

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS WITH LBTH OFFICERS

HELD AT 11.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2015

CHRIS HOLME'S OFFICE, 3RD FLOOR, MULBERRY PLACE

Present:

Sir Ken Knight (KK)	(Commissioner)
Max Caller (MC)	(Commissioner)
Chris Allison (CA)	(Commissioner)
Alan Wood (AW)	(Commissioner)
Chris Holme (CH)	(Acting Corporate Director - Resources)
Dave Clark (DC)	(Acting Service Head Resources, Development and Renewal)
Owen Whalley (OW)	(Service Head Planning and Building Control, Development & Renewal)
Louise Fleming (LF)	(Strategy Policy and Performance Officer, Head of Paid Service's Office)

1. NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 2015

The notes of the meeting held on 6 May 2015 were agreed.

Matters Arising

DC advised that the information requested at the last meeting in relation to the Events Fund had not been submitted in time for inclusion in the agenda and therefore the item would be put on the agenda for the next Grants meeting on 3rd June.

ACTION BY: DC

2. FEEDBACK FROM COMMISSIONERS MEETING IN PUBLIC 13 MAY 2015

MC advised that there should be no decision made on the Mela in 2016, including booking a venue, until the Commissioners had seen the outcome of the audit into Year 3. MC advised that he had requested the Head of Paid Service to investigate the distribution of political leaflets at the Mela showing the former Mayor's image.

In response CH **AGREED** that he would write to the Mela organisers, reminding them that their application for a grant for 2016 would need to be submitted by 5th June. He advised that there were still outstanding issues to be resolved with the 2013 and 2014 accounts.

ACTION BY: CH

MC expressed concern that there was an inconsistency in the format and quality of the reports presented to the meeting on 13 May. However, it was noted that the Mela report was a difficult and finely balanced issue. CH explained his rationale for rating the application AMBER rather than RED. MC requested that in future, reports to public decision making meetings set out the options; and if it is a finely balanced issue, set out the advantages and disadvantages of all options.

ACTION BY: CH