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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 **29 January 2018 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**



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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.

If you have a personal interest in an item of business and you intend to speak or vote on the item you must declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent but you may participate in the discussion and vote on the item.

\*(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.

(d) Land - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.

(e) Licences- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.

(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.

This applies to all members present at the meeting.

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**C. Urgent non-exempt matters**

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

**D. Exclusion of press and public**

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

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

**F. Urgent Exempt Matters**

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

The next ordinary meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is scheduled for 13 March 2018

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London Borough of Islington

## **Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 20 November 2017**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 20 November 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**

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

Received from Councillor Raphael Andrews (observer).

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

None.

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

Councillor Richard Watts declared a personal interest in agenda item B2 (Brickworks Community Centre), as a former trustee of Brickworks.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**152     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 declarations of interest made by councillors, detailed in paragraph 3.11 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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**ALLOCATION OF THE BRICKWORKS COMMUNITY CENTRE TO HANLEY CROUCH COMMUNITY CENTRE (Item B2)**

The Chair had agreed that this item be considered as urgent business in order that the relocation of Hanley Crouch Community Association could take place as soon as possible to enable the much needed development of new housing at Crouch Hill Court.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That Hanley Crouch Community Association be granted a ten year lease of the Brickworks, with a five year rent review, at an initial annual rent of £19,437 per annum, which was in line with the usual VCS rent practice, subject to a personal concession to Hanley Crouch Community Association, reducing the rent to £17,000 per annum, to reflect the need to move Hanley Crouch Community Association to facilitate development of its existing premises and on such other terms and conditions as the Corporate Director of Resources, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, shall agree.
- (b) That the Corporate Director of Resources, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services, monitor the continuing need for the rent concession and the ability of Hanley Crouch Community Association to pay the rent reserved in the lease until the five year rent review

Reasons for decision

The relocation of Hanley Crouch Community Association would enable the development of further new housing at Crouch Hill Court. The lower running costs, reduced rent and larger floor space at the new Brickworks community building would provide Hanley Crouch Community Association with a sound basis on which to develop a sustainable operating model and to continue to deliver services.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

The meeting ended at 6.45 pm

**CHAIR**

## NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 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	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche	Friends of Barnard Park	Two pop-up events in Barnard Park. Funding to pay for entertainment, attractions, bouncy castle, play for under 6s, publicity, furniture and a gazebo.	2 and 9 June 2018	Open to all	700	1,500	3,000	£500 cake stall, £1,000 park pitch rental	
Bunhill / Highbury East / St Georges / St Marys	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe / Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward / Angela Picknell	Cubitt Artists	Artists taster workshops with five schools including Central Foundation Boys School, Highbury Grove School, Holloway School and St Mary Magdalene Academy to build interest for an Arts Award accredited programme in the Spring. Funding to pay for planning and support, artist fees, session materials and volunteer expenses.	November to December 2017	Young people aged 13 to 19	Up to 12 in each school	1,705	3,455	£780 A New Direction - Arts Award Area Development Fund	The amount requested is £2,675 from five wards (£535 per ward).
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	Friends of Fortune Street Park	The 15th annual Community Fun Day in Fortune Street Park. Funding to pay for table football, games, a magician and balloon artist, furniture hire, toilets, a soft play area and other associated costs.	Early July 2018 - exact date to be decided	Open to all, expected to mostly be Bunhill residents	500	1,076.66	5,157	£923.34 2018-19 Bunhill LIF tbc, £1,500 Arsenal Football Club tbc, £1,232 stall takings tbc, £750 local donations tbc	The amount requested is £2,000.
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	St Luke's Parochial Trust	EC1 Women's Multicultural Group which aims to welcome, befriend and support women. Funding to pay for monthly workshop activity costs for nine months - previous workshops have focussed on mindfulness, cancer awareness, gardening, a family coach trip to Clacton, pasta making, healthy eating and herbal soap making.	January to September 2018	Local women	250+	450	3,525	£1,500 St Luke's Parochial Trust	The amount requested is £2,025 and includes the salary of a community development worker.

