

**Executive Decision
Individual Decision Notice**



Decision Maker: Cabinet, 23 July 2014

Classification:
Unrestricted

Parks tenders for Bethnal Green Gardens Shelter and Museum Gardens Toilet Block

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is required to be given of the intention to take Executive Key Decisions.

Notice is given either through an Individual Decision Notice or through the Forward Plan. Notice must normally be given 28 Days' before the decision can be taken.

Key Decision? No	Ward(s) Bethnal Green
Summary of Decision	To approve the proposal to tender out a lease of 15 years for the operation of a catering concession at the shelter in Bethnal Green Gardens and a lease of 15 years for a café concession Museum Gardens toilet block in return for capital investment and annual rental on both properties plus a new public toilet facility in Museum Gardens.

Community Plan Theme	A Great Place to Live
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Culture (Councillor Shafiqul Haque)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Bethnal Green Gardens: Parks staff have been consulted with regard to impact on parks users.</p> <p>The planning process involved public consultation and no major objections were made.</p> <p>Museum Gardens Toilet Block: Through the design process there has been extensive consultation with LBTH Parks to determine the best use and design of the building. The project also draws off the results of previous consultation carried out with LBTH Public Realm (Transport and Highways section), LBTH Community Safety and</p>

	<p>Operations (concerning CCTV in particular), local area groups including 'Friends of Bethnal Green' as well as LBTH Conservation and Planning.</p> <p>A public meeting was held after objections to original proposals for the building to be demolished and landscaped into the park.</p> <p>The planning process allowed for public comment on the proposed plans.</p> <p>Bethnal Green Gardens: Through meetings with parks staff. Advertising in local papers and signs in the vicinity of the proposed development.</p> <p>Museum Gardens Toilet Block: In February 2013 a meeting was held with representatives of those who had objected to the proposed demolition of the building. There was a concensus that the Council should seek a change of use as well as approval to grant a lease for a term of 15 years so that it would be more likely to attract potential investors interested in bringing the facility back into use. Any end user would be required to provide a public toilet, open for hours to be agreed and written into the lease.</p>
<p>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?</p>	<p>Already completed.</p>
<p>Contact details for comments or additional information</p>	<p>Shazia Hussain (Service Head Culture, Learning and Leisure, Communities Localities & Culture) shazia.hussain@towerhamlets.gov.uk</p>
<p>What supporting documents or other information will be available?</p>	<p>Detailed plans of works for which planning permission has been granted. Detailed report including key features of proposed tender.</p>
<p>Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?</p>	<p>No, Unrestricted</p>

NOTES

Advance notice of Key Decisions

Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition

of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Article 13.03 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, or the Mayor in Cabinet.

Further information on the Mayor and Members of the Cabinet can be found on the Council [website](#).

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known, whilst a Forward Plan collating these decisions will be published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Forward Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required. [The Committee pages](#) on the Council website include copies of the Forward Plan, Cabinet and other meeting dates and the publication dates of the Forward Plan.

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (including on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution will have to be followed.

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about the issues listed in the Forward Plan is to examine the consultation column of the Forward Plan, and/or contact the report author or Cabinet Lead Member as soon as possible, and no later than 10 working days before the decision is expected to be taken.

You can also view the Council's [Consultation Calendar](#), which lists all the issues on which the Council and its partners are consulting.

Reports, appendices and background papers will be available on the Council's website 5 clear working days before the Cabinet meeting. For all other information or to submit documents in relation to any issue, please contact the relevant officer.

Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private

The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to an item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed below. Note that this applies to Cabinet but not to Individual Mayoral Decisions outside of Cabinet.

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)

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