

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

**RECORD OF THE DECISIONS OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY
BOARD**

HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 6 MARCH 2018

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

Members Present:

Mayor John Biggs	
Councillor David Edgar	(Cabinet Member for Resources)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Denise Jones	(Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Services)
Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE	(Cabinet Member for Culture and Youth)

Apologies:

Councillor Amina Ali	(Cabinet Member for Environment)
Councillor Asma Begum	(Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Rachel Blake	(Cabinet Member for Strategic Development & Waste)
Councillor Joshua Peck	(Cabinet Member for Work & Economic Growth)
Councillor Amy Whitelock Gibbs	(Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services)

Others Present:

Bob Bennett	(Crossrail Consultant)
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Officers Present:

Agnes Adrien	(Team Leader, Enforcement & Litigation, Legal Services)
Stephen Murray	(Head of Arts and Events)
Owen Whalley	(Divisional Director, Planning & Building Control)
Joel West	(Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

That the unrestricted minutes of the Board meeting held on 9 January 2018 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of proceedings.

3. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Crossrail Stepney Green Land Transfer and Landscape Reinstatement

DECISION:

That the Board

1. Notes the works already undertaken by Crossrail at Mile End Park and Stepney Green in mitigation for the permanent and temporary loss of land resulting from the construction of the Elizabeth Line
2. Agrees that the land to the west of Garden Street be reinstated as part of Stepney Green Park as shown on Appendix 2 of the report
3. Agrees that land to the east of Garden Street including the remains of the Baptist Chapel be leased to Stepney City Farm Charity for use as an extension to the existing farm for a period of 10 years;
4. Agrees in principle to a 25 year lease as set out in paragraph 3.2.8 of the report and asks officers to explore how this can best be achieved without conflicting with the Trust's Governing Document, including the possibility of amending the Governing Document, if appropriate.
5. Authorises the Corporate Director, Governance to execute all necessary documents necessary to implement the above resolutions.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR PLACE (A. Sutcliffe)

(Owen Whalley –Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control).

Reasons for the decision

Crossrail has now submitted a Landscape Restoration application for Stepney Green in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Crossrail Act which indicates detailed proposals for the land currently occupied by Crossrail including the reinstatement of Stepney Green Park and details of the materials for the shaft itself. These applications will need to be determined within the normal eight week timetable but the outstanding mitigation works at Stepney Green cannot commence until the shaft is completed and handed over to Transport for London. However, no detailed proposals have been submitted for the land east of Garden Street previously occupied by Stepney City Farm.

Alternative options

Alternative options for the use of the reinstated land at Stepney Green are the subject of this report and are discussed in detail in section 3.2. The other mitigation measures set out in the report, such as the reinstatement of Garden Street, are constrained to a large extent by the operational requirements of the Elizabeth Line. This includes the need to provide evacuation and emergency access to and from the shaft and need for servicing of the equipment located within the shaft.

3.2 Update on Mile End Park - March 2018

DECISION:

That the Board:

1. Notes the key outputs on the Mile End Park Management Plan 2017 as set out in Appendix 5.
2. Notes the annual review Mile End Park Management Plan 2018-19 as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
3. Notes the budget report for Period 9 2017-18 financial year as set out in Appendix 3.
4. Notes the update on the ponds by the Arts and Eco Pavilions as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report.
5. Approves the revised guidelines on applying to place structures in Mile End Park as set out in Appendix 4 subject to inclusion of a direct local connection requirement in the Memorials paragraph of section 1.2.2 of the guidance.
6. Approves the proposals for subsidised lettings of Pavilions to community organisations as set out in Appendix 1.

Action by:

CORPORATE DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (D. Jones)
(Stephen Murray –Head of Arts, Parks and Events).

Reasons for the decision

The Council is the Trustee of the Mile End Charity and the Council's Constitution establishes the King George's Fields Charity Board ('the Board') to administer the charities affairs and discharge the Council's trustee functions. The purpose of the charity is to preserve the Park Lands in perpetuity as a memorial to King George V under the provisions of the King George's Fields Foundation and in considering the report and recommendations the Board is ensuring that the charity is carrying out the purposes for which it is set up, and no other purpose

Alternative options

Not to approve the revised guidelines for applying to place sculptures/plaques in Mile End Park.

Not to approve the proposals on subsidies for the hire of pavilions and which would result in all hirers paying the same set fees.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

None.

The meeting ended at 6.40 p.m.

Mayor John Biggs