


Individual Commissioner Decision Decision Log No: 46	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Stephen Halsey, Director, CLC	Classification: Unrestricted
Event Fund, Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations 2016	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	13 March 2016
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- To approve the allocation of £5000 from Event Fund budget for small grants of up to £250 for community events celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday
- To approve relaxation of certain Event Fund criteria for these events only
- To amend the Event Fund deadline for all (Round 3) June events to 21st April to ensure adequate notice is given to applicants

The Event Fund is a small grant fund for community arts events which has been operating successfully for a number of years. It works on a rolling programme with monthly deadlines to support small scale local events. The fund is part of the council's revenue budget and is intended to support the delivery of the council's Community Plan priorities.

In the past, Royal events such as the Queens Golden Jubilee, have generated a lot of interest from communities seeking to come together and celebrate. Street parties are very much part of East London's history and remain probably the most popular way of celebrating these events.

This year sees the Queen's 90th Birthday and it is expected that there will be events across the country. The Council wishes to support and encourage such celebrations as an effective opportunity to promote community cohesion and celebration of local culture. This could be through residents Street Parties and / or funding for events through the Event Fund with special conditions due to the nature of the events.

The authority seeks permission from the Commissioners to ring fence £5000 from the Event Fund annual budget allocation for small grants of up to £250 for residents to organise events and street parties to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. This would mean the temporary relaxing of some of the eligibility and mandatory criteria in the Event Fund, these are highlighted later in this report.

DECISION

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APPROVALS

1. (If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor.

Signed  Date 29/3/16

2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed  Date 29/3/16

3. 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  Date 30/03/16

4. Commissioner

I agree the decision proposed in paragraph above for the reasons set out in Section 1.1 in the attached report.

Name *MAY CAWELL* Signed 

Date .. *21/7/06*

Name Signed

Date

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2. All Commissioner decisions shall be:-
 - (i) Recorded in a log held by the Service Head, Democratic Services and available for public inspection; and
 - (ii) Published on the Council's website

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