



**Governance and Human Resources  
Town Hall, Upper Street, London, N1 2UD**

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## **AGENDA FOR THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE**

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Members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee are summoned to a meeting which will be held in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **21 April 2016 at 6:00pm.**

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Despatched : 13 April 2016

### Membership 2015/16

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)  
Councillor Andy Hull  
Councillor Asima Shaikh

### Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE  
Councillor Joe Caluori  
Councillor Paul Convery  
Councillor James Murray  
Councillor Claudia Webbe

### Observers

Councillor Theresa Debono  
Councillor Rakhia Ismail  
Councillor Jean-Roger Kaseki  
(1 vacancy)

**Quorum: is 2 Councillors**



<b>A.</b>	<b>A. Formal matters</b>	<b>Page</b>
1.	Apologies for absence	
2.	Declaration of substitute members	
3.	Declarations of interest	
	<p>If you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* in an item of business:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> if it is not yet on the council's register, you must declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> you may choose to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.</p> <p>In both the above cases, you must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.</p> <p>If you have a personal interest in an item of business and you intend to speak or vote on the item you must declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent but you may participate in the discussion and vote on the item.</p> <p>*(a) Employment, etc - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.</p> <p>(b) Sponsorship - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.</p> <p>(c) Contracts - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between you or your partner (or a body in which one of you has a beneficial interest) and the council.</p> <p>(d) Land - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.</p> <p>(e) Licences- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.</p> <p>(f) Corporate tenancies - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest.</p> <p>(g) Securities - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.</p> <p>This applies to all members present at the meeting.</p>	
4.	Minutes of the previous meeting	1 - 14
<b>B.</b>	<b>Matters for decision</b>	
1.	Local Initiatives Fund awards	15 - 22

**C. Urgent non-exempt matters**

Any non-exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

**D. Exclusion of press and public**

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the remaining items on the agenda, any of them are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt or confidential information within the terms of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and, if so, whether to exclude the press and public during discussion thereof.

**E. Confidential/exempt items for information (if any)**

**F. Urgent Exempt Matters**

Any exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes

The next meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee will be on 7 June 2016

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London Borough of Islington

## Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 22 March 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 22 March 2016 at 6.00 pm.

**Present:**            **Councillors:**            Andy Hull, Asima Shaikh and Richard Watts

**Also present:**        **Councillors (Observers)**        Theresa Debono

### Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

**78**            **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**  
Received from Councillor Rakhia Ismail.

**79**            **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**  
None.

**80**            **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**  
None.

**81**            **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**82**            **LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND (Item B1)**  
A revised Appendix A was laid round.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and detailed in revised Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development, be approved in principle, subject the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- (b) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, detailed in Appendix A of the report, be also noted.

#### **Reasons for decision**

To assist in developing and sustaining a healthy voluntary and community sector in Islington.

#### **Other options considered**

None

#### **Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted**

None

**83** **ISLINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND THREE GRANT AWARDS 2015/16 (Item B2)**

The report was amended on submission as follows:

Replace the words "Round Two" with "Round Three" and "second" with "third" throughout the report.

**RESOLVED:**

That Islington Community Chest third round grant awards for 2015/16 be approved to the organisations detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development.

Reasons for decision

To nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, by providing resources for smaller organisations that find it hard to access funding from other programmes.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

**84** **COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND 2016 (Item B3)**

**RESOLVED:**

That grants be awarded from the Community Festivals Fund for the sums indicated below and detailed in paragraph 3.7 of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development for the following community festivals:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Festival</u>	<u>Amount</u>
St Luke's Community Centre	Whitecross Street Party	£3,000
All Change on behalf of Word2016	Word 2016 Festival	£1,500
Key Changes	Islington World Mental Health Day Festival	£2,800
Team Cally temporarily hosted by Islington Council	The Cally Festival	£3,000
ArchWay with Words	ArchWay with Words	£2,500
The Angel Canal Festival Management Group	Angel Canal Festival	£1,700
Oxjam Islington	Oxjam Islington Take Over	£1,500