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Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	Friends of King Square Gardens	Community Christmas event in King Square Gardens in partnership with King Square TRA and supported by the Islington Parks team. Funding to pay for a giant snow globe, a rodeo reindeer, a santa and elf, publicity and other associated costs.	15 December 2017	Open to all	400	2,235	3,240	£505 LBI Housing Operations tbc, £250 St Luke's tbc, £250 Kings Square TRA, in kind support from parks and local church	
Page 4 Bunhill / Clerkenwell	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe / Raphael Andrews / James Court	Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers	Funding to contribute towards the annual salary of the part time Befriending Project Co-ordinator and other associated running costs. The Co-ordinator currently organises and supports 78 one to one befriending relationships between volunteers and older people.	October 2017 to March 2018	Older people in central and south Islington (the majority being aged over 70)	78	2,621.33	6,500	£1,000 AHMM architects, £1,500 Waitrose tbc, £500 Clerkenwell Charities tbc	The amount requested is £3,000.
Canonbury	Alex Diner / Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne	St Stephens Church with Canonbury Responds	Funding for a company to set up a Street Association in Canonbury to encourage greater community cohesion. The project would be led by a local Outreach Worker supported by Street Association staff and local volunteers. Funding to pay for the outreach worker, Street Association staff time, office costs, events, travel, printing and expenses.	January to December 2018	Scott Estate residents	200 to 350 (100 households)	4,979	5,000	Not applicable	The amount requested is £5,000.



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Clerkenwell / Junction / Mildmay / Tollington	James Court / Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker / Jean Kaseki / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	LBI Chief Executive's Department	A two course hot Christmas lunch and festive entertainment for older people in the Assembly Hall. Funding to pay for food.	12 December 2017	Older people aged 65 and over who are socially isolated	100	1,750	4,000	£2,000 Arsenal Football Club tbc	The amount requested from four wards is £2,000 (£500 per ward).
Page 5 Finsbury Park / Tollington	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Jean Kaseki / Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Stroud Green Traders Association	Stroud Green Christmas Trail where participants are provided with a 'Christmas Hamper' and can go into participating shops on Stroud Green Road to collect a trail sticker for their map and special treats from various participants. Funding to contribute towards 'hampers', the design and printing of maps and posters, and publicity.	2 to 3 December 2017	Local businesses	1,000+	1,225	1,550	£300 Stroud Green Traders Association	The amount requested is £1,250.
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Somali Welfare Centre	Two computers and refreshments for a homework club for young people aged 6 to 19 taking place four times a week. The club focusses on Maths, English and Science.	November 2017 to July 2018	Young people aged 6 to 19	50+	500	500	Not applicable	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Healthy Minds, Healthy Bods	Weekly health walks around Clissold Park in partnership with Highbury Grange Medical Centre. Funding to pay for first aid training, sports equipment for exercises, volunteer expenses for six months, publicity, shirts, caps and a first aid kit.	Ongoing	Aimed at adults out of work, older people and those with health issues	20+ per walk	883.90	883.90	Not applicable	

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Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	LBI Traffic and Safety	Three monthly drop-in BikeFix sessions at Birchmore Hall. Funding to pay for two mechanics.	January to March 2018	Open to all but targeted at families and young people	60	750	1,039.40	£289.40 LBI for puncture repair kits and various small parts	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Gillespie Primary School	Funding to put educational markings on the newly resurfaced playground to support learning and promote physical activity. The markings include bear phonics, multiplication tables, world maps and the solar system.	Spring 2018 (dependent on weather)	Children attending the school	240 attend the school	2,230	2,230	Not applicable	
Hillrise	David Poyser / Marian Spall	The House of AMAU	Three weekly creative writing workshops at New Orleans Community Centre, one on poetry and two on prose. Funding to pay for insurance.	7 to 21 April 2018	Open to all especially Hillrise ward residents	30	70.93	520.93	£450 LIF for workshop facilitators, flyer design, promotion and publicity	£450 awarded to this project in October 2017.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Hyde Village Community and Social Association	Residential in Hayling Island for 20 young people from underprivileged families. Funding to pay for accommodation, meals and a coach.	2 to 6 April 2018 tbc	Young people aged 8 to 16	20+	4,560	6,185	£500 from parents tbc, £950 fundraising raffle and events tbc, £175 volunteers' contributions tbc	The funding is subject to the organisation having adequate safeguarding procedures in place.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	The Friends of Paradise Park	Funding to pay for hire of a bouncy castle and rides for a Fun Day in Paradise Park.	1 September 2018 (planning to start in March 2018)	Open to all sections of the community but especially families with children	2,000	2,000	4,000	£500 Arsenal in the Community tbc, £500 local housing associations tbc, £1,000 Friends of Paradise Park	

