

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 6.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2014

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

Members Present:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Chair)

Councillor Ohid Ahmed (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Rofique U Ahmed

Councillor Abdul Asad

Councillor Alibor Choudhury

Councillor Shafiqul Haque

Officers Present:

Stephen Murray – (Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities & Culture)

Lisa Pottinger – (Head of Sport & Physical Activity)

Surjit Sandhu – (Principal Lawyer, Department of Law Probity and Governance)

Matthew Mannion – (Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Shahed Ali, Rabina Khan, Rania Khan and Oliur Rahman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Stepney Green Astro-turf Development

Stephen Murray (Head of Arts and Events) and Lisa Pottinger (Head of Sports & Physical Activity) introduced the report. They provided a summary of the proposals including providing a new 3G pitch surface and new floodlights. They also provided details of the funding arrangements including conditions which restrict future changes of use on the site.

Finally, officers explained the proposed development timeline and the impact on existing users.

Members welcomed the report but expressed concern that existing users needed to be kept fully informed and that proper assistance should be provided to help them find alternative venues whilst the pitches were out of use. They also requested that a timetable of works be presented at the next meeting.

Officers stated that they were in communication with existing users and they would ensure they were kept properly informed and supported.

RESOLVED

1. To note that under the terms and conditions of the grant, a 21 year clawback period is included on the astro-turf site, which prevents the Council from selling, transferring, leasing, licensing, mortgaging or changing the function of the astro-turf without prior written consent from the Football Foundation.
2. To approve the adoption of the capital estimate for the redevelopment of the Stepney Green Park site as outlined in Paragraph 1.1 of this report and grant delegated powers to officers to undertake any actions considered necessary to enhance and protect trust lands conduct as part of this development.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 6.08 p.m.

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