Reasons for decision

To support local organisations to develop and deliver a broad range of events that would provide Borough-wide benefit for local residents.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

**85** **ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY USE FOR 2016/17 (Item B4)**

**RESOLVED**

(a) That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall be allocated to the following organisations between July and September 2016:

- MoveMe Dance
- Cubitt Artists
- Sports Islington
- Copenhagen Youth Project

(b) That the following two organisations be held in reserve, in the event that any of the organisations listed in resolution (a) above are not able to negotiate appropriate dates and timings for use of the Assembly Hall:

- Islington Council Choir
- Creative Islington

Reasons for decision

The scheme provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations through free use of the Assembly Hall

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

The meeting ended at 6.12 pm

**CHAIR**

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## NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2016

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Governance and Human Resources Comments
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / James Murray	Room To Heal	Therapeutic gardening and social integration programme run at Mildmay Community Centre and Culpeper Community Garden. Funding to pay for eight weeks of communal meals, gardening supplies/equipment and office supplies.	15 January to 31 December 2016	Asylum seekers, refugees and users of Mildmay Community Centre	330	600	53,135	£18,896 UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, Austin Hope Pilkington Trust, City Bridge & Mildmay St Georges LIF, remainder from donations, Comic Relief & small grants	£2,053 LIF awarded to this project in January 2016.
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / James Murray	Barnsbury Parish	Bemerton Soul summer playscheme for a week in Bingfield Park (run by 5 local churches and London City Mission) with a fun day and barbecue at the end. Funding to pay for barbecue food and drink, children's disco and equipment hire, tables and chairs for adults and sports equipment.	25 to 31 July 2016	Children and young people in Barnsbury and Caledonian wards	65 children, 30 teenagers, 175 attending the fun day	850	4,000	£2,000 Barnsbury Parish, £150 Waitrose tbc, £1,000 tbc through fundraising or covered by parish	
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	Friends of Fortune Street Park	Annual Fortune Street Park Community Fun Day. Funding to contribute towards entertainment, activities and equipment.	2 July 2016	Local residents	500 to 800	1,500	4,120	£1,519 cash reserves and donations tbc, further fundraising tbc	The amount requested was £2,600.
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	Whitbread Centre TRA	Annual 'Party on the Podium' with a barbecue and music. Funding to pay for food, beverages, music hire and printing of publicity.	30 July 2016	Advertised to all 138 flats in the centre	Up to 100	600	600	Not applicable	

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Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	St Luke's Parochial Trust	Annual Whitecross Street Party including outdoor urban arts exhibition from July to September, festival in July and a community arts outreach programme starting in April. Funding to contribute towards outreach projects, exhibition, event costs, marketing and logistics.	April to September 2016 (event on 16 July)	Local residents, businesses, artists, schools and community groups	30,000	5,000	67,237	£42,500 funding confirmed, £19,737 funding tbc (LBI Community Festivals Fund, Arts Council England, market stall fees)	
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	LBI VCS Development Team	Publicity for a Finsbury Ward Partnership meeting promoting health and wellbeing in Bunhill. Funding to pay for production and distribution of leaflets.	March 2016	Distributed to every council owned property in Bunhill	Unable to quantify	795.57	795.57	In kind support from St Luke's Community Centre (hire, refreshments and promotion)	
Bunhill	Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	City YMCA, London	Six weekly workshops focussing on skills that young people need to sustain their employment after they have completed an employability programme. Funding to pay for planning, recruitment and delivery, lunch and refreshments, an employability specialist, volunteer training and expenses.	April to May 2016	Errol Street Hostel residents (aged 16 to 25) and Bunhill residents attending job centre	29 at the hostel	642.90	5,749.90	£3,708 City YMCA, £1,399 2016-17 Bunhill LIF	
Canonbury	Clare Jeapes / Nicholas Wayne	The Manna at St Stephen's Church	Day centre which assists with tenancy sustainment and financial inclusion of residents struggling with addictions, poverty, disability or low self esteem and who do not engage well with other services. Funding to contribute towards the wages of a part time project worker.	April 2016 to April 2017	Mainly marginalised residents struggling with addictions, poverty, disability or low self esteem	32 clients and 13 volunteers	2,000	16,000	£4,000 from private donation, Richard Cloudesley tbc, other grant making trusts tbc	