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Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Dalel Play Group	Launch event for a family support drop in for Somali families which will be located in the Ringcross Community Centre. The launch event will be attended by early years professionals and local service providers and include three tasters of the sessions. Funding to pay for refreshments, toys and learning resources, a singer and storyteller, publicity, insurance, hall hire and staffing costs.	10 January 2018	Somali women and children	Up to 40 children and 30 parents	1,670	1,670	Not applicable	The funding is subject to the group being open to non-Somali families.
Page 7 Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Chabad Lubavitch of Islington	Islington Menorah Lighting on Islington Green which celebrates the eight day long Jewish cultural festival of Chanukah. Funding to contribute towards equipment, food, singer and band, council lighting fee, photographer and videographer, publicity and other associated running costs.	17 December 2017	Open to all	1,500	500	14,490.15	£6,750 LIF, £2,500 tbc from corporate sponsorship, £1,990 tbc from private donations, £2,750 tbc from further fundraising	The amount requested from all wards is £8,000 (£500 per ward). £6,750 LIF awarded to this project in October 2017.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	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 2017 to 31 October 2018	Open to all but focussing on older, hard to reach and vulnerable adults	64	1,000	16,871	£5,500 LIF, £2,500 Garfield Weston Foundation, £1,371 Peoples Health Trust, £5,000 Trusthouse Charitable Foundation tbc	The amount requested from five wards is £8,000. £5,500 LIF awarded to this project by 3 wards in October 2017.

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Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	LBI Economic Development Team	Annual Nags Head Christmas Lights and Switch On Event in partnership with the Nags Head Town Centre Management Group. Funding to contribute towards Christmas lights, music, facepainters, DJ, singers, Father Christmas and other associated costs.	Saturday 2 December 2017 tbc	Local residents, local businesses and visitors	1,000	1,500	13,470	£1,500 St Georges LIF, £7,500 tbc shopping centre, £2,500 tbc from NHTCMG / local businesses, £470 tbc LBI Economic Development Team	£1,500 LIF allocated to this project in October 2017.
Page 8 Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Friendship Network	Christmas hampers and a Christmas party for isolated older people in North Islington. Funding to pay for 40 personalised hampers, staff time, food, soft drinks, transport, hall hire and musicians.	Party on 9 or 16 December	Older people across North Islington	64 (8 residents per ward )	250	2,250	£2,000 LIF, £700 volunteer time (in kind support)	The amount requested from nine wards is £2,250 (£250 per ward). £2,000 LIF allocated to this project by 8 wards in October 2017.
Mildmay	Olly Parker	Hawthorne Close Tenants and Residents Association	Funding to pay for children's Christmas selection boxes, a Christmas tree, a Christmas evening / buffet, pantomime tickets, decorations and insurance.	December 2017 - pantomime on 10 December, date tbc for dinner/buffet	Hawthorne Close residents	83 households	320	770	£450 LBI Housing Operations for pantomime tickets	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Hilldrop Area Community Association	Three month programme of business start up support sessions in order for parents with children under 5 to find paid self-employment. Funding to pay for venue hire, creche workers, publicity, admin and refreshments.	January to March 2018	Mainly women with young children especially from the Turkish and Bengali communities	Approx 20	2,500	3,256	£756 paid by the parents	

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St Marys	Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan	The Margins Project	Weekly Cold Weather Night Shelter run in conjunction with CARIS Islington for 13 weeks providing accommodation, shelter, advice on resettlement and health issues and other services. Funding to contribute towards a overnight supervisor, food, crisis co-ordinator, laundry costs, volunteers' travel expenses, equipment and training.	3 January to 28 March 2018	Those experiencing homelessness and who would otherwise be sleeping rough	46 last year (17 from Islington)	1,800	3,682.56	£1,883 The Margins Project	The amount requested is £3,682.56.
Page 9 St Marys	Nurullah Turan	New Unity	Event celebrating the 350th anniversary of the founding of the congregation that later became Unity Church. Funding to pay for canopies for outdoor shelter, publicity, food and drink.	18 November 2017	Open to all	500	250	1,300	£500 New Unity	The amount requested is £800.

