



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 **8 June 2015 at 6:00pm.**

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Membership 2015/16

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Andy Hull
Councillor Asima Shaikh

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess
Councillor Joe Caluori
Councillor Paul Convery
Councillor James Murray
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Observers

Councillor Theresa Debono
Councillor Rakhia Ismail
Councillor Jean-Roger Kaseki
(1 vacancy)

Quorum: is 2 Councillors



A. Formal matters

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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.

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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B. Matters for decision

1. Local Initiatives Fund 17 - 24

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 meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee will be on 13 July 2015

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 16 March 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 16 March 2015 at 6.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** **Andy Hull, Asima Shaikh and Richard Watts**

Also present: **Observer** **Jean-Roger Kaseki**

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

Councillor Watts welcomed Councillor Shaikh to her first meeting of this Committee.

32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

None.

33 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)

None.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

Councillor Kaseki declared a personal interest in agenda item B1 (Local Initiatives Fund) insofar as it related to the Islington Chinese Association.

35 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2015 (Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

36 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND (Item B1)

A revised Appendix A was laid round.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the new proposals submitted by Ward Councillors and detailed in revised Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development, be approved in principle, subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That the amendments to the Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, also detailed in the budget summary in Appendix A, be noted.

(c) That each Ward be permitted to carry forward up to £1,000 to 2015/16 so that small amounts of funding from the 2014/15 budget can be allocated more effectively in the future.

(d) That Councillors be advised that LIF funding is not restricted to activities/projects solely in the voluntary sector ie it may be used for Council activities.

Reasons 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.

37 **ISLINGTON COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND THREE GRANT AWARDS AND PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT 2015-18 (Item B2)**

RESOLVED:

(a) That grant awards for the third round of Islington Community Chest for 2014/15 be made to the organisations detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development.

(b) That the proposal submitted by Cripplegate Foundation for the programme management of Islington Council's Community Chest, and detailed in the report, be approved and, on that basis, the Council's contribution to Islington Council's Community Chest of £200,000 per year, for three years from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018, be approved.

(c) That thanks be expressed to the Cripplegate Foundation for their management of the Community Chest.

Reason for decision

To nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, in particular by providing resources for smaller organisations that find it difficult to access funding from other programmes. The approval of programme management arrangements and funding contributions for the next three years would enable a successful partnership with Cripplegate Foundation to continue for the benefit of local communities.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/ note of dispensations granted

None.

38 **COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND 2015 (Item B3)**

RESOLVED:

(a) That grants be awarded from the Community Festival Fund for the sums indicated below and detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the report of the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing for the following community festivals:

- Bemerton Villages Management Organisation-Cally Fest- £3,000
- St Luke's Community Centre - Whitecross Street Party - £2,500
- The Angel Canal Festival Management Group - Angel Canal Festival -£1,500
- Key Changes - Islington World Mental Health Day Celebration - £1,500
- Oxjam Islington - Oxjam Islington - £1,500
- Cubitt Gallery, Studios and Education-Festival of Blackboards- £1,500
- ArchWay with Words - ArchWay With Words - £1,500
- Rowan Arts - Islington Exhibits - £3,000

Reasons for decision

To support local organisations to develop and deliver a broad range of events that would provide Borough-wide benefit for local residents.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

39 **ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY USE 2015/16 (Item B4)**

RESOLVED:

That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall in 2015/16 be allocated to the following organisations:

- Cubitt Artists
- Ethiopian Diaspora Forum
- Holborn Dance Club
- Islington Faiths Forum
- Islington Foster Carers Association
- Islington People's Rights
- Islington University of the Third Age
- Islington Veterans Association
- Peabody Trust
- Sport Islington

Reason for decision

The scheme provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations through free use of the Assembly Hall.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

The meeting ended at 6.15 pm

CHAIR

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NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2015