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Clerkenwell	James Court	Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers	Befriending and outreach services, including a telephone club, lunch club, shopping trips and assisted transport. Funding to contribute towards the salary of a volunteer organiser.	April 2015 to March 2016	Older people	175	1,467	13,200	£10,000 third party donations (including £2,500 LIF)	£2,500 LIF awarded to this project in September 2015.
Page 5 Clerkenwell / Highbury East	James Court / Alice Donovan / Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	LBI Arts Service	Between The Stacks' participatory theatre at Central and Finsbury Libraries to encourage parents and carers, especially fathers, to read with young children (part of the Word Festival 2016) . Funding to pay for marketing, artist performance days, sets, costumes, props and creation/adaptation costs.	1 to 30 June 2016	Children aged 1 to 7 years and their families	360 people (60 people at each of the six performances)	3,000	10,000	£7,000 Arts Council England	
Clerkenwell	James Court	Charles Rowan House Tenants & Residents Association	Materials for courtyard gardening and for a residents party in the summer. Funding to pay for circus skills leaders, facepainter, food, drink and fuel for the party and plants, compost, tools and publicity.	April to November 2016	Local residents particularly children	95 flats (about 275 people)	900	900	Not applicable	
Clerkenwell	James Court / Alice Donovan	Spa Fields Festival	Festival in Spa Fields Park which will include a music stage, jumble sale, dog show, kids area, food stalls and a heritage walk. Funding to contribute towards bands, sound engineer and PA, stage, toilets, security / stewards, equipment, publicity, park hire and bouncy castle hire.	28 August 2016	Local residents	500	2,750	3,750	£1,000 sponsorship from local business (Vivien of Holloway)	

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Finsbury Park	Gary Heather	Finsbury Park Community Hub	Annual outing to Southend for local families who otherwise would not have an opportunity to get out of London during the summer. Funding to contribute towards coach hire.	July 2016	Low income residents	100 or 150	1,000	£3,300 or £5,050	Remainder tbc from 2016-17 Finsbury Park LIF and ticket sales (£5 per person)	
Highbury East / Tollington	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell / Jean Kaseki / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Octopus Community Network	Funding for the purchase of a milk float which will be turned into a potting shed and mobile nature classroom (a Gro-Mobile) to empower local residents to transform unloved local spaces into vegetable patches and wildlife havens.	April 2016 to April 2017	Local residents	400+ residents in Highbury East and Tollington wards	1,000	15,781	£673 through Spacehive crowd funding to date, funding tbc from Growing a Greener Britain	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	MER-IT	Seven weekly sessions of workshops at Birchmore Hall where residents who need their computers repaired will work together with previous students who will also work on their own projects. Funding to pay for teaching and admin costs, advertisement and recruiting, parking, petrol and equipment delivery.	3 May to 5 July 2016	Previous students and local residents	13+	2,000	2,000	Not applicable	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Highbury Grove School	Summer community festival including stage entertainment, stalls, games and competitions. Funding to pay for barbecue hire and an inflatable Giant Bungee Run.	16 July 2016	The school and local community	500 to 1,000	590	1,280	£500 Highbury Grove School Foundation, £250 in kind from the school (premises, etc)	