**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:	£10,810
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£136,335
Balance remaining:	£99,475
<b>New proposals for November VCS Committee:</b>	<b>£38,327</b>
<b>Total amount remaining to allocate in 2017-18:</b>	<b>£61,148</b>

<b>2017-18 Balance remaining by ward:</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Barnsbury	£2,138
Bunhill	£1,000
Caledonian	£1,552
Canonbury	£6,177
Clerkenwell	£3,914
Finsbury Park	£6,205
Highbury East	£3,073
Highbury West	£3,274
Hillrise	£1,179
Holloway	£277
Junction	£1,109
Mildmay	£2,448
St George's	£5,104
St Mary's	£7,187
St Peter's	£9,739
Tollington	£6,771

**£61,148****Notes:**

Includes £388 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £274 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £303 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	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2018		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 declarations of interest made by councillors due to having a connection with organisations that funding is recommended for. These are detailed at paragraph 3.11.
- 2.3 To note the amendments to ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned. The amendments are detailed at paragraph 3.12 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.

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 fifth 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 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.

No declarations of interest have been made for the applications submitted to this Committee.

- 3.12 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 March 2016, £1,065 was awarded to Mildmay Community Partnership for a twelve week course of Capoeira classes. Less classes were held than proposed due to health issues which resulted in an underspend of £112.50. This £112.50 has been returned to the Mildmay budget for reallocation.

In July 2017, £1,350 was awarded to Charteris Neighbourhood Tenant Co-operative for a summer barbecue and festival in Woodfall Park and Woodfall Road. The group were able to get cheaper bands



and spent less on other things than originally estimated. This £300 has been returned to the Finsbury Park budget for reallocation.

## **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**

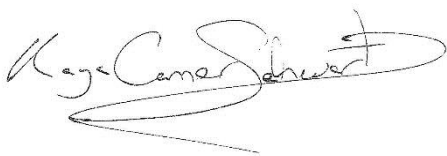
Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

**Background papers:** none

Final report clearance:

**Signed by:**

16 January 2018

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## NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 2018

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
Caledonian	Paul Convery / Una O'Halloran / Rupert Perry	Cally Christmas Market	Street market, entertainment and festivities to complement the festive lights switch on. Funding to pay for management and hired labour / staff, stallholder costs, decorations, power supply and equipment hire, insurance and incidental expenses.	9 December 2017	Residents of Caledonian ward primarily from Bemerton Estate and the surrounding area	Not stated	800	800	Not applicable	
Canonsbury	Alex Diner / Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne	Ramsey Flowers	Funding to pay for tools, equipment and materials for work on three gardens in and around Ramsey Walk as well as activities such as planting and yoga in the park, Halloween and a trip to Kew Gardens. Some of the work will help to prevent motorcycle couriers using an estate alleyway.	February to December 2018	Residents of Ramsey Walk	All residents of Ramsey Walk (50 residents are directly involved)	3,000	3,000	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Holloway Neighbourhood Group (Finsbury Park Women's Group)	International Women's Day Celebration at Andover Community Centre organised by the Finsbury Park Women's Group (network of seven local female-led community groups). Funding to pay for food and paper goods, child care, cleaning, a bouncy castle and hall hire.	10 March 2018	Women from Finsbury Park ward, many of whom are BAME and will bring their children	120	1,116	1,716	£600 Big Lottery Stay Well Live Well funding which will pay for 4 days of Octopus and HNG staff time	
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Outlandish Co-operative Ltd	Weekly workshops for people to learn the basics of coding. The workshops are open to all but are targetted at young people and those who are underrepresented in the tech sector. Funding to pay for space hire and refreshments for three sessions.	8 to 22 January 2018	Open to all	21 to 30	525	1,050	£525 Outlandish	

