



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 **15 December 2015 at 6:00pm.**

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Despatched : 7 December 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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This applies to all members present at the meeting.

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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 (if any)

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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

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 9 November 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 9 November 2015 at 6.00 pm.

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

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

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

57 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

Received from Councillors Theresa Debono and Rakhia Ismail.

58 **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**

None.

59 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

None.

60 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

Subject to the inclusion of Councillor Kaseki's name in the list of attendees for the meeting, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

61 **THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR STRATEGY 2016 - 2020 AND THE EXTENSION OF GRANT AWARDS FROM THE VCS GRANTS FUND AND THE ADVICE FUND TO 30 JUNE 2016 (Item B1)**

The report was amended on submission as follows:

Recommendation 2.2 and all other instances in the report – change “31st June 2016” and “31st September 2015” to “30th June 2015” and “30th September 2015”

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2016 – 2020, attached as Appendix 1 to the report of the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development, be approved.

(b) That current grant awards from the VCS Grants Fund and the Advice Fund to the organisations listed in Appendix 2 to the report be approved for a minimum of three months to 30 June 2016, and potentially up to a maximum of six months up to 30 September 2016.

Reasons for decision

Agreeing to extend the grants would provide the voluntary sector with greater financial certainty in the near term and would enable the trustees of local organisations to plan ahead and agree their budgets for 2016.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None.

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LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item C2)

The Chair had agreed that this item be considered as urgent business in order that grants could be paid in time to run Christmas activities.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the proposals submitted by Ward councillors for Local Initiatives Funding detailed in 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, in the lead up to the Christmas period, the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) be authorised to agree the allocation of up to £1,000 each for proposals received prior to the next meeting, subject to the Assistant Chief Executive (Governance and Human Resources) being satisfied that all necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(c) That it be noted that the Executive Member for Economic and Community Development would 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.

The meeting ended at 6.20 pm

CHAIR

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 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
Barnsbury / Caledonian / Clerkenwell / Holloway / Tollington	All councillors of Barnsbury, Caledonian, Clerkenwell and Holloway wards / Jean Kaseki / Flora Williamson	Islington Bangladesh Association	Forty 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.	2 Nov 2015 to 31 Oct 2016	Older people aged 50+	50 to 60 per week	8,380	13,312	£3,112 Postcode Lottery Trust tbc, £1,200 participants' contribution tbc	The amount requested is £9,000.
Page 3 Barnsbury / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury West / Hillrise / Junction / St Georges / St Marys / St Peters / Tollington	All councillors of Barnsbury, Clerkenwell, St Georges, St Marys, St Peters and Tollington wards / Clare Jeapes / Asima Shaikh / Andy Hull / Micheline Ngongo / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls	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 staff costs, entertainment, equipment, food, publicity and other associated running costs.	6 to 14 Dec 2015	Local residents	500	5,333.33	7,616.17	£500 Highbury East LIF awarded in March 2015, £2,300 donations tbc	The amount requested is £500 per ward (total of £7,500).

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Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / Tollington	All councillors of Highbury East, Hillrise, Holloway and St Georges wards / Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Richard Greening / Andy Hull / Joe Caluori / Oly Parker / Janet Burgess / Jean Kaseki / Flora Williamson	Friendship Network (Manor Gardens Welfare Trust)	Christmas hampers for housebound older people. Funding to pay for hampers and their delivery.	14 to 24 Dec 2015	Isolated and older people in each ward	135 (15 per ward)	3,740	6,480	£2,700 volunteer time (in kind)	The amount requested is £3,780 (£420 per ward).
Finsbury Park / Highbury West	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Andy Hull	LBI Town Centre Development Team	Finsbury Park Festive Fair. Funding to contribute towards a variety of entertainment, equipment for the lights switch on, workshops and volunteers expenses.	25 November 2015	Local businesses, local residents and other visitors to the Town Centre	2,500	1,500	7,485	£2,150 sponsorship from local businesses, £2,335 further sponsorship tbc	The amount requested is £3,000.
Highbury East / Highbury West	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell / Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	LBI Public Lighting (Highbury Barn and Blackstock Road festive lighting)	Installation, maintenance and energy for festive lighting on 11 lamp columns in Highbury Park (Barn) and 6 columns in Blackstock Road for six weeks.	1 Dec 2015 to 4 Jan 2016	Local residents, businesses and visitors to the area	Unable to quantify	4,240.83	4,240.83	Not applicable	
Highbury East / Mildmay	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell / Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Highbury Quadrant Primary School	Improvement to one of the play areas in the school which will be led by parents. Funding to pay for a triangular wigwam and climbing cleats for a wall.	Work to be carried out in October half term	School pupils	412	2,290	9,440	£3,503 raised so far, fundraising ongoing	

