



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 **28 March 2017 at 6:30pm.**

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Membership 2016/17

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Andy Hull
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE
Councillor Joe Caluori
Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Diarmaid Ward
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Observers

Councillor Theresa Debono
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche MBE
Councillor Marian Spall

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;
 - you may choose to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.
- In both the above cases, you must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

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

(b) Sponsorship - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.

(c) Contracts - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between you or your partner (or a body in which one of you has a beneficial interest) and the council.

(d) Land - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.

(e) Licences- Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.

(f) Corporate tenancies - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest.

(g) Securities - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

This applies to all members present at the meeting.

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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.

E. 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.

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

G. Urgent Exempt Matters

Any exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes

The next meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is scheduled for
15 May 2017

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 23 January 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 23 January 2017 at 6.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Kaya Comer – Schwartz, Andy Hull and Richard Watts

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

Received from Councillor Marian Spall.

118 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)

None.

119 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

Councillors Richard Watts and Theresa Debono declared an interest in the Foodbank.

120 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

121 LOCAL INITIATIVES FUND AWARDS (Item B1)

A revised Appendix A was laid round.

The Executive Member for Community Development reported that an additional meeting was to be arranged for the end of April/beginning of May 2017 for the purpose of consideration of a further round of Local Initiatives Fund awards from this year's budget.

RESOLVED:

(a) That, in order to address the issue of recruiting and retaining support for 15 Ward Partnerships, an incentive payment of £1,000 per annum be paid to each Ward Partnership co-ordinator and that £1,000 be set aside from each Ward Partnership's Local Initiatives Fund budget each year to fund this support.

(b) That £250 be set aside from each Ward Partnership Local Initiatives Fund budget to fund the support detailed in resolution (a) above, for the period from January to March 2017, noting that this would mean that the 2016-17 Local Initiatives Fund budget would reduce by £3,750 to £236,250.

(c) That the annual Local Initiatives Fund budget for subsequent years be set at £225,000, noting that this totalled £14,000 per Ward, apart from Bunhill and Clerkenwell Ward budgets, which would each total £14,500.

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(d) 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 Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services being satisfied that all necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(e) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, detailed in paragraph 3.10 and Appendix A of the report, be also noted.

(f) That thanks be expressed to the Ward Budget and Partnerships Officer for all her work on the Local Initiatives Fund programme.

Reason 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.

122 ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY USE FOR SUMMER 2017 (Item B2)

RESOLVED

(a) That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall be allocated to the following organisations for Summer 2017:

- MoveMe Dance
- Breakin' Convention
- Solace Women's Aid
- Cubitt Education
- IMECE Women's Centre
- Baluji Music Foundation
- Body & Soul

(b) That the following two applicants be held in reserve, in the event of the inability of the applicants in resolution (a) above to negotiate dates and times for use of the Assembly Hall:

- North London Cares
- Arachne Greek Cypriot Women's Group

Reasons for decision

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

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

123 DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF AWARDS 2016/17 (Item B3)

The Chair had agreed that this item be considered as urgent business in order that discretionary rare relief could be paid to the organisations concerned as soon as possible to enable them to continue their activities to support residents.

RESOLVED:

(a) That discretionary rate relief in the sums indicated below be awarded to the following organisations, up to 31 March 2020:

- The seven delivery sites managed by Awesome CiC viz:

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| Barnard Park Adventure Playground - | £298.00 |
| King Henry's Walk Adventure Playground - | £1,621.00 |
| Cape Adventure Playground - | £4,531.00 |
| Cornwallis Adventure Playground - | £1,066.00 |
| Creche at Three Corners - | £222.00 |
| Three Corners Adventure Playground - | £3,110.00 |
| Waterside Adventure Playground - | £1,422.00 |

- Highbury Community Nursery - £653.00
- Arsenal in the Community – The Arsenal Hub - £9,853.00

Total: £22,776.00

(b) That the application from Think Forward be deferred, pending further information from the organisation in relation to the proportion of Islington beneficiaries

(c) That the applications from Arebyte and the Independent Workers' Union of Great Britain be rejected.

(d) That the Council's 2016/17 budget, the existing Discretionary Rate Relief commitments, the anticipated impact of revised business rates on the cost of Discretionary Rate Relief to the Council, as detailed in the report, be noted and that there be no further applications for Discretionary Rate Relief until April 2020.

Reasons for decision – 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. A few of the organisations who had applied for discretionary rate relief were not eligible under the Council's criteria. The Discretionary Rate Relief budget was now fully committed until 2020.

Other options considered

None

Conflicts of interest/Any dispensations granted

None

124 LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS COMMITTEE - LEVY 2017/18 (Item B4)

RESOLVED:

(a) That London Councils' Grants Committee proposed budget of £8.899m in 2017-18, as detailed in the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety, be noted

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(b) That Islington's estimated contribution of £201k in 2017-18 be approved, a decrease of £19k on last year's contribution, excluding the one-off £12k rebate on the 2016-17 contribution.

(c) That officers draft a letter to Councillor McGlone, the Chair of London Councils' Grants Committee, for consideration by the members of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee, expressing this Council's strong support for the role of a pan-London grants scheme.

Reason for decision

The Council's subscription contributed towards the funding of many London-wide organisations, providing a range of services, which benefited Islington residents.

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/note of dispensations granted

None

The meeting ended at 6.45 pm

CHAIR

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 2017

| Ward | Councillor | Organisation | Project Summary | Timescale | Areas / Residents to Benefit | Number of Residents to Benefit | Budget Proposal Amount (£) | Project Total (£) | Match Funding Details | VCS Development Team Comments |
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| Bunhill | Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe | Friends of Fortune Street Park | Annual Fun Day in Fortune Street Park. Funding to pay for contribute towards a magician and balloon artist, a pottery workshop, toilet hire, artists, a soft play area, a singalong band, balloons and publicity. | 1 July 2017 | Mainly Bunhill residents | 500 | 1,500 | 4,491 | £2,000 Arsenal FC, £991 tbc through further fundraising | |
| Bunhill | Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe | Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers | Funding to contribute towards the annual salary of the Befriending Project Co-ordinator who currently runs 81 one to one befriending relationships across central and south Islington. | 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 | Older people | 81 | 1,500 | 12,350 | £1,876 Zurich Community Trust, £500 LIF | £500 LIF awarded to this project in September 2016. |
| Bunhill | Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe | St Luke's Community Centre | Funding for EC1 Women's Multi Cultural Group who meet monthly and which aims to welcome, befriend and support women. Funding to contribute towards the salary of a community development worker and activity costs. | February to December 2017 | Open to women in south Islington | 160+ | 1,650 | 5,060 | £3,410 St Luke's Community Centre | |
| Bunhill | Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe | LBI Heritage Services / Islington Museum | Monthly art classes for 'adults at risk' in Bunhill ward, where participants will explore Bunhill's history. Funding to pay for art facilitator fees, a community support officer, art materials / equipment and refreshments. | April 2017 to March 2018 | Socially isolated adults in Bunhill ward, e.g. older people, those who are unemployed or have health problems | 25 | 1,850 | 1,850 | Not applicable | Two LIF grants totalling £1,691 awarded to this department in July 2016. |

