

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Victoria Hall Trust Committee**

**Date:** Tuesday, 21 November 2023

**Venue:** Committee Room 5, ground floor, Perceval House, 14-16 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London W5 2HL

### **Attendees (in person):**

#### **Councillors:**

Y Johnson (Chair), T Mahmood, M Rice, G Shaw and A Zissimos

#### **Independent Members:**

D Chaudhary and I Patterson

### **Attendees (virtual):**

J Matthews (Independent Member)

### **Also present: Councillors**

Councillor G Malcolm, Leader of the Opposition

### **Also present: Officers**

Adam Whalley, Helen Harris, Keith Broomfield, Cornelia Harding

## **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence. Ms Matthews attended virtually.

## **2 Matters to be Considered in Private**

Most of the discussion on item 6 was confidential pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **3 Urgent Matters**

There were none.

## **4 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

## **5 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023 were agreed by the committee as a true and correct record.

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Council officers Adam Whalley and Helen Harris referred the committee to the first recommendation in the report which related to the Trust accounts.

Thereafter the rest of the meeting went into private session pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and legal professional privilege).

Councillor Rice gave her apologies for lateness, arriving around 20 minutes into the meeting.

### **Resolved:**

That the committee:

- i. Notes that the 2022/23 Trust accounts have now been submitted to the Charity Commission, further to the Committee's approval of these accounts at the previous meeting of the Committee. Further notes the detailed breakdown of the 2022/23 accounts workings as attached at Appendix 1 (to the report) for information and as requested by the Committee at the previous meeting.
- ii. Notes that judgement has been given on the Appeal against the making of the Scheme by the Charity Commission. A copy of the judgement, dated 21 September 2023, was attached at Appendix 2 (to the report) and some of its key implications were summarised within the report and in confidential appendix 5 (to the report).
- iii. Notes that an application for further information and an extension to the appeal deadline has been lodged by the appellants. A copy of this application, dated 18 October 2023, was attached at Appendix 3.
- iv. Notes that at the request of the Tribunal, the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, acting as legal advisor to the Trust, has responded to the Appellants' letter. A copy of that submission dated 27 October 2023 on behalf of the Trust was attached at Appendix 4 (to the report).
- v. Authorises the Assistant Director Capital Investment Programme, following consultation with the Chair and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, both officers acting on behalf of the Trust, to continue to work with the Charity Commission, the appellants, the corporate council, Mastcraft, and the Tribunal, to facilitate an early resolution of all outstanding issues, including negotiation and agreement of a new Scheme and negotiation and completion of any necessary amendments to the Mastcraft deal, insofar as these are required in order to secure the sustainable long term future of the Trust.

**7 Date of Next Meeting**

The committee noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 14 March 2024.

Meeting commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting finished: 8.05 pm

Signed:

Dated: Thursday, 25 April 2024

Y Johnson (Chair)