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Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan	LBI Housing and Adult Social Services (Finsbury Park Community Hub)	Funding to buy around 36 new chairs for the Andover main hall.	To be purchased in February or March 2018	All users of the hall	Up to 110 per day	750	2,250	£750 Dentons UKMEA LLP, £750 hub funding (from increased hall hire income)	
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Somali Welfare Centre	Public liability insurance for a homework club for young people aged 6 to 19 taking place four times a week.	November 2017 to July 2018	Young people aged 6 to 19	50+	69.74	709.22	£500 LIF awarded in November 2017 for two computers and refreshments	The amount requested is £209.22 for public liability insurance.
Finsbury Park / Tollington	Asima Shaikh / Jean Kaseki	St Mellitus Church	Installation of a knife/weapon disposal bin in the grounds of St Mellitus Church which will be in place for three years. Funding to contribute towards the cost of the bin for the first year.	February 2018 to January 2019	The local community	5,000+	1,800	10,000	£8,000 tbc Caritas, £200 tbc from parishioners, further fundraising tbc	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Ambler Primary School	Funding to purchase 15 Raspberry Pi Kits (computers which can be built and coded by pupils of the school).	1 April to 15 December 2018	Children attending the school	360	1,575	1,575	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Jenny Kay	Cubitt Artists	A programme of eight participatory workshops with older people in Mildmay Extra Care which will result in an 'Everyone's a Story Teller' piece of work which will be displayed at the Summer Ball, a highlight of the Word Festival 2018. Funding to contribute towards artist fees for the workshops and accessible transport to the event.	14 March to 30 June 2018	Older people targeting those who have dementia	Up to 20 at The Mildmays, 250 attending the Summer Ball event	825	12,560	£4,000 LBI Word Festival 2018, £5,460 Arts Council England, £1,200 Islington Giving, £500 tbc from the Assembly Hall free hire scheme	The amount requested is £1,400.

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St George's	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Hilldrop Area Community Association	Funding to pay for the March salary of a freelance bookkeeper who will help with the 2017-18 accounts.	March 2018	Residents in the area the centre serves (St George's ward and the surrounding areas)	Not stated	500	500	Not applicable	
St Peter's	Gary Doolan / Martin Klute / Alice Perry	The Space Group London Ltd	Equipment and alterations for the Arc Centre in St Paul Street in order to increase the number of centre users. Funding for four large mats, flooring for two rooms, three mirrors (for dance classes) and publicity.	From 15 February 2018 onwards	Local residents and community groups	2,900 per year	5,000	5,000	Not applicable	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki / Flora Williamson	Islington Chinese Association	Chinese New Year of the Dog Celebration which will include performances, stalls, artwork displays and food. Funding to pay for souvenirs for speakers, artists and volunteers, hire of premises and publicity.	17 February 2018	Open to all	500	800	1,800	£1,000 Islington Chinese Association	

**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:	£11,232
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£174,662
Balance remaining:	£61,570
<b>New proposals for January VCS Committee:</b>	<b>£16,761</b>
<b>Total amount remaining to allocate in 2017-18:</b>	<b>£44,810</b>

<b>Budget allocations</b>		
<b>Progress comparison 2016 to 2017:</b>		
	<b>Apr - Nov 2016</b>	<b>Apr - Nov 2017</b>
<b>Total budget awarded:</b>	£185,554	£174,662
<b>% of annual budget awarded:</b>	70%	74%

<b>2017-18 Balance remaining by ward:</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Balance:</b>
Barnsbury	£2,138
Bunhill	£1,000
Caledonian	£752
Canonbury	£3,177
Clerkenwell	£3,914
Finsbury Park	£3,744
Highbury East	£3,073
Highbury West	£1,699
Hillrise	£1,179
Holloway	£277
Junction	£1,109
Mildmay	£1,745
St George's	£4,604
St Mary's	£7,187
St Peter's	£4,739
Tollington	£4,471

**£44,810****Notes:**

Includes £388 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £274 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £303 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



## Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	29 January 2018		All

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## SUBJECT: Islington Assembly Hall: Free Community Use Round Two: July to September 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 round all free hires were allocated and none were carried forward. Therefore four slots are available in this round from July to September 2018.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To allocate one free hire between July and September 2018 to each of the following:
- Sadler's Wells
  - Octopus Communities – Stay Well, Live Well
  - MoveMe Dance
  - Islington People's Rights
- 2.2 To hold the following two applicants in reserve, in case of inability of the above applicants to negotiate appropriate dates and timings:
- Islington Council Choir
  - Breakin Convention

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The second round of the 2017-18 scheme was launched in November 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, directly to Housing Estates and Community Centres, 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 (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.

