

**Executive Decision
Individual Decision Notice**



Decision Maker: Grants Determination (Cabinet) Sub-Committee, 3 Jul 19

Classification:
[Unrestricted or Exempt]

Formal offer of Historic Building Grant to St. Mary and Holy Trinity Church

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.

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| Key Decision? Yes | Ward(s) Bow East |
| Summary of Decision | <p>St Mary and Holy Trinity Church applied for a Historic Buildings Grant of £30,000 in March 2018.</p> <p>The grant would contribute towards a second phase of repair work on the Church. The first phase, which focused on remedial and restoration work to the west tower, was completed in June 2018. The Council contributed a Historic Buildings Grant of £20,000 to the project.</p> <p>The second phase will help further alleviate damp and water ingress problems at a lower level, improve access to enable a wider range of community activities, enhance the appearance of the church and the setting of the conservation area. The work should see the removal of the church from Historic England's Heritage at Risk register.</p> <p>A decision to make an informal offer of grant in principle, subject to conditions, at the Grants Determination Sub-committee on 27 September 2018. The Council was not in a position to make a formal offer of grant at that stage because the Church could not make the conditions for a formal grant offer, which is a full specification, drawings and three detailed quotes until after going to tender and a tender report written by the architect. These items have now been received; they have been checked and found to be in order by the Heritage at Risk Projects Officer.</p> <p>St Mary and Holy Trinity Church have been awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant offer and have an imminent start date, pending approvals from TfL for highway access.</p> |

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| | <p>(a) Without these works, the nationally significant Grade II* building would continue to suffer from damp and water ingress, leading to a further deterioration in the condition and appearance of the historic fabric. Without the repair work, Historic England would also continue to retain the listed building on its Heritage at Risk register.</p> <p>(b) If the project goes ahead, the appearance of the church and the churchyard would be improved, enhancing the setting of the Fairfield Road Conservation Area. Access improvements would enable regular maintenance work to the church, reducing long term costs.</p> <p>(c) The Church is one of the last remaining mediaeval buildings in the borough and it is a powerful contributor to a sense of place and continuity of the area. If the project does not go ahead, aspirations to enhance existing and develop new community services for a wider audience may not be realised. The project has the ability to contribute towards the theme 'A Great Place to Live' in the Community Plan to build a One Tower Hamlets.</p> |
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| Community Plan Theme | |
| Cabinet Member | Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Planning, Air Quality and Tackling Poverty (Councillor Rachel Blake) |
| Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place | Commissioners Head of Planning and Building Control |
| Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment? | Report and cabinet meeting |
| Contact details for comments or additional information | Anna Zucchelli (Heritage at Risk Projects Officer) Michael Ritchie (Place Shaping Team Leader) |
| 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 |

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.

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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