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Sent: 04 April 2018 13:49
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Subject: FOI 039/18 Tower Hamlets Political Party - Response

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Our Ref: FOI 039/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **02 March 2018**.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

- 1. Can you tell me how many public comments were made in regards to the application to register People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets as a political party?**
- 2. Can you publish the assessment of the application? Can you tell me which officer considered the application or was there a panel?**
- 3. Can you tell me in light of past failings of the Electoral Commission to monitor Tower Hamlets First which was later removed as a political party what measures have been put in to make sure that People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets is monitored properly?**

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

Question 1

10 comments were received by the Commission in regards to the application to register People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets as a political party.

Question 2

We have released, under your request, the decision record relating to the party's application.

The Commission assesses all applications to register political parties carefully against the requirements set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA).

A registration application is assessed initially by the Registration Team. The member of the Registration Team that conducts that initial assessment makes a recommendation to either approve or reject that application based on whether or not the application meets the PPERA requirements. The assessment is subsequently put to the Commission's internal

Approvals Board, chaired by the Director of Political Finance and Regulation & Legal Counsel who takes the final decision on an application. The decision record thus outlines the final decision on a registration application along with comments from the Approvals Board, as well as the assessment conducted by the Registration Team.

The Commission's internal Approvals Board is made up of senior Commission staff and is chaired by the Director of Political Finance and Regulation & Legal Counsel. Below is a list of the Approvals Board members for the People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets application assessment:

- Bob Posner - Director of Political Finance and Regulation & Legal Counsel
- Craig Westwood – Director of Communications & Research
- Louise Edwards – Head of Regulation
- Tom Hawthorn – Head of Policy
- Rhydian Thomas – Head of Electoral Commission - Wales
- Ann Watt – Head of Electoral Commission – Northern Ireland
- Senior Regulatory Lawyer

Question 3

As a registered political party, People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets must comply with the rules set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). This includes submitting quarterly reports to the Commission of donations and loans over the reporting threshold and also submitting an annual statement of accounts. The Commission publishes these reports on our website.

The Commission has a responsibility to ensure that the rules set out in PPERA are complied with and are enforced equally and fairly amongst all regulated entities within the scope of the Act. Section 145 of PPERA says that we 'must monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with' various aspects of PPERA.

Where parties are in breach of the PPERA rules then the Commission is legally empowered to investigate and impose sanctions. The Commission sets out the way that it ensures this in our Enforcement Policy which can be found on our website [here](#). This includes an illustration of our supervisory powers which enable us to monitor compliance of regulated entities, as well as our powers to obtain information when investigating possible breaches of the PPERA rules.

More detailed information about our role as a regulator of political funding and spending can be found on our website [here](#).

Exemption under section 40

You will notice that certain personal details have been redacted from the documents we are releasing. This redaction is necessary because section 40(2) and (3)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) Act provides that personal data, where its disclosure would breach one of the data protection principles, is exempt from disclosure. The first data protection principle states that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

The Commission also considers that it would be unfair to release the names and personal contact details of junior officials, who were not employed in public facing roles and did not act as spokespersons for their employer, as those individuals would have a reasonable

expectation that this personal data would not be disclosed to the general public. Other personal data has been withheld as it relates to sensitive personal data of identifiable, living individuals.

I trust that this information satisfies your request.

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at:
<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information-requests/how-do-i-make-an-foi-request>

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website:
<https://ico.org.uk/>

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Application summary

PR 18/04 – 12 02 2018

The following table summarises the applications received by the Commission and the registration team's recommendations

Table 1: Director of Political Finance & Regulation and Legal Counsel delegated party registration decisions

Party name and proposed party identity marks (link to assessment note)	Registration team assessment
People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets Proposed name: People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets Proposed emblem: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Party• England application complete 18.01.18• Public notices published 05.02.18• Recommendation to Initial view BP 17.2.2018: As recommended, I am minded to approve this new party [name] and the applied for emblem. I have included in my consideration received objections to registration, alongside the statutory tests for registration. On one aspect of the application, I note that the applicant party is in effect the same 'Group' of councillors recognised by Tower Hamlets Council as the 'People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets'. They are also known in that context as 'PATH'. There appears to be a reasonably well known organisation in the borough also known as PATH. That is, the 'Play Association of Tower Hamlets'. However, it is not apparent to me that it would be likely that voters would be misled as to the effect of their vote, particularly because this new party are not seeking to register 'PATH' as part of a descriptor so it cannot appear for them on a ballot paper. I also note that certain of the party's governance documents are not yet wholly

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	<p>settled and the party do not yet have a bank account. If the final decision I make is to register this party it is important for the Registration Team to stress to the applicants that they must conclude these matters without delay and before raising or spending money in support of candidates for election. They should confirm to us when this is done, evidencing they have a party bank account. We should also inform the applicants that we will review their registration at an appropriate point to check it still meets the requirements for registration.</p> <p>Approval Board Comments</p> <p><u>LE: I agree with the recommendation to approve the name and emblem.</u></p> <p><u>RT: agree with the initial view.</u></p> <p><u>█: I agree with the intitial views.</u></p> <p><u>CW: I agree with the initial view.</u></p> <p><u>TH: I agree with the recommendation and initial view.</u></p> <p><u>AW: I agree with the recommendation and initial view</u></p> <p>Final Decision</p> <p>BP 23.2.2018: Approve this new party [name] and the applied for emblem. Registration Team – kindly also follow up with the party on the points I make in the last paragraph of my initial views.</p>

People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets

Application to register a new party

Political objectives/party information

- The party's application was lodged on 09.11.2017. They provided an [amended application](#) on 13.12.17 and an amended [constitution](#) and [financial scheme](#) on 18 December 2018. The party may be referred to in this document by the full party name or by using the acronym 'PATH'.
 - The party leader confirmed a minor spelling mistake in her home address on [5 February 2018](#).
- The party intends to stand candidates in England. We are aware that the party intends to stand candidates in the May polls.
- The party aims outlined in their constitution:
 - To be an open and inclusive party
 - To improve the quality of life for everyone in Tower Hamlets.
 - To build a strong Tower Hamlets Where families and communities can reach their full potential.
 - to support and sustain the local economy where thriving businesses create jobs, wealth and opportunity .
 - Increase transparency and accountability in local government.
 - to build partnerships with community, political and campaigning groups that work for the betterment of Tower Hamlets
 - to achieve value for money in the delivery of public services, and support the retention and improvement of public services locally
 - to develop a sustainable environment through supporting sensitive and appropriate development
 - to promote diversity and equalities