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Strategy & Community Partnerships Comments
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / James Murray	St Silas Relax, Stay and Play	Continuation of stay and play sessions for pre school children aged up to four years. Funding to support hall hire and two sessional workers for a 39 week period.	April 2015 to April 2016	Children and their parents / carers	150	2,788.50	3,650	£862 door charge	
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / James Murray	Barnsbury Parish	Bemerton Soul summer playscheme in Bingfield Park (run by 5 local churches and London City Mission) with a fun day and barbeque at the end. Funding to pay for volunteer expenses, football coaching, barbeque, equipment, prizes and other associated costs.	27 July to 2 Aug 2015	Mainly children and young people	190	1,500	3,000	£1,500 donations from Barnsbury Parish, £150 Waitrose tbc	
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / James Murray	Barnsbury Housing Tenants' Association (BHA Tenants Association)	Continuation of Morland Football Club and starting up new social nights where bingo and board games will be played. Funding to pay for 36 weeks of football coach fees, board games, printing and refreshments.	March to Dec 2015	Children aged 8 to 15 years (football club), adults (social nights)	All BHA tenants to be invited	1,500	2,000	£500 BHA management tbc, some of basic TA funds	
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / James Murray	Barnsbury Square Residents' Association	Nature trail in Barnsbury Square for use by local families. Funding to pay for wooden lectern and fencing, signage, waterproof storage of maps / worksheets and other materials.	Up and running by August 2015	Local families, children of Thornhill School and St Andrew's Nursery	400+	250	350	£100 by the residents association	
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / James Murray	Friends of Joseph Grimaldi Park	Festival in Joseph Grimaldi Park on 13 September. Funding to pay for entertainment, equipment, publicity, refreshments, volunteers and admin.	13-Sep-15	Local residents in Barnsbury ward	2,000	2,693.65	5,000	£1,200 LBI Greenspace	
Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / James Murray	Cubitt Artists	Development of a new art studio and social space at their Angel Mews premises providing activities in the evenings and weekends for local residents when other provision is closed. Funding to contribute towards architect's fees and a proportion of building costs, fixtures and fittings.	June to Sept 2015	Local residents	1,215 to 1,585 per year	1,000	25,000	£5,000 Sylvia Waddilove Foundation, £10,000 The Monument Trust	

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Barnsbury / Finsbury Park / Highbury East / St Peter's / Tollington	All councillors in Barnsbury, Highbury East and St Peter's wards / Jean Kaseki / Gary Heather	Islington Pensioners Forum	Purchase of a new printer and contribution towards annual postage costs in order for the group to produce monthly newsletter.	April 2015 to March 2016	Older people	450 individuals and 250 organisations across the borough	4,210	8,000	£2,000 VCS Grants Fund	
Barnsbury / St Marys	All councillors in Barnsbury and St Marys wards	St Mary's Church, Upper Street	Week long festival as part of a 'Soul in the City' community cohesion initiative. Funding to pay for entertainment, activities and staging/sound.	27 May to 1 June 2015	Islington residents	2,000+	3,000	10,000	£3,000 St Mary's PCC, £1,800 Arimathea Trust, £2,000 Morris Trust tbc	
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	St Luke's Parochial Trust (Whitecross Street Party 2015)	Annual Whitecross Street Party including outdoor urban arts exhibition from July to September, festival in July and a community arts outreach programme starting in May. Funding to contribute towards artistic costs, marketing, logistics, equipment and staff.	Outreach programme starts on 4 May, event on 19 July, exhibition till 13 Sept 2015	Local residents, businesses, artists, schools and community groups	30,000	5,000	64,650	£22,700 LBI Section 106, £2,000 themselves, a further £34,950 applied for	
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	Friends of Fortune Street Park	Annual Fortune Street Park Community Fun Day. Funding to contribute towards entertainment, activities and equipment.	27-Jun-15	Local community	500 to 800	1,151.62	4,545	£1,595 group's reserves and donations, £100 Waitrose tbc, £250 Whitecross Community Centre tbc	
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	City YMCA London	Short video logs created by young people focussing on why they are proud to live in the area. The young people will be trained / gain experience in interview techniques, research skills and video editing. Funding to pay for training, resources, incentives and software.	April to Aug 2015	Mostly young people aged 13 to 25	46 young people directly involved in project	1,910	2,734	£824 from City YMCA for volunteer expenses and youth worker	

