



AGENDA FOR THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE

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 **10 July 2017 at 6:30pm.**

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Membership 2017/18

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE
Councillor Joe Caluori
Councillor Andy Hull
Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Observers

Councillor Raphael Andrews
Councillor Theresa Debono
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche MBE

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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*(a) Employment, etc - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

(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.

(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.

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(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.

This applies to all members present at the meeting.

4.	Minutes of the previous meeting	1 - 8
A.	Matters for decision	Page
1.	Local Initiatives Fund awards	9 - 20
2.	Islington Assembly Hall: free community use round one: January to March 2018	21 - 28
B.	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.

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)

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E. Urgent Exempt Matters

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The next meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is scheduled for
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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 15 May 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 15 May 2017 at 6.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Kaya Comer-Schwartz and Richard Watts

Observer: Theresa Debono

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Received from Councillors Mouna Hamitouche and Marian Spall (observers) and Councillor Andy Hull.

133 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)

None.

134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None.

135 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

136 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item 5)

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 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 of the report, be noted.

Reasons for decision

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

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Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm

CHAIR

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.
Page 4 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 5 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

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

2017-18 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
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
	£205,903

Notes:

Includes £83 from previous LIF allocations

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Includes £625 from previous LIF allocations

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Includes £375 from previous LIF allocations

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Includes £3,098 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,784 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £117 from previous LIF allocations

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Housing and Adult Social Services
Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD

Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	10 th July 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.
- 2.3 To note the declarations of interest made by councillors due to having a connection with organisations that funding is recommended for. These are detailed at paragraph 3.12.

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.
- 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.
- 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 second 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.

Between September 2016 and January 2017, the Local Initiatives Fund was used by a number of wards to contribute towards festive lighting across the borough. The following underspends have been returned to ward budgets for reallocation:

- £392 underspend on Highbury Park and Blackstock Road festive lighting (originally awarded £3,145 LIF by the Highbury East and Highbury West ward councillors)
- £131 underspend on Campdale and Tufnell Park Road festive lighting (originally awarded £3,598 LIF by the Junction and St George's ward councillors)
- £145 underspend on Essex Road festive lighting (originally awarded £4,101 LIF by the St Peter's ward councillors)
- £190 underspend on Caledonian Road festive lighting (originally awarded £4,015 LIF by the Caledonian ward councillors)

In June 2015, £500 was awarded by the Highbury West councillors to a Highbury Hill Street Party. However no date could be found when enough of the street would be available to make it work so this £500 has been returned to the Highbury West ward budget for reallocation.

In March 2017, £500 was awarded to Cubitt Artists for a programme of four participatory workshops with young people from Holloway School which was to result in 'Journeys' artwork which was to be showcased at the Summer Ball, a highlight of the Word Festival 2017. Due to capacity issues, Holloway School withdrew from the Summer Ball and the organisation were unable to source another school in the time available before the ball so the £500 has been returned to the St George's ward budget for reallocation.

In July 2016, LBI Heritage Services was awarded two grants for the conservation of war memorials - £1,067 LIF for the war memorial in St Silas Church Garden and £624 LIF for the war memorial in Thornhill Road Gardens. There was a £25 underspend on the St Silas memorial due to the cost of the work being slightly less than the estimate. There was a £280 underspend on the Thornhill Road Gardens memorial due to £280 of the grant being for installing new paving stones. Once work was underway it was agreed that the existing paving stones were in good condition and just needed cleaning so the £280 was no longer needed. A total of £305 has therefore been returned to the Barnsbury budget for reallocation.

In March 2017, £281 LIF was awarded to pay for a creche for a Finsbury Ward Partnership meeting on 29 March. There was a small underspend of £11 which has been returned to the Bunhill ward budget for reallocation.

- 3.12 Councillors must always declare their interest if they have a connection with an organisation that they are recommending funding for. This declaration should be made regardless of whether the proposed funding comes from within the recommending councillor's own ward or not.