- to engage with all relevant stakeholders – including elected representatives and public servants – in the pursuit of these aims
- The party has a Facebook page that does not appear to be active. The party leader is active on twitter. There is some minor media coverage referencing the party name, although it appears to be currently referring to the council grouping rather than the setting up of a new party.¹ Love Wapping has run an article mentioning the party but it is only a minor mention.² There are a couple of other articles with similarly minor mentions of the party or the leader.
- The proposed party leader Cllr Rabina Kahn was elected as a Labour councillor in 2010. In 2014, she joined Tower Hamlets First and was re-elected. She remained a Tower Hamlets First member until the party disbanded in 2015.³ In 2015 she stood for Mayor of Tower Hamlets as an Independent and came second.⁴ Cllr Khan was endorsed by Lutfur Rahman in that mayoral election.
- Tower Hamlets First was removed from the register in 2015 following an Election Court ruling.^{5 6} That judgement can be read using this [link](#). None of the persons named in the application appear to be mentioned in Richard Mawrey QC's judgement in relation to the 2014 Election Petition.
- As mentioned in our letter to the party of 1 December 2017 we are aware of the strong public interest in the registration of political parties in Tower Hamlets and the history of the judgement and Tower Hamlets First. Richard Mawrey QC, as Election Commissioner in his judgement of the 2014 Election Petition, made disparaging comments about Tower Hamlets First's financial scheme and the conduct of the financial affairs of that party. We are also aware that the party's proposed leader, Cllr Rabina Khan, was previously a councillor for Tower Hamlets First. As part of the assessment of this application pursuant to s 26 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

¹ <http://www.eastlondonlines.co.uk/2017/12/government-asked-review-planning-decisions-tower-hamlets-allegations-2m-council-corruption-scandal/>

² <http://lovewapping.org/2017/01/lutfur-rahman-makes-comeback-with-new-political-party-tower-hamlets-together/>

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rabina_Khan

⁴ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-33105311>

⁵ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_Hamlets_First

⁶ <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/journalist/electoral-commission-media-centre/news-releases-corporate/media-statement-on-removal-of-tower-hamlets-first-from-the-electoral-commissions-register-of-political-parties>

(PPERA), we have taken appropriate and proportionate steps to be satisfied as to the financial affairs of PATH and adherence to its financial scheme.

- Allegations that the applicant party and Lutfur Rahman are linked have been reported on the Love Wapping website.⁷ It should be noted that the party are aware of the allegations and told us they want to distance themselves from Tower Hamlets First in a phone call on [6 December 2017](#).
- The Tower Hamlets council website describes Cllr Khan as the leader of the PATH group.⁸
- I cannot find any indication of links between this party and the recent application from Aspire, another Tower Hamlets based party.

Party officers

- I have undertaken internet searches for the proposed registered officers and those mentioned in the party's minutes.
- Cllr Rabina Khan – Leader
 - Cllr Khan is a currently elected Councillor for Shadwell, in the Tower Hamlets.⁹ She is a member of a number of council committees. She first stood as a Labour candidate in 2010. Cllr Khan was elected as a Tower Hamlets First candidate in 2014 for the same ward. She stood as an independent in the Mayoral Election 2015.¹⁰
- Rachel Vincent – Additional Officer (Equality Officer)
 - I can only find Ms Vincent's name in relation to a question asked at a council meeting.¹¹
- Shafi Ahmed – Nominating Officer

⁷ <http://lovewapping.org/2017/05/rabina-khans-great-photoshop-disaster/>

⁸ <https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=1372>

⁹ <https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=1372>

¹⁰ <https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgElectionAreaResults.aspx?ID=116>

¹¹ <https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/documents/s76410/Report%20Public%20Questions%20150916.pdf>

- [04 September – 29 November](#) 2017, the party first contacted us about registering. We sent them our standard guidance response and had an ongoing conversation about issues with their application.
- [01 December 2017](#), we wrote to the party requesting further information in relation to their application and their financial affairs.
- [06 December 2017](#), phone call from Cllr Rabina Khan in response to letter of 1 December. She was happy to meet with us and provide further information. She discussed replacing the treasurer and how to do this and mentioned they had had issues opening a bank account before they were registered. Cllr Khan said they were trying to distance themselves from THF.
- [08 December 2017](#), conversation regarding emblem amendments.
- [14 December 2017](#), the party confirmed that they had resubmitted amendments to their application and that they were replacing their treasurer.
- [15 December 2017](#), the party submitted a number of additional documents to us regarding the adoption of their financial scheme. See list below.
- [08 January 2018](#), meeting with party. Discussed the processes they had in place to comply with their financial scheme and how they would ensure that it was properly adopted.
 - The party explain that they have had difficulty in opening a bank account.
 - Party confirm that they are the same PATH group as that in the council.
 - They confirmed they are not currently campaigning, but are recruiting members and considering their process for candidate selection.
 - Executive team in place to ensure processes are in place and followed. They estimate turnover at £10-20k.
 - Party are using Excel, through the cloud, to keep their accounts and donations as well as hard copy of their receipts book, kept with petty cash.
 - Party still working on Recording Funds Policy.
 - Management committee will receive monthly reporting from the treasurer which they will take forward to their quarterly reporting.

- Clarified that the campaigns officer was not in the PPERA sense.
 - Party spending would be agreed through management meeting, but as yet had only produced literature for leader.
- [09 January 2018](#), we wrote to the party in follow up to the meeting to direct them to specific guidance and to formally request further information.
- [18 January 2018](#), the party provided further documents relating to the adoption of their financial scheme. See list below.
- [25 January 2018](#), call with Cllr Rabina Khan, asking for update on progress.
- [26 January 2018](#), we emailed the party regarding the phone call. We also requested confirmation about the documents received on 18 January and requested further documents the party had previously committed to providing.
 - Requested evidence of attempts to open a bank account.
 - Requested excel party uses to record finances.
 - Requested authorisation from other officers for amended constitution and financial scheme.
- [30 January 2018](#), email from Cllr Rabina Khan. She updated us about the party's attempts to open a bank account and provided us the correspondence with the bank. They had an appointment with the bank to discuss the application and are waiting to hear back. Attached was the spreadsheet used to record the party accounts.
 - The same day the [Rachel Vincent](#), [Mazharul Alam](#) and [Shafi Ahmed](#) emailed confirming that they authorise the new constitution and financial scheme provided on 18 January.
- [1 February 2018](#), we wrote to confirm receipt of the authorisations and the documents. We asked Rabina Khan to confirm a minor spelling error in her home address and to let us know the outcome of their application with the bank.
- [2 February 2018](#), the party confirmed the leaders home address and forwarded us a further [email from the bank](#) which says that they will be able to open an account once they are registered with the Commission.
- [5 February 2018](#), Cllr Khan confirmed a minor spelling mistake in her home address. She provided an update to the attempt to open a bank account to say the bank require registration before they can open an account.