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Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	Whitbread TRA	Annual estate party on the Podium organised by the TRA. Funding to support refreshments, raffles and live music.	11-Jul-15	Mainly Whitbread Estate residents	200	600	600	Not applicable	
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	AAA Strike 4 Success Ltd (Antoin Akpom's Achievements for Success Foundation)	Workshop held at St Luke's Community Centre which aims to evoke awareness of the impact of crime and focusses on social responsibility. Funding to pay for tutor, materials, room hire and refreshments.	As soon as funding is approved	Young people	20 directly	500	1,000	£400 own funds, £100 in kind	
Page 7 Canonbury	Clare Jeapes / Nicholas Wayne	New River Green Children's Centre	Provision of family breakfasts which help to encourage male carers to attend weekend activities at the children's centre. Funding to pay for the annual cost of the breakfasts.	April 2015 to March 2016	Fathers and male carers of under 5s living near three children's centres in Islington	20-25 male carers plus their children	2,400	2,400	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Nicholas Wayne	Dover Soul	Barbeque and community event to mark the end of the Dover Soul week (annual children's activity week). Funding to cover barbeque food and drink, publicity, equipment and other associated costs.	26 July 2015	Residents on the Dover Court Estate	150 to 200	460	460	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Alexander Diner	Essex Road Giants FC	Twice weekly football training sessions for young people from the Marquess Estate. Funding to pay for pitch hire fees at William Tyndale.	Aug 2015 to Jan 2016	Young people from the Marquess Estate	25 to 30	1,400	1,400	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Alexander Diner	LBI Housing (Marquess Estate playspace feasibility study)	Feasibility study for the improvement of a play area on the Marquess Estate. Funding to contribute towards the costs of a project inception meeting, site visit and analysis, community consultation and the production of a sketch design.	To start as soon as possible and to take 8 weeks	Families in Eric Fletcher House and Ashby House	80 families	4,241.15	4,241.15	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Nicholas Wayne	East Canonbury Residents' Association	Big Lunch' street party on Englefield Road. Funding to pay for furniture hire, sound system hire, bunting and a steel band.	Sun 7 June 2015	Local residents	500	500	1,000	£1,000 through fundraising	

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Canonbury	Nicholas Wayne	Help on your Doorstep	Six indoor gardening workshops on the New River Green Estate. Funding to pay for trainer, materials and travel costs.	May to Sept 2015	New River Green Estate and other Canonbury residents	25 per workshop	1,200	1,200	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Nicholas Wayne	Isledon Arts CIC	Consultation about the future of the Rose Bowl led by a team of eight young people. Funding to contribute towards project management, wages and materials.	May 2015 to June 2016	Young people aged 8 to 19	183 consultation participants per year	1,031.15	14,895	Remainder from LBI Children's Services and Friends of the Rose Bowl	
Clerkenwell	Alice Donovan	Peel Institute (dance floor)	Funding to pay for a roll out dance floor and storage bags for movement and dance workshops which can also be used by other community groups and at other venues.	March to Sept 2015	Local residents	100	1,652	1,652	Not applicable	
Clerkenwell	Alice Donovan	Spa Fields Festival	Small scale community festival to be held in Spa Fields. Funding to pay for sound equipment.	30 August 2015	Local residents	500	450.91	4,500	£1,000 from a local business, further fundraising on-going	
Clerkenwell	Raphael Andrews	Peel Institute (IT workshops for older people)	21 week programme of IT workshops for older users of the centre. Funding to pay for IT tutor.	April to Aug 2015	Older people	15	527.58	1,050	£522 from Peel Centre (venue hire)	
Clerkenwell	James Court	Algerian British Connection	Funding to purchase a new printer	Mar to Dec 2015	Service users	Unknown	500	500	Not applicable	
Clerkenwell	James Court	Peel Institute (pilates for older people)	Delivery of a 'Get Up and Go' Pilates class for people aged 55 and older which is mostly targetted at those who are too frail to attend general fitness classes. Funding to pay for tutor, publicity and materials.	March 2015 to March 2016	People aged 55 and over	30	1,702.93	2,952.93	£1,250 from the Peel Centre (through venue hire)	
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Jannaty Women's Social Society	Printing of annual magazine and costs of three child protection seminars which will be held at Finspace. Funding to pay for room hire, publicity, refreshments and volunteers.	April 2015	Women living in Islington	50	350	400	£50 through donation	