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Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Friends of Gillespie School	Funding to contribute towards the salary of a scientist in residence for the Gillespie School Lab_13 (project aimed at boosting science learning at primary school level).	Jan to Dec 2016	Several local schools	1,000	2,000	20,000	£6,200 from school families, £3,000 tbc from a sponsored event, further fundraising ongoing	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Andy Hull	Stephens Ink Community Association	Ten week jewellery making course where students will also learn how to find materials and exhibit their work. Funding to pay for tutor, tools, equipment and photocopying.	Feb to May 2016	Local women who wish to work from home	10	2,000.49	2,000.49	Not applicable	
Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Caxton House Community Centre	1940s Style Tea Party held in partnership with Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association. Funding to pay for caterers, mini bus and driver (for those with mobility issues), publicity and decorations.	7 January 2016	Older residents aged 55+	80	1,800	2,250	£200 Caxton House (hall hire in kind), £250 Darby & Joan caterers (free cakes)	
Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser	Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association	Funding for three Christmas parties at Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre - one for older people, one for the nursery and one for the after school club. Funding to pay for food, drink, a hamper and entertainment.	Children - 17 and 18 Dec, older people - 19 Dec	Older people aged 60+, children aged 18 months to 11 years	213	700	1,200	£220 raised from Halloween party, £280 from raffle and open day tbc	
Hillrise / Junction	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall / Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls	LBI Town Centre Development Team (on behalf of Archway Town Centre Management Group)	Archway Festive Fair. Funding to contribute towards a variety of entertainment, equipment for the lights switch on, workshops and volunteers expenses.	27 November 2015	Local businesses, local residents and other visitors to the Town Centre	2,500	3,000	7,485	£1,200 sponsorship from local businesses, £3,285 further sponsorship tbc	

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Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Healthy Generations (formerly Music for People)	Musician fees, volunteer and travel expenses for 44 Movement and Mobility sessions at Age UK's Drovers Centre.	Oct 2015 to Sept 2016	Older people	22 regulars at Movement and Mobility sessions	380	1,540	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,540.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	The Friends of Paradise Park	Funding to pay for a bouncy castle, inflatables and rides for a Fun Day in Paradise Park.	3 September 2016	Local residents	2,000	750	3,000	£1,950 from funding applications tbc, £395 from raffle and stalls tbc	The amount requested is £1,500.
Holloway	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith	Age UK Islington	Hall hire for a Holloway ward partnership meeting at Drovers Centre which will focus on Caledonian tube station.	12 November 2015	Residents who use Caledonian Road tube	Unable to quantify	104	104	Not applicable	
Holloway / St Georges	Diarmaid Ward / Rakhia Ismail / Paul Smith / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	LBI Town Centre Development Team (on behalf of Nags Head Town Centre Management Group)	Nags Head Festive Fair. Funding to contribute towards a variety of entertainment, equipment for the lights switch on, workshops and volunteers expenses.	26 November 2015	Local businesses, local residents and other visitors to the Town Centre	2,500	2,400	7,485	£4,485 sponsorship from local businesses	The amount requested is £3,000.
Junction	Janet Burgess	Girdlestone Third Age Group	Funding to pay for Christmas dinner in a local pub for 35 members and refreshments, raffle prizes and music for a Christmas party at Girdlestone Community Centre.	December 2015	Older people	35	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	