- [6 February 2018](#), Cllr Khan called with a further update. Correspondence from the bank confirmed they needed to be registered to open an account. The party will attempt to open accounts with other banks.
- [9 February 2018](#), Mazharul Alam sent us a copy of a letter for an appointment with a second bank that also requests proof of registration for a company to open an account.

Comments received from members of the public (added by [REDACTED] on 12.02.18)

- The Commission has received a number of comments on the application from members of the public. Some support the registration of the party and others object to it. I have included a link to each submission received from a member of the public in Appendix E.
- We wrote to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on 5 February 2018 in line with the process we followed for the recently registered Aspire application. We have received one response from [REDACTED] and two responses from [REDACTED]. Those responses are included in Appendix E. Both were asking questions about the application rather than providing comments on the party.
- The Love Wapping website ran an [article](#) about the party's application after we published the details of the party on our website. This included a screenshot from our website of the parties proposed identity marks. The article comments quite broadly about the application but does not make any comments relevant to this assessment.
- The decision maker will note that some of the comments set out in Appendix E do not strictly relate to the statutory tests as set out in PPERA. There are comments that object to the party being registered based on the alleged involvement in the party of Lutfur Rahman.
- There are some comments that I think do appear to be relevant to the statutory tests. I have sought to summarise what I think those points are:
 - The acronym that results from the party name
 - Comments about the leader

- Community Cohesion
- Application not complete
- Alleged links with Tower Hamlets First and Lutfur Rahman
- I will consider each of the abovementioned points in turn, however, in the first instance it is important to recognise that the Commission considers each application on a case by case basis and applies the statutory tests to the facts and context in each case.

The proposed registered name People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets

- Two comments said that the party will be commonly known as PATH, the same name as their existing group "Play Association of Tower Hamlets" which is a borough wide organisation. However the party is not proposing to register the acronym PATH, so I do not think this falls for consideration under the test of being likely to mislead a voter as to the effect of their vote.

Comments about the party leader

- We received one comment that alleged that Cllr Rabina Khan was not fit for public office. There is no supporting evidence with this allegation. This relates to the leaders fitness for public officer rather than to be a registered party leader, so I do not think this falls for consideration within this assessment. Further, while certain convictions may bar an individual from being the registered treasurer of a political party, there is no 'fit and proper' person test in relation to individuals seeking to be a registered officer of a party. I have not found any reason why we cannot register Rabina Khan as a leader of this party in accordance with the legislation as set out in PPERA.

Community Cohesion

- One comment noted that due to the registration of Aspire, the registration of another "BAME" party would create conflicts in the borough. This appears to be outside the remit of the Commission. This does not address any of the statutory tests and therefore does not fall for consideration within this application.

application not complete

- We received one comment that claimed the party does not have a constitution. As can be seen from this assessment the party does have a constitution.

- The second part of this comment said [REDACTED] There will be no checks and balance, no transparency, no accountability and no democracy”.
- The minimum number of officers for a party is 2, this party has 4. There is no requirement that a party officers must not related or married. The party have outlined the structure of the party in their constitution as part of this assessment. The assessment concludes that the constitution is compliant. The assessment concludes the same about the financial scheme and the party’s adoption of it. As such I am satisfied that the party will be able to comply with their reporting obligations to the Commission.
- This comment does not have any other basis for its allegation that the party will be run poorly due to it only having two officers, which as mentioned, meets the minimum requirement of the legislation in any case.

Alleged link between Tower Hamlets First and PATH

- We received some representations about a link between the applicant party and Lutfur Rahman and the deregistered party Tower Hamlets First. The Commission is aware of these publically reported alleged links since the application was lodged. The assessment of this application has thus been undertaken with that as part of the context surrounding the application.
- The potential relevance of the submissions that we have received, as I see it, is to the requirement in s 26 that in order to be registered a party must have adopted a financial scheme which sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of PPERA.
- As set out in this assessment, we have had substantial correspondence with the applicant party on this issue. On the basis of the information provided to us, the Registration Team is of the view that the requirement in s 26 has been met for the reasons set out in the assessment.
- The representations do not add any new information and I have not considered them further. The representations do not change the Registration Team’s view that the requirement in s 26 has been met.

Constitution and Financial scheme

Constitution - [link](#)

Paragraph 5(1)(a), Schedule 4 of PPERA prescribes that a party must submit with their application to be registered a copy of their constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA says that a constitution is the document or documents by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined. Accordingly, the constitution must set out sufficient detail to show the structure and organisation of the party.

I am of the view that the Commission **can** be satisfied that the constitution included with the application meets those requirements because:

- The constitution should reflect which register the party are applying to register in.
 - The first paragraph in the constitution states they intend to contest elections in Tower Hamlets and that they are on the GB register for this purpose.
- The party's aims and objectives.
 - 1 Aims – this section sets out the party's aims.
- A reference to an intention to stand candidates and at which elections.
 - The first paragraph in the constitution states they intend to contest elections in Tower Hamlets and that they are on the GB register for this purpose.
- The candidate selection process (or at least a statement that the party will have one).
 - 9.4 – this section notes that this is set out in the Candidate Selection Policy.
- The structure of the party and who is responsible for managing the party, including the responsibility of the party officers, the terms of office and procedure for change of those officers.
 - 3 Governance – sets out various governance structures
 - Management Committee – 3.2 – purpose is to manage the work of the party, represent publicly interest of membership, and inform strategic direct.