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Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	The Islington Turkish Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Health and well being one day workshop for local Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot women. Funding to pay for room hire, translator, refreshments, stationery and printing.	April 2015	Women from Kurdish, Turkish and Cypriot communities	30	300	300	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation (MEWSO)	Funding to support delivery of a domestic violence workshop for frontline professionals working with women and families from Middle Eastern communities.	13-Mar	Frontline professionals working in the local community, e.g. social workers, volunteers, etc.	25	350	530	£180 MEWSO	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather	Holloway Neighbourhood Group	Weekly exercise class for women targetted at Muslim women and those on low income.	April to July 2015	Local women, particularly Muslim women	30	495	695	£200 from HNG	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather	Annette Road Gardening Group	Funding to purchase equipment and resources for a community gardening project.	March to Dec 2015	Residents of Annette Road and surrounding streets	50 members of the group	305	305	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather	Rowan Arts (Home and Away)	Funding to support the delivery of a heritage project commemorating the experience of soldiers from Britain's former colonies in WW1. Project will run in partnership with Finsbury Park Trust.	Jan 2015 to Jan 2016	Residents of Finsbury Park ward	2,500+	500	11,200	£10,000 Heritage Lottery Fund	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	LBI Heritage Services (Kerridge Court Plaque)	Funding for a plaque and unveiling event. Plaque will be to Lt Kerridge who was killed in the process of defusing a bomb in St Paul's Road.	Autumn 2015	Residents in Kerridge Court and surrounding area	Not known	1,100	1,100	Not applicable	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Highbury Quadrant Congregational Church	Funding to support the costs of a day trip to the seaside for residents linked with the Highbury Quadrant Estate.	Jul-15	People living locally to Highbury Quadrant Estate	49	315	700	£385 paid by residents	

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Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	LBI Traffic and Safety (design work for a crossing on Leigh Rd)	Funding to contribute towards engineer time to provide an outline design and costing for a crossing facility on Leigh Road.	May to June 2015	Pedestrians in particular children using the route to school	Not known	500	500	Not applicable	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Transition Highbury	Funding to purchase a new projector for the group's Green on the Screen project providing free screenings of documentaries on sustainable living.	Projector to be bought as soon as funding is confirmed	Screenings will take place in community venues across the borough	300	344	344	Not applicable	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Olden Garden Community Project	Funding for capital works to improve accessibility of the garden.	April 2015 to April 2016	Local community, particularly those with physical mobility restrictions	1000+	2,000	3,000	£1,000 match funding already secured	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	LBI Housing and Adult Social Services (High Quadrant bike workshops)	Funding to support the delivery of a youth engagement bike (moped and bicycle) project.	May to July 2015	Young people 10 - 17 years	30	2,000	4,000	£2,000 Housing Resident Engagement youth budget	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Chabad-Lubavitch of Islington	Funding to support the costs of holding the annual Islington Menorah lighting event on Islington Green.	December 2015	Local residents	500	500	6,522	£2,000 Hirsch Foundation and private donors tbc, fundraising on-going	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Roj Women Association	Six workshops and twenty four advisor sessions for Turkish and Kurdish women focussing on employment issues. Funding to pay for staff, publicity, room hire and admin costs.	Sept 2015 to Mar 2016	Kurdish, Turkish and Cypriot women living in Highbury East ward	50 to 60	1,948	1,948	Not applicable	
Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Highbury Roundhouse (IT project)	Funding to deliver an IT project teaching young people to build, repair and maintain computers. The course includes up to 10 work placements.	April to July 2015	Young people aged 14 - 18	15	3,000	4,163	£1,163 external fundraising tbc	