Declarations of interest have been made for the following applications submitted to this Committee:

- Cllr Marian Spall is a trustee of Caxton House Community Centre who has been allocated £2,000 LIF for CCTV.
- Cllr Jenny Kay is a trustee of Newington Green Action Group who has been allocated £2,000 LIF for community road show workshops and gatherings which aim to capture the views of children and their families about their local area.
- Cllr Gary Poole is a member of Islington Veterans Association (primarily through his role as the Council's Armed Forces Champion) who has been allocated £961 LIF for Armed Forces Day 2017

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.

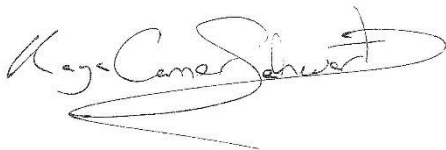
Appendices

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



30 June 2017

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Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Rowena Champion	Islington Bangladesh Association	Forty four week long project which aims to help older people develop healthy eating habits and improve their physical fitness. Funding to contribute towards food for luncheon club, sessional staff, a cook, exercise tutor and other associated costs.	1 November 2016 to 31 October 2017	Open to all but focussing on hard to reach and vulnerable adults	61	1,000	14,500	£5,500 Garfield Weston Foundation, £8,000 16-17 LIF from five wards	£8,000 LIF awarded to this project in November 2016.
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Rowena Champion	Counterpoint Core and Outreach	Delivery of a performance called 'Uncertain Shores' at Sadler's Wells celebrating the lifelong creativity and the contribution of older artists as well as two workshops delivered at the Claremont Project and St Luke's Community Centre. Funding to contribute towards artistic director fees, the rehearsal space, rehearsal assistant and admin assistant.	13 to 27 June 2017	Mainly older, more vulnerable, less mobile people and/or people with special needs	Up to 182 at performance, 50 at other venues	335	10,642	£9,638 in kind support (materials, travel, office costs, salaries, marketing, costumes, rehearsal, other performance costs, etc.)	The amount requested is £1,004 from Barnsbury, Bunhill and Clerkenwell wards.

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Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Rowena Champion	St Silas Relax Stay and Play	Continuation of stay and play sessions for pre school children aged up to five years. Funding to support hall hire and sessional workers for a 36 week period.	25 July 2017 to 31 March 2018	Children under 5 and their parents/carers	150	2,700	3,900	£1,200 door charges (underwritten by St Silas Church)	
Barnsbury / Holloway / Highbury West / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / St Peter's	All councillors of Barnsbury, Holloway, Junction, Mildmay, St George's and St Peter's wards / Theresa Debono / Andy Hull	Centre 404	To enable the continuation of a ASC4T project which supports 80 carers / parents of children and young people with Autism Spectrum Condition in Islington. This funding would allow them to meet monthly. Funding to pay for staff and management time, office costs, printing, stationery and activity costs.	July 2017 to July 2018	Carers / parents of children and young people with Autism Spectrum Condition	80	2,938.67	5,906	£1,629 already raised through Centre 404 fundraising	The amount requested is £4,277 from ten wards.
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	Whitbread Centre TRA	Party on the Podium, an annual party organised by the TRA. Funding to pay for food, live music and raffle prizes.	29 July 2017	Local residents	200	600	600	Not applicable	
Caledonian	Paul Convery / Una O'Halloran / Rupert Perry	Islington Play Association (Cally Festival)	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.	18 June 2017 (festival date), organisation and community engagement from March 2017	Majority of attendees from Caledonian, Barnsbury and Holloway wards	8,000 to 9,000	5,000	37,000	£16,780 LBI funding (including £5,280 LIF), £3,000 market income, £11,700 sponsors tbc	£5,280 LIF awarded to this project in March 2017.

