Communities & Neighbourhoods Trust

Summary of a meeting held on 28 April 2025

Trustees and attendees present:

Paul Brickell (Chair)
Steve Stride (Trustee)
Babu Bhattacherjee (Trustee)
Dan Rose (in attendance)

Consent agenda

The Board approved all items on the consent agenda

Project Hebe

Trustees received an update on discussions and reviewed the draft 2025/26 budget. The Poplar Board agreed to consider appointing three additional trustees that would be recommended and appointed via online resolution if needed.

Future Gazing

Trustees reviewed proposals for service development over the next three years, covering regeneration, funding bids, apprenticeships and expanding community programmes. Additional priorities included a neighbourhood management model, an archaeology project, local engagement and partnerships with organisations and housing providers. Trustees agreed to receive further progress updates.

Helios

Trustees noted a meeting is planned to discuss working with local residents. It was noted that there's an interest by other providers in a social enterprise with CaN to tackle mould in homes.

Quarterly Financial Update

Trustees noted the income and expenditure to the end of February 2025. It was agreed that the financial update should be the first item on future agendas, presented by the Finance Department. Trustees also requested the report format align with other Poplar HARCA subsidiary finance reports.

CaN Trust Annual Agenda Plan and Reporting Structure

Trustees reviewed and approved the proposed annual agenda. Trustees noted the reporting structures within the Poplar HARCA group related to the CaN Trust.

Mohammad Sadek
Corporate Governance Coordinator