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| Bunhill | Troy Gallagher / Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe | Moreland Children's Centre | Community Celebration Event of the new Moreland Children's Centre. Funding to pay for a six piece sing along band, catering, bunting, publicity and a PA sound engineer. | February to March 2017 | Local parents to be and parents / carers of children under five from the Finsbury Cluster | 200+ families | 1,400 | 2,018 | £618 Moreland Children's Centre (in kind for additional staff hours) | |
| Page 6 Caledonian | Paul Convery / Una O'Halloran / Rupert Perry | Al-Asharaf Women and Children Welfare Association in the UK | An event raising awareness among women of practical ways in which to achieve well being including workshops and taster sessions run by Healthwatch Islington, HNG Stress Project and Manor Gardens Bright Beginnings. Funding to pay for ingredients for hot meal, refreshments, publicity, promotion, venue hire and volunteer expenses. | 1 April to 31 July 2017 | Mainly members of the Somali and Al Asharaf communities living in Caledonian ward | 100+ | 485 | 1,744.50 | £1,260 in kind support (staff, volunteers, DBS checks, partner organisations) | The amount requested was £1,235 (£485 for event and £750 for annual report costs). |
| Canonbury | Alex Diner / Nick Wayne | Essex Road Giants FC | Funding to enable a football team to take on new players and build a new team. Funding to pay for tracksuits, woolly hats, water bottles, boot bags, training tops for 5 to 9 year olds and training equipment. | January 2017 to January 2018 | Young people aged 11 to 16 from the Marquess Estate | 50 | 1,894 | 1,894 | Not applicable | £1,500 LIF awarded to this organisation in April 2016. |
| Clerkenwell / Finsbury Park / Highbury East / Hillrise / Mildmay | James Court / Asima Shaikh / Osh Gantly / Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser / Marian Spall / Olly Parker | Islington Mind | An open day for LBT women combined with a celebration of International Women's Day. The day will include therapies, poetry, art workshops, focus / discussion groups, etc. Funding to pay for publicity, food, refreshments, prizes, volunteer expenses, therapist and other associated costs. | 1 to 31 March 2017 | LBT women (particularly trans women) | 30 | 745 | 1,000 | £255 Islington Mind (mainly for staff costs) | Three LIF grants totalling £2,550 already awarded to this organisation in 2016-17. |

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| Clerkenwell | Alice Donovan | Peel Institute | Funding for the manufacture and installation of privacy blinds for the Three Corners hall windows (which face directly onto the football pitch and adventure playground). This will address child protection concerns and help to maximise the use of the space for health and wellbeing activities. | February 2017 | Targetting mainly families and older people | 100+ additional Islington residents within one year | 1,080 | 1,080 | Not applicable | |
| Clerkenwell | Raphael Andrews | Ben Kinsella Trust | Three Knife Crime awareness workshops for young people in years 5, 6 and 7 which will centre around the Ben Kinsella Exhibition. Funding to pay for facilitators, an actor, staff costs and resources. | January to July 2017 | Children and young people who go to school in Clerkenwell | 60 | 568.35 | 568.35 | Not applicable | |
| Finsbury Park | Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan / Asima Shaikh | Healthy Generations | Remedial Exercise Class at the Andover Community Centre for those suffering from osteoporosis and those in danger of developing it. Funding to pay for the rent of the space for 44 one hour sessions. | January to December 2017 | Over 55s | 40 to 60 | 880 | 2,630 | £1,540 Richard Cloudeley | Three LIF grants totalling £3,380 already awarded to this organisation in 2016-17. |
| Finsbury Park | Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan / Asima Shaikh | Finsbury Park Women's Group Network (c/o Holloway Neighbourhood Group) | International Women's Day at the Andover Community Centre. Funding to pay for food, paper goods, child care, cleaning, bouncy castle hire, entertainment and hall hire. | 11 March 2017 (tbc) | Women, mostly from Finsbury Park and with a BAME background | 150 women and children | 1,100 | 1,100 | Not applicable | |
| Finsbury Park | Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan | LBI Housing / Finsbury Park Community Hub | Annual outing to Southend for local families who otherwise would not have an opportunity to get out of London during the summer. Funding to contribute towards the hire of four coaches. | 30 August 2017 | Low income residents | 280 | 1,500 | 4,900 | £1,500 2017-18 LIF tbc, £1,900 tbc from ticket sales | |

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| Highbury East | Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell | LBI Public Lighting | Installation / removal, maintenance and energy for festive lighting for 11 festive lamp column mounted features in Highbury Park (Barn) and 6 festive lamp column mounted features in Blackstock Road for six weeks. | 1 December 2016 to 4 January 2017 | Local residents, businesses and visitors to the area | Unable to quantify | 200 | 4,014.66 | £800 Highbury Barn Traders Association, £2,808.68 LIF awarded in Sept 2016, £205.98 LIF awarded in Nov 2016 | Extra funding needed due to traders likely to be contributing less than expected. |
| Junction | Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls | LBI Housing and Adult Social Services | Barrier gate to address illegal parking and alleged prostitution at the rear of Melchester House on Wedmore Estate. Funding to pay for the gate and the installation costs. | December 2016 to February 2017 | Wedmore Estate residents | 162 estate residents | 1,075 | 1,075 | Not applicable | |
| Junction | Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls | SLOW - Surviving the Loss of Your World | A contribution to annual running costs of this group. Funding will pay for facilitation costs for a monthly support group for bereaved parents and siblings held at Cathcart Hill and a contribution towards business services and admin costs. | 1 February 2017 to 31 January 2018 | Bereaved parents and siblings mainly from Islington | 200+ | 750 | 34,206 | £438 LIF, £525 LBI Community Chest, £832 Awards for All Big Lottery, £31,661 tbc from further fundraising, applications and subscriptions | £750 LIF awarded to this organisation in July 2016. |
| Mildmay | Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker | London Village Network | Twenty six weeks of two hour long sessions encouraging young people to widen their network and meet professionals for career and personal development. Funding to contribute towards salaries, premises hire, app maintenance and IT services, publicity and course material and other associated running costs. | January to June 2017 | Young people aged 16 to 24 from Mayville estate focussing on NEET | 13+ | 2,000 | 11,275 | £5,000 LBI Community Chest tbc, £275 other trusts and appeals | The amount requested is £6,000. £2,000 LIF awarded to this organisation in April 2016. |

