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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 **15 May 2017 at 6:30pm.**

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Membership 2016/17

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)  
Councillor Andy Hull  
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE  
Councillor Joe Caluori  
Councillor Asima Shaikh  
Councillor Diarmaid Ward  
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Observers

Councillor Theresa Debono  
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche MBE  
Councillor Marian Spall

**Quorum: is 2 Councillors**



1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of substitute members
3. Declarations of interest

If you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest\* in an item of business:

- 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;
- you may choose to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.

In both the above cases, you must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

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(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.

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(f) Corporate tenancies - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest.

(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.

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| 4.                                      | Minutes of the previous meeting | 1 - 14  |
| <br><b>A. Matters for decision</b>      |                                 |         |
| 5.                                      | Local Initiatives Fund awards   | 15 - 24 |
| <br><b>B. Urgent non-exempt matters</b> |                                 |         |

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.

**C. 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.

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

**E. 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 is scheduled for  
13 June 2017

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London Borough of Islington

## **Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 28 March 2017**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 28 March 2017 at 6.35 pm.

**Present:**       **Councillors:**     Janet Burgess, Kaya Comer-Schwartz and Diarmaid Ward

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Comer-Schwartz was elected to chair this meeting.

### **Councillor Comer-Schwartz in the Chair**

- 125**        **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**  
Received from Councillors Richard Watts, Andy Hull, Theresa Debono (observer), Mouna Hamitouche (observer) and Marian Spall (observer).
- 126**        **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**  
Councillor Janet Burgess substituted for Councillor Richard Watts and Councillor Diarmaid Ward substituted for Councillor Andy Hull.
- 127**        **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**  
None.
- 128**        **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)**  
  
**RESOLVED:**  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.
- 129**        **LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)**  
  
Councillor Comer-Schwartz noted that this year's Local Initiatives Fund budget was now almost fully committed.  
  
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 Community Development be approved in principle, subject to the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services 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, as detailed on the final page of Appendix A, be 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

**130** **COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND 2017 (Item B2)**

**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 Community Development, for the following community festivals:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Festival</u>	<u>Amount</u>
All Change on behalf of Word2017	Word2017 Festival	£3,000
City YMCA	Whitecross Street party	£3,500
Islington Play Association	The Cally Festival	£3,500
Oxjam Islington	Oxjam Islington Take Over	£2,000
The Angel Canal Festival Management Group	Angel Canal Festival	£2,000
ArchWay with Words	ArchWay with Words	£2,000

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

**131** **ISLINGTON COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND THREE GRANT AWARDS 2016/17 (Item C1)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the funding decisions (7 March 2017) made by Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) Panel, in relation to the third round of ICCC grant funding for 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be noted.

Reasons for decision

The decisions on grant awards had already been made by ICCC and therefore the report was for the Committee's information only.

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 28 March 2017**

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

The meeting ended at 6.40pm.

**CHAIR**

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## NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2017

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing and Adult Social Services Comments
Barnsbury	Rowena Champion	The Garden Classroom	Trees Please Me' programme of tree education in Barnard Park for ten schools. Funding to pay for project manager, subsidy for schools, graphic designer, website, illustrations and printing, equipment and resources, education consultant, volunteer expenses and overheads.	May 2017 to March 2018, sessions delivered up to October 2017	Children at schools in the west side of the borough	200+	1,570	1,920	£200 in kind for admin support	
Page 5 Barnsbury	Rowena Champion / Mouna Hamitouche	Cubitt Artists / LBI Arts Service	A programme of six participatory workshops with older people from the Claremont Project which will result in a 'Journeys' cross-artform work which will be showcased at the Summer Ball, a highlight of the Word Festival 2017. Funding to contribute towards the workshops including planning and delivery.	Programme starts in May 2017, Ball on 15 June 2017	Mainly older people from the Claremont Project	Up to 45 from Claremont, 250 older people attending the Summer Ball	499.42	12,580	£3,420 Word Festival, £3,000 The Monument Trust, £2,000 Islington Giving, £702 Arts Council England, £500 Assembly Hall free hire (in kind)	The amount requested is £750.
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	City YMCA London	Annual Whitecross Street Party including the festival in July and an arts exhibition from July to September. Funding to contribute towards brand development and staffing costs.	1 March to 30 September 2017, festival on 22 and 23 July	Targetted at Islington residents	8,000	2,137.10	104,000	£79,000 LBI funding (Section 106, Community Festivals Fund and further LIF), £15,000 Arts Council tbc, £8,000 commercial sponsorship tbc, £2,000 stall income tbc	The amount requested is £2,418.35. A further £5,281 LIF to be agreed in 2017-18.