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Junction	Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls	Islington Mind	Three course Christmas dinner for mental health service users and volunteers. Funding to pay for dinner ingredients, cutlery, crockery, decorations and snacks.	23 December 2015	People with mental health problems, carers and volunteers	Up to 90	500	600	£100 Islington Mind	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Hawthorne Close TRA	Funding to pay for an annual restaurant Christmas dinner for older people of Hawthorne Close TRA.	17 December 2015	Older people from Hawthorne Close	12	200	200	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Golden Oldies Senior Citizens and Disabled Group	Funding to pay for a Christmas party and gifts for older and disabled residents of Mildmay ward (who are often isolated).	11 December 2015	Mainly older people from Mildmay ward	25 to 30	250	400	£100 from weekly raffles, further fundraising ongoing	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Highbury Estate Wildlife Meadow	Funding to pay for compost for Highbury Estate / Bushfield House Wildflower Meadow so that Spring flowering seeds and bulbs can be planted.	Before mid December 2015	Local residents	Unable to quantify	500	2,500	£2,000 funded by the gardening volunteers	
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Mildmay Community Partnership	Halloween party for children on the Mayville Estate. Funding to pay for equipment, decorations and food.	31 October 2015	Children living on the Mayville Estate	50 children and parents	100	100	Not applicable	

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Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	Mildmay Community Partnership	Christmas / Winter Fair event at Mildmay Community Centre. Funding to pay for entertainer, food, refreshments, decorations and goody bags for children.	19 December 2015	Local families from Mildmay ward	200	800	920	£120 raised from raffles at earlier events	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	St George and All Saints Church	Bugsy Malone and the Great British Bake-Off pantomime at St Georges. Funding to pay for mats for children to sit on at the front of the fixed seating.	Pantomimes in second week of December	Local residents	Audience of 600 over the four performances	507.30	3,500	Remainder through in kind support (volunteer time and venue hire)	
St Peters	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	Friends of Waterside Play and Youth Project	40th anniversary street party. Funding to contribute towards a range of entertainment and equipment.	7 August 2015	Residents, groups and businesses from St Peter's ward	300+	500	1,345	£200 Rydon, £200 Friends of Waterside, £445 donations	
St Peters	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	LBI Public Lighting (Essex Rd festive lighting)	Installation, maintenance and energy for festive lighting on 14 lamp columns and 1 festoon on shop canopy in Essex Road for six weeks.	1 Dec 2015 to 4 Jan 2016	Local residents, businesses and visitors to the area	Unable to quantify	3,860.49	3,860.49	Not applicable	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	Cascadura Team Community Supporters	Christmas concert held in Upper Holloway Baptist Church Hall. Funding to pay for hall hire, musicians' travel expenses, printing and stationery.	12 December 2015	Local residents	150	250	600	£350 from LBI Housing tbc	

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

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Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall	Hillrise ward consortia led by Caxton House Community Centre	Two Hillrise Winter Festivals - an open air carol service in Hillside Park / community centre cafe area and a Winter Fair at Hornsey Lane Estate Community Association. Funding to pay for refreshments, entertainment, prizes/hampers, admin and publicity.	11 and 12 Dec 2015	Local residents	300 to 400	1,178.86	1,851.36	£440 in kind support from Caxton House and HLECA (space hire), £232.50 tombola and raffle income from summer festival	Grant originally awarded in March and June 2015 for a summer festival for which there was an underspend of £1,178.86.

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:	£16,140
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£90,731
Balance remaining:	£165,409
New proposals for November VCS Committee:	£47,086
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2015-16:	£118,322

2015-16 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£1,436
Bunhill	£10,413
Caledonian	£10,800
Canonbury	£12,530
Clerkenwell	£10,743
Finsbury Park	£8,447
Highbury East	£11,070
Highbury West	£3,370
Hillrise	£2,790
Holloway	£25
Junction	£7,034
Mildmay	£14,962
St George's	£3,647
St Mary's	£8,293
St Peter's	£5,092
Tollington	£7,669

£118,322**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

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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

Includes £60 from previous LIF allocations



Report of: Executive Member for Economic and Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	15 th December 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 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 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

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:

Executive Member for Economic and Community Development 4 December 2015

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Head of Democratic Services 4 December 2015

