

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL 2015

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 15th April 2015.
2. The deadline for receipt of petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 9th April 2015. 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 Petition entitled 'Save Our Homes – Enough is Enough – Brune, Bernard, Carter & Barnett House.' (Petition from Mr Shamsur Rahman and others)

We, the undersigned, local residents of Brune, Bernard, Carter and Barnett House – in conjunction with the BBC Community Centre – request the Mayor and the Executive Cabinet Member for Housing to intervene and help us stop the proposed demolition of our homes by East End Homes (EEH).

EEH took over the Estate from the Tower Hamlets Council to provide improvements in 2006 but this agreement was not for demolition and to make a profit at the expense of the destruction for our homes, livelihood and families.

The Estate represents rich local history and is a testament of good, vibrant, harmonious and multicultural ethos of Tower Hamlets. EEH were trusted to provide good management, improvements and better services but have clearly not done so.

We believe that they have flouted the promises, terms and condition and spirit of the agreement – particularly the essence of 34 clauses in the transfer documents signed by them in November 2006. This is pure greed and utter disregard of their responsibilities as registered Social Landlord.

5.2 Petition regarding Globe Town Mosque and Cultural Centre, E2 0PG (Petition from Mr Suayb Ullah and others)

We, the undersigned, local residents and stakeholders, request the Tower Hamlets Council and Mayor to ensure that the Globe Town Mosque and Cultural Centre (100 Roman Road, E2 0PG) abide by their responsibilities. The Council need to insist on the following conditions that must be fulfilled when the lease comes to an end on 7 July 2015. Before renewing the lease, the Council must ensure that:-

1. The lease is not given to a person who does not live near to the mosque but to a representative local residents committee consisting of members of local charity – Vision for Globe Town (Registered Charity) that serves local elderly people over 60, drug rehabilitation and provide advocacy and advice for disable people and cultural and activities for young people including Christmas parties.
2. Premise is not used as a personal property, as is the case by the current.
3. There is a new transparent and fully consulted constitution – not the current version that is written and support a fiefdom and support from certain people. The Constitution need to be rewritten as the current version is not fit for purpose and it discriminates against people. A copy of the constitution can be provided to substantiate this.
4. In order to provide a clear and true representation, there is – at least – a membership of 200 local people that live on the streets adjacent to the

mosque, such as Globe Road, Oldford Road, Grove Road and Mile End Road – the square where the Mosque is situated.

5. The unauthorised kitchen and erected in the basement should be taken down. People are staying overnight or longer in the basement without adequate facilities and safety arrangements.
6. A current Committee member of the management Committee attacked a local person in the mosque and the police was called and arrested him which shows how out of touch and unrepresentative they are.

We would like and urge the Council and Mayor to ensure that above fair and reasonable conditions are met before any renewal of the lease or the lease be awarded to local charity based and rooted in the local community.

5.3 Petition regarding the Watts Grove development (Petition from Mr Terry McGreenera and others)

During the consultation process for the Watts Grove development residents requested that the plans include a community hall (residents regret that there was no consultation prior to the plans being drawn). This petition believes that a community hall should be integral to the development of Watts Grove.