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| Mildmay | Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker | Newington Green Primary School | Purchase of equipment to run virtual reality sessions. Funding to contribute towards the cost of ipods, goggles, bluetooth controller, charging station, credit card fees and a partner fee. | Equipment to be bought as soon as possible | Students at Newington Green Primary School | 350 | 323.73 | 1,523 | £762 from Nesta crowdfunding, remainder from 12 other donors | |
| St Georges | Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward | SLOW - Surviving the Loss of Your World | A contribution to annual running costs of this group. Funding to pay for facilitation costs for a weekly support group for bereaved parents and siblings held at Crayford Road and a contribution towards business services and admin costs. | 1 February 2017 to 31 January 2018 | Bereaved parents and siblings mainly from Islington | 200+ | 500 | 34,206 | £438 LIF, £525 LBI Comm Chest, £832 Awards for All Big Lottery, £31,911 tbc from further fundraising, applications and subscriptions | £750 LIF awarded to this organisation in July 2016. |
| St Georges | Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward | The Zone Youth Club | Formation of a youth steering group to decide about offsite activities and organise them. The funding would pay for the costs of offsite activities, transport for two offsite activities and resources for the steering group meetings. | January to April 2017 (every two weeks) | Young people aged 11 to 19 years who attend the Zone Youth Club | 12 to 18 | 1,000 | 2,080 | £120 through trip contributions, £960 in kind through staffing and room use/ admin | |
| St Georges | Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward | Hilldrop Area Community Association | Salary for a freelance fundraiser who will identify funding sources, write bids and train a staff member to become an effective fundraiser. | February 2017 to August 2017 | Residents from St George's ward and neighbouring areas | Unable to quantify | 1,000 | 1,000 | Not applicable | £680 LIF awarded to this organisation in Sept 2016. |
| St Georges | Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward | Tufnell Park Primary School | School community food gardening project. Funding will contribute towards the salary of a school food gardening trainer. | January to July 2017 | The school pupils, the majority of whom live in St Georges ward | 300 | 1,500 | 3,500 | £2,000 tbc Tufnell Park School PTA | |

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| St Marys | Gary Poole | Islington Council Choir | Islington Sings, a concert for local community and workplace choirs in the Islington Assembly Hall which will fundraise for the Royal Voluntary Service. Funding to pay for a pianist, piano hire, choir director costs and printing. | 21 March 2017 | Eight choirs, audience, Royal Voluntary Service | 170 in the choirs, 200 to 250 people in the audience | 650 | 650 | In kind support from LBI through free hire of the Assembly Hall | |
| Page 10 St Peters | Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute | Islington Boat Club | Half term holiday training activities which will include the opportunity for participants to gain nationally recognised qualifications. Programme includes kayak training and mountain bikes endurance training. Funding to pay for staff costs, overheads, certificates, pool hire and transport. | 13 to 17 February 2017 | Young people aged 9 to 19 from St Peters ward and the surrounding areas | Up to 36 | 2,242 | 2,242 | Not applicable | £2,500 LIF awarded to this organisation in April 2016. |
| St Peters | Martin Klute | Connaught Opera | Concert for residents of Bridgeside Lodge Care Centre which will act as a 'showcase' which could enable them to secure Community Chest funding for 12 concerts across the borough in 2017. Funding to pay for artists fees, admin and travel. | 24 January 2017 | Older people | 30 | 350 | 350 | Not applicable | |
| Tollington | Flora Williamson | St Mark's CE Primary School | Funding to purchase a ready made walk in chicken run and a heavy duty cover to enable the school chickens to free range in a larger area. | Run will be in place by August 2017 | School children, parents, carers and staff | 300 | 778.98 | 778.98 | Not applicable | |

PROJECT CHANGES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 2017

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| Bundhill | Robert Khan / Claudia Webbe | City YMCA London | Four workshops teaching young people aged 14 to 19 the basic techniques of photography and digital editing using Adobe Photoshop. Funding to pay for a photography specialist, lunch and refreshments, a celebration and staff costs. | 13 to 17 February 2017 | Young people aged 11 to 18 | 15 | 1,645.50 | 5,058.10 | £3,412.60 City YMCA London | Grant originally awarded in March and April 2016 for a City Job Ready Programme for which there was an underspend of £1,645.50 (due to low attendance). |

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

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| Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2016-17: | £240,000 |
| Amount set aside for support for fifteen ward partnerships: | £3,750 |
| Total amended Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2016-17: | £236,250 |
| Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets: | £26,308 |
| Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date: | £185,554 |
| Balance remaining: | £77,005 |
| New proposals for January VCS Committee: | £28,522 |
| Total amount remaining to allocate in 2016-17: | £48,483 |

| Budget allocations | | |
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| Progress comparison 2015 to 2016: | | |
| | Apr - Nov 2015 | Apr - Nov 2016 |
| Total budget awarded: | £137,818 | £185,554 |
| % of annual budget awarded: | 54% | 70% |

| 2016-17 Balance remaining by ward: | |
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| Ward | Balance: |
| Barnsbury | £2,069 |
| Bunhill | £2,418 |
| Caledonian | £5,780 |
| Canonbury | £4,152 |
| Clerkenwell | £8,188 |
| Finsbury Park | £3,164 |
| Highbury East | £4,834 |
| Highbury West | £625 |
| Hillrise | £0 |
| Holloway | £115 |
| Junction | £375 |
| Mildmay | £3,564 |
| St George's | £2,088 |
| St Mary's | £4,330 |
| St Peter's | £5,389 |
| Tollington | £1,390 |

£48,483**Notes:**

Includes £2,209 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £597 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,437 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £821 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,972 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £925 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £25 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,697 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £3,832 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,164 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £5,800 from previous LIF allocations



Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

| Meeting of: | Date | Agenda item | Ward(s) |
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| Voluntary and Community Sector Committee | 28 th March 2017 | | 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 2016/17 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 Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services 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. The amendments are detailed at paragraph 3.11 and are included 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 2016/17 £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 In January 2017, the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee agreed that in order to address the issue of recruiting and retaining support for ward partnerships, an incentive payment of £1,000 per annum would be paid to each ward partnership co-ordinator and that £1,000 per annum be set aside from each ward partnership Local Initiatives Fund budget to fund this support.