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NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER 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
Bunhill / Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / St Mary's / Tollington	All councillors of Junction, Mildmay and St Georges wards / Troy Gallagher / Raphael Andrews / Michael O'Sullivan / Nurullah Turan / Jean Kaseki	Islington Pensioners Forum	Funding to contribute towards annual staff costs and printing and postage of the monthly newsletter.	January to December 2016 (newsletter from April to December 2016)	Older people and younger volunteers	600+	4,750	9,506	£2,500 VCS Grants Fund, £1,250 VCS Grants Fund tbc, other LIF tbc	
Caledonian	Paul Convery / Una O'Halloran / Rupert Perry	LBI Housing	Funding for the Cally Festival 2016. Funding to contribute to the costs of the event co-ordinator.	19 June 2016	Local residents and businesses around Caledonian Road	8,000 to 9,000	10,000	40,000	£30,000 from local businesses, lottery and grant making bodies tbc	
Clerkenwell	Raphael Andrews	Clerkenwell Parochial School	Funding to support children from low income families to participate fully in school life. Funding to pay for uniform for up to ten children and a contribution towards residential trip costs for four children.	January to July 2016	Children from low income families	Up to 14	500	500	Not applicable	
Clerkenwell	Raphael Andrews	St Mark's Church, Clerkenwell	Project to improve church access for the disabled. Funding to contribute towards plants, pots and materials for a sensory garden.	March to June 2016	All, especially visually impaired and older people	2,000 church visitors per year	500	600	£100 through fundraising	

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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
Clerkenwell	Raphael Andrews / Alice Donovan	Islington Faiths Forum	Multi Faith & Community Service Celebration in the Islington Assembly Hall showcasing the work of Islington faith groups. Funding to pay for event management, lunch, drinks, security, AV person, volunteers, publicity and office costs.	Prep work starts January 2016, event on 16 March 2016	Residents, community groups, faith based organisations and statutory agencies	120 on the day	1,062.12	2,655.30	£1,500 Assembly Hall free hire scheme, further LIF tbc	
Finsbury Park	Michael O'Sullivan	Jannaty Women's Social Society	Cultural day at Finsbury Park Community Hub where members will showcase their country of origin's traditions, dress, food, entertainment, etc. Funding to pay for food, drink, catering accessories, volunteers and publicity.	30 January 2016	Women, young people and children living in Islington	120	500	500	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Holloway Neighbourhood Group (Elders Lunch Club)	Christmas party (including traditional dinner) and fourteen weekly lunch clubs. Funding to pay for cook for fourteen weeks and DJ, tablecloths, soft drinks and decorations for the Christmas party.	15 December 2015 to 31 March 2016	Older people	50	1,200	2,081	£831 Holloway Neighbourhood Group, £50 Morrisons tbc	
Finsbury Park	Michael O'Sullivan	Holloway Neighbourhood Group (Sewing Classes)	Fifteen weekly sewing classes at the Old Fire Station. Funding to pay for a tutor, materials, repair of equipment and contribution to hall hire.	8 January to 22 April 2016	Mainly local female residents	35	1,000	1,405	£405 through fees for classes	

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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	Highbury Vale Blackstock Trust	Funding to pay for gym mats for twice weekly fitness classes for local women.	Mats to be bought when funding is received	Local women	15 to 20 weekly participants	250	£120 per week	£60 Access to Sports (free coach), £60 hall hire	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki	Islington Chinese Association	Chinese New Year of the Monkey celebration 2016 at the group's premises in Hatchard Road. Funding to pay for publicity, printing, postage, artists and volunteers.	13 February 2016	Open to all	500+	500	2,000	£1,500 Islington Chinese Association	

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS 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
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Oly Parker	Your Friendly Society	Funding to pay for food and refreshments for a Christmas Party and a contribution to rent for a bingo group based at the Mildmay Community Centre.	18 December 2015 (party), rent from December 2015 to April 2016	Older people	32	340	340	Not applicable	

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:	£18,341
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£137,818
Amount allocated through delegated approval for Christmas activities:	£340
Balance remaining:	£120,183
New proposals for December VCS Committee:	£20,262
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2015-16:	£99,921

2015-16 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£2,681
Bunhill	£9,913
Caledonian	£1,300
Canonbury	£12,530
Clerkenwell	£8,181
Finsbury Park	£4,247
Highbury East	£11,070
Highbury West	£3,120
Hillrise	£2,790
Holloway	£25
Junction	£6,534
Mildmay	£14,372
St George's	£3,853
St Mary's	£7,293
St Peter's	£5,092
Tollington	£6,919

Notes:

Includes £1,245 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £775 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £695 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,053 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,000 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 £456 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £50 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,513 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £60 from previous LIF allocations

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SUBJECT: Islington Council's Community Chest: Round Two Grant Awards 2015/16

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Small voluntary and community organisations play an important role in Islington, helping to build community resilience and supporting residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation. Islington Council's Community Chest, one of the borough's most popular grant programmes, has proved to be a very effective way of funding grassroots activity and developing the capacity of local groups.
- 1.2 This report sets out recommendations for awarding the second tranche of Islington Council's Community Chest funding for 2015/16.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To agree the proposed grant awards for the second round of Islington Council's Community Chest for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix A.