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Highbury East / Mildmay	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Minik Kardes Community Nursery	Health and well being project where mothers, children and a fitness instructor will walk to the parks and museums by the canals and river. Funding to contribute towards travel expenses, refreshments such as water and juices and instructor fees.	March to July 2016	Turkish and Kurdish women and their children living in Islington	30	1,200	1,200	Not applicable	The amount requested for a larger project was £4,000. Project summary has been updated due to only £1,200 being allocated.
Highbury West	Richard Greening	The Garden Classroom	The Acorn Club at Gillespie Park, a pilot nature themed outdoor holiday programme which will be run over four days during the May half term. Funding to contribute towards facilitators and education programme manager, Gillespie Park venue hire, resources, publicity, refreshments, volunteers, overheads and subsidy for low income families.	31 May to 3 June 2016	Targetting all the schools in Highbury West ward	50+	1,544.48	3,650	£384 through discounted LBI Gillespie Park hire, £1,700 parent/carer contributions, £22 Garden Classroom	
Junction	Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Archway Town Centre Group	Funding for the design and printing of a town centre map incorporating a business directory to raise the profile of local businesses and attractions in the area.	1 March to 30 June 2016	Businesses, residents and visitors	Up to 10,000 recipients of the map	429.03	2,860	£2,431 tbc from local businesses through adverts in directory	
Junction	Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls	Friends of Archway Market	Funding for a day of the eight day long ArchWay With Words festival at the market and in St John's Church. Funding to pay for storytellers, musical play directors, authors, interviewers, speakers, workshops and interactive entertainment.	22 October 2016	Local residents	600+	1,200	2,000	£800 ArchWay With Words	

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Junction	Tim Nicholls	Whittington Park Community Association	Big Day Out 2016 in Whittington Park, an annual summer festival. Event will include a range of activities and entertainment, workshops and stalls. Funding will contribute towards entertainment/activities, publicity, staff costs, equipment and other associated running costs.	17 September 2016 (tbc)	All members of the local community as well as local groups	Up to 1,500	300	6,100	£1,850 in kind, £850 from café, stalls and face painting, £3,100 tbc from Drivers and Norris, LBI Greenspace, Selbys and 16-17 LIF	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	Notting Hill Housing Trust	Thirty weekly Music and Movement sessions at Mildmay Extra Care units. Funding to pay for leader of the sessions.	April to October 2016	Older people living at Notting Hill Housing Extra Care units	12 to 15 residents per session	1,200	4,000	£1,000 Notting Hill Housing Trust, £100 private donation, £2,000 Get Moving grant tbc	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	MER-IT	Nine week course on hardware and software fundamentals for young people which will be held at Mildmay Community Centre. Funding to pay for teaching costs, admin, equipment, advertisement, car parking and delivery.	2 May to 27 June 2016	Young people mainly from estates in Mildmay ward	12	4,000	4,000	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	LBI Arts Service	'The Little Green Library', a series of pop up libraries in parks and gardens across Islington which will be delivered by the Garden Classroom (part of the Word Festival 2016). One of the main venues is Newington Green. Funding to pay for materials.	1 to 30 June 2016	Children under 5 years from three nursery groups including The Factory Children's Centre	105	333.33	4,000	£3,000 Arts Council England, £667 Trust / Foundation contribution tbc	The amount requested was £1,000.

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Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	Mildmay Community Partnership	Easter party at the Mildmay Community Centre for children aged 4 to 10 who live in Mildmay ward. Funding to pay for a children's entertainer and refreshments.	7 April 2016	Children aged 4 to 10 from Mildmay	40 to 50	500	500	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	Mildmay Community Partnership	Twelve week course of Capoeira (a Brazilian art form involving rhythmic dance, music and self-defence) aimed at 16 to 22 year olds and held at Mildmay Community Centre. Funding to pay for instructor, room hire and publicity.	1 April to 17 June 2016	Young people aged 16 to 22 years from Mildmay	12 to 15 attendees per week	1,065	1,065	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	Mayville Golden Oldies Senior Citizens and Disabled Group	Dinner and dance event to celebrate St Georges Day at Midmay Community Centre including a DJ, bingo, raffle and sausage and mash dinner. Funding to pay for DJ and catering and refreshments for 40 people.	22 April 2016	Mildmay residents	40 to 50	300	300	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	Mayville Golden Oldies Senior Citizens and Disabled Group	Funding to pay for 48 weeks of room hire for this group of older local residents which meets once a week at Mildmay Community Centre. Activities at the weekly meeting include lunch, bingo and a mini-affle.	25 March 2016 to 17 March 2017	Mainly older people from Mildmay	25 to 30 at weekly lunch club	1,065	1,065	Not applicable	
St Marys	Angela Picknell / Gary Poole	The Manna at St Stephen's Church	Continuation of work on an Edible Forest Garden in Canonbury Gardens (opposite Asteys Row Playground) carried out by the homeless and marginalised clients of the day centre. Funding to contribute towards wages of a freelance community gardener for 24 weeks, equipment and materials.	April to December 2016	Marginalised clients, park users/passers by and residents of Halton Mansions / Canonbury Rd who overlook the park	30 clients, 100 residents overlook the park	2,000	2,800	£800 LBI Greenspace	