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Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Home-Start Islington	Funding for a volunteer preparation course and to buy a new PC for the project.	April 2015 to March 2016	Islington residents	12 volunteers would help 36 families per year	2,500	2,768	Details to follow	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Islington Foodbank	Funding to contribute to the annual salary of part time project manager.	June 2015 to March 2016	Residents on low incomes	3000	2,500	23,000	£7,000 Islington Foodbank, funding from Arsenal FC Community Fund and Peabody Trust tbc	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Finsbury Park Trust	Funding to support the costs of organising the Our Finsbury Park regeneration conference.	Dec 2014 to March 2015	People living and working in the Finsbury Park area	180 people attended	1,378.21	5,500	£3,500 sponsorship, £600 Finsbury Park LIF	
Hillrise	Marian Spall	Caxton House Community Centre (Zumbathon fundraiser)	Funding to pay for fruit, publicity and sponsorship forms for a Zumbathon to raise money for equipment for the Under 5s Drop-In and Toy Library.	28-Feb-15	Adults and children over the age of 8 years old	50 to take part in Zumbathon, 900+ to benefit from equipment	300	500	£200 from Caxton House (in kind room hire)	
Hillrise	Micheline Safi Ngongo / David Poyser	Caxton House Community Centre (six week taster handicraft project)	Six weeks of pottery sessions which will act as a taster for a longer handicraft project later in the year. Funding to pay for tutor costs, equipment, materials, publicity and refreshments.	27 Jan to 3 Mar 2015	Local residents aged 50 and over	36 to 48	1,000	1,630	£630 from Caxton House (in kind room hire)	
Hillrise	Micheline Safi Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Hillrise ward c/o Caxton House Community Centre (summer festival)	A summer festival which will be led and organised by a number of local groups. Funding to pay for equipment for activities and events, a barbeque, publicity, a raffle, volunteers and music.	8 or 15 August 2015	Local residents	300 to 400	4,000	5,015	£865 from Caxton House (in kind room hire), £150 from HLECA (in kind equipment hire)	

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Hillrise	Micheline Safi Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	LBI Greenspace (Archway Park improvement works)	Funding to contribute towards the cost of a new toddler play house with a slide as part of large scale landscape improvement works at Archway Park.	Construction from Nov 2015 to March 2016	Local residents in Hillrise ward	12,000 residents in Hillrise ward	2,250	4,500	Details to follow	
Hillrise	Micheline Safi Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association	Coach hire for a trip for the older people's group to Great Yarmouth.	March to August 2015	Older people	96	633.32	1183.32	£500 donation	
Junction	Janet Burgess	Girdlestone Third Age Group	Provision of day trips and lunches for older people to reduce isolation. The group is supported by the Junction Safer Neighbourhood Team.	On-going	Older people	27	1,566.35	3,000	£800 LIF (Sept 2014)	£800 LIF awarded to this project at Sept 2014 VCS Committee
Junction	Tim Nicholls	St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School	Lower playground redevelopment by improving the surface as well as installing a wide range of apparatus. Funding to contribute towards one of the items in the playground.	Project to finish in Mar 2015	Children in the school	180	1,000	5,736	Remainder from school's own budget	£3,312 LIF awarded to this project in March 2014.
Junction	Kaya Comer-Schwartz	The Maya Centre	Three therapeutic assessments and fourteen counselling sessions for women living in the most deprived areas of Junction ward who find it difficult to cope with day to day living. Funding to pay for counsellors, supervision, premises, admin and management.	Mar to Dec 2015	Women on low incomes	Up to 5	932.36	932.36	Not applicable	
Junction	Kaya Comer-Schwartz	Islington MIND	Coach hire for a summer trip and materials for their art studio and mosaic project.	April 2015 to August 2015	People with mental health problems and their carers	100	932	1,032	£100 from Islington Mind	

