

Communities & Neighbourhoods Trust

Summary of a meeting held on 10th September 2025

Trustees and attendees present:

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

Consent agenda

The Board approved all items on the consent agenda.

Quarterly Financial Update

Trustees reviewed the quarter's financial performance and received clarification on interest income from a group-wide cash pooling arrangement.

CaN Trust Accounts 2024/2025

Trustees approved the CaN Trust's 2024/25 Financial Statements, Trustees' Report, and the audit representation letter, recommending them for Poplar Board adoption. They also agreed to review how the accounts can better reflect external funding and staff costs. Additionally, Trustees noted a misalignment in reporting periods between the Charity Commission and Companies House and supported steps taken to align them, including submitting accounts for the prior financial period.

Local Partnerships

The Trustees provided an update on discussions regarding:

- Abertots Nursery
- Bromley by Bow Centre
- Arts Council – Heart Project
- GEEH
- Health Spot Consultancy

Regeneration

Trustees noted ongoing progress with Teviot regeneration, including resident engagement, pontoon installation, and early planning for Lincoln regeneration.

Festival of Britain – 7th Anniversary

Trustees supported plans for a multi-week Festival of Britain anniversary celebration, noting both potential risks and opportunities linked to the Crisp Street development.

CaN Trust Policies

Trustees approved updates to existing Poplar HARCA policies and adopted new policies