

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

**RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING
MEETING**

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2015

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

Members Present:

Sir Ken Knight CBE QFSM (Commissioner)
Max Caller CBE (Commissioner)

Councillors Present:

Councillor Peter Golds (Leader of the Conservative Group)
Councillor Rachael Saunders Leader of the Labour Group

Officers Present:

Andy Bamber (Service Head Safer Communities, Crime Reduction Services, Communities, Localities and Culture)
Dave Clark (Acting Service Head Resources, Development and Renewal)
Louise Fleming (Strategy Policy and Performance Officer, Head of Paid Service's Office)
Chris Holme (Acting Corporate Director - Resources)
Dorne Kanareck Commissioning Service Head
Robert McCulloch-Graham (Corporate Director, Education Social Care and Wellbeing)
Ann Sutcliffe (Service Head Corporate Property and Capital Delivery, Development and Renewal)
John Williams (Service Head, Democratic Services, Law Probity and Governance)
Everett Haughton (Third Sector Programmes Manager, Third Sector Team, Development and Renewal)
Matthew Mannion (Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, LPG)

INTRODUCTIONS

Sir Ken Knight welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained to the members of the public present that he and Max Caller were the appointed Commissioners who would be holding these meetings to take such decisions as were necessary in relation to the directions of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

He confirmed that he would be chairing the meetings.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Best Value Strategy & Action Plan - Grants

Chris Holme, Acting Corporate Director, Resources, introduced the report on the Best Value Strategy and Action Plan in relation to Grants.

The Commissioners considered the report and agreed the recommendation as set out.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the Best Value plan in relation to Grants

3.2 Main Stream Grants 2012/15 Programme - Extension

Chris Holme, Acting Corporate Director, Resources, introduced the report on the proposed extension to the 2012/15 Mainstream Grants programme for up to five months to allow for the continuation of grant awards whilst a new grants programme was consulted on and agreed.

The Commissioners asked attending Members to respond to the process that was being followed and then to the individual decisions recommended by officers. Councillors Rachael Saunders and Peter Golds provided responses.

The Commissioners considered the contributions of Members, asked a number of questions of officers and then agreed the recommendations set out in the report subject to one change:

- That Neighbours in Poplar (funding stream OPLCS-23) be moved from the Red to Amber list of projects.

RESOLVED

1. To consider the project assessments set out in Appendices 1 to 5 and determine which projects be allowed to continue from 1st April 2015, and for what period, in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 5.12 of the report.
2. To confirm the above assessments and coding for each project listed with the exception of Neighbours in Poplar (funding stream OPLCS-23) which is to be moved to the Amber list of projects.

3. To agree the timetable for development and implementation of the new mainstream grants programme 2015 to 2018, as set out in paragraph 5.9 of the report.
4. To note the equalities assessments of the existing programme as set out in Appendix 6 of the report.

[Note – due to a fire alarm the meeting was adjourned from 7:00 p.m. until 7:14 p.m.]

The meeting ended at 7.25 p.m.

Sir Ken Knight
COMMISSIONER