

Extraordinary Meeting of the

KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

Wednesday, 5 March 2014 at 6.00 p.m. Or at the rise of the meeting of the Cabinet, whichever is later.

AGENDA

VENUE Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

Members:

Mayor Lutfur Rahman Councillor Ohid Ahmed (Mayor)

Councillor Rofigue U Ahmed Councillor Shahed Ali **Councillor Abdul Asad Councillor Alibor Choudhury Councillor Shafigul Hague** Councillor Rabina Khan **Councillor Rania Khan Councillor Oliur Rahman**

(Deputy Mayor)

(Cabinet Member for Regeneration) (Cabinet Member for Environment) (Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing) (Cabinet Member for Resources) (Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills) (Cabinet Member for Housing) (Cabinet Member for Culture) (Cabinet Member for Children's Services)

[Note: The quorum for this body is 3 Members].

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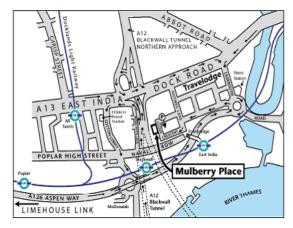
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

Wednesday, 5 March 2014

6.00 p.m.

SECTION ONE

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2.	DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS	PAGE NUMBER	WARD(S) AFFECTED
	To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992.	1 - 4	
	See attached note from the Monitoring Officer.		
3.	REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION		
3 .1	Stepney Green Astro-turf Development	5 - 8	
4.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT		

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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER

This note is for guidance only. For further details please consult the Members' Code of Conduct at Part 5.1 of the Council's Constitution.

Please note that the question of whether a Member has an interest in any matter, and whether or not that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, is for that Member to decide. Advice is available from officers as listed below but they cannot make the decision for the Member. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending a meeting.

Interests and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)

You have an interest in any business of the authority where that business relates to or is likely to affect any of the persons, bodies or matters listed in section 4.1 (a) of the Code of Conduct; and might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of yourself, a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the ward affected.

You must notify the Monitoring Officer in writing of any such interest, for inclusion in the Register of Members' Interests which is available for public inspection and on the Council's Website.

Once you have recorded an interest in the Register, you are not then required to declare that interest at each meeting where the business is discussed, unless the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI).

A DPI is defined in Regulations as a pecuniary interest of any of the descriptions listed at **Appendix A** overleaf. Please note that a Member's DPIs include his/her own relevant interests and also those of his/her spouse or civil partner; or a person with whom the Member is living as husband and wife; or a person with whom the Member is living as if they were civil partners; if the Member is aware that that other person has the interest.

Effect of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest on participation at meetings

Where you have a DPI in any business of the Council you must, unless you have obtained a dispensation from the authority's Monitoring Officer following consideration by the Dispensations Sub-Committee of the Standards Advisory Committee:-

- not seek to improperly influence a decision about that business; and
- not exercise executive functions in relation to that business.

If you are present at a meeting where that business is discussed, you must:-

- Disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, if later; and
- Leave the room (including any public viewing area) for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision

When declaring a DPI, Members should specify the nature of the interest and the agenda item to which the interest relates. This procedure is designed to assist the public's understanding of the meeting and to enable a full record to be made in the minutes of the meeting.

Where you have a DPI in any business of the authority which is not included in the Member's register of interests and you attend a meeting of the authority at which the business is considered, in addition to disclosing the interest to that meeting, you must also within 28 days notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the Register.

Further advice

For further advice please contact:-

Meic Sullivan-Gould, Monitoring Officer, 020 7364 4801; or John Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services, 020 7364 4204

APPENDIX A: Definition of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

(Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, Reg 2 and Schedule)

Subject	Prescribed description		
Employment, office, trade, profession or vacation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.		
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by the Member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of the Member. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.		
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority— (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.		
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.		
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.		
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.		
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where— (a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and (b) either—		
	(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or		
	(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.		

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Committee/Meeting:	Date:	Classification:	Report No:	
King George's Fields Charity Board	5 March 2014	Unrestricted	3.1	
Report of:	I	Title: Stepney Green Astro-turf Development		
Corporate Director, Co Localities & Culture Originating Officer: L		Wards Affected: St Dunstan's & Stepney Green/Mile End and Globe Town		

Reason for Urgency

It is necessary for the King George's Trust Board to consider this report at its meeting on 5th March 2014 as the grant conditions set by the Football Foundation require allocation of the grant by 31st March 2014. The matter has been delayed by the longer than anticipated period required to obtain planning permission which was a precondition of the grant.

The Chair of the King George's Trust Board is recommended to:

Agree that he is satisfied that this matter is urgent, as defined in the Authority's Constitution (Part 4 Rules of Procedure, Section 4.2 Access to Information Procedure Rules, Rule 6 Items of Business, sub paragraphs 6.3 and 6.5). The special circumstances justifying urgency are set out in the Reasons for Urgency detailed above.

