

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

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

**HELD AT 6.40 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2016**

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

**Members Present:**

Sir Ken Knight	(Commissioner)
Chris Allison	(Commissioner)
Max Caller	(Commissioner)
Mayor John Biggs	(Executive Mayor)
Councillor Rachael Saunders	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education & Children's Services)

**Councillors Present:**

Councillor Peter Golds	(Leader of the Conservative Group)
Councillor John Pierce	

**Officers Present:**

Zena Cooke	(Corporate Director, Resources)
Nadir Ahmed	(Business Support Manager, Development and Renewal)
Ann Sutcliffe	(Service Head Corporate Property and Capital Delivery, Development and Renewal)
Matthew Mannion	(Committee Services Manager, Democratic Services, Law, Probity and Governance)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Alan Wood (Commissioner).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor and Councillor Rachael Saunders noted that they had had meetings with the Somali Senior Citizens Club.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

There were no submissions.

#### **4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

##### **4.1 Building Licence Grant Somali Senior Citizens Club**

The Commissioners noted and agreed the reasons for urgency for considering this grant application. The application was discussed with the Chair of the Grants Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Mayor and Councillor Rachael Saunders as co-optees to the Commissioner's Decision Making Meeting. There was general support for the application whilst noting the importance of ensuring the community buildings review was completed and that this application did not set a precedent for other applications.

#### **DECISION**

1. To approve an allocation grant of £12,500 to the Somali Senior Citizens Club to cover their licence fee for a six month period pending the completion of the Community Buildings Review, which will determine the future use of Granby Hall.
2. To agree that the grant funding of £12,500 will be:
  - i. transferred subject to receipt of a signed licence agreement;
  - ii. paid by a reallocation of funding from the MSG budget to the property budget; and
  - iii. the currently withheld MSG payments will then be released to the Somali Senior Citizens Club.
3. To agree that the council may enter into a licence in relation to Granby Hall, 37 St Matthew's Row, E2 6DT, with the Somali Senior Citizens Club for a six-month term.

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 6.46 p.m.

Chair: Sir Ken Knight  
COMMISSIONER