

## Communities & Neighbourhoods Trust

### Summary of a meeting held on 11 March 2026

#### Trustees and attendees present:

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| Paul Brickell (Chair)        | Runa Ahmed     | Ana Mae Contreras-Ramirez |
| Steve Stride (Trustee)       | Stephen Morgan | Tanzeem Ahmed             |
| Babu Bhattacharjee (Trustee) | Kosru Uddin    | Fintan Tynan              |
| Dan Rose                     |                |                           |

#### Consent agenda

The Board approved all items on the consent agenda.

#### Quarterly Financial Update

Trustees reviewed the proposed annual budget, discussing financial pressures, expenditure controls and measures to maintain service delivery while improving financial sustainability.

#### Future Gazing

Trustees received updates on regeneration, community facilities and partnership initiatives, including East Meets West, Bromley by Bow Centre and Abertots. Discussions focused on improving connectivity, expanding childcare provision, strengthening partnerships and developing sustainable community services. Trustees noted progress on partnership discussions, including opportunities for collaboration on youth empowerment, supported accommodation and community regeneration.

#### Employment and Training – GLA Funding

Trustees received an update on funding applications to support employment and training programmes, including opportunities in hospitality, childcare and digital skills.

#### Self-Assessment Report and Quality Improvement Plan

Trustees reviewed the Employment and Training service's self-assessment and improvement plans, including preparations for the forthcoming Ofsted inspection and updates to safeguarding arrangements.

#### Childcare Growth

Trustees discussed plans to expand childcare provision, including developing apprenticeship opportunities, improving nursery facilities and strengthening operational efficiency.

#### REST Programme

Trustees received an update on the Teviot regeneration programme, including resident rehousing, site management and ongoing community engagement.

### Engagement with Faith Groups

Trustees reviewed the Trust's engagement with local faith organisations, emphasising inclusive partnerships to support community wellbeing and improve access to services.

### Leadership and Management Development

Trustees approved proposals for a leadership and management development programme to support skills development and professional progression.

### External Funding Transition

Trustees agreed to a phased approach to transferring external funding arrangements to CaN Trust, supporting greater operational independence and access to future funding opportunities.