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Canonbury	Alex Diner / Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne	Single Homeless Project	Expansion of the social club for vulnerable people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The expansion will provide sessions for open discussion, informal learning and literacy improvement and provide outings to places of interest and educational value, e.g. the BBC Centre and The Guardian newspaper. Funding to contribute towards travel costs, entry fees, volunteers reimbursement and refreshments.	July 2017 to July 2018	Vulnerable people	SHP has over 700 clients who are all invited to the social club	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
Clerkenwell	Raphael Andrews / James Court / Alice Donovan	Clerkenwell / Spa Fields 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 four bands, tables and chairs, park hire, building structures, DJ, publicity and the heritage walk.	27 August 2017	Local residents, including young offenders and homeless people who will be performers and stewards	500	1,663	4,500	£1,917 2016-17 LIF, income from stalls and local businesses tbc, fundraising on-going	£1,917 LIF awarded to this project in March 2017.
Clerkenwell / Mildmay / St Marys / Tollington	Raphael Andrews / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker / Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan / Jean Kaseki / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Every Voice - Islington Race Equality Forum	Bridging the Gap: Islington Day Out comprising 4 summer outings/ activities for 44 disadvantaged BAMER residents. Project is in partnership with 11 other community organisations. Funding to pay for travel expenses, refreshments/picnic, staffing costs, workshop at Turner Contemporary Gallery in Margate, volunteer expenses and insurance.	August to September 2017	Disadvantaged isolated BAMER residents	44	1,459	3,000	Details to follow	The amount requested is £3,000 from seven wards.

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN JULY 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
Clerkenwell / Highbury East	Raphael Andrews / Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Mace Housing Co-operative	Project to help the unemployed to find careers in Housing Management involving twice weekly lectures and work placements. Funding to pay for trainee expenses, publicity material, refreshments and a contribution to the fees of a project co-ordinator.	10 July to 16 September 2017	Residents from Clerkenwell, Highbury East and Highbury West wards	21	3,333.34	13,825	£8,825 Mace Housing Co-operative	The amount requested is £5,000 from three wards.
Clerkenwell	Raphael Andrews	Priory House Residents Association / Mercers Company	Three activities for older people in a sheltered housing scheme – day trip on 22 July, meal and show at Quaglinos restaurant on 28 April, and lunch at Priory House on 29 June. Funding to pay for coach and taxi hire, food and drink and the show.	28 April to 29 June 2017	Scheme residents who are all aged over 65	Potentially 21 residents	1,600	2,004	£385 paid by 11 residents for Quaglinos, £19 Priory House Social Fund	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Charteris Neighbourhood Tenant Cooperative	Summer barbecue and festival in Woodfall Park and Woodfall Road. Funding to contribute towards gazebos, music, tables and chairs, barbecue hire, face painting and other associated running costs.	12 August 2017	Open to all	1,000	1,350	6,779.60	£3,845 Big Lottery Awards for All, £685 CNTC in kind, £250 LBI Housing tbc	The amount requested is £1,999.60.
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Finsbury Park Trust	'Someone Special, Pop-up Word Banks', part of the Word Festival 2017, particularly aimed at users of Jannaty Women's Social Society and Muslim Welfare House. Funding for the delivery of two workshops - fees for two creative practitioners, materials and publicity.	17 June 2017	Local children, their families and carers	30 per workshop - total of 60	450	450	Not applicable	

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Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Conewood Street Children's Centre	'Let's Get Healthy Funday' on 11 July at Birchmore Hall Community Centre raising awareness and promoting wellbeing, focussing on mental health and obesity. Funding to pay for publicity, hall hire, refreshments, bouncy castle, activities, entertainment and other associated running costs.	11 July 2017	Families in Highbury East	50 families	745	745	Not applicable	
Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Caxton House Community Centre	Funding for the purchase of CCTV equipment, cabling and signage which will improve the security of the building and safeguard the centre users.	1 September to 31 October 2017	Mainly centre users	1,000 (footfall per week)	2,000	2,100	£100 WHSmiths	
Hillrise / Junction	David Poyser / Marian Spall / Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls	ArchWay With Words	ArchWay With Words Book Festival. Funding to contribute towards an elders party in Hargrave Hall, talks and an exhibition in Archway Library, a music and poetry event in St Andrew's Church, a recording device (participation pod) in the library and volunteer expenses.	Planning starts in April 2017, festival from 23 to 30 September 2017	Local residents	500+	2,000	23,000	£2,000 Community Festivals Fund, £5,000 Bode House Developers tbc, £14,000 Arts Council tbc	
Hillrise / St Georges	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall / Kat Fletcher	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)	1,666.66	60,000	£10,717 LIF, £20,000 tbc from trusts, £15,000 tbc from corporate sponsorship, £10,000 tbc from local fundraising / crowdfunding	The amount requested is £16,000 from all wards. £10,716.67 LIF awarded to this project in May 2017.