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Bunhill	Claudia Webbe	LBI VCS Development Team	Funding for a creche for a Finsbury Ward Partnership meeting at St Luke's Community Centre which focusses on under 5s provision in the area.	Wednesday 29 March 2017	Families with children under 5	Up to 16 children under 5	281.25	281.25	In kind support from St Luke's for hire, refreshments and community engagement and promotion	
Caledonian	Paul Convery / Una O'Halloran / Rupert Perry	Islington Play Association	Contribution towards the Cally Festival 2017, now in its 7th year. Funding to contribute towards production, facilitation, commissioned community engagement, promotion, a street market and other associated running costs.	Organisation and community engagement from March 2017 onwards, festival on 18 June 2017	Mainly residents in Caledonian, Barnsbury and Holloway wards	8,000 to 9,000	5,280.34	37,000	£17,500 LBI funding (Housing, Comm Festivals Fund, Section 106 / CIL and 17-18 LIF), £13,500 tbc from sponsors and market income	
Caledonian	Paul Convery / Una O'Halloran / Rupert Perry	LBI Communications	Printing and distribution costs for promotional material for Caledonian Ward Partnership public meetings and events.	April 2017 to March 2018	The local community	15,000 residents in Caledonian ward	500	500	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Clare Jeapes	LBI Greenspace Parks Service	New River Walk accessibility improvements creating level step free access at all the entrance points on Canonbury Road and Willow Bridge.	April to July 2017	Visitors to New River Walk	Unable to quantify	3,152.16	17,000	£14,000 Community Infrastructure Levy tbc	
Clerkenwell	James Court	St Marks Church, Clerkenwell	Installation of disabled access involving a ramp, safe steps and re-landscaping across the West Front of the church. Funding to pay for resin bond paving for the ramp surface.	May to July 2017	Visitors especially the disabled and buggy users	2,000+	1,000	2,195.81	£1,000+ already secured through fundraising events	

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Clerkenwell	James Court / Alice Donovan	Spa Fields / Clerkenwell Festival	Small scale community festival to be held in Spa Fields Park including a music stage, jumble sale, dog show, kids area, food stalls and a heritage walk. Funding to contribute towards the costs of PA equipment and backline, toilets and security / stewards.	27 August 2017	Local residents, including young offenders and homeless people who will be stewards	500	1,917.02	4,500	Income from stalls and local businesses tbc, fundraising on-going	The amount requested is £3,000.
Page 7 Clerkenwell	Alice Donovan	Sylvia Pankhurst Memorial Committee	Funding to contribute towards the erection of a statue of Sylvia Pankhurst on Clerkenwell Green to celebrate her contribution to women's suffrage, working class emancipation, journalism, art, anti-racism and anti-imperialism.	By the centenary of the act which gave the first vote to some women (February 2018)	Local residents, visitors to the area and history lovers, particularly women	Unable to quantify	3,000	70,000	£10,000 City of London Corporation, £29,812 general and trade union collection, further fundraising on-going	
Clerkenwell	James Court	Peel Institute	Summer party showcasing the centre's activities and consulting attendees about the centre's future priorities. Funding to pay for the printing and distribution of 5,000 leaflets, flyers and posters to promote the event.	July 2017	Open to all Clerkenwell residents, focussing on families living on the Finsbury estate	Up to 100	500	1,000	£500 Peel Institute	
Clerkenwell / St Marys	James Court / Alice Donovan / Gary Poole / Nurullah Turan	Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers / FCV Dorcas Befriending Project	Funding to contribute towards the annual salary of the Befriending Project Co-ordinator who currently runs 81 one to one befriending relationships across central and south Islington.	1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018	Older people, particularly those who are most isolated	81	3,171.27	11,725	£1,000 AHMM (an architect's practice), fundraising on-going	The amount requested is £5,000.