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Junction	Tim Nicholls	Friends of Archway Market (Archway with Words)	Funding for a day of the eight day long Archway With Words festival at the market and in St John's Church . Funding to pay for choir, interactive entertainment, a reading initiative for under 5s, creative workshops and a storyteller.	17-Oct-15	Local residents	500+	1,500	2,000	£500 from last year's ticket sales	
Junction	Kaya Comer-Schwartz	LBI Street Environment Services (2 bins)	Purchase and installation of two bins in front of Sainsbury's on Holloway Road.	Apr-15	Local residents and visitors to the area	Unable to quantify	800	800	Not applicable	
Page 13 Junction / St Georges	Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Rowan Arts (Tufnell Park Life)	Costs of an outreach coordinator and volunteers who will benefit from training opportunities and promote the Tufnell Park Life website to local residents. The website aims to encourage local people to feel part of a community using a digital platform to promote networking and information sharing.	March 2015 to Dec 2016	Local residents	200 to 300 +	2,100	2,100	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	LBI Play and Youth Commissioning (Bookswaps at King Henry's Walk Adventure Playground)	Bookswaps' programmes for King Henry's Walk Adventure Playground in partnership with their local library as part of the 'Islington Reads' strategy. Funding to pay for books and bookshelves.	March 2015 to Jan 2016	Children and young people aged 6 to 19 as well as adult users	Up to 250 children and young people	646	3,864	£3,218 Barnsbury, Clerkenwell and St Peter's LIF (for Barnard Park, Three Corners and Waterside adventure playgrounds)	£3,218 LIF awarded to this project in Jan 2015.
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Mildmay Community Partnership (festival on Newington Green)	Funding to support a weekend festival in July to promote community cohesion.	Jul-15	Residents living locally	1,000	4,176.50	7,000	£2,824 by MCP	

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St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Tufnell Park Primary School (Community Information Hub)	Funding to pay for a computer, networking, cabling and set up costs which will be located in the school foyer for parents without access to the internet to use and obtain information on a range of services.	Launch on 18 May 2015	Parents of school pupils and visitors to the school	At least 80 families	1,000	15,000	£14,000 school's devolved capital fund	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	St Mungo's Broadway Housing Association	Equipment for a library/ resource centre which will help to facilitate different activities. Funding to pay for IT and phone equipment, furniture, exercise equipment and materials to display client art work.	April to June 2015	Residents of 2 Hilldrop Road's Care Home and their friends	29+	1,000	1,150	£150 through local fundraising tbc	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	The Zone Youth Project	Tackling anti-social behaviour by setting up an internet café and homework club which will take place three times a week. Funding to contribute towards the purchase of two computers, a printer and software.	April to July 2015	Mainly young people aged 11 to 19 attending Holloway Secondary	50+	874.45	982.98	£109 from the Zone	
Page 14 St George's	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Octopus Community Network	To convert part of a disused car park beside Hilldrop Community Centre into an edible community garden. Funding to contribute towards planting and four living learning workshops which will focus on the construction of a stone circle which will contain herbs, attract wild life and which includes seating.	April to Sept 2015	The Zone Youth Project and residents attending groups at Hilldrop community centre	Over 30 families, 95+ from the Zone and community centre	950	7,600	£5,000 Housing Open Space Small Grants Scheme, £2,000 dry stone wall materials (in kind), further fundraising to be done	
St George's	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Tufnell Park Primary School (Thames Tees Community Arts Project)	Exchange overnight visits between the school and one in Co Durham. The visits will culminate in artwork which will be permanently displayed at the school. Funding to pay for train fares, a coach, barbeque food and art materials.	17 June to 3 July 2015	Disadvantaged families in St George's ward with little experience of rural life	25 directly	1,200	3,000	Funding from Rotary Club, Ernest Cook Trust, Waitrose and Islington Giving tbc	

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St Marys	Angela Picknell / Gary Poole / Nurullah Turan	The Manna	Funding for toiletries and clothing for the group's service users who often use the day centre's shower and laundry.	Mar to Dec 2015	Homeless and marginalised	40 users of shower/laundry per week	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
St Marys	Gary Poole	Hope Church Islington	Three outdoor jazz concerts in St Mary Magdalene Gardens on Friday evenings in July. Funding to contribute towards musicians and publicity.	3, 10 and 17 July	Local residents	200+ per concert	1,000	2,000	£1,000 LBI Greenspace	
St Peters	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	LBI Highways (landscape works around St James's Church)	Landscaping works around St James's Church following the production of a masterplan for the area.	Spring 2015	Local residents, visitors and churchgoers	Unknown	8,979.90	Project total to be confirmed	£14,847 LIF agreed in March 2014	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	Friends of Wray Crescent	Design and construction of new play structure in Wray Crescent Park.	23 to 27 March 2015	Local children and families	All playground users	800	5,670	£2,000 LBI Greenspace (subject to drawings approval), £2,868 through fundraising	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	Victim Support Islington	Funding to buy bike locks for bike safety workshops to be held at primary schools in Tollington ward.	March 2015 to March 2016	Young children in year 6	147	500	500	Not applicable	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	Islington Chinese Association	Clearing up rubbish on the nearby railway line and planting new plants as well as providing hot meals to the homeless and others in need. Funding to contribute towards venue costs, food, materials and volunteer expenses.	12 March to 28 May 2015	Local residents and those who are in need of free meals	760+	719.67	2,010	£1,290 from Islington Chinese Association	

