

**Executive Decision  
Individual Decision Notice**



**Decision Maker: Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting, 13 July 2015**

**Classification:**  
Unrestricted

**St. Paul's Church Pocket Park, Shadwell**

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is hereby given that an Executive Key Decision is required to be taken under General Exception Urgency provisions as it is not possible to provide at least 28 clear days' notice of the decision but it is possible to give at least 5 clear days' notice of the decision.

As required under the above regulations, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be notified of the above decision being taken under the General Exception Provision.

This notification will be published as soon as possible before the decision is taken, stating why the decision must be taken urgently.

**Reason why it is impractical to provide 28 clear days' notice of the decision:**

The St Paul's Church pocket park project secured funding from the GLA under the GLA Pocket Parks Initiative. This GLA initiative was launched in November 2012 to deliver improvements to London's outdoor spaces and to improve streets, squares, parks, canal and riverside spaces across the capital. Funding was prioritised by the Council due to the St Paul's Church project being awarded match funding from the GLA Pocket Parks initiative. The project has been completed and it is therefore urgent that this be considered by the Commissioners, to enable a decision to be made and funds to be transferred to the Church as soon as possible.

**Signature:**

Manmohan Dayal

**Date:**

16<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

**Further details of the decision to be taken:**

<b>Key Decision?</b> Yes	<b>Ward(s)</b> Shadwell
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	To approve the match funding for the Pocket Park at St. Paul's Church, Shadwell.
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A Great Place to Live; A Prosperous Community</b>
Who will be consulted before	St Paul's Shadwell ("SPS") gardens are now one of very few gardens and Open spaces in Shadwell, which have enhanced the

<p>decision is made and how will this consultation take place</p>	<p>Green Grid and contributed towards publicly accessible open space within the borough. The aim of the project was to improve the church gardens in order to create a more inviting publicly accessible open space for local people to enjoy. The space is now fully accessible between dawn and dusk and open to all. The improvements include improved landscaping, children's play facilities, seated areas and stations to encourage people to carry out exercise. Signage reminding people of the history of the church and its connection to the local docks would have also been included.</p> <p>The space has been delivered in partnership with GLA, the Council and the Church. There were extensive consultations with GLA and Ground Work (the Delivery Arm of GLA). Subsequently, there were consultations with the Green Grid Steering Group where it was agreed to support the project. Further, the project was presented before The Planning Contributions Overview Panel (PCOP). Following legal review, the Project Initiation Document (PID) of the project was approved in July 2014. It agreed to provide funding on condition that the recipient would provide 100% match funding. The Council agreed to support the project as it aligned with the objectives of the Council's Local Plan related Green Grid Strategy to create more publicly accessible open space within the borough. Subsequently, extensive public consultations were conducted with the local community. Based on that, a preliminary design prepared which was later developed by the Landscape Architects</p>
<p>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Contact details for comments or additional information</p>	<p>Manmohan Dayal          Planning Officer- Plan Delivery Team  <a href="mailto:Manmohan.Dayal@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Manmohan.Dayal@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>What supporting documents or other information will be available?</p>	<p>St. Paul's Church Pocket Park Appendix 1-4</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</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.

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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