£250 has been set aside from each ward partnership LIF budget to fund this support for the remainder of 2016-17. The annual 2016-17 budget has therefore been reduced by £3,750 to £236,250.

The annual Local Initiatives Fund budget for subsequent years will therefore become £225,000. This is £14,000 per ward apart from the Bunhill and Clerkenwell ward budgets which will each become £14,500.

- 3.9 The Voluntary and Community Sector Development Team in the Housing and Adult Social Services 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.
- 3.10 The seventh 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 Corporate Director of Housing and Adult Social Services being satisfied that the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.
- 3.11 Occasionally projects do not proceed as planned and funding is returned to ward budgets or the use of a grant has to be changed.

In January 2017, £650 was awarded from the St Mary's budget to the Islington Council Choir for 'Islington Sings', a concert for local community and workplace choirs in the Islington Assembly Hall on 21 March. The organisation secured funding from the Gunners Fund at Arsenal so the funding is no longer needed. This £650 has been returned to the St Mary's budget for reallocation.

In January 2017, £200 was awarded from the Highbury East budget to LBI Public Lighting for festive lighting on Highbury Park and Blackstock Road. This extra funding was allocated due to anticipating a shortfall in the traders' contribution. However the traders' contribution ended up being more than expected so £70 of the £200 has been returned to the Highbury East budget for reallocation.

In March 2015, £2,000 was awarded from the Highbury East budget to LBI Housing and Adult Social Services for the delivery of bike workshops on Highbury Quadrant Estate. However problems arose with the group who were intended to deliver this project so this funding has not been used. This £2,000

has been returned to the Highbury East budget for reallocation.

In June and July 2016, £3,827 LIF was awarded from 14 ward budgets to Awesome Elm CIC for the delivery of the Islington Playday in Barnard Park on 3 August 2016. There was an underspend of £766 due to cancellations of orders for materials and through sourcing resources cheaper than initially expected. Awesome Elm CIC would like to use this £766 on six Family Play sessions at the six adventure playgrounds they manage. More details are listed in 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:

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16 March 2017

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NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2017

| 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 |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Canonbury | Clare Jeapes | LBI Greenspace | New River Walk accessibility improvements creating level step free access at all the entrance points on Canonbury Road and Willow Bridge. | April to July 2017 | Visitors to New River Walk | Unable to quantify | 3,152.16 | 17,000 | £14,000 Community Infrastructure Levy tbc | |
| Clerkenwell | Alice Donovan | Sylvia Pankhurst Memorial Committee | Funding to contribute towards the erection of a statue of Sylvia Pankhurst on Clerkenwell Green to celebrate her contribution to women's suffrage, working class emancipation, journalism, art, anti-racism and anti-imperialism. | By the centenary of the act which gave the first vote to some women (February 2018) | Local residents, visitors to the area and history lovers, particularly women | Unable to quantify | 3,000 | 70,000 | £10,000 City of London Corporation, £29,812 general and trade union collection, further fundraising on-going | |
| Page 17 Clerkenwell | James Court | St Marks Church, Clerkenwell | Installation of disabled access involving a ramp, safe steps and re-landscaping across the West Front of the church. Funding to pay for resin bond paving for the ramp surface. | May to July 2017 | Visitors especially the disabled and buggy users | 2,000+ | 1,000 | 2,195.81 | £1,000+ already secured through fundraising events | |
| Clerkenwell | James Court | Peel Institute | Summer party showcasing the centre's activities and allowing attendees to feed into the centre's future priorities. Funding to pay for the printing and distribution of 5,000 leaflets, flyers and posters to promote the event. | July 2017 | Open to all Clerkenwell residents, focussing on families living on the Finsbury estate | Up to 100 | 500 | 1,000 | £500 Peel Institute | |
| Finsbury Park | Gary Heather | Bags of Taste | Bags of Taste free cookery course which teaches the disadvantaged how to shop and cook for themselves on a tight budget. Funding to pay for hire of the Andover Community Centre for four 2.5 hour sessions. | 20 April to 11 May 2017 (depending on availability of the Andover Community Centre) | Mainly Finsbury Park residents | 60 to 70 | 260 | 2,600 | £2,300 The Funding Network | |

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2017

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|---------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|----------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| Finsbury Park | Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan / Asima Shaikh | LBI Housing | Soul In The City' fun day on the Andover Estate in conjunction with the community centre, TRAs and local churches. Funding to contribute towards the hire of stage and equipment, food costs, publicity and bouncy castle hire. | 1 or 2 July 2017 | Aimed at all residents of the Andover, Six Acres and Clifton / Haden estates | Approx 2,000 | 1,699.67 | 5,000 | £2,000 LBI Housing Community Development Team, £1,300 church and other local stakeholders tbc | |
| Highbury East | Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell | LBI Housing | Landscaping of the border of Highbury Quadrant Estate that meets Green Lanes with the intention of making it safer through improvements to the surface as well as aesthetic improvements in the form of turfed grass mounds. | April to May 2017 (7 week programme) | Highbury Quadrant Estate residents, pedestrians on Green Lanes | 2,000+ (1,200 Highbury Quadrant residents) | 6,904.29 | 95,858.26 | £82,306.19 Section 106 funding, £5,000 Community Infrastructure Levy tbc | |
| Mildmay | Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker | Asian Elderly Luncheon and Social Club | Hire of a 32 seater coach for an annual trip and food for cultural festival celebrations for Eid, Diwali and Christmas. | Trip on 22 July 2017, Eid / Diwali on 25 November 2017 | Mainly Asian older people | 25 (12 Islington residents) | 1,000 | 1,000 | Not applicable | |
| St Peters | Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute | Friends of Graham Street Park | A fenced conservation corner near the park-keeper's hut which will become an outdoor learning space. Funding to contribute towards Phase 1 of the three phase project which involves installing wooden fencing and a bench. | April 2017 onwards | Mainly local children, their parents and carers | 500 to 1,000 | 2,694.40 | 4,700 | £632 Hanover Primary School donation, £1,373 FROGS reserves | |

