



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 **22 September 2015 at 6:00pm.**

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Despatched : 14 September 2015

Membership 2015/16

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

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE
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



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

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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. 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

F. Confidential/exempt items for information (if any)

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The next ordinary meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee will be on
8 December 2015

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 13 July 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 13 July 2015 at 6.00 pm.

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

Also present: **Observers:** Jean-Roger Kaseki
(Councillors)

Councillor Asima Shaikh in the Chair

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

Received from Councillor Rakhia Ismail.

Apologies for lateness received from Councillor Richard Watts.

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

None.

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

Councillor Andy Hull declared a personal interest in agenda item B3 – New discretionary rate relief awards – as a trustee of B2B Create and as someone who has had contact with Wu Shi Taiji Quan and Qi Gong Association.

Councillor Asima Shaikh declared a personal interest in agenda item B3 – New discretionary rate relief awards –as someone who had attended classes at Wu Shi Taiji Quan and Qi Gong Association.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

49 **LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND (Item B1)**

A revised Appendix A was laid round.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the proposals submitted by Ward councilors 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 (Governance and Human Resources) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That, subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) being satisfied that all necessary checks have been made and issues resolved, the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) be authorised to agree the allocation of up to £1,000 per Ward for proposals for summer events and activities received

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during the remainder of July and August 2015 and prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

(c) That it be noted that the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development will be informed of all events approved under resolution (b) above.

(d) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, detailed in Appendix A of the report, be also noted.

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

50 **ISLINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST 2015/16: ROUND ONE AWARDS (Item B2)**

RESOLVED:

(a) That Islington Community Chest grant awards for 2015/16 be approved to the organisations detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development.

(b) That the foci for Community Chest grant awards be reviewed in the autumn of each year, to ensure that they synchronise with the Council's overall priorities for that year.

(c) That Cripplegate Foundation be recommended to carry out proactive work with organisations working with people with mental health issues to make them aware of and encourage more applications for Community Chest awards from these types of organisations.

Reasons for decision

To nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, by providing resources for smaller organisations that find it hard to access funding from other programmes.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

51 **DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF: AWARDS FOR NEWLY ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS (Item B3)**

RESOLVED:

(a) That discretionary rate relief be awarded to B2B Create, Minority Matters, Stuart Low Trust and Wu Shi Taiji Quan and Qi Gong Association to 31 March 2020, backdated to when they moved into their premises and with costs as detailed in paragraph 6.2 of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development.

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(b) That the applications from the British Red Cross Society and Iften Academy Limited be rejected on the grounds that they do not meet the Council's criteria for discretionary rate relief.

Reason for decisions

Awarding discretionary rate relief to charitable and non-profit making bodies was a cost effective way of supporting local organisations and helped to sustain a healthy voluntary sector.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensation granted

None

Reasons for decision – as specified in the report

Other options considered – none

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted – none

The meeting ended at 6.10 pm

CHAIR

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

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Governance & Human Resources Comments
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Caledonian / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / St Marys / St Peters / Tollington	All councillors of Barnsbury, Bunhill, Caledonian, Highbury East, Highbury West, Hillrise, Holloway, Junction, Mildmay, St Georges, St Marys, St Peters and Tollington wards / Raphael Andrews / Alice Donovan / Alex Diner	Islington Play Association	Playday event in Paradise Park. Funding to contribute towards transport, equipment and resources, sound equipment, refreshments and publicity.	Wed 5 Aug 2015	Children and families from across the borough	1,000+ children	4,300	6,925	£700 LBI Greenspace, £1,425 IPA (staffing and fruit for all)	The amount requested is £4,800.
Barnsbury / Bunhill / Highbury East / Highbury West / Holloway / St Peters	All councillors of Barnsbury, Highbury East, Highbury West, Holloway and St Peters wards / Claudia Webbe / Robert Khan	Hoppers	A week's holiday in Kent for low income families. Funding to contribute towards staffing costs, rent, catering and sundries, outings / activities and transport.	17 to 23 August 2015	Single parents with children living on low incomes	23	4,524	6,950	£500 Smithfield business, £1,040 Hoppers in kind, £345 income from families tbc	The amount requested is £5,065.
Bunhill / Holloway	Troy Gallagher / Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	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+	361.04	2,075.98	£406 LIF awarded at June 2015 VCS Committee (Tollington, High West & St Georges)	
Caledonian	Paul Convery / Una O'Halloran / Rupert Perry	Rainbows Toddlers Group (All Saints Church)	Stay and Play group for under fives. Funding to contribute towards purchase of toys.	Sept 2015 to Sept 2016	Under 5s and their parents/carers	120 children and 70 adults	500	5,765	£2,883 Barnsbury LIF awarded at June 2015 VCS Committee	The amount requested is £2,882.

