Communities & Neighbourhoods Trust

Summary of a meeting held on 18 June 2025

Trustees and attendees present:

Paul Brickell (Chair)
Steve Stride (Trustee)
Babu Bhattacherjee (Trustee)
Dan Rose (in attendance)
Kosru Uddin (in attendance)
Tanzeem Ahmed (in attendance)
Fintan Tynan (in attendance)
Stephen Morgan (in attendance)

Consent agenda

The Board approved all items on the consent agenda

Quarterly Financial Report

Trustees noted the financial performance and the draft statement of financial activities for the year ending 31 March 2025. It was agreed that further information would be provided on the "interest receivable and similar income" line.

Local Partnerships

The Trustees provided an update on discussions regarding:

- Abertots Nursery
- Bromley by Bow Centre
- Arts Council

Staff Development – Housing qualifications

Trustees noted progress on developing a professional Level 4 qualification for housing managers. The proposal involves partnering with an education provider to deliver the qualification and generate income to support the CaN Trust's work.

Neighbourhood Management

Trustees noted growing Government interest in this area and the expertise within Poplar HARCA and the CaN Trust. It was also noted that collaboration with other local organisations should be explored.

Commissioning Community Services

Trustees noted a proposal which has been submitted to support youth services in Bethnal Green.

CaN Trust Policies

Trustees approved updates to existing Poplar HARCA policies and adopted new policies to meet FCA and funder requirements for the CaN Trust.

CaN Trust Social Value Report

Trustees noted and commended the The We Do Things Differently Annual Social Value report for 2024-25.

Mohammad Sadek
Corporate Governance Coordinator