- Executive Committee – 3.6 – responsible for oversight, direction and strategic co-ordination. This section states that a campaigns officer will be part of this committee. This officer is described as being “responsible for organising PATH’s campaigns sessions, press and public relations activities.” The party have not applied to register a campaigns officer. From their description, it does not appear to me to be referring to a campaigns officer that would need to register the Commission. It does not mention responsibility for campaign finance. It sounds like a campaigns manager role for the party’s PR. I do not think this contradicts their application.
- Inaugural decision-making – 3.8 – first 18 months both committees will consist of officers registered with the Commission.
- 6 Leader’s term and elections – term of office is 4 years. Elections will also be held for management committee vacancies.
- How the party will make and record decisions, as well as any other governance arrangements. For example the frequency, timing and type of meetings and the quorum for meetings.
 - 4 Meetings – will hold 4 general meetings a year, one of which will be the AGM. Also sets out requirements for EGM.
 - 3.7 Majority Decision-making – Decision making is made by vote. Recorded via minutes.
- If the party has membership, and if so the process and rules governing that membership.
 - 2 Membership – sets out the membership rules. Open to anyone over 16, lives, works or studies in Tower Hamlets and supports the Aims.
 - 2.3.1 – membership can be revoked for material disagreement with the Aims.
 - 10.3 – appeals can be brought before the executive council.
- That the party have adopted its financial scheme.
 - 3.4 – Specifically mentions that the management committee has adopted the financial scheme
 - 7.1 – the party will conduct its finances in accordance with their financial scheme.
- How the constitution can be changed and the process for dissolution of the party.

- 11.1 – it can be changed at an AGM or EGM.
- 12 Dissolution – Can be agreed on at AGM.
- The constitution and financial scheme must also be consistent with each other.
 - I am not aware of any inconsistencies between the two documents.

Financial scheme - [link](#)

- The party's financial scheme follows the Commission's template and is signed by the proposed party officers.
 - Paragraph 16 contains this additional statement:
The Procedures put in place by the Treasurer include the Financial Spending Policy, the Donations Policy, the Campaign Expenditure Policy and the Candidate Expenditure Policy which have been prepared and adopted by the party. The Treasurer will carry out his role having due regard to, and complying with the requirements of, all relevant guidance issued by the Electoral Commission including that specific to campaign spending (<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/party-or-campaigner/guidance-for-political-parties/election-campaign-spending> and https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/236044/Spending-and-Donations-Local-Elections-England-May-2018.pdf)
- The financial scheme should be considered together with the supporting documents.

Additional documents provided by the party:

- 15 December 2017 – [Complaints Policy](#)
- 15 December 2017 – [Financial Risk Policy](#)
- 15 December 2017 – [Minutes Meeting 6 August 2017](#)
- 15 December 2017 – [Minutes Meeting 3 September 2017](#)
- 15 December 2017 – [Minutes Meeting 8 October 2017](#)

- 15 December 2017 – [Minutes Meeting 5 November 2017](#)
- 15 December 2017 – [6 December Emergency Meeting](#)
- 15 December 2017 – [Petty Cash Policy](#)
- 15 December 2017 – [Recording Funds Policy](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Minutes of 14 January 2018](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Accepted Donations Form](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Accepted Loans Form – From Companies](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Donation Policy](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Financial Spending Policy](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Impermissible Donations Form](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Party Campaign Expenditure Policy](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Party Candidate Expenditure Policy](#)
- 18 January 2018 – [Support in Kind Form](#)
- 30 January 2018 – [Bank Correspondence](#)
- 30 January 2018 – [Finance Records spread sheet](#)
- 09 February 2018 – [Letter from bank re: appointment to open account.](#)
- [Complaints Policy](#) – This appears to still be in draft. It outlines their procedure for any complaints they receive. It does not set out what specific types of complaint this will cover. It appears to be focused on internal party matters. It does provide an avenue for those concerned to raise any issues with the party about any allegations of not following PPERA requirements.

- [Financial Risk Policy](#) – The Treasurer will be responsible for the party's risk management policy. The treasurer will maintain a risk register and will be responsible for all types of insurance. Other PATH officers will assist the treasurer in the execution and management of this policy. I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA.
- [Petty Cash Policy](#) – sets out how petty cash can be used and is recorded to comply with PPERA. The Financial Reporting Manager raised a question as to how expenditure is authorised in compliance with PPERA during a regulated period. The financial scheme makes clear that the treasurer will be responsible for authorising all expenditure. This document appears to be in draft and it notes that the type of expenditure that can be spent from petty cash is yet to be decided.
- [Recording Funds Policy](#) – Policy for how funds are used, recorded and monitored and Statement of Accounts (SOA) procedure. This repeats a number of lines set out in the constitution regarding expenditure. Section on preparing reports states it is the treasurer's responsibility. This repeats a number of paragraphs from the financial scheme regarding how and when to make returns for donations, loans and the SOA. Accounting processes will be put in place to meet PPERA record keeping requirements. The party confirmed in the meeting that they are still working on this document. I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA.
- [Financial Spending Policy](#) – Policy to outline responsibilities of Treasurer and party to ensure compliance. Sets out Expenditure definition and rules. Mentions setting up of party bank account that will be controlled by treasurer, chair and leader. Lists responsibilities of the treasurer in the last section. I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA.
- [Party Campaign Expenditure Policy](#) – define campaign expenditure rules. Must adhere to spending limits etc. Defines what funds will be spent on during a campaign. Sets out the treasurers responsibilities in relation to this. I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA.
- [Party Candidate Expenditure Policy](#) – Defines candidate expenditure rules. Defines agent's and candidate's responsibilities. I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA.
- [Donation Policy](#) – Defines a donation and the donation limit for reporting. Lists permissible donors and what must be recorded for a donation that is reportable. I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA

- [Impermissible Donations Form](#) – This form reflects the form provided by the Commission to report donations.¹⁶ I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA
- [Accepted Donations Form](#) – This form reflects the forms provided by the Commission to report donations.¹⁷ I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA.
- [Accepted Loans Form – From Companies](#) – This form reflects the forms provided by the Commission to report donations.¹⁸ I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA.
- [Support in Kind Form](#) – This form reflects the form provided by the Commission and appears to contain all required fields. I am not aware of any reason that this document is not consistent with PPERA.
- [Minutes Meeting 6 August 2017](#) – At the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson stresses the importance of the party's constitution and financial scheme and accountability generally. Party leader presents draft constitution for discussion. A working group is set up to research and develop a constitution and financial scheme.
- [Minutes Meeting 3 September 2017](#) – New draft of the constitution discussed. Drafting of financial scheme, discussed role of the treasurer and its function in line with the Commissions requirements to ensure accountability in election expenses and auditing. Discussed role of the treasurer and responsibilities in regard to Commission.
- [Minutes Meeting 8 October 2017](#) – Research for constitution, including looking at existing party constitutions, in particular East Devon Alliance. Also mention of research into Women's Equality Party constitution – efforts made to meet with them to discuss better practices. Opening of bank account to be made clear in the constitution Chairperson stressed relevance of 2014 election judgement in developing their constitution and financial scheme. Notes the scheme is based on the Commission template and ensured consistent with practices and constitution. Voted to adopted financial scheme subject to any amendments during registration process. Talked about opening bank account, Banks suggested they should register before opening account. Constitution to be adopted at next meeting for bank to consider opening account.