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St Peters	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	Friends of Rotherfield PSA	School library renovation, in particular to improve the furniture and displays and to buy new book stock. Funding to pay for new books.	April to November 2016 (dependent on school timetable)	Children and parents/carers	1,000+ (current and future attendees)	2,003.86	25,000	Fundraising ongoing (possibly applying to Foyles Foundation and Arsenal Football Club)	The amount requested was £5,000.
Tollington	Jean Kaseki / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Islington Play Association	Eighteen volunteer-led healthy cooking sessions at Timbuktu Adventure Playground. Funding to pay for ingredients.	April to October 2016	Children and families in Tollington	Approx 241 children	410	6,996	£4,946 Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund, £1,640 2016-17 LIF tbc	
Page 12 Tollington	Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Association	Contribution towards centre manager's salary for time spent on community development/ co-ordination work and costs of a Tollington Ward Partnership community consultation event.	December 2015 to June 2016	Users of the community centre and Tollington residents	250 residents	5,000	5,000	Not applicable	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	LBI Arts Service	Word Festival 2016, an annual local festival which encourages Islington residents to develop enjoyment in reading, writing and freedom of expression. This year the three target audiences are older people with dementia, young people with mental health issues and the very young. Funding to contribute towards artist fees and commissioned events.	1 to 30 June 2016	Targetting older and young people with dementia /mental health issues and younger children and their families	Approx 30,000 (participants, performers and audience)	609.48	70,000	£40,000 Arts Council England, £24,000 LBI CMB, £3,333 Clerkenwell, Highbury East and Mildmay LIF	The amount requested was £1,500.

**Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining**

<b>Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2015-16:</b>	<b>£240,000</b>
Total allocations to be made from previous years' budgets:	£29,384
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£216,715
Balance remaining:	£52,669
<b>New proposals for March VCS Committee:</b>	<b>£47,856</b>
<b>Total amount remaining to allocate in 2015-16:</b>	<b>£4,814</b>

<b>Budget allocations Progress comparison 2014 to 2016:</b>		
	<b>Apr 2014 - Jan 2015</b>	<b>Apr 2015 - Jan 2016</b>
<b>Total budget awarded:</b>	£231,888	£216,715
<b>% of annual budget awarded:</b>	68%	80%

<b>2015-16 Balance remaining by ward:</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Barnsbury	£981
Bunhill	£0
Caledonian	£0
Canonbury	£159
Clerkenwell	£1,000
Finsbury Park	£571
Highbury East	£605
Highbury West	£0
Hillrise	£0
Holloway	£25
Junction	£615
Mildmay	£10
St George's	£0
St Mary's	£847
St Peter's	£0
Tollington	£0

**£4,814****Notes:**

Includes £1,245 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £775 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £500 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £11,239 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £2,053 from previous LIF allocations  
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Includes £786 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £5,177 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £456 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £50 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £1,513 from previous LIF allocations  
Includes £60 from previous LIF allocations

	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>
<b>Total projects funded:</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>174</b>

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Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD

## Report of: Executive Member for Economic and Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2016		All

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## SUBJECT: LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The Local Initiatives Fund is a flexible devolved budget for councillors to use to address issues and priorities in their wards. It is an important element of the council's community provision and helps to meet the needs of local residents. In 2016/17 each ward has an allocation of £15,000 to spend on local schemes. Councillors consider project ideas for their ward and make recommendations to the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee. This report asks the committee to approve the proposals submitted by ward councillors for this financial year.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider the new proposals and changes to previous proposals submitted by ward councillors as set out in Appendix A and to agree these proposals in principle subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 2.2 To note the amendments to ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, as listed in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 In March 2011 the council agreed to strengthen the role of ward councillors by building on existing 'neighbourhood arrangements' for some wards and establishing a mechanism for a more focussed ward based approach throughout the borough. From 1 April 2011 new ward partnership arrangements were introduced in place of the previous area committees.
- 3.2 Simultaneously a report relating to the Islington Community Fund was agreed by Executive. This included a proposal to create a Local Initiatives Fund with each ward having an allocation of £20,000 per year to spend on local projects.
- 3.3 In February 2015, the Executive agreed that the Local Initiatives Fund budget be reduced to £15,000 per ward (£240,000 total).
- 3.4 The Local Initiatives Fund enables councillors to respond directly to priorities in their ward that lie

outside of current mainstream funding programmes and might not otherwise receive funding. It helps them to address the needs of local residents and suggest improvements to local services/facilities or new schemes that will enhance the area.

- 3.5 At Executive in March 2011 it was agreed that a Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Committee of the Executive should be set up to oversee the council's engagement with the voluntary and community sector and to ensure value for money and fairness in the allocation of council resources to the sector.
- 3.6 The VCS Committee's terms of reference include 'To be responsible for the allocation of the Islington Community Fund including...allocating the Local Initiatives Fund having regard to the recommendations of the relevant ward members/relevant ward partnership or neighbourhood group and on the basis that the funding will be allocated equally among the 16 wards making up the council's area'.
- 3.7 The committee agreed that each ward councillor should be given a notional allocation of the Local Initiatives Fund (i.e. divided equally between the councillors elected for each ward). In 2016/17 £15,000 is available to each ward; therefore the notional allocation for each councillor is £5,000. In September 2014 the VCS Committee agreed to introduce a minimum award of £250 per project.
- 3.8 The Democratic Services team in the Chief Executive's department is responsible for managing the Local Initiatives Fund in liaison with ward councillors and members of the VCS Committee. The team ensures that funds are used appropriately and for the purpose for which they are allocated.
- 3.9 The first tranche of proposals submitted by ward councillors for this financial year is set out in Appendix A. It is recommended that these proposals are agreed in principle subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 3.10 Occasionally projects do not proceed as planned and funding is returned to ward budgets. These amendments are listed in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Financial implications:**

The proposals referred to in this report will be met from budget allocations for the Local Initiatives Fund.

### **4.2 Legal Implications:**

The general power of competence pursuant to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which came into force on 6 April 2012 provides the council with very broad powers 'to do anything that individuals generally may do'. This covers the power to give grants to voluntary and community sector organisations as proposed in this report and includes anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the whole or part of its area or all or any of the persons resident or present in that area. The provision of resources through the Local Initiatives Fund is likely to promote the social and economic well being of Islington's residents.

The council is under a fiduciary duty to ensure that its resources are used appropriately. Where the money is allocated to outside bodies, the requirements of the procurement rules may apply. In any event it will be important to maintain current practice of ensuring that the money will be used for the purposes for which it is allocated and that individual members are made aware of the responsibility they bear in making recommendations in relation to specific groups.

### **4.3 Environmental Implications:**

When considering proposals the VCS Committee will take relevant environmental implications into account.

### **4.4 Resident Impact Assessment:**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to

remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life.

The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding and when considering proposals the VCS Committee will take relevant equalities implications into account. The Local Initiatives Fund provides resources for local projects which directly meet the needs of local residents, many of whom are from groups with protected characteristics. It enables some of Islington's poorest communities to access community-based services and activities and allows provision to be developed locally which can reach groups of residents that may not otherwise be supported.

## 5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

The Local Initiatives Fund is an effective way of addressing local priorities and provides a mechanism for ward councillors to support small projects which might otherwise not be funded. Proposals submitted for approval represent a wide range of activity and will deliver significant benefit to local communities.