<b>Sadler's Wells</b>	<b>Rub-a-dub: A Sadler's Wells and All Change Event</b> - A Caribbean inspired social complete for over 55s with reggae music and ska dance workshop.
<b>Octopus Communities - Stay Well, Live Well</b>	<b>Stay Well, Live Well Summer Special</b> - Summer party with a series of mind & body wellbeing activity-tasters.
<b>MoveMe Dance</b>	<b>MoveMe Islington 2018</b> - Participants from different social and ethnic backgrounds will perform an intergenerational dance routine.
<b>Islington People's Rights</b>	<b>Welfare Reform 2018</b> - A conference to highlight the recent welfare reforms and their impact on the most vulnerable residents of 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.

<b>Islington Council Choir</b>	<b>Islington Sings</b> - Concert for the community by amateur choirs in the borough to raise money for charity.
<b>Breakin Convention</b>	<b>Breakin Convention Community Jam</b> – An afternoon of performances of live music, poetry and dance, and free workshop activities.

- 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.

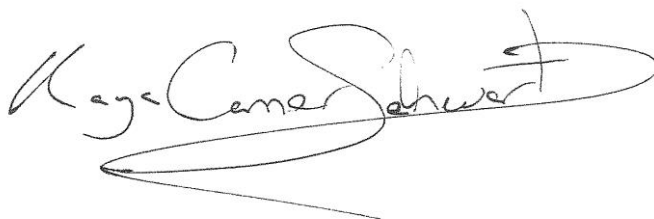
## 9. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

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: 9 January 2018

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**APPENDIX 1: Islington Assembly Community Free Hire Scheme – All Applicants VCS Committee 29 January 2018**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Expected Audience</b>	<b>Event Description</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Sadler's Wells	200	'Rub-a-dub' organised by Sadler's Wells and All Change: a Caribbean inspired social complete for over 55s with reggae music and ska dance workshop.	<b>YES</b>
Octopus Communities – Stay Well, Live Well	200	Summer party with a series of mind & body wellbeing activity-tasters.	<b>YES</b>
MoveMe Dance	100	Participants from different social and ethnic backgrounds will perform an intergenerational dance routine.	<b>YES</b>
Islington People's Rights	100	A conference about the latest changes and developments in terms of welfare benefits.	<b>YES</b>
Islington Choirs	400 (200 audience and 200 choir)	To perform the second Islington Sings concert for the community / amateur choirs in the borough to raise money for charity.	<b>RESERVE</b>
Breakin Convention	150	An afternoon of performances of live music, poetry and dance.	<b>RESERVE</b>
Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation	80	Conference to raise awareness about Muslim Marriage and the law in the UK for people living in Islington and neighbouring boroughs.	<b>NO</b>
One Housing Group	175	Youth Conference to promote opportunities for young people in Islington and beyond and celebrate their achievements in education, training and employment.	<b>NO</b>
Network of Eritrean Women UK	100	Conference with different guest speakers specialised in women to discuss a series of topics that Eritrean women.	<b>NO</b>
SGI-UK	200	Public talk given by the General Director of SGI-UK.	<b>NO</b>
Islington Chamber of Commerce	50+	Workshop about marketing techniques and strategies for Islington businesses.	<b>NO</b>
Mentor UK	20-30 stakeholders	A roundtable for the Community of Evidence Practitioners - the Alcohol and Drug Education and Prevention Information Service (ADEPIS), to share information and resources.	<b>NO</b>

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



## 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 for five hours on selected dates. You will need to have budget available to fund other aspects of the event, including those set out by Islington Assembly Hall in [their terms and conditions](#) and conditions. Islington Assembly Hall is suitable for fairs, conferences and networking events with an audience of over 100, musical performances with a small number of performers, and other simple performances. Please note that Islington Assembly Hall is not a theatre and if you're looking to put on a stage performance with multiple acts, props, sets or other complex lighting or audio-visual effects within a limited budget, the scheme is not suitable and other venues might provide a better and cost-effective alternative.