¹⁶ https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/data/assets/electoral_commission_pdf_file/0013/13513/form-rp10.pdf

¹⁷ https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/data/assets/electoral_commission_pdf_file/0013/13513/form-rp10.pdf

¹⁸ https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/data/assets/excel_doc/0014/13442/form-rp10-b.xls

- [Minutes Meeting 5 November 2017](#) – Discussion on constitution. Party spoke to Centrist Party and [REDACTED] for advice in relation to the constitution. Discussed what measures they have in place to ensure compliance given context of Tower Hamlets First. Discussed having compliance check list, selected 3 signatories, accountant to be appointed, petty cash policy proposed by treasurer.
- [6 December Emergency Meeting](#) – Held in response to Commission request for meeting with party. Treasurer resigned and replacement agreed.
- [Minutes of 14 January 2018](#) – New draft of constitution adopted, in response to meeting with Commission. Adopted minor amendments to financial scheme. Presented and adopted compliance policy documents. Currently still in draft and seeking guidance from Commission regarding these. Adopted in the meantime, included – Donation Policy, Financial Expenditure Policy, Party Campaign Expenditure Policy, Party Candidate Expenditure Policy, Accepted Donations Form, Accepted Loans from Companies Form, Accepted Loans from Individuals Form, Impermissible Donations Form, Support in Kind Form.
- [Bank Correspondence](#) – This demonstrates the party's attempts to set up a bank account. Part of the Tower Hamlets First judgment criticised that party for not having a bank account set up and included that fact as part of the evidence that the party had not adopted its financial scheme. PATH will update us on the outcome of their application.¹⁹
- [Finance Records spread sheet](#) – This document is where the party will record its expenditure, donations and membership income. There are not currently any entries in this but it does demonstrate that the party have a central point to record all of this information. This demonstrates the processes the party have in place to ensure compliance with its legal obligations, as set out as a requirement in paragraph 26 of their financial scheme.

Comments from the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]:

- We sought a view on the financial procedure documents from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and their view can be read in full [here](#).

¹⁹ <http://ecscmshpt/Account/Peoples%20Alliance%20of%20Tower%20Hamlets%20GB-Public/2018-01-30-People's%20Alliance%20of%20Tower%20Hamlets-bank%20correspondence.pdf>

- [REDACTED] did not raise any issues with the party's financial policies.
- [REDACTED] mentioned [REDACTED] previous comments from [4 January](#) in which [REDACTED] raised [REDACTED] concerns about the role of the campaigns officer in regard to the party's financial scheme and Recording Funds Policy. This has now been address as the party have clarified the do not have a campaigns officer in the PPERA sense the meeting of [8 January 2018](#) and in their amended constitution.
- [REDACTED] mentioned that the Petty Cash Policy does not make clear how expenditure is authorised during a regulated period. The financial scheme makes clear that the treasurer will be responsible for authorising all expenditure. As this document is clearly still in draft, this has yet to be established and remains a question in the document itself.
- Other than as set out above, neither [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] noted any issues in relation to the consistency of the documents with the PPERA rules.

Adoption of financial scheme

- The party have mentioned to us that their additional documents are working documents that are still being developed by the treasurer in line with our guidance and advice from 'established parties'. Whilst they are only working documents, they demonstrate that the party are actively thinking about and putting in place written procedures to ensure the party comply with their PPERA obligations. I am satisfied that the documents are consistent with PPERA and demonstrate that the party have adopted their financial scheme and have sufficient processes in place to comply with PPERA. We should encourage the party to continue to work with the Commission in finalising those documents to ensure they remain fit for purpose and consistent with PPERA.
- As mentioned in the assessment of the party's constitution, the party refer to a campaigns officer at paragraph 3.6 of the constitution. It is evident this officer is not a campaigns officer in the PPERA sense of the role. I am therefore satisfied that financial scheme is compliant with the officer roles applied for in their application.
- In their October meeting minutes the party mention attempting to open a bank account, but that they have been advised by the bank to wait until they are registered before opening an account. The party indicated at the meeting with the Commission of 8 January 2018 that opening a bank account has been difficult and banks have advised them that they will only open an account of the party has a registration number. They said that they had shown banks

correspondence from the Commission, but they still will not open an account. They also indicated that they are conscious that Tower Hamlets First were criticised for not having a bank account. It is clear that the party are aware of the need to have a bank account. I have no reason to suspect that they will not open an account as soon as possible.

- It is clear from the minutes of the party's meeting, even before they begin the registration process, that they are mindful of the 2014 judgement regarding Tower Hamlets First. They make efforts to address this in the documents they have provided to us, by ensuring that their finances are accountable. A number of the documents provided specifically cover how the party will ensure it is compliant, as well as providing a number of forms they will use to record donation and loan information. This demonstrates that they do have processes in place to ensure their financial scheme is adopted and carried out.
- The party take some time considering their constitution before applying to register as it is discussed over several meetings. This included talking to a number of other parties about what to include and examining other registered party constitutions as to what form a constitution should take. They set up meetings to discuss best practices with other established parties. I think this demonstrates that the party have properly considered their constitution to ensure it reflects accurately their structure and organisation. This gives me confidence that the supporting documents they provided have been similarly considered before being submitted to us. The minutes further demonstrate the party are enacting their constitutional rules around decision making again giving me confidence that they will adopt the policy documents.
- The party's financial procedure documents are based on the Commission guidance and financial scheme template in terms of content and definitions. I am satisfied that these documents are consistent with PPERA. These documents demonstrate that the party have considered what structures they will need to have in place to comply with their legislative requirements. These documents maintain that the treasurer is responsible for compliance and that the party should have a robust audit trail in their procedures are followed.
- I am satisfied that the supporting documents, the financial scheme and the constitution demonstrate that the party have adopted their financial scheme to a sufficient level for it to be approved by the Commission.