### Appendices

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

**Background papers:** none

Final report clearance:

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Executive Member for Economic and Community Development

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## NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN APRIL 2016

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Governance and Human Resources Comments
Bunhill	Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	City YMCA, London	Six weekly workshops focussing on skills that young people need to sustain their employment after they have completed an employability programme. Funding to pay for planning, recruitment and delivery, lunch and refreshments, an employability specialist, volunteer training and expenses.	April to May 2016	Errol Street Hostel residents (aged 16 to 25) and Bunhill residents attending job centre	29 at the hostel	1,399.20	5,749.90	£3,708 City YMCA, £643 2015-16 Bunhill LIF	£643 Bunhill LIF awarded to this project in March 2016.
Canonbury	Alexander Diner/ Clare Jeapes / Nicholas Wayne	LBI Greenspace	Outdoor gym equipment in St Paul's Park. Funding to pay for the creation of a concrete base and safety surface and the purchase and installation of five pieces of gym equipment (pull up bars, bike, ski machine, sit up bench, chestpress/pull down).	Site works begin 9 May 2016	Park visitors, young users of the Rose Bowl and pupils and staff from St Pauls Steiner School	Unable to quantify	2,000	25,477	£18,000 Canonbury LIF, £5,477 LBI Parks Service	£18,000 Canonbury LIF awarded to this project in January 2016.
Junction	Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls	Archway Town Centre Group	A one day Archway town centre festival organised by Hargrave Hall Community Centre and the Archway Town Centre Group. Funding to contribute towards stalls hire, publicity, facepainters, entertainment, music and other associated costs.	18 June 2016	Local residents, town centre visitors and local businesses	500	1,000	2,846	£1,000 Hargrave Hall tbc, £900 business sponsorship tbc	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	MER-IT	Nine week course on hardware and software fundamentals for young people which will be held at Mildmay Community Centre. Funding to pay for room hire.	2 May to 27 June 2016	Young people mainly from estates in Mildmay ward	12	200	4,200	£4,000 2015-16 Mildmay LIF	£4,000 awarded to this project in March 2016. An extra £200 agreed for room hire.

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Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oilly Parker	London Village Network	Ten week project encouraging young people to identify a career path. Various industries will provide insight into developing a business leading onto the young people developing a business plan and putting it into practice. Funding to contribute towards the salaries of the co-ordinators and youth leaders.	3 May to 12 July 2016	Young people aged 16 to 24 from Mayville estate	10 to 15	2,000	7,000	£5,000 LBI Community Chest	
St Marys	Angela Picknell / Gary Poole / Nurullah Turan	St Mary Magdalene Church	Three outdoor jazz concerts in St Mary Magdalene Gardens on Friday evenings in July. Funding to contribute towards musicians and publicity.	Concerts on 1st, 8th and 15th July	Local residents	300 per performance	700	1,700	£1,000 LBI Greenspace	
St Marys	Angela Picknell / Gary Poole / Nurullah Turan	St Marys Church, Upper Street	Week long festival as part of a 'Soul in the City' community cohesion initiative. Funding will contribute towards entertainment, the Fun for All Day on 4 June (bouncy castle, community gardening, face painting, etc) and the Youth Programme.	1 to 5 June 2016	Local residents especially young people	2,000+	2,500	10,000	£5,000 St Mary's Church, £500 private donation, £2,000 Morris Trust tbc	

**Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining**

<b>Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2016-17:</b>	<b>£240,000</b>
Total allocations to be made from previous years' budgets:	£13,114
Balance remaining:	£253,114
<b>New proposals for April VCS Committee:</b>	<b>£9,799</b>
<b>Total amount remaining to allocate in 2016-17:</b>	<b>£243,315</b>

<b>2016-17 Balance remaining by ward:</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Barnsbury	£15,981
Bunhill	£13,601
Caledonian	£16,500
Canonbury	£13,159
Clerkenwell	£16,000
Finsbury Park	£15,571
Highbury East	£16,105
Highbury West	£15,500
Hillrise	£15,000
Holloway	£15,025
Junction	£14,615
Mildmay	£12,810
St George's	£15,000
St Mary's	£12,647
St Peter's	£20,800
Tollington	£15,000

**£243,315****Notes:**

Includes £981 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £159 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £571 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,105 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £25 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £615 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £10 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £847 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £5,800 from previous LIF allocations

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