

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2015

**MP701, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Sir Ken Knight	(Commissioner)
Chris Allison	(Commissioner)
Max Caller	(Commissioner)
Alan Wood	(Commissioner)

Councillors Present:

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

Officers Present:

Dave Clark	(Acting Service Head Resources, Development and Renewal)
Everett Haughton	(Third Sector Programmes Manager, Third Sector Team, Development and Renewal)
Chris Holme	(Acting Corporate Director - Resources)
Dorne Kanareck	(Interim Service Head, Commissioning and Health)
Stephen Murray	(Head of Arts and Events, Communities Localities & Culture)
David Tolley	(Head of Consumer and Business Regulations Service, Safer Communities, Communities Localities & Culture)
Antonella Burgio	(Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Andrew Wood declared an interest in respect of agenda item 5.2 in that he was employed by London Borough of Hackney, a partner in the Zero Emissions Network Scheme. He took no part in the determination of this item.

Chris Holme declared an interest in respect of agenda item 5.1 in that he was a trustee of the Davenant Centre, out of which the Jagonari Project operated. He took no part in the discussion relating to this element of the report.

3. DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The decisions of the meetings held on 20th and 27th May 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

A public submission was received and **tabled** at the meeting. The Chair advised that the submission would receive careful consideration and a reply made directly to the submitter.

5. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Main Stream Grants 2012/15 Programme Extension of Amber Rated Projects

Chris Holme, Acting Corporate Director, Resources, introduced the report setting out proposals for the second of a two-phase extension for projects rated as 'amber'. A supplementary appendix was **tabled** containing an Equality Assessment of MSG Roll-Over Funding Proposals.

The Commissioners then asked attending Members to respond to the proposals in the report. Councillors Rachael Saunders expressed some reservations around some of the projects that had not achieved a 'green' rating but was broadly supportive to the proposal. Councillor Peter Golds also expressed concerns around a number of the projects that had not achieved a 'green' rating. He then asked that Elected Members, under confidential arrangements, be permitted to inspect background documents that supported the officer ratings. Commissioners agreed that this was an appropriate request and that such access should be granted.

The Commissioners queried the performance of a number of projects and were concerned that the Council should support only successful organisations and projects that would succeed. They agreed to approve all green rated projects in the schedule of officer recommendations except the Jagonari projects which would be deferred and considered separately once information requested by Commissioners had been provided.

RESOLVED

- 1 That a funding extension be approved, except funding to the Jagonari projects, as specified in tables 1 to 9 of section 5 of the report in respect of each project rated GREEN in those tables.
- 2 That there be no further funding extension,, in respect of projects rated AMBER or RED in tables 1 to 9 in section 5.

- 3 That consideration of the Jagonari projects be deferred pending receipt of additional performance/audit information and that these decisions then be determined separately by Commissioners.
- 4 That Elected Members, under confidential arrangements, be permitted to inspect background documents relating to the officer recommendations.

5.2 Air Quality Action Plan

David Tolley, Head of Consumer and Business Regulations Service, Safer Communities, introduced the report setting out proposals for a grant scheme to encourage use of sustainable transport in partnership with the London Boroughs of Hackney and Islington.

The Commissioners then asked attending Members to respond to the proposals in the report. Councillors Rachael Saunders indicated that she had no observations to make. Councillor Peter Golds expressed some concern that the scheme was focussed towards an area where there were already good sustainable transport links but was broadly supportive of the proposal.

The Commissioners agreed the recommendations as set out in the report and requested that the decisions taken by officers under delegated authority be specifically notified to the relevant Ward Councillor as well as being easily accessible to the public.

RESOLVED

1. That the implementation of a grant scheme be approved, as outlined in Appendix 1, for promoting sustainable travel options/low emission technology for businesses in the borough.
2. That the Service Head Community Service, or his delegate be authorised, to make grant awards in accordance with the scheme in Appendix 1, provided that the totality of the grants made does not exceed the available budget for such grants of £18,000.

5.3 The Greenwich and Docklands Festival

The item was deferred as it had not received the necessary clearances in time for the meeting.

5.4 Contracting of professional development workshops as part of the 2015 East End Film Festival

The item was deferred as it had not received the necessary clearances in time for the meeting.

5.5 Events Fund applications

Stephen Murray, Head of Arts and Events introduced the report which was brought under the urgency framework as some events referred to were to take place before the next Commissioners Decision Making Meeting. The report proposed to support a number of small arts events. Awards recommended for approval were listed at Appendix B and had been identified on the basis criteria and guidelines provided at Appendix D.

The Commissioners then asked attending Members to respond to the proposals. Councillors Rachael Saunders indicated that she had no observations to make. Councillor Peter Golds expressed concern regarding the number of unsuccessful applications in the Isle of Dogs area but was broadly supportive of the proposal.

The Commissioners noted that an application for multi-round activity had been refused because it had failed to make the deadline and requested that officers take steps to prevent the loss of projects by offering proactive guidance. The Commissioners also requested that a map be provided of projects accepted and refused, covering the term of the fund.

The Commissioners agreed the following recommendations:

RESOLVED

- 1 That funding for new Event Fund applications as set out in Appendix B be approved.
- 2 That funding for new Event Fund applications as set out in Appendix C be rejected.
- 3 That, where a late application is received for event that may be rolled forward, officers should investigate the potential for rescheduling the project to a later date to ensure that the project is not lost on the basis of timescales.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.21 p.m.

Chair: Sir Ken Knight
COMMISSIONER