Recommendation

In making my recommendation I have considered the requirements and statutory tests set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA).

I recommend that the following identity marks be **approved** and entered onto the register of political parties in Great Britain.

- People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets



A summary of the searches for similarity are included in **Appendix C**.



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Appendix A: Proposed Name

Proposed name: People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets

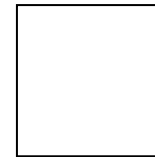
Recommendation: Approve

1. In making my recommendation to approve the proposed party name I have considered the issues set out in the following paragraphs.
2. The proposed name is not the same as that of a party which is already registered in the register in which that party is applying to be registered.
3. I searched the register to examine whether this proposed name is likely to cause a voter to confuse it with another already registered identity mark or one that is protected after deregistration. I have set out the most similar identity marks in ballot paper example below:

OAK, Mary

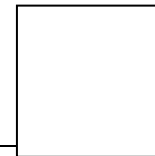
(address in the Constituency)

Christian Peoples Alliance²⁰



ASH, James

(address in the Constituency)



²⁰ A party name

People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets

PINE, Susan

(address in the Constituency)

The People's Revolution Party²¹



4. The words 'Tower Hamlets' do not appear on the register.
5. There is only one party on the register that uses the words 'People' and 'Alliance' together in a name or description – Christian Peoples Alliance. I am confident that there is sufficient difference between the two party names to avoid the proposed name being likely to cause a voter confusion.
6. I am therefore satisfied that the proposed name is not likely to result in electors confusing that party with a party which is already registered in respect of the relevant part of the United Kingdom.
7. The proposed name is not more than six words.
8. The proposed name is not offensive. The proposed name is not obscene.
9. The proposed name does not include words the publication of which would be likely to amount to the commission of an offence.
10. I am satisfied that the proposed name is not likely, were it to appear on a ballot paper issued at an election to result in an elector being misled as to the effect of their vote.
11. I cannot find another group with a similar name from my internet searches of the party name.²² There is a group of councillors in the council that use the proposed name as their grouping name, the party confirmed that they were this group in their meeting with us on 8 January. The leader of this group is Cllr Rabina Khan.²³

²¹ A Party name

12. I am satisfied that the proposed name does not contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for his guidance in voting given on the ballot paper or elsewhere.
13. The proposed name does not include any script other than Roman script
14. The proposed name does not include any word or expression prohibited by order made by the Secretary of State.



²² See Appendix D below for internet search.

²³ <https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=1372>

Appendix B: Proposed emblems

Proposed emblem

Recommendation: Approve

Ballot paper size, 2cm ²	5cm ² for review and assessment
	

15. In making my recommendation to approve the proposed party emblem I have considered the issues set out in the following paragraphs.
16. The emblem does meet our minimum requirement to be an emblem by containing some designed or pictorial element.
17. The proposed emblem is not the same as that of a party which is already registered in the register in which that party is applying to be registered.
18. I searched the register to examine whether this proposed emblem is likely to cause a voter to confuse it with another already registered identity mark or one that is protected after deregistration. I have set out the most similar below:



19. Above is the only image on the register that contains a key. The proposed emblem is very distinct from anything on the register, including the above emblem.
20. I am therefore satisfied that the proposed emblem is not likely to result in electors confusing that party with a party which is already registered in respect of the relevant part of the United Kingdom.
21. The proposed emblem is not offensive. The proposed emblem is not obscene.
22. The proposed emblem does not include words the publication of which would be likely to amount to the commission of an offence.
23. I am satisfied that the proposed emblem is not likely, were it to appear on a ballot paper issued at an election to result in an elector being misled as to the effect of their vote.
24. I am satisfied that the proposed emblem does not contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for his guidance in voting given on the ballot paper or elsewhere.
25. The proposed emblem does not include any word or expression prohibited by order made by the Secretary of State.

²⁴ iXDemocracy

Appendix C – Searches for the same or similar names and descriptions

Table C1: Similarity score results

The following table lists those identifiers that were found to be similar to by an electronic matching process. The higher the value the higher the similarity between the proposed descriptions and the identifier listed below.

Proposed identity marks	Similar identifiers	Party Name of similar identifiers (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)	Similarity
people's alliance of tower hamlets	Christian Peoples Alliance	Christian Peoples Alliance	0.6150
	All People's Party	All People's Party	0.4808
	People's Administration	People's Administration	0.4106
	Young People's Party	Young People's Party YPP	0.4106
	Harlow Alliance Party (People's Initiative)	Harlow Alliance Party	0.3958
	The People's Revolution Party	The People's Revolution Party	0.3829

Tables C2 Party identity marks that contain words that appear in the proposed identity marks

Words that when searched, do not appear on the register:

- Tower Hamlets

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'Alliance'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK
Alliance for Europe	Alliance for Europe
Alliance For Green Socialism	Alliance For Green Socialism
Alliance for London	Alliance for London
Bournemouth Independent Alliance	Bournemouth Independent Alliance
Christian Peoples Alliance	Christian Peoples Alliance
East Devon Alliance	East Devon Alliance
Equal Parenting Alliance	Equal Parenting Alliance
Harlow Alliance Party	Harlow Alliance Party
Independent Alliance North Lanarkshire	Independent Alliance North Lanarkshire

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'Alliance'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Motorcycle Alliance	Motorcycle Alliance
New United Kingdom Voters Alliance	New United Kingdom Voters Alliance
North of England Community Alliance	North of England Community Alliance
Scottish Democratic Alliance	Scottish Democratic Alliance
Socialist Alliance	Socialist Alliance
Stapleford Alliance	Stapleford Alliance
UK Yorkshire Socialist Alliance Party	UK Yorkshire Socialist Alliance Party
Alliance for Britain's 4 Freedoms Future	Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK
Alliance for Europe in Wales	Alliance for Europe
The Alliance for Europe Candidate	Alliance for Europe
Alliance For Green Socialism - Save NHS	Alliance For Green Socialism
Alliance for Green Socialism - Save Homes	Alliance For Green Socialism
Alliance For Green Socialism - Save Schools	Alliance For Green Socialism
Left Green Alliance	Alliance For Green Socialism

