

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY  
BOARD**

**HELD AT 5.44 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL**

**Members Present in Person:**

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	
Councillor Maium Talukdar	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning (Statutory Deputy Mayor))
Councillor Kabir Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding)
Councillor Musthak Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Jobs, Enterprise, Skills and Growth)
Councillor Shafi Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate)
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care)
Councillor Abu Chowdhury	(Cabinet Member for Safer Communities)
Councillor Kamrul Hussain	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Recreation)
Councillor Abdul Wahid	(Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Equalities and Social Inclusion)

**Apologies:**

Councillor Saied Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)
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**Officers Present in Person:**

Simon Baxter	(Corporate Director Communities)
Catherine Boyd	(Head of Arts, Parks and Events)
Caroline Dzandu	Senior Estates Surveyor
Jack Painter	Democratic Services Officer

**Officers In Attendance Virtually:**

Joanne Dunyaglo	(Principal Property Lawyer)
Richard Ward	(Head of Commercial & Contracts)

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None were declared.

## **2. PUBLIC BENEFIT GUIDANCE**

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance be noted.

## **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

That the unrestricted minutes of the Board meeting held on Wednesday 22 November 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

## **4. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **4.1 Terms of Reference of the King George's Field Charity Board**

**RESOLVED** that the Board notes it's terms of reference, membership and quorum as set out in the report submitted.

### **4.2 King George's Field Trust audited accounts and annual report 2022/2023**

The item was withdrawn before the meeting.

### **4.3 King George's Field Trust update on audited accounts 21/22, current financial position, governance update, activity update and allocation of Fields in Trust grant funding**

**RESOLVED** that the Board;

1. Notes the update on audited accounts and annual reports to the Charity Commission.
2. Notes the forecasted financial position for 2023/24 as set out in appendix 1 in the report submitted.
3. Notes the activities update for 2023/24 as set out in appendix 2 in the report submitted.
4. Notes the Governance update.
5. Reviewed the options set out in appendix 3 in the report submitted and agreed for officers to take forward the Match funding practice cricket nets at a KGFT park / open space, creation of a small refreshment kiosk at Stepney Green Astro turf and Match funding towards Playzone scheme upgrades to the pitches at Mile End Park. Officers to provide a further report to the Board to formally approve allocation of all of the funds.
6. Note, and have regard to, the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance as set out in appendix 4 in the report submitted.

#### **4.4 King George's Field Trust Review of Fees and Charges 2024/25**

RESOLVED that the Board;

1. Approves the proposed hire charge increases for the Art and Ecology Pavilions from June 2024 and authorises the Corporate Director of Communities and Corporate Director of Resources to implement the new Charges as shown in Appendix 1 in the report submitted. The proposed reduction for off peak corporate bookings was deferred for further consideration regarding marketing of the venues.
2. Approves the proposed hire charge increase for the Stepney Green astroturf from June 2024 and authorises the Corporate Director of Communities and Corporate Director of Resources to implement the new Charges as shown in Appendix 2 in the report submitted.

#### **4.5 King George's Field Trust update on leases for Commercial and Retail Assets**

It was decided that the board would consider this item with the exclusion of the press and public. What was resolved by the board is shown below.

RESOLVED that the board;

1. Notes the status of payments received and arrears for Green Bridge retail units.
2. Notes the ongoing discussions with "Tenant A" in respect of outstanding arrears and their lease arrangements. The Board requested further information be provided with respect of the proposed arrangements.
3. Notes the report in respect of the rent review for "Tenant B" and their lease arrangements. The Board requested further information be provided.
4. Notes the current position with regard to negotiations with "Tenant C" regarding their lease renewal.
5. Notes the status of lease renewal arrangements with "Tenant D".
6. Notes the ongoing discussions with "Tenant E" regarding their rent review and requested details of all outstanding rent reviews.

**5. 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 contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.

**6. EXEMPT REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

See minute 4.5.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

None.

The meeting ended at 7:15pm

Chair, Mayor Lutfur Rahman  
King George's Field Charity Board