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Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan	The Islington Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Eight weeks of pilot healthy eating / weight loss sessions. Funding to pay for the costs of a dietician, weighing scales, food, saucepans and printer.	6 April to 25 May 2017	Female Islington residents	20 to 30	799.74	900	Not applicable	The amount requested is £900.
Finsbury Park	Michael O'Sullivan	LBI Public Protection	Refreshments and printing of publicity for Finsbury Park Ward Partnership meetings. Key local stakeholders at these meetings include representatives from the police, local community centres, churches / faith organisations, TRAs and voluntary and community organisations.	3 May, 19 July and 18 October 2017 (provisional dates of 17-18 meetings)	Key local stakeholders	20	154.72	250	£95.28 17-18 Finsbury Park LIF	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather	Bags of Taste	Free cookery course which teaches the disadvantaged how to shop and cook for themselves on a tight budget. Funding to pay for hire of the Andover Community Centre for four 2.5 hour sessions.	20 April to 11 May 2017 (depending on availability of the centre)	Mainly Finsbury Park residents	60 to 70	260	2,560	£2,300 The Funding Network	
Finsbury Park / Tollington	Gary Heather / Flora Williamson	The Toy Project	One day workshop where children will decorate doll's houses which they can then take home. Funding to pay for doll's houses, wallpaper, materials and refreshments.	May 2017	Children to be referred by Help On Your Doorstep and local schools	20	500	500	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan / Asima Shaikh	LBI Housing	Soul In The City' fun day on the Andover Estate in conjunction with the community centre, TRAs and local churches. Funding to contribute towards the hire of stage and equipment, food costs, publicity and bouncy castle hire.	1 or 2 July 2017	Aimed at all residents of the Andover, Six Acres and Clifton / Haden estates	Approx 2,000	1,699.67	5,000	£2,000 LBI Housing Community Development Team, £1,300 church and other local stakeholders tbc	

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Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	LBI Housing	Landscaping of the border of Highbury Quadrant Estate that meets Green Lanes with the intention of making it safer through improvements to the surface as well as aesthetic improvements in the form of turfed grass mounds.	April to May 2017 (7 week programme)	Highbury Quadrant Estate residents, pedestrians on Green Lanes	2,000+ (1,200 Highbury Quadrant residents)	6,904.29	95,858.26	£82,306.19 Section 106 funding, £5,000 Community Infrastructure Levy tbc	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Asian Elderly Luncheon and Social Club	Hire of a 32 seater coach for a trip to Brighton and food for celebrations for Eid, Diwali and Christmas.	Trip on 22 July 2017, Eid / Diwali on 25 November 2017	Mainly Asian older people	25 (12 Islington residents)	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	The Garden Classroom	Nine sessions of a 'Summer on the Green' nature connection programme on Newington Green following on from a Nature Festival in May. Funding to pay for staff and volunteer costs, activity resources, equipment and the design and print of a flier.	Preparation in May 2017, delivery in July or August 2017	Children and their families	100 children and their adult chaperones	1,564	1,564	£390 TGC Project manager time, LBI in kind (through Newington Green hut use)	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	LBI Arts Service	A programme of eight participatory workshops with older people in Mildmay Extra Care which will result in a 'Journeys' cross-artform work which will be showcased at the Summer Ball, a highlight of the Word Festival 2017. Funding to contribute towards artist fees for the workshops.	Programme starts in May 2017, Ball on 15 June 2017	Older people suffering from dementia attending Mildmay Extra Care	10 from Mildmay Extra Care, 250 older people attending the Summer Ball	999.59	12,580	£3,420 Word Festival, £3,000 The Monument Trust, £2,000 Islington Giving, £702 Arts Council England, £500 Assembly Hall free hire (in kind)	

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St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Cubitt Artists / LBI Arts Service	A programme of four participatory workshops with young people from Holloway School which will result in 'Journeys' artwork which will be showcased at the Summer Ball, a highlight of the Word Festival 2017. Funding to contribute towards the workshops including planning and delivery.	Programme starts in May 2017, Ball on 15 June 2017	Mainly pupils at Holloway School	30 pupils at Holloway School, 250 older people attending the Summer Ball	500	12,580	£3,420 Word Festival, £3,000 The Monument Trust, £2,000 Islington Giving, £702 Arts Council England, £500 Assembly Hall free hire (in kind)	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Hilldrop Area Community Association	Costs of employing two people who will undertake data collection on service users/ work on the website and help the centre with fundraising.	Staff member for data collection/web site to start in early April	Residents in St Georges ward and surrounding areas	Unable to quantify	1,500	1,500	Not applicable	£1,000 LIF awarded to the cost of a freelance fundraiser in January 2017.
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 Family Fun Day on 10 June (bouncy castle, community gardening, face painting, etc) and the Sunday Programme.	7 to 11 June 2017	Local residents	2,000+	2,781.59	10,000	£5,000 St Mary's Church, £2,000 Arimathea Trust tbc, £2,000 Morris Trust tbc	The amount requested is £3,000.
St Marys	Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan	Cubitt Artists / LBI Arts Service	Programmes of participatory workshops with older people which will result in 'Journeys' cross-artform works which will be showcased at the Summer Ball, a highlight of the Word Festival 2017. Funding to contribute towards technical support, e.g. technician fees, stage manager, security and event staffing.	Programme starts in May 2017, Ball on 15 June 2017	Islington residents over the age of 55 years, including those who are living with dementia and other conditions	250 older people attending the Summer Ball	798.57	12,580	£3,420 Word Festival, £3,000 The Monument Trust, £2,000 Islington Giving, £702 Arts Council England, £500 Assembly Hall free hire (in kind)	The amount requested is £1,000.

