

Communities & Neighbourhoods Trust

Summary of a meeting held on 2 September 2026

Trustees and attendees present:

Paul Brickell (Chair)	Nahim Ahmed	Mohammad Sadek
Steve Stride (Trustee)	Stephen Morgan	Tanzeem Ahmed
Babu Bhattacharjee (Trustee)	Ian Lampress	Saffron Woodcraft (Guest)
Razia Nizamuddin (Trustee)	Runa Ahmed	Rafa Carrascosa (Guest)
Kosru Uddin	Ana Mae Contreras-Ramirez	

Consent agenda

The Board approved all items on the consent agenda.

Quarterly Financial Update

Trustees reviewed the Trust's financial performance and discussed ongoing financial pressures, emerging risks and opportunities to improve the financial position. Trustees emphasised the importance of effective budget management and financial sustainability.

CaN Trust Accounts 2025/2026

Trustees reviewed and approved the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. Trustees reinforced the importance of financial oversight, expenditure controls and ensuring that activities remain within agreed budgets.

Youth Service Funding Update

Trustees received an update on changes to local youth service funding and expressed concern about the reduction in provision, particularly in east Tower Hamlets. Trustees discussed the potential impact on young people and communities, emphasising the importance of maintaining support, exploring alternative funding and seeking clarification on funding allocation decisions.

Teviot Mosque

Trustees received an update on arrangements to provide improved temporary mosque accommodation as part of the wider Teviot regeneration programme. Trustees discussed progress, contractual obligations and the importance of managing risks while protecting existing community facilities.

Health Spot Review

Trustees considered proposals to strengthen the governance and long-term sustainability of Health Spot, an integrated health and wellbeing service for young people. Trustees supported the proposed approach in principle, subject to further assurance on governance, financial implications and implementation arrangements.

UCL Institute for Global Prosperity – Research Presentation

Trustees received a presentation exploring the relationship between livelihood insecurity, employment, earnings and wellbeing. Trustees discussed how the findings could help identify residents experiencing multiple disadvantages, inform more targeted support and strengthen the evaluation of community programmes.

Achieving the Vision: CaN Trust Quarterly Review

Trustees received the quarterly performance report outlining progress across the Trust's community programmes, including employment and training, youth services, community development and wellbeing initiatives.

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

Trustees received progress updates on the development of the new nursery, Trustee safeguarding requirements, commercial lease arrangements and ongoing community partnerships. Trustees emphasised the importance of maintaining valued local services and developing sustainable partnerships to support residents and communities.