The free hire scheme will be offered on selected **Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 2 July and 12 September 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.

### 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.

In addition, to be shortlisted for the scheme, your event must be suitable for use of Islington Assembly Hall and you must be able to cover any associated costs, as the free hire scheme gives you use of the venue for free for up to five hours, but other costs must be covered by your orga

The scheme is limited to eight organisations in a 12-month period from applications made in the previous round (for events to be held in early 2018) and this round. 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](http://www.islingtonassemblyhall.co.uk/community-hire) by Friday 1 December 2017. The Arts team will contact all applicants by 2 February 2018 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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**Report of:** Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety

<b>Meeting of</b> Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	<b>Date</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b> All
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### **LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS COMMITTEE – LEVY 2018-19**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1. This report seeks approval for the London Boroughs Grants Committee (LBGC) 2018-19 provisional budget, and the payment by the Council of its annual subscription. The Council, together with other London boroughs, is a member of the LBGC. Accordingly, the Council is required to approve the annual committee budget (£8.668m in 2018-19) and the Council's levy (£177k in 2018-19).
- 1.2. The Council's annual subscription currently contributes towards the funding of many London-wide organisations providing a wide range of services. These services are accessible by Islington residents and contribute towards the Council's priorities including tackling homelessness and dealing with violence against women and girls. Islington residents and Islington-based organisations currently receive considerable benefit from the annual subscription. The net-benefit to Islington residents is estimated to be over £0.2m per annum.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. To note the LBGC proposed 2018-19 annual budget of £8.668m (**paragraph 3.3**).
- 2.2. To agree, Islington's estimated contribution of £177k in 2018-19, a decrease of £24k on the 2017-18 contribution. (**Paragraph 3.4**).

#### **3. London Boroughs Grants Committee Levy - Analysis**

- 3.1. The London Councils Grants Committee has agreed the following priorities; these reflect some of the Council's priorities and historically the funding has been of benefit to both Islington residents and Islington based voluntary organizations:
  - Homelessness
  - Sexual and Domestic Violence
- 3.2. Islington currently benefits in two ways from being a member of the Committee:
  - 3.2.1. Firstly, it is currently estimated that about 50% (£3.13m) of the current year funding approved by the LBGC is allocated to commissioning organisations based in the borough (such as Women's Aid Federation of England, Solace Women's Aid, Galop, Women's Resource Centre and

Shelter). However most commissioning organisations provide services across London and in many cases benefit Islington residents.

3.2.2. Secondly, it is estimated that more than £0.2m (nearly 4%) of the current funding benefits Islington residents.

- 3.3. The total budget for the scheme will be £8.688m in 2018-19. Total borough contributions will be reduced by £1m to £6.668m in 2018-19, as a result of matching of £1m funding from the European Social Fund with a one off contribution of £1m from reserves in 2018-19. This reduction will be ongoing in future years. Borough contributions towards administrative costs included in the above will be £0.4m in 2018-19, unchanged from 2017-18. The remainder of the budget will be financed by European Social Fund grants (£1m) and from Grants Committee reserves (£1m).
- 3.4. The Islington contribution to the scheme is expected to decrease from £201k in 2017-18 to £177k in 2018-19.

## **4. Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

- 4.1. The 2018-19 levy is within the estimated budget.
- 4.2. The budget is subject to the agreement of London Councils Leaders Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and the agreement of two-thirds of London boroughs by the end of January 2018.

### **Legal Implications**

- 4.3. Under the constitution of the LBGC, the Council is required to confirm the Committee's budget and its own contribution. The Council is required to inform the Committee of its approval or otherwise by 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

### **Residents Impact Assessment**

- 4.4. 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.

A significant proportion of the grants made by the Committee are to organisations meeting the needs and priorities of a wide range of Islington's community, and in particular aimed at improving equality within the borough.

## **Final Report Clearance**



Signed by

Executive Member for Finance, Performance and  
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16 January 2018

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