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Canonbury	Alex Diner	Single Homeless Project	Wellbeing Day being held at St Stephen's Church to promote the work of the organisation and highlight other support available to their service users. Funding to pay for travel expenses and fees for the service providers, food and refreshments.	Thu 30 July 2015	Users of their service and the Manna, most of whom are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless	120+	250	300	£50 SHP	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan	Charteris Neighbourhood Tenants' Co-operative	Woodfall Park barbecue and cookout organised mainly by young males who are part of a newly formed youth board. Funding to contribute towards food, barbecue equipment, generator hire and catering accessories.	28 June 2015	Local residents	70 to 150	457.87	657.87	£200 CNTC	
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Holloway Neighbourhood Group	Funding to support small women's community groups in Finsbury Park which will involve arranging networking meetings, offering practical support and providing one to one capacity building support. Funding to pay for salary of Chief Executive and office costs.	1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016	Women from disadvantaged and marginalised communities in Finsbury Park	15 organisations	1,500	1,500	Not applicable	
Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	New Orleans Estate TRA	Restructuring of garden centrepiece in the green space opposite Pakenham House and replanting / adding new borders. Funding to be spent on a landscaper / master gardener, material, transportation of materials and admin.	October 2015	Estate tenants, residents and visitors	1,000+	400	450	Not applicable	The amount requested is £450.
Hillrise / Junction	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall / Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls	Archway Town Centre Group	A one day Archway town centre festival in partnership with Islington Council featuring stalls, music and children's activities. Funding to contribute towards publicity, music, entertainment and other associated costs.	12 or 19 Sept 2015	Local residents, town centre visitors and businesses	500	900	2,721	£200 ATCG, £500 LBI (printing), further fundraising tbc	

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Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Hungerford School and Children's Centre	Annual community fireworks display for Hungerford School and Children's Centre and Bridge School. Funding to contribute towards fireworks, food, equipment hire and caretaker time.	6 Nov 2015	Children, families and staff from Hungerford School and Children's Centre and the Bridge School	500	700	1,500	£200 donations from school fund, £700 entrance donations and food sales profit tbc	
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Hyde Village Community and Social Association	A three day residential for the drama group to visit the Pauline Quirke Academy at Mill Rythe Holiday Village in Hampshire. Funding to pay for accommodation, food and travel for 20 people.	27 July 2015	Young people aged 7 to 18	15 young people and 5 adults	1,500	4,200	£500 through fundraising tbc, £400 parents and adults contributions tbc	The amount requested is £3,000.
Page 7 Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Freightliners City Farm	Refurbishment of farm facilities block which houses offices, toilets, kitchen and dairy. Funding to pay for repairs to roofing, doors, locks and shutters and retiling of the toilets.	Aug to Oct 2015	Farm visitors, volunteers, staff and Paradise Park users	50,000	2,200	11,100	£5,000 private donor, £1,400 corporate sponsorship tbc	The amount requested is £4,500.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Metaplay	Three half day comedy, film and drama workshops delivered in partnership with Hyde-Northside at the Underground Youth Centre culminating in a showing to parents and friends. Funding to pay for workshop facilitators, planning, publicity and admin costs.	6 to 20 Aug 2015	Children aged 7 to 14	12 to 15 young people per session on a drop in basis	700	1,250	£580 in kind support from themselves, Hyde-Northside and local social housing providers	The amount requested is £1,250.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Friends of Sacred Heart	Funding to pay for fruit for school pupils for monthly Tutti Fruity Tuesdays as well as for sports days, after school clubs and celebration days.	Oct 2015 to July 2016	All pupils at Sacred Heart School	446	500	850	Not applicable	The amount requested is £850.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Mersey Estate Tenants and Residents Association	Bus trip to Southend for older and disabled residents of Mersey Estate. Funding to pay for coach costs (including parking) and refreshments.	3 August 2015	Older and disabled residents on Mersey Estate	20	500	500	Not applicable	