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2014-15:	£320,000
Total allocations to be made from previous years' budgets:	£21,764
Amount allocated by VCS / Exec Committee to date:	£233,708
Balance remaining:	£108,056
New proposals for March VCS Committee:	£102,415
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2014-15:	£5,641

2014-15 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£0
Bunhill	£0
Caledonian	£0
Canonbury	£695
Clerkenwell	£0
Finsbury Park	£1,000
Highbury East	£160
Highbury West	£1,000
Hillrise	£1,000
Holloway	£0
Junction	£786
Mildmay	£1,000
St George's	£0
St Mary's	£0
St Peter's	£0
Tollington	£0

£5,641**Notes:**

Includes £4,078 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £12 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £2,173 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £333 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £1,303 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £1,966 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £1,867 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £5,432 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £63 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £870 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £1,580 from previous years' LIF allocations

Includes £2,087 from previous LIF allocations

	2013/14	2014/15
Total projects funded:	199	197



Report of: Executive Member for Economic and Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	8 th June 2015		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 2015/16 each ward has an allocation of £15,000 to spend on local schemes. 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 submitted by ward councillors as set out in Appendix A and to agree these proposals in principle subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships) 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, as listed 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 £15,000 per year to spend on local projects.
- 3.3 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.

- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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'.
- 3.6 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 2015/16 £15,000 is available to each ward; therefore the notional allocation for each councillor is £5,000. In September 2014 the VCS Committee agreed to introduce a minimum award of £250 per project.
- 3.7 The Democratic Services team in the Chief Executive's 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.
- 3.8 The final 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 Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Community Partnerships) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 3.9 Occasionally projects do not proceed as planned and funding is returned to ward budgets. These amendments are listed in the budget summary on the last page of Appendix A.

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

- 5.1 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. Agreeing to carry forward small residual amounts of funding to next year's budget will help to ensure a more efficient allocation of resources.

Appendices

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



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Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / James Murray	North London Probhati Sangha (NLPS)	Bengali New Year celebration and music and dance classes at the Hugh Cubitt Centre. Funding for music and dance classes will contribute towards venue, tutor and materials. Funding for the event will contribute towards artists, venue hire, refreshments and other associated running costs.	NY event on 24 May, 20 music and dance classes by June 2016	Open to all	250 at event, 20 at classes	1,500	3,295	Balance to be funded by NLPS	
Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Tollington	Raphael Andrews / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan / Flora Williamson	Islington Refugee Forum	Costs of hiring the Islington Assembly Hall for an celebratory event as part of Islington Refugee Week. The event will showcase the fine arts of the refugee communities, share information, and provide a platform for refugee organisations to celebrate refugee contribution to the borough.	Wednesday 17 June 2015	Community groups supporting refugees and the refugee community	300	970	4,490	£3,000 LBI, £520 IRF	
Clerkenwell	Raphael Andrews	Artistry Youth Dance	Four weeks of 'Aspire' dance workshops for young people at the Old Finsbury Town Hall culminating in a performance which will also be a fundraiser for future activities. Funding to pay for choreographer and studio hire.	Dance workshops from 1 June, performance on 20 July	Young people aged 14 to 19 of a BAME background	8 dancers, 100 audience members	1,000	3,220	£1,720 in kind support (choreographer, studio hire, costumes and transport)	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Minority Matters	Thorpe Park trip for families who cannot afford to go on holiday. Funding to contribute towards park entry tickets, lunches and coach hire.	Last week in August 2015	Children and families living in Islington	75	1,800	2,400	£500 parent contributions, £100 Minority Matters	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh	Pooles Park Primary School	Festival in the school's garden as part of their Environmental Education Project in association with the Open Garden Squares Weekend. Funding to contribute towards entertainment and catering staff costs, environmental / horticultural specialists and other associated costs.	13 June 2015	Mostly Finsbury Park ward residents	500+	700	1,540	£200 food sales, £340 volunteers donations, £300 from school and the friends	

