

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 10 July 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 10 July 2017 at 6.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Diarmaid Ward and Richard Watts

Observers: Theresa Debono and Mouna Hamitouche

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

137 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Received from Councillor Raphael Andrews (observer).

138 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)

None.

139 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None.

140 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

141 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)

The report was amended on submission as follows:

a) Paragraph 3.12: add the following new bullet point:

- “Cllr Gary Poole is a member of Islington Veterans Association (primarily through his role as the Council's Armed Forces Champion) which has been allocated £961 LIF for Armed Forces Day 2017” ;and

b) an amendment to the note next to the Highbury West entry in Appendix A of the report, replacing the figure “£625” with “£1,313”.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and the changes to previous proposals, detailed in Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the revised 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.

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(b) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, as detailed on the final page of Appendix A of the report, be noted.

(c) That the declarations of interest made by Councillors, detailed in paragraph 3.12 of the report, be noted.

Reason 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

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ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY USE ROUND ONE: JANUARY TO MARCH 2018 (Item B2)

RESOLVED:

(a) That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall be allocated to the following organisations, between January and March 2018:

- Samuel Rhodes School
- Centre 404
- Gain Ctrl
- Voluntary Action Islington

(b) That the following two applicants be held in reserve, in the event of the inability of the applicants in resolution (a) above to negotiate dates and timings for use of the Assembly Hall:

- Friends of Ambler
- Islington People's Rights

Reason 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 6.38 pm.

CHAIR