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Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	LBI Heritage Services (Elthorne Park Community Dig)	A partnership between Islington's Heritage, Green Space and Youth Offending Teams and the Institute of Archaeology and UCL to run a community archaeological excavation in Elthorne Park. The project will include workshops for schools, local history walks, storytelling sessions and a week for local young offenders to get involved. Funding will contribute towards the costs of an outreach officer, a storyteller and a guide for the walks.	3 to 14 July 2017	Mainly local schoolchildren, young offenders and families	1,000+	1,300	4,000	£2,700 Institute of Archaeology	
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Friends of Sacred Heart	Funding to pay for fruit for school pupils for monthly Tutti Fruity Tuesdays as well as for sports days, after school clubs and celebration days.	October 2017 to July 2018	All pupils at Sacred Heart School	453 pupils	800	800	Not applicable	
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Hungerford School and Children's Centre	Annual community fireworks display for Hungerford School, Children's Centre and Bridge School. Funding to contribute towards fireworks, food, equipment hire and caretaker time.	3 November 2017	Mainly children, families and staff from Hungerford School and Children's Centre and the Bridge School	470 to 600	700	1,550	£850 Hungerford School and Children's Centre	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay	Newington Green Action Group	Funding for a series of volunteer-led community road show workshops and two community gatherings which aim to capture the views of children and their families about their local area. Funding to pay for staffing for the initial six weeks, refreshments, printed materials and room hire (in case of rain).	July 2017 to March 2018	Focussed on families on low incomes who don't make full use of Mildmay's green spaces	200	2,000	15,000	£7,000 Richard Cloudesley tbc, £5,000 Islington Council Community Chest tbc	The amount requested is £3,000. £1,000 of this funding would be released when sufficient match funding has been secured.

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St Marys	Gary Poole / Nurullah Turan	Islington Veterans Association	Islington Armed Forces Day on Islington Green. Funding to pay for event insurance, a military band and first aid cover.	24 June 2017	Open to all	600 to 1,500	961	1,850	Donations of flowers and refreshments from local businesses, further details to follow	
St Marys	Angela Picknell	Tintype	A children's workshop accompanying Tintype's annual Essex Road project. Four sessions over four weeks with Canonbury Primary School to make a large stuffed animal diorama inspired by Get Stuffed, the shop next door to Tintype. Funding to contribute towards artist fees and materials.	11 September to 7 December 2017	Young people	15 to 20 participating in workshops	600	1,450	£850 Arts Council England tbc	
St Marys	Nurullah Turan	Vertebra Theatre	A performance titled 'Dark Matter' at Little Angel Theatre which explores the effects that dementia has on older people and aims to generate discussion around the end of life as well as two drama workshops for older residents at the Claremont Project and The Hillgreen Care in partnership with Age UK Islington. Funding to contribute towards performers' and workshop facilitators' fees, venue and rehearsal space, sets and props, costumes, transport and other associated costs.	13 to 20 June 2017	Open to all, but mainly older people	80 at performance, 60 older people and carers at drama workshops	400	4,151	£2,401 Arts Council, £500 WHSmith, £250 Jewish Care	The amount requested is £1,000.

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2017-18:	£225,000
Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets:	£10,711
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£27,633
Balance remaining:	£208,078
New proposals for July VCS Committee:	£40,402
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2017-18:	£167,676

2017-18 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£9,073
Bunhill	£7,830
Caledonian	£8,974
Canonbury	£12,700
Clerkenwell	£6,929
Finsbury Park	£10,555
Highbury East	£10,243
Highbury West	£11,273
Hillrise	£4,450
Holloway	£11,757
Junction	£10,890
Mildmay	£10,142
St George's	£13,424
St Mary's	£11,987
St Peter's	£15,150
Tollington	£12,300

£167,676**Notes:**

Includes £388 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £274 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £204 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,313 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £199 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £440 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £83 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £654 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £3,098 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,930 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £117 from previous LIF allocations



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Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	10 July 2017		All

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SUBJECT: Islington Assembly Hall: Free Community Use Round One - January to March 2018

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Each year, local community and arts organisations have the opportunity to apply for free hires of Islington Assembly Hall. Applicants are assessed against published criteria and, if successful, have to meet any additional costs (e.g. equipment or technical), which are not covered by the scheme. In 2015, the scheme criteria and application process were evaluated and amended in response to feedback from the sector and Assembly Hall staff.