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St Peters	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	Hanover School Association	Funding to enable Hanover School Garden (on the Regents Canal towpath) to expand, develop a watering system and provide two drop in learning sessions for primary schoolchildren. Funding to pay for plants and bulbs, a solar powered irrigation system, delivery of the learning sessions, compost, publicity, equipment and supplies.	Garden extension by June 2017, irrigation system by July 2017, educational sessions in June and October 2017	Local families, local resident volunteers and towpath users	60 children with parents / carers at learning sessions, 15 to 20 volunteers during monthly gardening days	2,350	2,800	£200 HSA Garden Fundraising, £150 public donation, £100 Waitrose Good Causes tbc	
Page 11 St Peters	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	Friends of Graham Street Park	A fenced conservation corner near the park-keeper's hut which will become an outdoor learning space. Funding to contribute towards Phase 1 of the three phase project which involves installing wooden fencing and a bench.	April 2017 onwards	Mainly local children, their parents and carers	500 to 1,000	2,694.40	4,700	£632 Hanover Primary School donation, £1,373 FROGS reserves	
Tollington	Flora Williamson	Fulfilling Lives Islington and Camden, Single Homeless Project	The redevelopment of Grot Spots in Tollington through gardening by homeless people, initially Evershot Road open space and may be extended to Eveleigh Street / Dullas St open space. Funding to pay for the removal of rose bushes, tools, plants, bulbs and materials.	March to September 2017	Local residents, including the homeless and those who have mental health issues	50+ local residents, initially 2 homeless individuals	1,023.10	1,023.10	Not applicable	

## PROJECT CHANGES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2017

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Barnsbury / Bunhill / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillside / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / St Marys / St Peters / Tollington	All councillors of Bunhill, Canonbury, Highbury East, Highbury West, Holloway, Junction, St Georges and St Marys wards / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Raphael Andrews / James Court / Micheline Ngongo / Marian Spall / Joe Caluori / Alice Perry / Martin Klute / Jean Kaseki / Flora Williamson	Awesome Elm CIC	Six Family Play sessions held on Saturday mornings across six Adventure Playgrounds. Funding to pay for soft play equipment, cooking ingredients, publicity, materials and games.	Launch event on 25 March 2017	Open to all but focussing on new families whose first language is not English and those who have children with additional needs	70 to 100 people per playground (420 to 600 in total)	766.04	766.04	£40 to £60 parents' donations tbc, £1,500 to £2,500 staffing in kind for setting up prior to opening	Grant originally awarded in June and July 2016 for the Islington Playday in August 2016 for which there was an underspend of £766.04 (due to cancellations of orders for materials and through sourcing resources cheaper than initially expected)



**Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining**

<b>Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2016-17:</b>	<b>£240,000</b>
<b>Amount set aside for support for fifteen ward partnerships:</b>	<b>£3,750</b>
<b>Total amended Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2016-17:</b>	<b>£236,250</b>
Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets:	£29,028
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£214,076
Balance remaining:	£51,203
<b>New proposals for March VCS Committee:</b>	<b>£48,538</b>
<b>Total amount remaining to allocate in 2016-17:</b>	<b>£2,664</b>

<b>Budget allocations</b>		
<b>Progress comparison 2015 to 2017:</b>		
	<b>Apr 2015 - Jan 2016</b>	<b>Apr 2016 - Jan 2017</b>
<b>Total budget awarded:</b>	£216,715	£214,076
<b>% of annual budget awarded:</b>	80%	82%

<b>2016-17 Balance remaining by ward:</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Barnsbury	£0
Bunhill	£0
Caledonian	£0
Canonbury	£1,000
Clerkenwell	£0
Finsbury Park	£0
Highbury East	£0
Highbury West	£625
Hillrise	£0
Holloway	£115
Junction	£375
Mildmay	£0
St George's	£88
St Mary's	£0
St Peter's	£344
Tollington	£117
	<b>£2,664</b>

