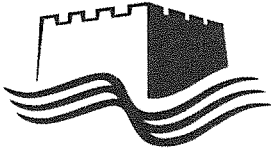


Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: 204	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place	Classification: Unrestricted
Ceremony fees for St George's Town Hall	

Lead Member	Mayor John Biggs
Originating Officer(s)	Kathy Constantinou/Superintendent Registrar
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria.
Reason for Key Decision	N/A
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	All priorities

Executive Summary

The Registration service is moving to St. Georges Town Hall. Due to the delayed building work and relocation of the service to the new building, the Registrars move will happen in 3 phases starting from 25th May 2021. The service has been advised it has to vacate Bromley Public Hall by the end of September 2021. No more ceremony bookings can therefore be taken for BPH beyond September 2021. The service urgently needs to introduce new ceremony fees for SGTH to reflect the new building and ceremony rooms to enable the team to begin taking bookings for September 2021.

There are more ceremony rooms at St. Georges and a new fee scale has been introduced to reflect the refurbishment and room sizes now available. Additional fees will be introduced by next financial year once a caterer has been appointed to lease the space at SGTH so that the service can create wedding packages to include refreshments/catering.

Proposed new fees are as follows:

<u>TOWER SUITE</u>	Simple (half room) Max 40	Enhanced (whole room) Max 120
Monday to Thursday	£220	£400
Friday	£275	£450
Saturday	£350	£550
Sunday/Bk Hols	N/A	£850

<u>HAMLET SUITE</u>	Max 10	Max 20
Monday to Thursday	£150	£200
Friday	£200	£250
Saturday	N/A	£325
Sunday/Bk Hols		£850

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; implications for One Tower Hamlets; Risk Assessment; Background Documents; **and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.**

Recommendations:

The Mayor is recommended to:

1. Agree the new fees.

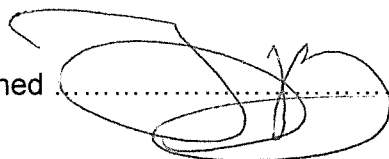
APPROVALS

Approvals provided by the Corporate Director, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer through the normal Cabinet report procedures.

1. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in the attached report subject to a review of demand and pricing, including further benchmarking against neighbouring boroughs, ahead of the 2022 Budget setting of fees and charges.

Signed



Date

22/5/21