3. Background

- 3.1 Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) is a partnership between Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation. It is a small grants programme that funds grassroots activity and brings additional capacity building, networking and development support to local voluntary and community organisations. By providing resources for local groups ICCC helps to build community resilience and to tackle poverty and isolation.
- 3.2 ICCC is available to local organisations with a turnover of no more than £100,000 per year – in most cases less than £50,000 per year. Organisations can apply for one grant of up to £5,000 per year. The priority is to support applications from the most deprived areas of the borough with a focus on:
 - Advising and supporting people
 - Educating people and improving their skills and employability

- Reducing isolation and increasing people's involvement in the community
- Improving people's mental and/or physical health
- Improving the local environment and making communities safer

- 3.3 Community chest programmes in Islington have been successfully managed by Cripplegate Foundation for many years. Under current arrangements, agreed by VCS Committee in March 2015, the council contributes £200,000 per year and Cripplegate Foundation adds £50,000 per year (from which £36,000 per year is deducted to cover the costs of administering and developing the programme).
- 3.4 In addition Cripplegate Foundation has committed up to £2,500 a year towards the costs of holding an annual celebration event to promote the achievements and impact of activity supported through ICCC. This year's event was held in Islington Assembly Hall on 10 June 2015. Well over 100 people attended the celebration and enjoyed a range of excellent performances from community chest beneficiaries as well as an opportunity to network and learn more about projects supported by community chest.
- 3.5 A panel made up of representatives from Islington Council, Cripplegate Foundation and the local voluntary sector (nominated by Islington Community Network) meets three times a year to consider applications and to make recommendations to the VCS Committee. It is chaired by the council's Executive Member for Economic and Community Development.
- 3.6 The panel also considers issues of wider relevance to the local voluntary and community sector and reviews priorities annually to ensure that the programme continues to meet the needs of Islington's most vulnerable and isolated residents. In addition panellists track application trends and identify any gaps in the programme that should be addressed.

Round Two Grant Awards 2015/16

- 3.7 The second round of ICCC for 2015/16 opened for applications in July 2015. It was widely advertised to local groups through voluntary sector networks and forums and on the Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation websites. Information sessions were arranged for organisations thinking of applying.
- 3.8 31 face-to-face meetings were held with applicants, two organisations subsequently withdrew their applications when it became apparent that their income was over the £100,000 threshold.
- 3.9 30 applications were considered, with one application (Deaf Parenting UK) included due to being deferred in the previous round.
- 3.10 Organisations requested a total of £137,863. £71,333 was available for Round Two, and a further £111 was carried forward from Round One making a total of £71,444 available for the ICCC panel to allocate.
- 3.11 The ICCC panel met on 20 October 2015 to consider applications and, after careful deliberation, agreed recommendations totalling £69,634 to 16 organisations. During this round £71,444, was available to allocate so £1,810 will be carried forward into the next round. 25% of recommended applicants have not previously been funded from Community Chest. A list of organisations recommended for funding and the proposed grant award for each organisation is set out in Appendix A.
- 3.12 The ICCC panel requested Cripplegate Officers meet with two organisations that were strongly considered for funding, but have been deferred to a future round.
- 3.13 From the 30 funding applications, 27% were considered first-time applicants. The 16 successful applications, 19% were from groups that have not previously received funding.
- 3.14 The ICCC Chairperson (Executive Member for Economic and Community Development) has requested a meeting to discuss the grant aims, and explore how they can be better aligned with Islington council's strategic priorities.
- 3.15 The ICCC Chairperson (Executive Member for Economic and Community Development) has requested that there unrepresented areas are actively targeted in order to have a greater spread of organisations applying for grant funding.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial implications:

The council's contribution of £200,000 per year referred to in this report will be met from existing budgets allocated to ICCC in the Chief Executive's Department.