**Notes:**

Includes £2,209 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £597 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,437 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £821 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £4,042 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £925 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £25 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,697 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £3,832 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,814 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £5,800 from previous LIF allocations

	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>
<b>Total projects funded:</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>171</b>

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## Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2017		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 2017/18 each ward has an allocation of £14,000 to spend on local schemes, with the exception of Bunhill and Clerkenwell who each have an allocation of £14,500. 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 Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services 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. The amendments are detailed at paragraph 3.11 and are included 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 was available to each ward; therefore the notional allocation for each councillor was £5,000. In September 2014 the VCS Committee agreed to introduce a minimum award of £250 per project.
- 3.8 In January 2017, the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee agreed that in order to address the issue of recruiting and retaining support for ward partnerships, an incentive payment of £1,000 per annum would be paid to each ward partnership co-ordinator and that £1,000 per annum be set aside from each ward partnership Local Initiatives Fund budget to fund this support.
- 3.9 The Voluntary and Community Sector Development Team in the Housing and Adult Social Services 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.
- 3.10 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 Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 3.11 Occasionally projects do not proceed as planned and funding is returned to ward budgets or the use of a grant has to be changed.

In 2017/18, the annual Local Initiatives Fund budget is therefore £225,000. This is £14,000 per ward apart from the Bunhill and Clerkenwell ward budgets which are each £14,500.

In March 2012, £6,167 was awarded to LBI Greenspace for the enhancement and upgrading of the Islington Green War Memorial. A failure in the concrete foundations and the ageing of the stone meant that not all the planned improvements could be carried out. An underspend of £3,015 has been returned to the St Mary's budget for reallocation.

In July 2016, £2,440 was awarded to Hanover School for a car bike port (or equal) outside the school to encourage parents and children to cycle to school. The initial bike parking design was deemed not appropriate for a conservation area so this £2,440 has been returned to the St Peter's budget for reallocation.

In January 2017, it was agreed that an incentive payment of £1,000 per annum be paid to each ward partnership co-ordinator to address the issue of recruiting and retaining support for 15 ward partnerships. £250 was subtracted from each ward partnership LIF budget to fund this support from January to March 2017. Five of the ward partnership co-ordinators did not start until February so £83 has been returned to each of the Barnsbury, Caledonian, Holloway, St Mary's and Mildmay budgets for reallocation.

Small residual amounts of 2016/17 funding totalling £2,664 have also been added back into the ward budgets.

## **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**

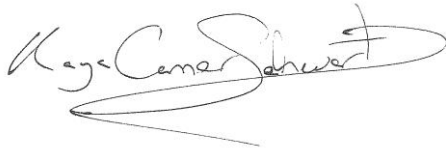
Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

**Background papers:** none

Final report clearance:

**Signed by:**

2 May 2017

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## NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MAY 2017

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing and Adult Social Services Comments
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / St Marys / St Peters / Tollington	All councillors of Barnsbury, Bunhill, Highbury East, Highbury West and Junction wards / Nick Wayne / James Court / Alice Donovan / Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Marian Spall / Joe Caluori / Olly Parker / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward / Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan / Alice Perry / Jean Kaseki	New Unity	One day a week drop-in offering free legal advice to asylum applicants and refugees. Immigration and welfare advice, medical advice and a healthy lunch will be provided. Funding to pay for 190 hours of legal advice, IT equipment and cooking equipment.	Equipment in May 2017 (when 3 month pilot begins), legal advice from August to November 2017	Migrants especially those seeking asylum	500 (30 to 40 per week)	10,716.67	60,000	£20,000 tbc from trusts, £15,000 tbc from corporate sponsorship, £10,000 tbc from local fundraising / crowdfunding	The amount requested is £16,000.
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	City YMCA London	Annual Whitecross Street Party including the festival in July and an arts exhibition from July to September. Funding to contribute towards the cost of a creative producer.	1 April to 20 September 2017 (festival on 22 July)	Targetted at Islington residents	8,000	5,281.25	104,000	£76,137 LBI funding (Section 106, Community Festivals Fund and LIF), £15,000 Arts Council tbc, £8,000 commercial sponsorship tbc, £2,000 stall income tbc	