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2017

| 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 | Flora Williamson | Single Homeless Project (Fulfilling Lives Islington and Camden) | The redevelopment of Grot Spots in Tollington through gardening by homeless people, initially Evershot Road open space and may be extended to Eveleigh Street / Dullas St open space. Funding to pay for the removal of rose bushes, tools, plants, bulbs and materials. | March to September 2017 | Local residents, including the homeless and those who have mental health issues | 50+ local residents, initially 2 homeless individuals | 1,023.10 | 1,023.10 | Not applicable | |

PROJECT CHANGES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2017

| 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 |
|---|---|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Page 19 Barnsbury / Bunhill / Canonbury / Clerkenwell / Highbury East / Highbury West / Hillrise / Holloway / Junction / Mildmay / St Georges / St Marys / St Peters / Tollington | All councillors of Bunhill, Canonbury, Highbury East, Highbury West, Holloway, Junction, St Georges and St Marys wards / Jilani Chowdhury / Mouna Hamitouche / Raphael Andrews / James Court /Micheline Ngongo / Marian Spall / Joe Caluori / Alice Perry / Martin Klute /Jean Kaseki / Flora Williamson | Awesome Elm CIC | Six Family Play sessions held on Saturday mornings across six Adventure Playgrounds. Funding to pay for soft play equipment, cooking ingredients, publicity, materials and games. | Launch event on 25 March 2017 | Open to all but focussing on new families whose first language is not English and those who have children with additional needs | 70 to 100 people per playground (420 to 600 in total) | 766.04 | 766.04 | £40 to £60 parents' donations tbc, £1,500 to £2,500 staffing in kind for setting up prior to opening | Grant originally awarded in June and July 2016 for the Islington Playday in August 2016 for which there was an underspend of £766.04 (due to cancellations of orders for materials and through sourcing resources cheaper than initially expected) |

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2016-17: | £240,000 |
| Amount set aside for support for fifteen ward partnerships: | £3,750 |
| Total amended Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2016-17: | £236,250 |
| Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets: | £29,028 |
| Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date: | £214,076 |
| Balance remaining: | £51,203 |
| New proposals for March VCS Committee: | £21,234 |
| Total amount remaining to allocate in 2016-17: | £29,969 |

| Budget allocations | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Progress comparison 2015 to 2017: | | |
| | Apr 2015 - Jan 2016 | Apr 2016 - Jan 2017 |
| Total budget awarded: | £216,715 | £214,076 |
| % of annual budget awarded: | 80% | 82% |

| 2016-17 Balance remaining by ward: | |
|---|-----------------|
| Ward | Balance: |
| Barnsbury | £2,069 |
| Bunhill | £2,418 |
| Caledonian | £5,780 |
| Canonbury | £1,000 |
| Clerkenwell | £3,688 |
| Finsbury Park | £1,204 |
| Highbury East | £0 |
| Highbury West | £625 |
| Hillrise | £0 |
| Holloway | £115 |
| Junction | £375 |
| Mildmay | £2,564 |
| St George's | £2,088 |
| St Mary's | £4,980 |
| St Peter's | £2,694 |
| Tollington | £367 |

£29,969**Notes:**

Includes £2,209 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £597 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,437 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,500 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £821 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £4,042 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £925 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £25 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,697 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £3,832 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,814 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £5,800 from previous LIF allocations

Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

| Meeting of: | Date | Agenda item | Ward(s) |
|--|---------------|-------------|---------|
| Voluntary and Community Sector Committee | 28 March 2017 | | All |
| Delete as appropriate | | Non-exempt | |

SUBJECT: Community Festivals Fund 2017

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The Community Festivals Fund (CFF) aims to support organisations based in Islington to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused festivals that are accessible to, and provide benefit for, residents across the borough and promote cultural benefit, stronger communities and partnership working.
- 1.2 The annual CFF budget is £16,000. Under the CFF eligibility and selection criteria (adopted in January 2015) Islington based organisations can apply for a minimum grant of £1,500 and up to a maximum of £4,000 to deliver community festivals and events that provide borough-wide benefit and will deliver against the council's equalities, place-shaping and community development agenda.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To award grants from the £16,000 Community Festival Fund to six applicants for the following community festivals:
 - All Change on behalf of Word2017 – Word 2017 Festival - 1 to 30 June 2017
 - City YMCA - Whitecross Street Party - Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 July 2017
 - Islington Play Association – The Cally Festival – Sunday 18 June 2017
 - Oxjam Islington – Oxjam Islington Take Over – Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October 2017
 - The Angel Canal Festival Management Group – Angel Canal Festival 2017 – 4 September 2017
 - ArchWay with Words - ArchWay With Words – 21 to 30 September 2017

3. Background

- 3.1 The Community Festivals Fund budget for 2017/2018 is £16,000.
- 3.2 The 2017/2018 Community Festivals Fund scheme was promoted via Creative Islington, Voluntary Action Islington, GRANTfinder website, and Islington Council's website. Applicants from previous years were notified via email alongside all current VCS grant recipients. Application forms and criteria/guidance notes could be downloaded from the Islington Council

website or were sent to applicants on request. The deadline for applications was Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 12 noon.

- 3.3 The scheme received a total of 14 applications this year which is a decrease on the previous year (15 applications were received in 2015; 17 applications were received in 2016). The total amount requested by organisations in this funding round was £44,508 (total request for 2016 was £55,025). Details of all applications received are attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 This is a reduction in the total number of applications received annually prior to the changes in the funding guidelines (from 2011-2014 inclusive the Council received an average of 25 applications per annum).
- 3.5 All applications were assessed by officers against the published eligibility and selection criteria. Full details of the 2017/18 criteria are listed at **Appendix B**.
- 3.6 Festivals have been recommended for support based on the evidence applicants provided:
 - **Cultural Benefit:** festivals are a key part of Islington's cultural offer. In line with the council's arts strategy 2017-20 - "Inspiring Islington", events will need to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused activities that:
 - maximise access to and participation in arts activities
 - celebrate Islington's diversity
 - improve, animate and interpret the physical environment
 - celebrate and interpret the distinctive characters of local areas
 - **Equality:** festivals should promote community involvement and should encourage people from a range of different backgrounds to participate. Festivals will recognise and value Islington's diverse communities, promote good relationships between people of different backgrounds and lifestyles and contribute to the council's commitment to making Islington a fairer place for people to live where discrimination and inequality are addressed.

