

**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**