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Clerkenwell	James Court / Alice Donovan	Artistry Youth Dance	Eight weeks of 'Empowerment' dance workshops for young people at the Old Finsbury Town Hall culminating in a public performance at the end of July and performances at local community events. Funding to pay for choreographer and studio hire.	1 May to 31 July 2017	Young women aged 14 to 19 from BME communities	8 participants	1,000	3,320	£1,100 in kind for choreographer and studio hire, £240 costumes (private donor), £480 transport for participants (in kind)	The amount requested is £1,500.
Finsbury Park	Michael O'Sullivan	LBI Public Protection	Refreshments and printing of publicity for Finsbury Park Ward Partnership meetings in 2017-18. Key local stakeholders attending these meetings include representatives from the police, local community centres, churches / faith organisations, TRAs and voluntary and community organisations.	19 July and 18 October 2017 (provisional dates of 17-18 meetings)	Key local stakeholders	20	95.28	250	£154.72 16-17 Finsbury Park LIF	
Finsbury Park	Michael O'Sullivan	Jannaty Women's Social Society	Outing to Southend. Funding to pay for coach hire, advertising the trip and small gifts for children.	21 May 2017	BME women, children and volunteers	52 women and children	500	600	£100 donations from the members	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Holloway Neighbourhood Group	Food, soft drinks, disposables and charcoal for Mayton Street Festival 2017 which is being organised by local residents.	8 July 2017	Local residents	350	500	800	£300 sponsorship from local companies	



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Highbury East / Mildmay / St Marys	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker / Angela Picknell	Highbury Opera Theatre	Musical theatre education workshops at twelve schools culminating in five public and two free schools only performances of Nick Hornby's 'Fever Pitch' at the Union Chapel. Funding to contribute towards the salary of the Youth Chorus Co-ordinator.	10 April to 20 October 2017	Pupils from 12 Islington schools	1,300	750	74,789	£46,277 secured from Arts Council England, donations and grants, £7,000 tbc from grants applied for, £20,512 tbc ticket sales / programme advertising	The total amount requested from four wards is £1,000.
Page 21 Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Clay Time Pottery Place CIC	Funding to enable the delivery of a clay and pottery project at reduced rates to local schools, community services and others in Highbury West who would otherwise be excluded. Funding to pay for equipment, materials, staff costs and overheads.	April to November 2017	Young people, children, vulnerable adults, older people, those on low wages and the unwaged	5,000 per year (up to 150 with this funding)	1,500	4,500	£1,500 tbc Clay Time Pottery Place CIC, £1,500 tbc contributions from participants	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Stephens Ink Community Association	Fifteen week jewellery making course. Funding to pay for tutor, materials, stationery and photocopying.	3 May to 9 August 2017	Women mainly from Highbury West	12 to 14	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Hillrise Ward c/o Caxton House Community Centre	Funding for four events at Caxton House or at Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association - summer festival, winter fair, winter songs and carols celebration, and a festive event at a local church. Funding to pay for activities, stalls, entertainment, refreshments, publicity and volunteer expenses.	5 August to 15 December 2017	Open to all	550+ Islington residents	3,750	5,855	£1,535 in kind support (venue hire, equipment and materials), £570 other donations	

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Junction / St Marys	Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls / Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan	Speak Street CIC	Weekly language café sessions targetted at migrants and refugees/asylum seekers from BME communities in a local library or community centre. Funding to contribute towards the cost of facilitators, travel expenses for participants and refreshments.	September 2017 to March 2018	Migrants and refugees / asylum seekers from BME communities, native local English speaking volunteers	60 per ward	2,000	4,000	Details to follow	The amount requested from each ward is £2,000 (total of £4,000 requested).
Tollington	Jean Kaseki / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Association	Workshop to encourage higher self-esteem among older people. Funding to pay for hall hire and a band.	August 2017 to April 2018	Mainly older and disabled people	20	540	540	Not applicable	

**Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining**

<b>Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2017-18:</b>	<b>£225,000</b>
Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets:	£8,536
Balance remaining:	£233,536
<b>New proposals for May VCS Committee:</b>	<b>£27,633</b>
<b>Total amount remaining to allocate in 2017-18:</b>	<b>£205,903</b>

<b>2017-18 Balance remaining by ward:</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Barnsbury	£13,583
Bunhill	£8,719
Caledonian	£14,083
Canonbury	£14,000
Clerkenwell	£12,500
Finsbury Park	£12,355
Highbury East	£12,750
Highbury West	£10,792
Hillrise	£9,750
Holloway	£14,199
Junction	£13,375
Mildmay	£12,833
St George's	£13,755
St Mary's	£14,348
St Peter's	£15,784
Tollington	£13,077
	<b>£205,903</b>

**Notes:**

Includes £83 from previous LIF allocations

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