

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**

**PETITIONS**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,  
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**SUMMARY**

1. The Council's Constitution provides for up to three petitions to be received at each Council Meeting. These are taken in order of receipt. This report sets out the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014.
2. The deadline for receipt of petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. However, at the time of agenda despatch the maximum number of petitions has already been received as set out overleaf.
3. The texts of the petitions received for presentation to this meeting are set out in the attached report. In each case the petitioners may address the meeting for no more than three minutes. Members may then question the petitioners for a further four minutes. Finally, the relevant Cabinet Member or Chair of Committee may respond to the petition for up to three minutes.
4. Any outstanding issues will be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will respond to those outstanding issues in writing within 28 days.
5. Members, other than a Cabinet Member or Committee Chair responding at the end of the item, should confine their contributions to questions and not make statements or attempt to debate.

### **5.1 Save Kobi Nazrul School (Petition from Mr Suroth Miah and others)**

“We, the undersigned parents, and residents within the immediate neighbourhood of Kobi Nazrul School, are extremely concerned and furious at the Headteacher and Governing Body. It transpired at a meeting held on 17/12/2013 to our shock, that they have already made an application to the DfE for our school to become an academy, and that an unknown entity known as OCA Trust has been chosen as the preferred sponsor and already started working with the school. The Headteacher and Governing Body have completely failed to consult with teaching staff, parents, residents, our elected Mayor and ward councillors. We request that the local authority council immediately intervene. Our children’s wellbeing and education is being destroyed.”

### **5.2 Illegal ‘raves’ in Wapping (Petition from Mr Nahimaul Islam, Mr Stuart Madewell and others)**

“Two people were stabbed at an illegal ‘rave’ held in Pennington Street on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. We, the undersigned, are concerned residents of Wapping who are calling on the Mayor to take action against the owners of dis-used warehouses in Pennington Street which are being used for illegal ‘raves’.”

### **5.3 Road safety and traffic calming in Devons Road, E3 (Petition from Mr Shahnur Miah and others)**

“Petition calling for Tower Hamlets Council to construct speed humps along the stretch of Devons Road running beside Tidey Street, E3, for traffic running in both directions.”