

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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

HELD AT 6.20 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 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 Saied Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Cost of Living)
Councillor Shafi Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Environment and the Climate Emergency)
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 Musthak Ahmed	(Cabinet Member for Jobs, Enterprise, Skills and Growth)
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury	(Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care)

Officers Present in Person:

Simon Baxter	(Corporate Director Communities)
David Joyce	(Corporate Director, Housing & Regeneration)
Jahur Ali	(Director Leisure and Culture)
Catherine Boyd	(Head of Arts, Parks and Events)
Joanne Dunyaglo	(Principal Property Lawyer)
Caroline Dzandu	(Senior Estates Surveyor)
Siddiqa Islam	(Interim Director of Regeneration, Housing Supply & Assets)
Jack Painter	(Democratic Services Officer)

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 29 May 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

4. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 King George's Field Trust audited accounts and annual report 2022/2023

RESOLVED that the Board:

1. Approves the audited accounts 2022/23 for submission to the Charity Commission. (Appendix 1)
2. Approves the annual report for 2022/23 for submission to the Charity Commission. (Appendix 1)
3. Approves the Letter of Representation from Arnold Hill & Co LLP. (Appendix 2)
4. Notes the Management Letter 2023 from Arnold Hill & Co LLP and management response. (Appendix 3)
5. Notes the Letter of Ownership Confirmation sign off required by the charity's auditors, Arnold Hill & Co LLP. (Appendix 4), from the Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, before the accounts can be signed off by the charity's auditors.
6. Notes the Letter of Support from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets (Appendix 5).
7. Grants permission to appoint Arnold Hill & Co LLP to audit the accounts for 2023/24.
8. Notes the current financial position for 2024/25. (Appendix 6)
9. Noted the activities update for 2024/25. (Appendix 7)
10. Noted the governance update. (Appendix 8)

4.2 King George's Field Trust Investment Programmes

RESOLVED that the board:

1. Notes the proposed investment programme for Mile End Park and Stepney Green Park including options for leveraging in external funding.
2. Agrees the options on the allocation of Fields in Trust funding shown in Appendix 1 of the report submitted.

4.3 King George's Field Trust Leases update

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.

The board were informed by officers that their decision regarding Tenant A could be seen as unreasonable if the matter goes to court in both the delay in arriving at this decision and the decision itself.

RESOLVED that the board:

1. Notes the ongoing discussions with "Tenant A" in respect of outstanding arrears and their lease arrangements and rejects the proposal from the tenant to assign their lease and to offset their arrears as part of the proposed lease assignment and asks that officers investigate recovering the lease and remarketing it.
2. Notes the additional information provided in respect of the lease arrangements for "Tenant B".
3. Notes the current position with "Tenant C" and agrees their request to assign their lease.
4. Approves the marketing of an arch located in Mile End Park with the outcome to be reported back to the Board at a future meeting to decide on the tenant to be selected and the granting of the lease.

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 decision 4.3.

The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

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