

**Executive Decision  
Individual Decision Notice**



**Decision Maker: Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting, 17 Jan 17**

**Classification:**  
[Unrestricted]

**Stepney City Farm Water Efficiency and Visitor Experience Improvement Works**

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.

<b>Key Decision? No</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b> Stepney Green
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>Approve the grant funding to Stepney City Farm to improve the water efficiency and visitor experience around the farm and ensure the community facility is accessible to all.</p> <p>Project funding was secured through s106 contribution associated with the Ocean Estate Redevelopment, with the project identified in accordance with the terms of the s106 agreement.</p> <p>The s106 Agreement required the Developers to provide written approval of the projects identified by the Council, prior to release of the money. Approval was granted in September 2014 and the s106 contribution received by the Council October 2014. The contribution was been secured specifically for improvements works at Stepney City Farm.</p> <p>The Farm have previously been granted finances to improve the surfaces at the farm for accessibility and the water irrigation works proposed need to be installed in advance of the new pathways being installed in early 2017.</p>

<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>Creating and maintaining a vibrant, successful place</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Ayas Miah)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this	Stepney City Farm is a working farm and community meeting place and provides opportunities for children and adults a chance to meet

consultation take place	<p>farm animals, learn how to grow food and try out arts and crafts. The farm also hosts school groups four days a week during term time as well as activities during the holiday.</p> <p>The proposal for Stepney City Farm to provide improvements to the irrigation system at the farm and other water efficiency. The proposed system would be based on a rainwater harvesting facility to reduce the environmental impact of the farm practices as well as reducing operational costs for the farm. The improvements will also alleviate the current issues of water logged areas. This will open up areas of the farm for improved usage and allow mobility for wheelchairs and pushchairs around the whole site after heavy rainfall. This will enable the Farm to provide an improved service to the local community, primarily school children and volunteers, but also the elderly and disabled who utilise the farm services.</p> <p>The proposed improvements consist of seating and tables to be utilised within the Café area and benches for 'rest' stops around the Farm. The signage will be used to improve the visitors knowledge of the animals and also help keep animals and visitors safe. In line with the Farms mission of improving access of the farm and making it welcoming to all, the proposals are to install wheelchair accessible tables</p> <p>The Infrastructure Delivery Sub Group approved the funding of the Water Efficiency Project in October 2016 and Visitor Experience Improvements in November 2016.</p>
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	N/A
Contact details for comments or additional information	Matthew Pullen Infrastructure Planning Team Leader Matthew.Pullen@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	N/A
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	No, Unrestricted

## 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.

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)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
  - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.

7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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