

# COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING MEETING

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Wednesday, 24 June 2015 at 12.00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent,  
London, E14 2BG

The meeting is open to the public to attend.

**Members:**

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

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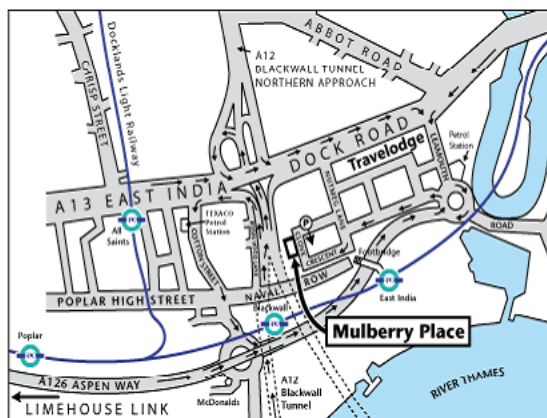
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## A Guide to Commissioner Decision Making

### **Commissioner Decision Making at Tower Hamlets**

As directed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the above Commissioners have been directed to take decision making responsibility for specific areas of work. These include examples such as the disposal of properties, awarding of grants and certain officer employment functions. This decision making body has been set up to enable the Commissioners to take their decisions in public in a similar manner to existing processes.

### **Key Decisions**

Executive decisions are all decisions that are not specifically reserved for other bodies (such as Development or Licensing Committees). Most, but not all, of the decisions to be taken by the Commissioners are Executive decisions. Certain important Executive decisions are classified as **Key Decisions**.

The constitution describes Key Decisions as an executive decision which is likely

- a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the borough.

Upcoming Key Decisions are published on the website on the 'Forthcoming Decisions' page through [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/committee). The Commissioners have chosen to broadly follow the Council's definition in classifying their determinations.

### **Published Decisions**

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- The decisions for this meeting will be published on: **Monday, 29 June 2015**



**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**  
**COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015**

**12.00 p.m.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Pages 1 - 4)**

**3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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| <b>3 .1</b> | <b>Main Stream Grants 2012/15 Programme Extension of Amber Rated Projects</b>                       | <b>5 - 6</b> | <b>All Wards</b> |
| <b>3 .2</b> | <b>The Greenwich and Docklands Festival</b>   |              | <b>All Wards</b> |
| <b>3 .3</b> | <b>Contracting of professional development workshops as part of the 2015 East End Film Festival</b> |              | <b>All Wards</b> |

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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, Interim Monitoring Officer, 020 7364 4800
- 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	<p>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.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.</p>
Contracts	<p>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—</p> <p>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</p> <p>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</p>
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	<p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <p>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</p>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(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.</p>

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<b>Commissioner Noting Report</b>	 <b>TOWER HAMLETS</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Corporate Director –Education, Social Care and Wellbeing	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Dorne Kanareck, Service Head, ESCW
<b>Wards affected</b>	LAP3-Whitechapel LAP4-Shadwell
<b>Key Decision?</b>	
<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	A Prosperous Community A Safe and Cohesive Community A Healthy and Supportive Community One Tower Hamlets.  Children and Families Plan 2012-2015 Family Well Being Model

At the Commissioners’ meeting on Wednesday, 16 June, to consider the continuing funding to Mainstream Grants projects, Commissioners asked for further details in the explanation of the varied RAG ratings for Jagonari Women's Educational Resource Centre.

**Overview of organisation**

Jagonari states in its constitution that is committed to promoting race relations between racial groups, equal opportunities for women, and using Jagonari Centre to provide facilities for recreational, educational, religious and cultural activities which will improve the social conditions of women - and their families - particularly Black and Minority Ethnic women living or working in Greater London.

**Mainstream Grants Funding January 2013 – March 2015 – Children and Young People**

Jagonari was approved for funding from 4 budget streams as follows:

Budget stream	Project Name	Total Award	RAG Rating
Children and Families	Special Times	£22,500	Red
Early Years	Jagonari Playhouse	£60,000	Green
Early Years	Wapping Playzone	£23,145	Green
Community languages	Wapping Creative Bangla Project	£6,250	Red

All funding for the projects have been fully paid, based on receipt of satisfactory quarterly monitoring reports which were desk assessed and visits carried out by various programme officers.

## **Monitoring**

Reports to the Corporate Grants Programme Board have RAGGED each project independently on the basis of their performance in preceding quarters against the service standards and targets for each of the budget areas.

The ***Special Times*** project has ceased as a result of match funding coming to an end which meant the organisation was unable to continue to deliver this project. The organisation informed us of this after original decisions relating to extensions were made. They have therefore not received any funding for this financial year. This project has therefore been rated Red. There are no actions underway to ensure improvements, as the project has ended.

***Jagonari Playhouse*** and ***Wapping Playzone*** projects, early years' provision are of a good standard and both projects have been rated Green accordingly and continue to be monitored closely by the Early Years' service in the Learning & Achievement.

The ***Wapping Creative Bangla Project***; Community Languages was ragged red as of a result of being unable to evidence delivery. The organisation will therefore not be receiving funding for this quarter, due non-performance.

The Council is aware of the current issues relating to the lease of the Jagonari Centre, which relate to non-payment of rent over a period of time (for premises which are not Council premises). Officers are monitoring the situation closely to ensure this does not impact on service delivery or service users using Jagonari Playhouse and Wapping Playzone, which are the two projects the organisation is continuing to run through Council funding.