There are two application rounds each year, one for the period July-September and one for January-March, amounting to a total of eight free hires. If, at any time, a successful applicant cancels their booking, the free hires for the subsequent round is increased in order to ensure that eight free hires per year are granted.

In the previous year all free hires were allocated and none were carried forward. Therefore four slots are available in this round from January-March 2018.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To allocate one free hire for Jan-March 2018 to each of the following:
- Samuel Rhodes School
 - Centre 404
 - Gain Ctrl
 - Voluntary Action Islington
- 2.2 To hold the following two applicants in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings:
- Friends of Ambler
 - Islington People's Rights

3. Background

- 3.1 The first round of the 2017-18 scheme was launched in May 2017 and was promoted through LBI Communications on the council external website, the izzi rotator, and the IC Bulletin, as well as through Voluntary Action Islington news group, to the wider sector via LBI departments (Youth Services, Housing, VCS Team, BME Forum, School Improvement Service, Libraries), direct mailings to previous applicants and arts sector organisations.

The scheme received 12 applications from organisations supporting a wide range of events. Out of the 12 applications, two applications were ineligible for the fund due to the organisations having secured free hire in previous rounds inside of the 12 month period making them ineligible for support on this occasion (see Appendix 1).

- 3.2 Applications have been assessed against the published criteria (see Appendix 2) which requires applicants to demonstrate a commitment to provide events and activities that:
- a) Have a strategic value, and in particular a focus on at least one of the following four areas:
 - Community cohesion
 - Children and young people
 - Diversity
 - Creative ways of engaging local residents
 - b) Have a borough-wide impact.
 - c) Demonstrate a commitment to good practice (events that are viable, of high quality, well managed and evaluated).
 - d) Promote the Islington Assembly Hall as a focus for high quality events, making best use of the high quality facilities available in the venue.

The scheme does **not** support:

- Groups that are not based in the borough.
- Events or activities from commercial organisations
- More than one use of the Assembly Hall per applicant in any 12 months.
- Applications from departments of Islington Council.

- 3.3 Wherever possible, unsuccessful applicants will be supported, to secure alternative premises for their work.

4. Free Hire

- 4.1 The following organisations and events most closely meet the criteria and are recommended for free use of the Assembly Hall.

Samuel Rhodes School	Samuel Rhodes Annual Show - School musical performance by pupils for their families, governors, staff, and various partner organisations.
Centre 404	Centre 404 Annual Quiz Fundraiser - Raffle fundraiser event to support people with learning disabilities and their families.
Gain Ctrl	Gain Ctrl Presents: Islington's Hotlist For 2018 - Celebration of four years of Gain Ctrl supporting young people in Islington aged 13-25 through music and spoken word.
Voluntary Action Islington	Supersized Volunteer Recruitment Fair - A recruitment event to raise the profile of volunteering in Islington.

- 4.2 The following organisations and events met the criteria and are recommended to be held in reserve, in case of inability of organisations recommended for free hires listed in 4.1 to negotiate dates and timings with Assembly Hall management.

Friends of Ambler	Ambler Beat Blue Monday! - A family fun evening for Ambler school families on the most depressing day of the year - Blue Monday!
Islington People's Rights	Welfare Reforms 2018 - A conference to highlight the recent welfare reforms and their impact on the most vulnerable residents of Islington.

- 4.3 Officers will prepare a press release announcing the free hires. Organisations will have to submit information about their events to the Council's events diary.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications other than the loss of income as a result of waiving the fees for the eight hires which has been built into the business plan for the Assembly Hall.

6. Legal Implications

The Council can support voluntary and community sector organisations under the wellbeing power in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. This gives the Council the power to do 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.

7. Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications.

8. 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.

The proposed events serve a wide range of communities and support the Council and Arts Services priorities, targeting young people, refugees, elderly people with activities that support health and well being.

9. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

The scheme provides an opportunity for the council to support local organisations through free use of the Assembly Hall. Applications have been assessed through a clear and transparent process.