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides details of the proposed redevelopment of the sports facilities in Stepney Green Park which includes the replacement of the existing second generation (2G) astro-turf with a third generation (3G) surface, the replacement of the existing pitch lighting with a modern artificial floodlighting system and the installation of 4.5 metre high ball-stop fence to the pitch perimeter. This development essentially replaces like for like facilities and will have a negligible impact on the existing park footprint. A Plan of the site can be viewed in Appendix 1.

2. DECISIONS REQUIRED

King George's Fields Charity Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 To approve the adoption of the capital estimate for the redevelopment of the Stepney Green Park site as outlined in point 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.

3. BODY OF REPORT

- 3.1 The Stepney Green Astro-turf with floodlights is a well-used community facility that has been in situ for nearly twenty years. After extensive use, both the astro-turf and floodlights no longer meet national standards, are coming to the end of their natural lives and are in need of replacement. There is no provision within the Council's existing capital budgets for these works and consequently an application was made to the Football Foundation in 2012 to fund the development of a full size third generation pitch, an eight column mast floodlighting system and new 4.5 meter high ball-stop fencing to the pitch perimeter.
- 3.2 Following a successful application, The Council was awarded a £451,000 grant to fully fund the development. However, the grant awarded is Exchequer funding and as a result the Football Foundation is required to allocate the grant by 31st March 2014.
- 3.3 The grant award was subject to a number of terms and conditions, the first of which was gaining planning permission for the development. Unfortunately, this process took longer than anticipated due to a several objections during the consultation phase, which were subsequently withdrawn, prior to the report being presented at Development Committee. Planning permission was approved in November 2013 but this has delayed finalising the completion of the award and tender process for the project, which has condensed the time frame available to conduct the works and allocate the project funding.
- 3.4 To protect the Football Foundation's investment in the facility, a 21 year clawback period is stipulated as a grant condition. During this period, the Council may not sell, transfer, lease, licence, mortgage or change the function of the Stepney Green Astro-turf facility without prior written consent from the Football Foundation. This is a standard

clause within the Football Foundation's grant terms and conditions and without compliance; the Council cannot be awarded the grant.

- 3.5 The Football Foundation has recommended that works commence on site from the week commencing 3rd March.
- 3.6 Should the Board grant approval for this development, the pitch will not be available for hire to the local community whilst the works are taking place and due to the need to complete the works before the end of March it will be necessary to cancel the last 4 weeks of bookings at the site.
- 3.7 The Board is asked to note that the borough will receive a fully refurbished community sports facility at no cost to the Council and should the Board decline approval for the development, there is no capital funding available to refurbish the site, which is in need of replacement.
- 3.7 Consequently, The Board is asked to confirm its support for the Stepney Development and allow the works to commence on site from 6th March, allowing the local community to benefit from a new facility that more adequately meets their needs.

4. <u>COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</u>

4.1 The report seeks the approval and the adoption of a Capital estimate by the King George's Fields Charity Board for the redevelopment of the Stepney Green Park site. The total cost of the development works as outlined in Para 1.1 is expected to cost £451,000. This will be fully funded from the grant award to the Council of £451,000 from the Football Foundation as part of the Exchequer funding. The Board are also asked to note the terms and condition of the grant which provides for a clawback period of 21 years on the Astroturf site. The allocation of the grant is therefore dependent on the development commencing in the current financial year with an estimated 10-11 week build.

5. <u>CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE</u> (LEGAL SERVICES)

- 5.1 The Council is the Trustee of the Mile End Charity pursuant to the Governing Document which is a Scheme dated 28 February 2000. The Council's constitution establishes the King Georges Fields Charity Board to administer the Charity's affairs and discharge the Council's trustee functions.
- 5.2 It is the duty of the Trustees to exercise their powers in the best interests of the present and future beneficiaries and ensure trust assets are adequately maintained.

- 5.3 The Trust is not being asked to enter into any document regarding future use of the land; simply to note that the Council is subject to clawback on the grant should the land not be used for as an Astro Turf football facility for the period of 21 years from the date of the grant. This does not contravene the Scheme of Management approved by the Charity Commission on 28th February 2000.
- 5.4 It is understood that the replacement fencing is a straight forward replacement for the existing fencing and does not expand on the enclosed area

6. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

6.1 There are no direct sustainability implications in this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Managing financial risk is of critical importance to the Directorate and maintaining financial health is essential to sustaining and improving service performance. Specific risks are project managed, recorded and progress is monitored through the directorate risk register process.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

8.1 It is envisaged that improvements to site fencing will significantly reduce anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the astro-turf area.

9. <u>EFFICIENCY STATEMENT</u>

9.1 The installation of new floodlights will make considerable efficiency improvements, which are also incorporated into capital works conducted on the site.

10. <u>APPENDICES</u>

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended) List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

Brief description of "background papers"

Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.