4.2 Legal Implications:

The council has power to provide grants for the voluntary and community sector under the General Power of Competence set out in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The provision of grants for the voluntary and community sector as described in this report is not subject to any other statutory provision. In providing these grants the council must ensure that it complies with its duty to secure best value (Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999).

4.3 Environmental Implications:

One of the priorities of ICCC is 'improving the local environment and making communities safer'. Funding proposals in this report support grassroots community activity which will have a positive impact on the local environment.

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.

ICCC provides resources for small community organisations, many of which are volunteer-led and wouldn't meet the criteria for funding under other programmes. It enables some of Islington's poorest residents to access community-based services and activities including through newly established groups who offer the potential for adding to existing provision locally or who can reach communities that may not otherwise be supported. Analysis of previous grants demonstrates ICCC's success at meeting the needs of groups with protected characteristics, for example people from black and minority ethnic and refugee backgrounds, young people and older people, women, and people with disabilities.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The recommendations in this report will help to nurture and sustain an innovative and resilient voluntary and community sector in Islington, in particular providing resources for smaller organisations that find it hard to access funding from other programmes. Islington Council's Community Chest is an effective way of developing grass roots activity across the borough and building capacity in local organisations to support residents who are experiencing poverty and isolation.

Appendices

Appendix A – Recommended Grant Awards for ICCC: Round Two 2015/16

Background papers: none

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Recommended Awards for Islington Council's Community Chest

Round two: October 2015

Organisation	Project / Activity	Proposed Grant Award (£)
Advise and Support People		
Let's Get Talking	A Knife Crime Programme	4,888
Educate People and Improve their Skills and Employability		
Baluji Music Foundation	Weekly music workshops for blind and partially sighted people	3,000
Somali Education Centre	A supplementary school	4,960
Improve People's Mental and / or Physical Health		
Azuki Foundation	A programme of Japanese cookery and dance for older people	3,800
Middle Eastern Women and Society Organisation	Health advocacy for Middle Eastern and North African women	5,000
Isledon Wolves Youth Football Club	A local football club for children and young people	1,500
Reduce Isolation and Increase People's Involvement in the Community		
Afro-Brazilian Arts & Cultural Exchange Institute	A free martial-arts, dance and arts programme for children	2,000
Amplifyyourself	A program of creative tuition in music, drama and media for children and young people	4,500
Angel Shed Theatre Company	24 inclusive theatre workshops for disabled and disadvantaged children aged 5-7	5,000
Deaf Parenting UK	Monthly drop in sessions for Islington Deaf parents and their children (under 5's)	5,000
Highbury Estate Tenants Association	A program of activities in the estates new community facility	5,000
Hyde Village Community & Social Association	Weekly drama classes for children	5,000
Inner City Films	A digital media and exercise project for older people	5,000
Olden Garden Community Project	A community garden project	5,000

The African and Caribbean Senior Citizens of Islington and Hackney	A weekly lunch club for isolated African Caribbean elders	4,986
The Kevin Richards Foundation Centre	A weekly lunch club and activities for older people	5,000
		69,634



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SUBJECT: Islington Assembly Hall: Free Hire Scheme

1 Synopsis

- 1.1 Each year, local community organisations are invited to apply for one of up to ten free hires of Islington's 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.
- 1.2 An evaluation of the scheme by the Assembly Hall management team and the Partnerships, Place and Culture Unit has indicated that the scheme is not currently functioning as effectively as it could and that improvements can be made to the application criteria and process.
- 1.3 This report sets out amendments to the scheme that will enable organisations to maximise the opportunities that free hires of the Assembly Hall provides and to enable the venue to maximise income generation opportunities.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To agree the recommendation to reduce the number of free hires through the scheme from 10 each year to a maximum of 8 free hires
- 2.2 To agree the changes to the application process and criteria as detailed in section 3.3
- 2.3 To agree the changes to the application timetable as detailed in 3.4 of this report.

3 Background

- 3.1 In the current scheme, 10 free hires are available to community groups who apply annually in January for free use of the Assembly Hall in the following financial year. The free hires are only offered for bookings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with access to the hall for a maximum of five hours.
- 3.2 Applications are advertised for 6-8 weeks with a deadline in January and a two month turnaround time for the decision making process. Recommendations allocating free hires are approved at the VCS Committee. Once approved, the successful organisations are offered provisional dates, These provisional dates are confirmed by the Assembly Hall management team at least two months before the event is scheduled to take place.