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



Date: 27 June 2017

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APPENDIX 1: Islington Assembly Community Free Hire Scheme – All Applicants VCS Committee 10 July 2018

Organisation	Expected Audience	Event Description	Recommended
Samuel Rhodes School	At least 500	Samuel Rhodes Annual Show (working Title) - School musical performance by pupils for their families, governors, staff, and various partner organisations.	YES
Centre 404	up to 200	Centre 404 Annual Quiz Fundraiser - Raffle fundraiser event to support people with learning disabilities and their families.	YES
Gain Ctrl	600+	Celebration of four years of <i>Gain Ctrl</i> supporting young people in Islington aged 13-25 through music and spoken word.	YES
Voluntary Action Islington	400 total (150 at any one time)	Supersized Volunteer Recruitment Fair - A recruitment event to raise the profile of volunteering in Islington.	YES
Friends of Ambler	150	Ambler Beat Blue Monday! - A family fun evening for Ambler school families on the most depressing day of the year - Blue Monday!	RESERVE
Islington People's Rights	100	Welfare Reforms 2018 - A conference to highlight the recent welfare reforms and their impact on the most vulnerable residents of Islington.	RESERVE
Performing Production	50-100	A Play in a Day - Event tester on dramatic improvisation techniques open to all in the local community.	NO
Talk for Health	100	Talk For Health Special - Free talk on mental health topics, with presentations and interactive workshops where people engage in effective therapeutic talk with each other.	NO
The Evelyn Oldfield Unit	200	e3 Graduation - Graduation event for refugee and migrants learners.	NO
One Housing	100 to 120	Mental Health Division Staff Conference - A staff conference event with a number of team building activities.	NO
Baluji Music Foundation	100+	Addictive TV and Inner Vision - Featuring blind musicians and dancers from UK and India as part of Orchestra of Samples created by Addictive TV.	INELEGIBLE (ON THIS ROUND)
Islington Council Choir	400 (200 audience members and 200 choir members)	Islington Sings - Second Islington Sings concert.	INELEGIBLE (ON THIS ROUND)

APPENDIX 2: Islington Assembly Community Free Hire Scheme – Eligibility Criteria and Guidance notes



COMMUNITY FREE HIRE SCHEME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND GUIDANCE NOTES

Please read this information before completing an application form.

Islington Council is pleased to offer four community groups, schools and colleges, arts organisations and cultural organisations based in Islington the chance to have free use of Islington Assembly Hall on selected dates.

The free hire scheme will be offered on selected **Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 2 January and 14 March 2018**. Successful applicants will get free hire of the main hall **for a maximum of five hours**. All other items and services – such as hire of the hall for additional hours, use of the venue's balcony, refreshments, security, equipment, table linen and technical support – will incur additional costs, which your organisation will need to meet.

Please note that another application window is planned for later in the year for a further four events to be held on selected dates in July, August and September 2018. Events planned to take place outside of these two time periods will not be eligible for free hire of the venue.

Criteria

Organisations must demonstrate a commitment to provide events and activities that:

- have a strategic value, and in particular a focus on at least one of the following four areas:
 - community cohesion
 - children and young people
 - diversity
 - creative ways of engaging local residents
- have a borough-wide impact
- demonstrate a commitment to good practice (events that are viable, of high quality, well managed and evaluated).
- promote Islington Assembly Hall as a focus for high quality events, making best use of the high quality facilities available in the venue.

The scheme is limited to eight organisations in a 12-month period. As a result, the council cannot guarantee that all applications meeting the criteria will be successful, so please give as much information as possible on your application form.

The scheme will not support:

- groups that are not based in the borough of Islington
- events or activities from commercial organisations
- more than one usage per applicant in any 12-month period
- applications from departments of Islington Council

How to apply

If your group would like to apply to the current window of the scheme, please complete the online form at www.islingtonassemblyhall.co.uk/community-hire by Monday 5 June 2017. Or to receive a hard copy of the form, please contact the Islington Assembly Hall team on 020 7527 8900.

The Islington Assembly Hall team will contact successful applicants by the end of July 2017 to offer available dates and issue terms and conditions of the booking, which must be completed to guarantee the free use of the venue.

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