These values will be visible in event programming by:

- ensuring that participating artists or components of the festival reflect and are attractive to the diversity of local people, cultures and lifestyles in Islington
 - involving local people to define festival aims and objectives
 - promoting understanding, tolerance and cohesion
- **Value for Money:** applicants provided detailed, realistic financial information clearly itemised (with income matching expenditure) in their application with evidence of previous year's festival success (where applicable).
 - **Well-managed:** festival organizer(s) demonstrated that it will be a well-managed event and that the organisers have considered the impacts and safety of their festival.
 - **Inclusive and accessible:** event activities in the festival programme will be open to all the community and accessible and inclusive for Islington's most disadvantaged communities. Festivals will attract people from across the Islington community to actively take part in the festivals as audiences, participants and/or organizers.
 - **Match Funding:** applicants have secured or applied for an appropriate level of external funding to match any council contribution to deliver their event.
 - **Partnership Working:** applicants illustrated how they would work with other agencies and organisations to share costs, facilities, expertise, and/or access to participants or beneficiaries.

3.7 Officers have recommended supporting six applicants to produce the following festivals:

| Organisation | Festival | Date – 2017 | Ward | Amount |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| All Change on behalf of Word2017 | Word2017 Festival | 1 to 30 June | Various – across Islington | £3,000 |
| City YMCA | Whitecross Street Party | 22 and 23 July | Bunhill | £3,500 |
| Islington Play Association | The Cally Festival | 18 June | Caledonian | £3,500 |
| Oxjam Islington | Oxjam Islington Take Over | 14 and 15 October | St Mary's | £2,000 |
| The Angel Canal Festival Management Group | Angel Canal Festival | 3 September | St Peter's | £2,000 |
| ArchWay with Words | ArchWay with Words | 31 to 30 September | Junction | £2,000 |
| TOTAL | | | | £16,000 |

3.8 Out of the remaining eight applications, three applications were ineligible for the fund due to their narrow targeted audience or not offering additional (external) funding.

3.9 Applicants who applied for funding support for smaller community events that will primarily provide benefit to local neighbourhoods or specific ward areas will be encouraged to apply to the Local Initiatives Fund and Islington Community Chest. The Council's Arts Service will provide advice and guidance to applicants where requested to support them to find alternative funding sources.

3.10 As in previous years, an officer will visit each festival to monitor the success of the event. Organisations awarded funding will be required to complete a short self-evaluation form and to submit supporting evidence for all expenditure.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial implications

4.1.1 Funding available to support festivals outlined in this report is £16,000 for 2017/18. The revised eligibility and selection criteria first introduced in 2015/16 have resulted in the provision of larger grants to a smaller number of key strategic festivals in Islington which has reduced the amount of grant administration time for both applicants and Council officers, reduced multiple applications to CFF and Local Initiatives Fund for single events, supported groups to apply for external funding (through a higher level of Council match funding support) and ensured that grant funding contributes to the Council's wider equalities, community cohesion and place-shaping objectives.

4.2 Legal Implications

4.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this proposal. Under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council has the power to give support to organisations in the voluntary and community sector to provide services that are likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of residents within the local authority's area.

4.3 Environmental Implications

4.3.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this proposal.

4.4 Residents Impact Assessment

4.4.1 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.

4.4.2 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 Community Festivals 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.

4.4.3 The addition of new Equality funding criteria in 2015/16 has helped to strengthen the selection of organisations who will deliver festivals that meet the needs of local residents and communities across the wider borough.

5 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 The Community Festivals Fund provides an opportunity for the Council to support six local organisations to develop and deliver a broad range of events that will provide borough-wide benefit for local residents. Officer recommendations have been made assessing each application against established eligibility and funding criteria and on the quality of the applications.

Appendices: Appendix A - 2017/2018 Community Festival Fund - All Applications Received
Appendix B - Festival Grants 2017/18– Funding Criteria and Guidance

Background papers: None

Final report clearance:

Signed by: Executive Member for Community Development



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Appendix A 2017/2018 Community Festival Fund All Applications Received

| Organisation | Name of Festival | Ward (event) | Description | Applied for | Recommended Amount |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|
| All Change on behalf of World2017 Festival | Word2017 | Borough-wide | Now in its 6th year, Word is a month-long borough-wide festival, a flagship project for the borough delivering many aspects of the Islington Reads policy. It will see a programme of over 30 events a focus on 1. Older adults with dementia (65 years and over) and their families 2. Young people with mental health difficulties 3. Children (especially early years – 1- 5 years) and their families. | £4,000.00 | £3,000 |
| City YMCA | Whitecross Street Festival | Bunhill | The festival sets a tone for Whitecross Street all year round with an art exhibition creating a unique and distinctive style to the street that is becoming synonymous to the area. The lively street art party and exhibition will be choreographed and curated with the help of graffiti artist Teddy Baden. | £4,000.00 | £3,500 |
| Islington Play Association | The Cally Festival | Caledonian | The 2017 Cally Festival is now into its 7th year as an annual large-scale community event in "The Cally" – a distinctive place with a strong sense of community, many challenges but with a sense of renewed optimism. It will feature 3 music stages, performance areas, children's activities, sports areas, arts and crafts and a street market. | £4,000.00 | £3,500 |
| Oxjam Islington | Oxjam Islington Takeover | St Mary's/Barnsbury | A showcase of Islington's emerging and unsigned artists; including training and live experience for the young people of Islington. With 100 acts over 10 venues, volunteers are tasked with working as a team, to ensure each venue runs smoothly. Venues are themed; rock, Indie, Jazz, Funk, etc. | £2,500.00 | £2,000 |
| Angel Canal Festival Management Group | Angel Canal Festival | St Peter's | The Angel Canal Festival is a one-day, free, community Festival which started 31yrs ago not only to celebrate the successful campaign to save the City Rd Basin, but to promote the canal as an historic, local, community, environmental and leisure asset, close to the heart of the city. | £2,700.00 | £2,000 |
| ArchWay With Words | ArchWay With Words | Borough-wide | ArchWay With Words is now entering its 5th year. This large-scale festival provides low cost or free presentations, performances and entertainments, and creative, educational and social opportunities which enrich the lives of individuals, reward practitioners and create opportunities for social cohesion. | £4,000.00 | £2,000 |