3.3 Applications are currently assessed against the published criteria which require 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:
 - Arts and regeneration
 - Children and young people
 - Diversity
 - Arts and older people
- 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

4 Assessment of Current Scheme

4.1 Evaluation of the current programme has identified several issues that prevent the Assembly Hall Free Hire scheme from achieving its full potential to support local organisations and are impeding the operation of the Assembly Hall as a commercial venture. The key issues identified are as follows:

- The current annual application process takes place too far in advance. The current timescales impact on the Assembly Hall's ability to plan efficiently its commercial hires programme. Islington Assembly Hall's management team has indicated that the times of year with most availability are January-March and July-September.
- The current application process is too long and confirmation of dates too late for community organisations to plan and publicise events effectively.
- In previous years, some community organisations have cancelled late. This has meant that the target of 10 free dates has not been met, and has resulted in wasted bookings, which could have brought in revenue through commercial bookings.
- Some community organisations have not made full use of the high quality performance facilities available at Assembly Hall, and have programmed events which would have been better suited to other Council operated venues.
- Extra charges for other items and services can make the hire more expensive for community organisations than might appear in the current application process.

5 Proposed Amendments to the Scheme

5.1 The following changes to the application process and criteria are proposed:

- Based on demand and take-up of the free hire scheme in previous years and the increasing pressures on the council to generate revenue to meet income targets, it is proposed to reduce the number of free hires from 10 to 8 per year.
- There will be two application windows each year, January to March and July to September in order to enable organisations to better plan events.
- The application window will be set at 6 weeks. The assessment period will be set at 6 weeks. Organisations will have dates confirmed at least 4 months in advance of the hire date.
- Staff from Arts Service, the Voluntary and Community Sector team and Assembly Hall management team will assess applications against the published criteria.

- The revised criteria will require 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.

5.2 When fielding enquiries from organisations intending to organise meetings that do not make use of the high quality performance facilities of the venue, Assembly Hall staff may refer organisations to other Council run venues and community venues in the borough which may be more suitable to their requirements.

5.3 The application criteria will be published with a list of indicative costs for other items and services offered by Assembly Hall i.e. Technical support.

5.4 Acknowledging that the Assembly Hall is a commercial venue, the Assembly Hall management team will retain the right to cancel a booking in exceptional circumstances. On the rare occasions where this may happen, the Assembly Hall management team will find an alternative suitable venue and cover additional costs incurred by the applicant as a result of the cancellation.

5.5 The Assembly Hall management team will continue to administer the scheme, promoting it to the sector and managing the application process supported by the Arts and VCS teams. The free hires will continue to be offered for bookings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with access to the hall for a maximum of five hours.

6 Proposed Application Timeline

Application Round 1 January 2016 End February 2016 22 March 2016 End March	For bookings in July-September 2016 Application window opens for 6 weeks Application window closes VCS Committee meeting decision Dates offered
Application Round 2 May 2016 End June 2016 July 2016	For bookings in January-March 2017 Application window opens for 6 weeks Application window closes Decisions made and dates offered (within 6 weeks)
Application Round 3 October 2016 December 2016 End January 2017	For bookings in July-September 2017 Application window opens for 6 weeks Application window closes Decisions made and dates offered (within 6 weeks)

6.1 Key Benefits

- 6.2 A significant advantage for community groups and arts organisations is that the new bi-annual bookings system, alongside the minimum 4 months confirmation of booking, will make the venue more accessible, and it will be easier for them to schedule high quality events with marketing campaigns further in advance than in the previous system.
- 6.3 By reducing the number of free hires available, the Assembly hall management team will be able to generate income from commercial hires and offset the costs associated with administrating and running the scheme.

7 Financial Implications

- 7.1 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.

8 Legal Implications

- 8.1 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.

9 Environmental Implications

- 9.1 There are no environmental implications.

10 Equality Impact Assessment

- 10.1 The organisations identified meet the needs and priorities of a wide range of Islington's communities and help to improve equality within the borough.

11 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 11.1 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.

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