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Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Highbury Roundhouse - Sotheby Mews	Old-time music hall show in June for the 70th anniversary of World War Two. Funding to pay for entertainers, refreshments, staff and other associated costs.	Wednesday 17 June 2015	Older residents	100	1,000	1,600	£240 staff costs (in kind), £50 charge, further details to follow	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Highbury Hill Street Party	Annual street party for the residents of Highbury Hill and the surrounding area. Funding to contribute towards insurance, staging, equipment, entertainment, first aid, security and volunteers.	28 June 2015	Local residents	300	500	2,021	£1,011 in kind from residents (food, drink, tables and chairs)	
Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Islington Mind	Funding for the costs of a lesbian only event and equipment and material for an arts programme for LGBT service users.	Event between July and Sept 2015, materials to be bought asap	LGBT people	20 to 30 (event), 20 to 35 (arts programme)	1,139.73	1,139.73	Not applicable	
Junction	Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls	Pemberton Gardens Street Party 2015	Pemberton Gardens Street Party 2015. Funding to pay for pony rides, DJ, bouncy castle and sundries.	6 June 2015	Residents of Pemberton Gardens and congregation of St Johns Church, Upper Holloway	300+	500	1,000	£400 St John's Church, Upper Holloway tbc	
Junction / Tollington	Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls / Jean Kaseki	Whittington Park Community Association	Big Day Out 2015 in Whittington Park, a summer festival which is part of the Holloway Arts Festival. Event will include a range of activities and entertainment, workshops and stalls. Funding will contribute towards staging, publicity, entertainment, staff costs, equipment and other associated running costs.	13 June 2015	All members of the local community as well as local groups	Up to 1,500	1,000	4,580	£500 Drivers & Norris, £275 café, £350 stalls, £100 face painting, £1,850 in kind support, £500 LIF tbc	

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St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	The Zone Youth Project	Tackling anti-social behaviour by setting up a internet café and homework club which will take place three times a week. Funding to contribute towards the purchase of two computers, a printer and software.	April to July 2015	Mainly young people aged 11 to 19 attending Holloway Secondary School	50+	108.53	982.98	£874.45 LIF allocated in March 2015	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Willow Children's Centre	Funding for the purchase of two ipads and the associated software to allow parents to access information about their children's progress and to allow children to document their own learning.	Mar to Dec 2015	Under 5s and parents	150+	1,000	8,000	£7,000 Willow Children's Centre	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Bardolph Road Street Party	Annual street party on Bardolph Road. Funding to pay for refreshments, bouncy castle, tables, entertainment and printing.	12 July 2015	Local residents	100 to 200	450	450	Not applicable	
Tollington	Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	The Toy Project	Schools Toy Recycling Project where primary schools will invite their children to bring in unwanted toys which will be donated to other individuals and organisations in need. Funding to pay for transport, publicity, postage and distribution.	July 2015	Schools, children's organisations (e.g. charities, hospitals, etc) as well as vulnerable children	1,000+	180.52	2,075.98	£1,895 LIF tbc	

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2015-16:	£240,000
Total allocations to be made from previous years' budgets:	£7,519
Balance remaining:	£247,519
New proposals for June VCS Committee (as at 20 May 2015):	£11,849
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2015-16:	£235,670

2015-16 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£13,500
Bunhill	£15,000
Caledonian	£15,000
Canonbury	£15,695
Clerkenwell	£15,678
Finsbury Park	£13,050
Highbury East	£14,160
Highbury West	£15,500
Hillrise	£14,860
Holloway	£15,000
Junction	£14,536
Mildmay	£16,000
St George's	£13,441
St Mary's	£15,000
St Peter's	£15,000
Tollington	£14,249
	£235,670

Notes:

- Includes £695 from previous years' LIF allocations
- Includes £1,878 from previous years' LIF allocations
- Includes £1,000 from previous years' LIF allocations
- Includes £160 from previous years' LIF allocations
- Includes £1,000 from previous years' LIF allocations
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- Includes £786 from previous years' LIF allocations
- Includes £1,000 from previous years' LIF allocations