood obesity also recommended that the Council should work with Tower Hamlets Homes and RSLs to review the way they lease their properties, ensuring that encouraging healthy eating is a pre-requisite for any new food business. Can you clarify what work has been undertaken with Tower Hamlets Homes and RSLs in this regard?</li></ol>
6.3 Future Contracting Approach for Waste and Public Realm Services (CAB 044/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Can you outline how you will ensure that tenders for contract of both Public Realm and Waste Disposal Contract ensure we have documented proof on competency in all needed areas, with penalty clauses for non compliance to Council standards or loss of service?</li></ol>

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Agenda Item 5.1

Cabinet Report	Question / Comments
7.1 Contracts Forward Plan (CAB 045/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In light of the fact that we have changed telephony suppliers a number of times over the last 5 years can you provide a breakdown of costs of the network changes during that period and also explain if we are making the right choices?</li> <li>2. With reference to the £350k contract for materials recycling facility can you clarify if this will require the tender to meet energy efficiency objectives or will this be considered in the Contracting strategy currently being developed?</li> </ol>
7.3 Mainstream Grants Advice Services and Corporate Match Funding Programmes – Arrangements for 2011 and Beyond (CAB 047/101) Page 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With reference to paragraph 6.24 and the reduction in the Corporate Match Funding (CMF) Budget and Working Neighbourhood Fund Programme coming to an end, can you outline if any further resources have been identified to support third sector organisations? In addition to financial support can the Cabinet outline what other support will be available to third sector organisations?</li> <li>2. Can you explain how much external funding has been secured by third sector organisations for the borough through the CMF Programme in the last year?</li> <li>3. Can you provide a list of third sector BME organisations that have received CMF and how much they have received?</li> <li>4. Can you outline what will be the future priority for allocation of CMF?</li> </ol>
8.1 Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2010-2011 (CAB 048/101)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The report mentions food imports being on the rise, with worries about ingredients and hygiene. Do we have any kind of figures on the rises seen here?</li> </ol>