

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 29 January 2018**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 29 January 2018 at 6.30 pm.

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

**Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair**

**155 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**

None.

**156 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**

None.

**157 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**

None.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**159 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)**

**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 in paragraph 3.12 and the final page of Appendix A 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 TWO): JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2018 (Item B2)**

**RESOLVED:**

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

- Sadler's Wells
- Octopus Communities – Stay Well, Live Well
- MoveMe Dance
- Islington People's Rights

(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 appropriate dates and timings for use of the Assembly Hall:

- Islington Council Choir
- Breakin Convention

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.

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**LONDON COUNCILS' GRANTS COMMITTEE - LEVY 2018/9 (Item B3)**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That London Councils' Grants Committee proposed budget of £8.668m in 2018-19, as detailed in the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety, be noted.

(b) That Islington's estimated contribution of £177k in 2018-19 be approved, a decrease of £24k on last year's contribution.

Reason for decision

The Council's subscription contributed towards the funding of many London-wide organisations, providing a range of services, which benefitted Islington residents.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/ note of dispensations granted

None.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm

**CHAIR**