

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL FUND MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2022

MEMBERS: Councillors Doris Jiaage, Cllr Edward Smith, Cllr Guney Dogan, Cllr Mahym Bedekova

Officers:

Marion Cameron, Audit & Risk Manager, Chief Executive, Claire Johnson, (Head of Governance, Scrutiny and Registration Services and Governance Manager), Koulla Panaretou (Mayoral Services Manager)

Also Attending: Cllr Suna Hurman substituting for Cllr Guney Dogan

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Cllr Mahym Bedekova was nominated as Chair for Municipal Year 2022-2023 by Cllr Suna Hurman and this was seconded by Cllr Edward Smith.

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were received from Cllr Doris Jiaage, and Cllr Guney Dogan, who was substituted by Cllr Suna Hurman (Deputy Mayor).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest registered in respect of any items on the agenda.

4. AGREE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November 2021 were **AGREED**.

5. OFFICERS REPORT ON MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL FUND 2021-22

The Trustees and Officers received the Officers' Report in respect of the Mayor's Charity Appeal Fund 2021-2022. The Internal Audit team found no outstanding items of risk to report on this review.

The Chair requested agreement from the Trustees that the contents of the report were agreed, and this was received.

6. MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL FUND 2021-2022 UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS REPORT

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The Trustees received the unaudited accounts and Auditor's report. The Chair asked for any comments or questions, and none were forthcoming.

The Chair thereafter requested that the Trustees confirm their agreement to both the unaudited accounts and the Auditors report, and this was received.

7. LIST OF DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS 2021-22

The Trustees received the distribution list from Cllr Sabri Ozaydin where a total of £53,203 was received, of which £2,249 was from 2020-2021 and rolled over as agreed previously.

The Chair asked for any comments or questions in respect of the distribution list and the following were received:

Cllr Edward Smith congratulated Cllr Ozaydin on the considerable amount of money raised but voiced his concern that the money should go to a wider range of ethnic groups.

In response, Cllr Sabri Ozaydin explained the cultural differences between the charities chosen. He also reminded the Trustees of his pledge to help and support charities who offer help to women and children against violence and abuse. Many of the charities identified have supported the Past Mayor in his fund-raising endeavours as well as providing much needed guidance and support to the community.

Further clarification was received by Claire Johnson [Head of Governance & Scrutiny (Superintendent Registrars)] that all the charities will be asked to respond in writing, advising how they have supported the Mayor, in order to benefit from the contributions, they will receive and these responses will be shared with the Trustees upon receipt.

The Chair and Cllr Suna Hurman congratulated Cllr Sabri Ozaydin for raising the highest amount of money so far and the current Mayor will also congratulate him at the next Council meeting.

The Chair requested agreement from the Trustees that the total of £53,203 be distributed according to the list of beneficiaries provided and this was agreed.

8. MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL FUND 2022-2023

The Trustees received a list of charities identified by the Mayor, Cllr Doris Jagge. The theme for her mayoral year is domestic violence and how it affects the mental health of young people. She will raise awareness during her mayoral year and help as many people as possible.

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It was noted that the Multiple Sclerosis Society was not a registered charity (normally a pre-requisite) but in fact a not-for-profit Community Interest Company. Based in Barnet, they help and support residents affected by multiple sclerosis both in Barnet and Enfield.

The Chair asked the Trustees to agree the list of charities chosen by the Mayor, and as long as no further charities are added to the list during the year, the beneficiaries were agreed, including the Multiple Sclerosis Society (CIC).

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Trustees Meeting will be arranged in November 2023 by the Mayoral Office Manager.