

**Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 15 December 2015**

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 15 December 2015 at 6.05 pm.

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

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

**Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair**

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

Received from Councillor Rakhia Ismail.

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

None.

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

Councillor Kaseki declared an interest in agenda item B1 (Local Initiatives Fund awards) as a trustee of The Laundry.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

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

A revised Appendix A was laid round.

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the proposals submitted by Ward Councillors for Local Initiatives Funding 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 the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, detailed in revised Appendix A of the report, be also noted.

**Reasons for decision**

To address local priorities, which represented a wide range of activity and delivered significant benefit to local communities.

**Other options considered**

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

**68** **ISLINGTON COMMUNITY CHEST: ROUND TWO GRANT AWARDS 2015/16 (Item B2)**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That Islington Community Chest second round 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 officers seek and encourage more groups to apply for awards under the category of “Improve people’s mental and/or physical health”

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

**69** **ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE HIRE SCHEME (Item B3)**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the number of free hires of Islington Assembly Hall to local community organisations be reduced from 10 to 8 each year.

(b) That the changes to the application process and criteria, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development, be approved.

(c) That the changes to the application timetable detailed in paragraph 6 of the report be approved.

Reasons for decision

The scheme of free lettings of the Assembly hall provided an opportunity for the Council to support local organisations.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

The meeting ended at 6.13 pm

**CHAIR**