## London Borough of Islington

## Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 16 June 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 16 June 2016 at 5.30 pm.

Present:	Councillors:	Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Andy Hull and Richard Watts
Also present:	Councillors: (Observers)	Theresa Debono and Mouna Hamitouche
procent.		Satnam Gill and Gary Heather

### **Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair**

## 91 <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)</u> Received from Councillor Marian Spall.

- 92 <u>DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)</u> None.
- 93 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)</u> None.

## 94 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)

#### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

## 95 <u>MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE</u> COMMITTEE IN 2016/17 (Item A5)

#### RESOLVED:

That the membership of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, appointed by the Executive on 16 May 2016, its terms of reference and dates of meetings for the municipal year 2016/17, as detailed in Appendix A of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Human Resources, be noted.

<u>Reasons for decision</u> To inform all members of the Council of the remit of the Committee.

Other options considered None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted None

# 96 VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS PROGRAMME 2016-2020 (Item B1)

# RESOLVED:

(a) That the VCS Partnership Grants Programme Awards across the five programme strands, detailed in paragraph 9 and Appendix 3 of the report of the Executive Member for Community Development, be approved.

(b) That £140,000 of funding be retained to respond to identified gaps in the VCS Partnership portfolio in order to support the delivery of the VCS strategy, as detailed in paragraph 9 of the report.

## Reasons for decision

The decisions reflected the priorities and services outlined in "Towards a Fairer Islington: Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2016 – 2020" and the Advice Review which identified how and where voluntary and community sector organisations could add real value and support the Council in taking forward its ambition to promote a fairer Islington.

Other options considered None .

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted None

97 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B2)

A revised Appendix A was laid round.

## **RESOLVED**:

(a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and detailed in revised Appendix A (attached to these minutes) of the report of the Executive Member for 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 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.

<u>Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted</u> None.

The meeting ended at 5.55 pm

CHAIR