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Personal Statement of:

For Nomination to the Management Committee/Board of Trustees (delete as appropriate)

Please explain why you wish to be nominated and what **skills and experiences** you will bring into the Management Committee/Board of Trustees. Do not make comments on previous office holders. This section will be made public.

I am currently a senior manager at an international bank and have worked in the Financial Services sector for over 33 years. During that time, I have gained a breadth of experience ranging from managing complex strategic initiatives linked to Mergers & Acquisitions to shaping fundamental changes to organisational design, behaviour and culture. I also have experience of corporate governance, thought leadership and innovation. I frequently engage with the financial regulators and central banks and my role falls within the senior manager accountability regime. I am a board member for a not-for-profit industry consortium with membership from 53 banks around the world.

I believe my professional experience places me well to serve on the Board of Trustees at KMA. I have attended Kingston Masjid since 1985 when I first moved to Surbiton from the midlands. I have seen the Masjid progress and evolve over that time and see it is a great asset for the local Muslim community. Nevertheless, we need to continue with making improvements and adapting to the changing needs of the growing muslim community in the borough. Specifically, I would expect the Board of Trustees to focus on:

- Addressing the space and capacity issues at the masjid and ensuring the safety and comfort of the musallees.
- Improving facilities for conferences, gatherings, community events and youth activities.
- Supporting the needs of the community through the forthcoming challenging economic environment – welfare, mental health, social care.
- Developing a strategic approach to addressing the needs of the next generation of muslims in the community such as marriage, parenting, social media, tackling cybercrime
- Enhancing the Islamic and Qur'anic education curriculum and facilities on offer at the masjid.
- Exploring potential collaboration and tie ups with local schools and educational institutions
- Greater integration and improved relations with the local neighbourhood and residents within the borough.
- Raising a deeper and positive understanding of Islam and the contribution of muslims to the community
- Hosting events with eminent Muslim scholars and thought-leaders to deepen the awareness of historical, spiritual and intellectual teachings of Islam.