

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 5.31 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

**ROOM C1, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

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| Councillor Sabina Akhtar* | – (Cabinet Member for Culture, Arts and Sports) |
| Councillor Asma Begum | – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Children, Youth Services, Education and Equalities (Statutory Deputy Mayor)) |
| Councillor Candida Ronald* | – (Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector) |
| Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman* | – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Work, Economic Growth and Faith) |
| Councillor Asma Islam* | – (Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning) |

Apologies:

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| Councillor Rachel Blake | – (Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing) |
| Councillor Sirajul Islam | – (Cabinet Member for Community Safety) |
| Councillor Mufeedah Bustin | – Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio) |
| Councillor Kahar Chowdhury | – Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio) |

Officers Present:

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| Judith St John | – (Director, Commissioning and Culture, Children's Services) |
| James Thomas | – (Corporate Director, Children and Culture) |
| David Knight | – (Democratic Services Officer, Committees, Governance) |

*Councillors present in person in the Committee Room. (Remaining Councillors attended from remote locations).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None were declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

That the unrestricted minutes of the Board meeting held on 28th April 2021 be approved and the Chair was authorised to sign as a correct record of proceedings.

3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Budget Update

The Board received a report that provided updates on the KGFT activities and financial information in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission. The report requested approval for the KGFT draft unaudited accounts for 2018-19 and 2019-20, and the Trust's annual reports for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. It also provided an update on urgent repairs required to the outdoor lighting at Stepney Green Astroturf. As a result of a full and wide-ranging discussion the Board observed that:

- It is required to approve accounts to be audited and submitted to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.
- This report provides the draft unaudited accounts in advance of the final audited accounts being available.
- Once the final audited accounts are available, a further report will be submitted to the Board to enable Members to approve the annual accounts and reports for submission to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.
- The preparation of the Trust's accounts has been severely delayed due to a range of issues. As a consequence, the Trust's annual accounts for 2018-19 and 2019-20 are now overdue for submission to the Charity Commission. Steps have been taken to address this matter and the unaudited accounts for 2018-19 and 2019-20 [Appendices 1 and 2] have been prepared for submission to the appointed auditors Arnold Hill, subject to the Trust's approval.
- The draft annual reports have been produced in keeping with the requirements of the Charity Commission for organisations with a turnover of over £1million. The draft annual reports for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are at Appendices 3, 4 and 5.
- The floodlights at Stepney Green Astroturf are currently not working. The replacement parts are not available in the UK and the European lighting company (that is the sole supplier) is facing long delays in supplying the parts to the UK. As a consequence, the Parks team has investigated an alternative scheme to refurbish the floodlights by converting the light heads to light-emitting diode (LED) lights, which will

be cheaper to run and more energy efficient than the existing fittings.
The cost of refurbishing the floodlights is estimated to be £30,000 and
the funding for this will be found from within the Trust's resources.

As a result of discussions on the report the Board **agreed** to:

1. **Approve** the draft unaudited accounts for 2018-19 and 2019-20. [Appendices 1 and 2 to follow]
2. **Approve** the draft annual reports for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 [Appendices 3, 4 and 5].
3. **Note** an update on urgent repairs required to the outdoor lighting at Stepney Green Astroturf

4. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contained information defined as Exempt in Part 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 5.55 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Sabina Akhtar
King George's Field Charity Board