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'Alliance'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Christian Peoples Alliance - Cynghrair Pobl Gristnogol	Christian Peoples Alliance
Christian Peoples Alliance - Supporting Traditional Marriage	Christian Peoples Alliance
Independent East Devon Alliance	East Devon Alliance
East Devon Alliance of Independents	East Devon Alliance
East Devon Independent Alliance	East Devon Alliance
Alliance of East Devon Independents	East Devon Alliance
East Devon Alliance: Working for you	East Devon Alliance
The Harlow Alliance Party	Harlow Alliance Party
Alliance Party of Harlow	Harlow Alliance Party
The Alliance Party of Harlow	Harlow Alliance Party
Harlow Alliance Party (People's Initiative)	Harlow Alliance Party
Harlow Residents Alliance Party	Harlow Alliance Party
Harlow Action Alliance Party	Harlow Alliance Party

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'Alliance'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Alliance Party For Harlow	Harlow Alliance Party
The Alliance Party For Harlow	Harlow Alliance Party
Harlow Alliance Party People's Initiative (H.A.P.P.I.)	Harlow Alliance Party
Motorcycle Alliance	Motorcycle Alliance
Motorcycle Freedom Alliance	Motorcycle Alliance
Freedom Alliance	Motorcycle Alliance
Motoring Alliance	Motorcycle Alliance
Freedom of Movement Alliance	Motorcycle Alliance
Motor Alliance	Motorcycle Alliance
Populist Alliance	Populist Party
Scotland's Left Alliance	RISE - Respect, Independence, Socialism and Environmentalism

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'People'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
All People's Party	All People's Party
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK
Christian Peoples Alliance	Christian Peoples Alliance
Lewisham People Before Profit	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Against Bureaucracy Group	People Against Bureaucracy Group
People First - Gwerin Gyntaf	People First - Gwerin Gyntaf
People Social Freedom Party	People Social Freedom Party
People's Administration	People's Administration
The Common People	The Common People
The Nuneaton and Bedworth People's Party	The Nuneaton and Bedworth People's Party
The Party for Poole People Ltd.	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
The People's Representative	The People's Representative

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'People'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
The People's Revolution Party	The People's Revolution Party
The Peoples Party For Better Government	The Peoples Party For Better Government
Young People's Party YPP	Young People's Party YPP
All People's Party	All People's Party
We Believe in People	Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK
EPP: European People's Party	Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK
For People, Animals and the Environment	Animal Welfare Party
Ashfield Independents Putting People Before Politics	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Local People First	Ashfield Independents
Ashtead Independents - local people, local issues	Ashtead Independents
For British People Culture and Values	Britannica
British National Party Local People First	British National Party
People like you - Voting BNP	British National Party
Christian Peoples Alliance - Cynghrair Pobl Gristnogol	Christian Peoples Alliance

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'People'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Christian Peoples Alliance - Supporting Traditional Marriage	Christian Peoples Alliance
Building the People's Brexit	English Futures Party
For English people of all backgrounds	English Futures Party
Parliament as the people's professional representatives	Equal and Just Society
Harlow Alliance Party (People's Initiative)	Harlow Alliance Party
Harlow Alliance Party People's Initiative (H.A.P.P.I.)	Harlow Alliance Party
People's direct involvement in decision-making processes	Interactive Democracy
Lewisham People Before Profit	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Before Profit - Save Lewisham Hospital	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Before Profit - No Housing Sell-offs	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Before Profit	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Before Profit - Save London NHS	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Before Profit - No Rent Rise	Lewisham People Before Profit

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'People'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
London People Before Profit	Lewisham People Before Profit
Greenwich People Before Profit	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Before Profit - Jail Criminal Bankers	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Before Profit - No Cuts!	Lewisham People Before Profit
People Before Profit - No to Austerity	Lewisham People Before Profit
Lincolnshire Independents, putting Lincolnshire People First	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
People before Politics	Mansfield Independent Forum
People not Politics	Mansfield Independent Forum
Don't think politics think people	Mansfield Independent Forum
Local person for local people	Mansfield Independent Forum
Fighting for Spaces for People	Marylebone Residents
Empowering people to save our planet	Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)
Empowering people to control the government	Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)
Putting people and property first	National Flood Prevention Party


Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'People'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
National Liberal Party - Land, People, Environment	National Liberal Party - True Liberalism
Putting people in Northumberland first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting people in Gateshead first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting people in Sunderland first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting people in County Durham first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting people in Darlington first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting people in Teesside first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting North West people first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting North of England people first	North of England Community Alliance
Our People First and Always	Patria
Land and People	Patria
People First - Putting Llanelli First	People First - Gwerin Gyntaf
People First Candidate	People First - Gwerin Gyntaf
People First - Truly Independent	People First - Gwerin Gyntaf

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'People'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
People First - Putting Wales First	People First - Gwerin Gyntaf
People First - Working For Carmarthenshire	People First - Gwerin Gyntaf
People First - Fighting for Wales	People First - Gwerin Gyntaf
People First - Working For The Community	People First - Gwerin Gyntaf
People Social Freedom	People Social Freedom Party
Sandown Independents: People Before Politics	Sandown Independents
Sandown Independents: Working With Local People	Sandown Independents
Free Speech, Free Markets, Free People	Scottish Libertarian Party
Scottish Socialist Party – People not profit	Scottish Socialist Party
Selston People Working For Selston People	Selston Parish Independents
Selston Area Independents Putting People First	Selston Parish Independents
Socialist Alternative - Putting People First	Socialist Alternative
Spennymoor Independents People Before Politics	Spennymoor Independents
Representing Local People in Local Government	The Local Party

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'People'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
The Party for Poole People	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - Working for Poole	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - Delivering for Poole	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - Standing up for Parkstone	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - Fighting for Poole	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - Working for Oakdale	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - Putting Poole first	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - Working for Hamworthy	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - It's time for change	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - independent and local	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - Working for Parkstone	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
Poole People - the Borough's independent party	The Party for Poole People Ltd.
For a Peoples Republic	The Republican Socialist Party
Voxpop The Voice of The People	Vox Pop

Party names and descriptions that contain the word 'People'	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
working with the people	West Dunbartonshire Community Party
Young People's Party YPP	Young People's Party YPP
Young People's Party	Young People's Party YPP
YPP Young People's Party	Young People's Party YPP
The Young People's Party	Young People's Party YPP
Young People's Party UK	Young People's Party YPP
People must decide not the politicians	Your Decision
Your Decision because people must decide	Your Decision

Appendix D – website screen shots

people's Alliance of tower hamlets 

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https://www.whatdtheyknow.com/request/tower_hamlets_peoples_alliance ▼
9 Dec 2016 - Dear Electoral Commission,, According to Tower Hamlets' Council website Cllr Shafi Ahmed is a member of the Tower Hamlets People's Alliance. I have not been able to find any details for the Party. Can you please publish the registration documents if you have them?