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|---|--|---------------|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Caxton House | Hillrise Summer Festival | Hillrise | An annual festival (now in its 3rd year) for all Islington residents featuring arts, nature, food and a range of activities for all ages. | £2,000.00 | £0 |
| Key Changes | Islington World Mental Health Day Celebration 2017 | Bunhill | The celebration of the global World Mental Health Day will build on previous years' events with a programme of daytime workshops, panel discussions and presentations, art exhibition, marketplace of stalls from local mental health provider organisations, and a concert showcasing music and entertainment from Islington's diverse mental health community. | £2,880.00 | £0 |
| Manor Gardens Welfare Trust | Summer Wellbeing Festival | Finsbury Park | To promote a sense of wellbeing in Islington residents using art and music and in particular signpost them to places and activities where they can continue to improve their wellbeing. | £3,175.00 | £0 |
| Charteris Neighbourhood Tenant Cooperative (CNTC) | Charteris Cooperative Summer Festival | Finsbury Park | The Charteris Co-op Summer Festival is the return of an annual historic event but also particularly to celebrate CNTC as the oldest housing co-operative in the country. | £3,074.10 | £0 |
| Sunnyside Community Gardens | Sunnyside 40th Anniversary | Hillrise | The festival will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Sunnyside as a public green space for Islington residents. It will take place over two days and will include activities for the whole community including families with younger children, older people and people with disabilities. | £3,579.00 | £0 |
| Steeping Stone4 (SS4) | Communities pulling together | Caledonian | The festival celebrates different cultures from different community groups in Islington, showcasing different activities each week. | £1,827.00 | £0 |
| Clerkenwell Festival | Clerkenwell Festival | Clerkenwell | Local festival run by people from the community and local charities, and which comprises two music stages, dog show, kids area, stalls, sporting activities and other activities. | £3,943.00 | £0 |
| Islington Chinese Association | EAST MEETS WEST – celebrating cultural diversity in Islington | Tollington | Celebration of the different aspects of Chinese culture in food, art and music. It will provide an open day where participants, in particular, children, are welcome to enjoy music, lion dance performance and workshop, taichi and chigong demonstration and workshop, Chinese cooking demonstration, calligraphy workshop, painting workshop...etc | £2,830.00 | £0 |
| | | | Total request | £44,508.10 | £16,000 |

Appendix B

Community Festivals Grants Fund 2017 – Funding Criteria and Guidance Notes

Community Festivals Fund grants will be awarded in amounts from £1,500 to a maximum of £4,000.

A. Eligibility Criteria

- Funding is restricted to voluntary, community and faith organisations based in Islington.
- Organisations can only apply for funding for one festival in the annual grant round.
- Each festival will be eligible for one award. Where a number of organisations are contributing different elements of a festival they should work together to submit one application.
- The following are not eligible for funding: events of a political nature; events promoting a religious doctrine; fundraising events; events viewed as offensive or defamatory; profit-making organisations; individuals.
- Community Festivals Fund applicants must show they have secured external funding for their event and will not be solely reliant on funding from Islington Council.
- Festival applications must demonstrate how they will provide borough-wide benefit for Islington residents.
- Small community events primarily of benefit to local neighbourhoods or specific ward areas will no longer be eligible to apply to the Community Festivals Fund but can contact LocalInitiativesFund@islington.gov.uk to discuss eligibility to apply for Local Initiatives Funding.

B. Selection Criteria

Applicants for Community Festival Fund grants will need to show that the proposed event meets all of the following funding criteria:

1. Cultural Benefit

Festivals are a key part of Islington's arts and cultural offer. In line with the council's arts strategy 2017-20, "Inspiring Islington", events will need to deliver high quality, innovative, community focused activities that:

- maximise access to and participation in arts activities
- celebrate Islington's diversity
- improve, animate and interpret the physical environment
- promote community cohesion and a sense of place

2. Equality

Festivals should promote community involvement and should encourage people from a range of different backgrounds to participate. Festivals will recognise and value Islington's diverse communities, promote good relationships between people of different backgrounds and lifestyles and contribute to the council's commitment to making Islington a fairer place for people to live where discrimination and inequality are addressed.

These values will be visible in event programming by:

- ensuring that participating artists or components of the festival reflect and are attractive to the diversity of local people, cultures and lifestyles in Islington

- involving local people to define festival aims and objectives
- promoting understanding, tolerance and cohesion

3. Value for Money

Islington Council is committed to providing value for money in all its services. Event costs should be realistic and clearly itemised with income matching expenditure. If you have organised festivals in previous years you should provide evidence of their success (e.g. press cuttings, photographs and any evaluation reports).

4. Well-managed

The festival organizer(s) would need to demonstrate that it is a well-managed event and that the organisers have considered the impacts and safety of their festival.

5. Inclusive and accessible

Activities should be open to all the community and accessible and inclusive for Islington's most disadvantaged communities. Applications from organisations that are based in areas of high deprivation will be particularly welcomed. Proposals should demonstrate a commitment to using environmentally friendly policies and practices.

We are particularly keen that festivals will attract people from the following groups (who can often feel excluded from these events) as well as people from across the Islington community, to actively take part in the festivals as audiences, participants and/or organizers: *[NB: detailed list updated]*

- Disabled people
- Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee communities
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups
- Older people
- Young people
- Children

Please show in your application which of these groups will participate in your event and how you will encourage them to attend. All festivals must be open and accessible to the general public and provide benefit across Islington not just to the organisation's own members.

6. Match Funding

Applicants are advised to seek funding from more than one source. This may include contributions from your own organisation, charities, trusts, business sponsorship, other local grant schemes, Arts Council England or the Heritage Lottery Fund. Applicants seeking Community Festivals Fund support must secure external funding for their event and not be solely reliant on funding from other council sources.

7. Partnership Working

Applicants are encouraged to work with other agencies and organisations that may be able to share costs, facilities, expertise, and access to or encourage the involvement of participants or beneficiaries.

Licensing and Public Protection

Applicants will need to comply with the following public protection requirements. We recognise that some organisations will need guidance to obtain some of these requirements and will be happy to help you with this.