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Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	New Ringcross Tenants and Residents Association	Summer festival held on the Ringcross Estate. Funding to pay for costumes, go kart kits, food, entertainment and other associated costs.	22 Aug 2015	Local residents	400	700	1,600	£600 by the TRA	The amount requested is £1,000.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Rowan Arts	Funding for the annual two week long Holloway Arts Festival which this year has a 'Spirit of the 60s' theme. Event is run in partnership with London Met University, Resource for London and Whittington Park Community Association. Funding will contribute primarily towards Holloway Hullabaloo on 7 June which featured live art, music and dance performances, poetry readings, art workshops, stalls and a carnival procession.	29 May to 13 June 2015	Local residents especially those with a limited experience of the arts	2,000+	1,000	11,660	£10,000 Awards for All, £160 tickets / stall income	The amount requested is £1,500.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Paradise Park Children's Centre / Islington Play Association	Funding for 24 weeks of pilot BME Women's Exercise Classes held at Hungerford School. Funding to pay for fitness instructor and three creche workers.	Oct 2015 to March 2016	Families from black and ethnic minority communities	60 parents and their children	1,500	4,000	£1,950 in kind support from the two Children's Centres (Area Coordinator and bilingual support workers, printing, publicity and venue hire)	The amount requested is £3,000.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Hungerford Children's Centre	Trip to Margate for Somali families. Funding to pay for hire of a coach, buckets and spades, a ball, sun cream and water.	4 Aug 2015	Somali families	20 families	700	1,000	£200 from families (£10 per family) tbc	The amount requested is £800.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Islington Somali Banadir Association	Seaside trip to Margate for Somali families. Funding to pay for hire of two coaches, lunch for 108 people and parking.	22 Aug 2015	Families from the Somali Banadir community	106	500	2,200	Not applicable	The amount requested is £2,200.

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St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	SLOW (Surviving the Loss Of your World)	Contribution towards annual running costs of this support group for bereaved parents and siblings, including weekly sessional costs, business services, admin fees and website costs.	1 Sept 2015 to 31 Aug 2016	Bereaved parents aged 20 to 75 and bereaved siblings aged 3 to 16	117	1,000	26,108	£10,675 LBI Comm Chest, Marple Trust, Awards for All and Waitrose, £8,552 tbc from further fundraising/ applications	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	St Georges and All Saints Church	St George's ward community consultation event in Dalmeny Park to encourage residents to share their views on priorities and improvements for the ward. Funding to pay for barbecue, refreshments, bouncy castle and face painting materials.	19 Sept 2015	St Georges ward residents	300	1,000	1,000	Various in kind support from church attendees	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Tufnell Park Primary School Home School Association	Funding for inflatables (bouncy castle, bouncy slide and inflator gladiator) for the annual school fayre.	11 July 2015	School pupils and other local residents	330 pupils at school	400	2,000	£1,600 already raised by Home School Assoc	
St Marys	Angela Picknell	Tintype Gallery	Educational pilot where an artist will collaborate with a school to develop an art based project focussed on film / moving image. Funding to pay for preparation time, presentation time, admin and travel.	1 Sept 2015 to 31 Jan 2016	Young people attending St Mary Magdalene School	30 to 60	250	500	£250 Arts Council England tbc	
St Marys / Tollington	Gary Poole / Richard Watts	Islington Veterans Association	World War 2 Veterans Lunch in the Islington Assembly Hall. Funding to pay for hire of hall, refreshments and tableware.	26 June 2015	World War 2 veterans	40+	540	540	Food and drink from Angel businesses, LBI in kind support through use of equipment	

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St Peters	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	The Garden Classroom	To launch a Little Explorers Out & About Toddler Drop in at the ex-rangers hut in Graham Street Park which will compliment the new playground. Funding to pay for staff, resources and equipment, refreshments, volunteers and publicity.	Sept 2015 to July 2016	Under 5s and their parents / carers	225 under 5s and 225 adults	2,400	2,400	LBI Greenspace in kind support through agreement to use park hut	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	Tollington Intercultural Music Festival	Intercultural music festival held in Upper Holloway Baptist Church hall. Funding to pay for hall hire and musician travel expenses and fees.	12 Sept 2015	Mainly older people but open to all	80	250	400	£60 Age UK Islington (towards food), £50 donations	

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:	£11,696
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£31,497
Balance remaining:	£220,198
New proposals for July VCS Committee:	£29,533
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2015-16:	£190,665

2015-16 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£6,436
Bunhill	£11,638
Caledonian	£14,200
Canonbury	£13,030
Clerkenwell	£14,078
Finsbury Park	£10,567
Highbury East	£13,420
Highbury West	£13,858
Hillrise	£12,210
Holloway	£3,019
Junction	£13,186
Mildmay	£19,377
St George's	£9,246
St Mary's	£14,180
St Peter's	£9,039
Tollington	£13,179
	£190,665

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
- Includes £1,000 from previous years' LIF allocations
- Includes £786 from previous years' LIF allocations
- Includes £5,177 from previous years' LIF allocations

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Report of: Executive Member for Economic and Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	22 nd September 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 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 Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) 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 £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 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.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 The third 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 (Governance and Human Resources) being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 3.10 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.

