

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE'S FIELD CHARITY BOARD

HELD AT 3.15 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 2022

**COMMITTEE ROOM ONE - TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present in person:

Councillor Sabina Akhtar	(Chair)
Mayor John Biggs	(Executive Mayor)
Councillor Candida Ronald	(Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector)

Members Present remotely:

Councillor Asma Begum	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Children, Youth Services, Education and Equalities (Statutory Deputy Mayor))
Councillor Rachel Blake	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing)
Councillor Asma Islam	(Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning)

Officers Present in person:

Kevin Bartle	(Corporate Director, Resources & Section 151 Officer)
James Thomas	(Corporate Director, Children and Culture)
Joel West	(Democratic Services Team Leader (Committee))

Officers Present remotely:

Catherine Boyd	Arts and Events Manager
Ahsan Khan	(Chief Accountant)
Judith St John	(Director, Commissioning and Culture, Children's Services)
Richard Ward	(Interim Head of Contracts and Procurement)

Apologies:

Councillor Danny Hassell	(Cabinet Member for Housing)
Councillor Sirajul Islam	(Cabinet Member for Community Safety)
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Work, Economic Growth and Faith)
Councillor Mufeedah Bustin	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and Public Realm portfolio)
Councillor Kahar Chowdhury	Cabinet Member for Highways and Public Realm – (Job Share post as part of Social Inclusion and

Public Realm portfolio)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None were declared.

2. UNRESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 King George's Field Trust Annual Account and Report Approvals

Catherine Boyd, Head of Arts and Events, introduced the report and outlined the work of the King George's Field, Mile End Charity, including a summary of the charity's operations and assets and a highlight of the key achievements in both periods covered by the annual reports: 2018-19 and 2019-20.

Ahsan Khan, Chief Accountant, provided a summary of the financial position and the financial highlights of the trust in the same periods and presented a summary of the key changes that had been requested by the auditor following their review of the draft accounts for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Kevin Bartle, Interim Corporate Director Resources, asked the Board to note the positive developments with the charity's financial management in recent years, including the external auditing of its accounts. Kevin informed the Board that the auditors had highlighted a couple of issues of minor significance, which had since been corrected. The Board would be asked to investigate the Charity's in-year deficit in 2019-20 at its next meeting.

The Board welcomed the report and offered its thanks to officers for the financial discipline demonstrated. Members indicated they looked forward to reviewing at the 2019-20 in-year deficit at the next meeting. Accordingly it was:

RESOLVED that:

1. The audited accounts for 2018/19 and 2019/20 be approved for submission to the Charity Commission;
2. The annual reports for 2018/19 and 2019/20 be approved for submission to the Charity Commission; and
3. The Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance be noted.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Nil items.

4. EXEMPT REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil items.

The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Sabina Akhtar
King George's Field Charity Board