- **Venue Permissions:** You will need to obtain written permission from the owner of the space you are using, whether you choose a school, a community centre, an estate or other open space, and attach a copy to your application.
- **Public Liability Insurance:** Funding will be conditional on you obtaining sufficient public liability insurance. You may be able to arrange cover through your existing insurer. You must include the cost of insurance premiums in your budget.
- **Entertainment Licensing:** If you are putting on any form of entertainment, such as live or recorded music, film or video, disco, bands, or live performance, you will need to apply for an entertainment licence. Applications for a licence need to be received at least 28 days in advance of the event. For all enquiries about this contact the Council's Licensing Team on licensing@islington.gov.uk or telephone 0207 527 3031.
- **First Aid:** You will need to arrange First Aid cover for your event. If you do not already have a trained first aider, a representative from your organisation must complete training or you will need to hire first aid support for the festival.
- **Islington logo:** Organisations must include an acknowledgement of the support from the London Borough of Islington by displaying the Islington logo on all festival publicity. This will be sent to you separately, together with guidance on its use, once the grant is awarded.

C. How to submit your application

Please email your completed application form to angeles.gordo@islington.gov.uk by **noon** on **Wednesday 22 February 2017**.

(Or post it to Angeles Gordo, Arts Service, Partnerships Place and Culture, Room G11, Town Hall, Upper Street, Islington, N1 2UD - Phone: 020 7527 543)

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Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

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SUBJECT: Islington Council's Community Chest: Round Three Grant Awards 2016/17

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 (ICCC), 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 the organisations approved by Islington Council's Community Chest's Panel for third tranche of funding for 2016/17.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the funding decisions made by Islington Council's Community Chest Panel in relation to the third round of ICCC grant funding for 2016/ 17, as set out in Appendix A.

3 Background

- 3.1 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:
- Educating people and improving their skills and employability
 - Improving people’s mental and/or physical health
 - Improving the local environment and making communities safer
 - Reduce isolation and increasing people’s involvement in the community
- 3.3 Community Chest programmes in Islington have been successfully managed by Cripplegate Foundation for many years. Under current grant funding arrangements, agreed by VCS Committee in March 2015, the council provides funding of £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). 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.
- 3.4 Applications to the ICCC are considered by the Islington Council Community Chest Panel, (ICCCP) which meets three times a year. The ICCCP is Chaired by the Executive Member for Community Development and consists of two nominated ward Councillors, representatives from Cripplegate Foundation and representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector, nominated by the Islington Community Network.
- 3.5 The ICCCP 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.
- 3.6 As of July 2016, VCS Committee agreed that ICCCP will be responsible for approving organisations’ grant awards and required to provide a report to Committee.

4 Round Three Grant Awards 2016/ 17

- 4.1 The third round of ICCC for 2016/ 17 opened for applications in October 2016. It was widely advertised to local groups through voluntary sector networks and forums, tenants and residents’ associations, and on the Islington Council and Cripplegate Foundation websites. Information sessions were arranged for organisations interested in applying to the programme.
- 4.2 £71,334 was available for Round Three, and a further £6,498 was carried forward from Round Two making a total of £77,832 available for the ICCC panel to allocate.
- 4.3 32 applications for funding were received for this round, two later withdrew due to having an income threshold over £100,000 and to reformulate their proposal.
- 4.4 There were 30 applications submitted. 18 (60%) of applications were recommended for funding. 47% of these recommended projects were from first-time applicants.
- 4.5 The ICCCP met on Tuesday 7 the March 2017 to consider applications and, approved awards totalling £77,687 to 18 organisations. A list of organisations recommended for funding and the proposed grant award for each organisation is set out in Appendix A.

5 Implications

5.1 Financial implications:

- 5.1.1 The council’s grant funding 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.

5.2 **Legal Implications:**

- 5.2.1 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).

5.3 **Environmental Implications:**

- 5.3.1 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.

5.4 **Resident Impact Assessment:**

- 5.4.1 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.
- 5.4.2 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.

6 **Conclusion**

- 6.1 ICCC helps 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. ICCC 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.
- 6.2 The amendment to the Council's current grant agreement with Cripplegate Foundation to transfer full responsibility to ICCCP has helped to streamline the decision making process and reduce delays in notifying VCS organisations of the outcome of their applications. The Council's interest is protected by having the Executive Member for Community Development as Chairperson of the ICCCP. The VCS Committee will continue to receive reports to note decisions made by ICCCP in respect of awards through the programme. However, the Council has reserved the right to adjust this arrangement if deemed necessary.

Appendices

Appendix A – Approved Grant Awards for ICCC: Round Three 2016/ 17

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



Wednesday 15th March 2017

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Approval of Awards for Islington Council's Community Chest

Round Three Applications 2016-2017

| Organisation | Project / Activity | Proposed Grant Award (£) |
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| Educate People and Improve their Skills and Employability | | |
| 3 Pillars Project C.I.C. | Prison rugby coaching and refereeing courses | £5,000.00 |
| Bags of Taste | Affordable and healthy food cookery courses | £4,973.00 |
| Copenhagen Youth Project - RealTalk | Youth engagement pop-up events | £4,500.00 |
| Islington Panthers Basketball Club | Basketball coaching | £5,000.00 |
| Improve People's Mental and / or Physical Health | | |
| Ball Out 3x3 (Reach and Teach Foundation) | Summer courses and competition in Finsbury Park | £3,126.00 |
| Fit Women Group | Women-Only Aerobics and Pilates Classes | £5,000.00 |
| Girdlestone 3rd Age Surgery | Towards the costs of the 3rd Age Art Group | £2,500.00 |
| Highbury Walkers | To train fitness coaches and first aiders to sustain the Highbury Walkers Group | £3,474.00 |
| MoveMe Dance | Towards an intergenerational community programme with children, teens and older people | £4,000.00 |
| Rising Stars Support | Towards martial arts training and personal development coaching | £4,380.00 |
| SLOW Bereaved Parents Support group | Towards the costs of a support group for bereaved parents and their surviving children. | £5,000.00 |
| South Islington Stroke Club | Towards the costs of South Islington Stroke Club lunch sessions | £4,039.00 |
| The Dynamic Autism Group | Handmade papers and Collage Workshop | £5,000.00 |
| Improve the Local Environment and Make Communities Safer | | |
| Crayford Road Gardeners | Street based gardening project | £3,500.00 |
| Reduce Isolation and Increase People's Involvement in the Community | | |
| Deaf Parenting UK | Drop-in for Deaf parents and their children (under 5s) | £4,995.00 |
| Connaught Opera | Concerts for older people in care centres in Islington. | £4,200.00 |

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| Talking News | Towards costs of producing Talking Newspaper | £4,000.00 |
| The Wild Bunch Club | Towards the costs of the Wild Bunch Club for people with learning difficulties | £5,000.00 |
| | Total | 77,687.00 |