Tower Hamlets Council - Councillor details - Councillor Rabina Khan
[https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Council & democracy > Council meetings](https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Council%20&%20democracy/Council%20meetings) ▼
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Tower Hamlets First - Wikipedia
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tower_Hamlets_First ▼
Tower Hamlets First was a British political party represented in Tower Hamlets London Borough Council, which was launched to contest the 2014 local elections. At the 2014 London borough council elections, it was the second largest party on Tower Hamlets Council and the fifth largest political party out of all London ...

People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets - Home | Facebook
<https://en-gb.facebook.com/WeArePath/> ▼
People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets. 1 like. Political organisation.

Government asked to review planning decisions in Tower Hamlets ...
[www.eastlondonlines.co.uk > News > Crime](http://www.eastlondonlines.co.uk/News/Crime) ▼
14 Dec 2017 - A cross-party alliance of representatives from the Conservatives, Liberal Democrats and the People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets, claimed that one decision, over a £119 million affordable housing development, was made by Mayor John Biggs without having been through the normal process of approval.

Tower Hamlets Deputy Mayor stands down | Eastlondonlines
[www.eastlondonlines.co.uk > News > Local News](http://www.eastlondonlines.co.uk/News/Local%20News) ▼
9 Aug 2017 - Deputy Mayor Rachel Saunders, who led the Child Services Department condemned by Ofsted for "serious failures" has submitted her resignation from Tower Hamlets Council. Councillor Rabina Khan, Leader of the People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets, said Saunders had "accepted the inevitable" and ...

PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE OF TOWER HAMLETS PRESS CONFERENCE ...
 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hz00PO7jsE>
16 Aug 2017 · Uploaded by LB24 TV
PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE OF TOWER HAMLETS PRESS CONFERENCE 16 August 2017 Subject: Building a ...

Disgraced Tower Hamlets Mayor to Launch New Political Party
www.breitbart.com/.../disgraced-islamist-linked-tower-hamlets-mayor-launch-new-pol... ▼
25 Jan 2017 - Love Wapping (@LoveWapping) January 25, 2017. Since 2014, THF morphed into a loose alliance known as the Tower Hamlets Independent Group and the Shadwell People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets. Numerous members of these groups, some still loyal to Mr. Rahman, remain active on the council.

Campaign launched for auditors to take over Tower Hamlets planning ...
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Campaign launched for auditors to take over Tower Hamlets planning after 'bribery' claims.
PUBLISHED: 16:52 13 December 2017 | UPDATED: 00:24 14 December 2017. Mike Brooke. Press conference with Cllr Khan for People's Alliance (left), Lib Dem's Elaine Bagshaw and Tony Andrew Wood calling for planning ...

Exclusive: Lutfur Rahman making political comeback with new party ...
lovewapping.org/.../lutfur-rahman-makes-comeback-with-new-political-party-tower-h... ▼

Appendix E – Comments received from members of the public

Commenter's name and link to comments in no particular order	Comments as they were provided to the Commission
<p>██████████ (added by updated on 12.02.18)</p>	<p>05.02.18 – I am having details of finding the section that identifies the leadership</p>
<p>██████████ (added by updated on 12.02.18)</p>	<p>06.02.18 (09:39) – Can you tell me what the specific criteria is that you look at?</p> <p>06.02.18 (10:42) – Please could you email me all details as I can't open the website for this application for People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>06.02.18 (11:45) – Thankyou for this. Is there a list of proposed officers etc? I seem to remember there had to be at least 2 sponsors of an application. Who are these please?</p> <p>Has the Commission asked for extra powers in relation to party registration?</p>
<p>██████████ (added by updated on 12.02.18)</p>	<p>06.02.12 - ██████████ I am writing to request the rejection of a party application by PATH or People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets in its current form because it will be commonly known to voters as PATH whereas an organisation with the same words PATH already exist in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Play Association of Tower Hamlets (PATH) based in Oxford House is a borough-wide organisation and a new application to register a political party with the same acronyms which will be widely used just like the UKIP will damage the apolitical name and reputation of this great organisation.</p>

	<p>The new proposed political party for which is an application is before the Election Commission is in fact controlled by [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] abina Khan. [REDACTED] There will be no checks and balance, no transparency, no accountability and no democracy. It's a kitchen cabinet disguised as a party and registering it by you will seriously damage democracy in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>PATH is also a well known and established organisation in Tower Hamlets and having the same name as this organisation for a political party will most definitely confuse voters on a variety of level.</p> <p>I urge you that this particular name is rejected and an alternative name is provided instead by this proposed party to protect the integrity and impartiality of the existing organisation as well as the chaos and confusion for voters in Tower Hamlets.</p>
<p>[REDACTED] (added by updated on 12.02.18)</p>	<p>06.02.18 –</p> <p>[REDACTED] I am writing to request the rejection of a party application by PATH or People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets in its current form because it will be commonly known to voters as PATH whereas an organisation with the same words PATH already exist in Tower Hamlets. [REDACTED] Play Association of Tower Hamlets (PATH), likewise many others and they can easily be persuaded to vote for People's Alliance of Tower Hamlets PATH.</p> <p>Play Association of Tower Hamlets (PATH) based in Oxford House is a borough-wide organisation and a new application to register a political party with the same acronyms which will be widely used and will damage the apolitical name and reputation of this great organisation.</p> <p>The new proposed political party for which is an application is before the Election Commission is in fact controlled by [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Rabina Khan, [REDACTED] close to former mayor Lutfur Rahman . [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Lutfur Rahman is behind this. Just to inform you that Rabina Khan was Lutfur Rahman's mayoral candidate in 2010 when he barred from his office. There will be no checks and balance, no transparency, no accountability and no democracy. It's a kitchen cabinet disguised as a party and registering it by you will seriously damage democracy in Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>PATH is also a well known and established organisation in Tower Hamlets and having the same name as this organisation for a political party will most definitely confuse voters on a variety of level.</p> <p>I urge you that this particular name is rejected and an</p>

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