Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma

Decision Log No: (33)



Report of: Corporate Director of Development & Renewal – Aman Dalvi

Classification: Unrestricted

Tower Hamlets Multi Faith Burial Site

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	N/A
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report recommends a purchase of a 125 year lease of 3 acres of land for the use as a burial site. It also recommends that the Council enters in to a Management Agreement for burial services on the site. It also proposes to end the current practice of paying a contribution to each burial and in the future make a charge for the service. There are further details on the scheme in a Part 2 report.

DECISION

To;

- a) Note the contents of the report;
- b) Authorise officers to enter in to an Agreement to Lease for the acquisition of three acres on a 125 year long lease basis and to enter in to a Management Agreement for the management of the site, provision of graves and long term maintenance.
- c) End the current contribution of £225 per burial paid for funeral services outside the Borough and ring-fence the budget of £30,000 for supporting the annual net operating costs of the proposed multi-faith burial facility.

APPROVALS	
1.	Corporate Director proposing the decision
	I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor.
	Signed Date 12 6 2013.
2.	Corporate Director proposing the decision
	I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor.
	Signed . St. Date . 12 6 2013
3	Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy
	I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.
	Signed
4.	Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy
	I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.
	(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable) I confirm that this decision:-
/	(a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR (b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.
	Signed

EXECUTIVE MAYORAL DECISION

I have considered the above information and advice on the acquisition of a Multi Faith Burial site for Tower Hamlets as detailed in the report.

My decision is based on the following reasons:-

• A thorough search for a suitable site has been carried out

• The project will deliver benefits to the residents of Tower Hamlets.

• It satisfies the requirements set out in the Council's Local development Framework Core Strategy