Appendices

Appendix A – Local Initiatives Fund Proposals

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

Signed by:

Executive Member for Economic and Community Development 11 September 2015

Received by:

Head of Democratic Services 11 September 2015

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Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / James Murray	Friends of Barnard Park	Pop-up events in Barnard Park over three Sundays in May and June 2016 in partnership with the Adventure Playground. Funding to pay for entertainment, publicity, equipment and activities.	29 May to 12 June 2016	Local residents	750+ (dependent on weather)	1,500	2,500	£500 Friends of Barnard Park, £500 through fundraising tbc	
Finsbury Park	Michael O'Sullivan	Isledon Village Community Project	IVCP annual community BBQ for estate residents. Funding to pay for a children's entertainer and catering accessories.	BBQ on 5 Sept 2015	Local residents	200 to 250	200	1,500	£1,000 Family Mosaic, £300 tbc from Origins, Accurro, Chequers	
Junction / St Georges	Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	LBI Public Lighting	Festive lighting on 5 street trees and 4 festive lamp columns in Campdale Road and Tufnell Park Road for six weeks.	1 Dec 2015 to 4 Jan 2016	Local residents, businesses and visitors to the area	Unknown	3,463.87	3,463.87	Not applicable	
Junction / Mildmay	Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	LBI Governance and Human Resources	Christmas Party for older people held in the Islington Assembly Hall. Funding to contribute towards a hot Christmas lunch.	9 December 2015	Older people aged 70 and over	Up to 100	1,000	4,000	£1,000 LIF from other wards tbc, ongoing fundraising	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	Healthy Generations (formerly Music for People)	Musician fees, volunteer expenses and travel and subsistence costs for four sing-a-long, dance and movement sessions at Hanley Crouch Community Centre and Islington Arts and Media School (for their Christmas party).	October 2015 to Sept 2016	Older people and those with special needs and mental health issues	Up to 130	400	400	Not applicable	

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

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Governance and Human Resources Comments
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	Community Kitchens Project (part of Manor Gardens Welfare Trust)	A one day Level 1 Food Safety course in Catering course at Hanley Crouch Community Centre for the members of their youth club. Funding for trainers, learning resources, venue and other associated costs.	Jan to Mar 2016	Young people	10 to 12	500	1,000	£500 BBC Children in Need	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	CARIS Islington	Funding to contribute towards staff costs for the Children and Young People's Bereavement Service and Cold Weather Shelter.	1 Jan to 31 Mar 2016	Islington residents who are bereaved or in poverty	350	500	30,461	Remainder from group's reserves, donations, trust applications and churches	

ADDITIONAL SUMMER ACTIVITIES APPROVED BY ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES)

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Governance and Human Resources Comments
Bunhill	Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe	Whitecross TRA	Party to celebrate the achievements of the local community. Funding to pay for a DJ, roadie and publicity.	Friday 18 September	Local residents	120 to 150	500	1,000	£500 from the landlady of the White Lion pub	

PROJECT CHANGES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER 2015

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Governance and Human Resources Comments
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Islington Foodbank	Two portakabins and sound screens to facilitate the group's sudden move to Highbury Roundhouse from Pentonville Road (York House).	July 2015 to March 2016	Islington residents	3,000	2,500	4,500	Details to follow	Grant originally awarded for salary of part time project manager in March 2015.

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:	£16,130
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£61,030
Amount allocated through delegated approval to date:	£500
Balance remaining:	£194,599
New proposals for September VCS Committee:	£7,564
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2015-16:	£187,036

2015-16 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£4,936
Bunhill	£11,913
Caledonian	£14,200
Canonbury	£13,030
Clerkenwell	£14,253
Finsbury Park	£10,367
Highbury East	£14,755
Highbury West	£13,894
Hillrise	£12,210
Holloway	£3,519
Junction	£10,954
Mildmay	£18,877
St George's	£7,514
St Mary's	£14,230
St Peter's	£10,552
Tollington	£11,829
	£187,036

Notes:

Includes £775 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £695 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,053 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,495 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,035 from previous LIF allocations

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Includes £500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £786 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £5,177 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £50 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,513 from previous LIF allocations

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