



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 6 at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **13 March 2018 at 6:30pm.**

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Membership 2017/18

Councillor Richard Watts (Chair)
Councillor Kaya Comer-Schwartz
Councillor Diarmaid Ward

Substitute Members

Councillor Janet Burgess MBE
Councillor Joe Caluori
Councillor Andy Hull
Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Claudia Webbe

Observers

Councillor Raphael Andrews
Councillor Theresa Debono
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche MBE

Quorum: is 2 Councillors



A. Formal matters

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of substitute members
3. Declarations of interest

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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D. Urgent non-exempt matters

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

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

An additional meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee is scheduled for 24 April 2018 at 12 noon

The next ordinary meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 18 June 2018

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London Borough of Islington

Voluntary and Community Sector Committee - 29 January 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 29 January 2018 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Kaya Comer-Schwartz, Diarmaid Ward and Richard Watts

Councillor Richard Watts in the Chair

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

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

RESOLVED:

(a) That the proposals for funding under the Local Initiatives Fund submitted by Ward councillors and the changes to previous proposals, detailed in 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 the necessary checks have been made and any other issues resolved.

(b) That the amendments to Ward budgets resulting from project funding being returned, as detailed in paragraph 3.12 and the final page of Appendix A of the report, be noted.

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.

160 **ISLINGTON ASSEMBLY HALL: FREE COMMUNITY USE (ROUND TWO): JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2018 (Item B2)**

RESOLVED:

(a) That one free hire of Islington Assembly Hall be allocated to the following organisations, between July and September 2018:

- Sadler's Wells
- Octopus Communities – Stay Well, Live Well
- MoveMe Dance
- Islington People's Rights

(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 appropriate dates and timings for use of the Assembly Hall:

- Islington Council Choir
- Breakin Convention

Reason 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.

161 **LONDON COUNCILS' GRANTS COMMITTEE - LEVY 2018/9 (Item B3)**

RESOLVED:

(a) That London Councils' Grants Committee proposed budget of £8.668m in 2018-19, as detailed in the report of the Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety, be noted.

(b) That Islington's estimated contribution of £177k in 2018-19 be approved, a decrease of £24k on last year's contribution.

Reason for decision

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

Other options considered

None.

Conflicts of interest/ note of dispensations granted

None.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm

CHAIR

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 2018

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing and Adult Social Services Comments
Caledonian	Paul Convery / Una O'Halloran / Rupert Perry	Cally Christmas Market	Street market, entertainment and festivities to complement the festive lights switch on. Funding to pay for management and hired labour / staff, stallholder costs, decorations, power supply and equipment hire, insurance and incidental expenses.	9 December 2017	Residents of Caledonian ward primarily from Bemerton Estate and the surrounding area	Not stated	800	800	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Alex Diner / Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne	Ramsey Flowers	Funding to pay for tools, equipment and materials for work on three gardens in and around Ramsey Walk as well as activities such as planting and yoga in the park, Halloween and a trip to Kew Gardens. Some of the work will help to prevent motorcycle couriers using an estate alleyway.	February to December 2018	Residents of Ramsey Walk	All residents of Ramsey Walk (50 residents are directly involved)	3,000	3,000	Not applicable	
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Asima Shaikh / Michael O'Sullivan	Holloway Neighbourhood Group (Finsbury Park Women's Group)	International Women's Day Celebration at Andover Community Centre organised by the Finsbury Park Women's Group (network of seven local female-led community groups). Funding to pay for food and paper goods, child care, cleaning, a bouncy castle and hall hire.	10 March 2018	Women from Finsbury Park ward, many of whom are BAME and will bring their children	120	1,116	1,716	£600 Big Lottery Stay Well Live Well funding which will pay for 4 days of Octopus and HNG staff time	
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Outlandish Co-operative Ltd	Weekly workshops for people to learn the basics of coding. The workshops are open to all but are targeted at young people and those who are underrepresented in the tech sector. Funding to pay for space hire and refreshments for three sessions.	8 to 22 January 2018	Open to all	21 to 30	525	1,050	£525 Outlandish	

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Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan	LBI Housing and Adult Social Services (Finsbury Park Community Hub)	Funding to buy around 36 new chairs for the Andover main hall.	To be purchased in February or March 2018	All users of the hall	Up to 110 per day	750	2,250	£750 Dentons UKMEA LLP, £750 hub funding (from increased hall hire income)	
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Somali Welfare Centre	Public liability insurance for a homework club for young people aged 6 to 19 taking place four times a week.	November 2017 to July 2018	Young people aged 6 to 19	50+	69.74	709.22	£500 LIF awarded in November 2017 for two computers and refreshments	The amount requested is £209.22 for public liability insurance.
Page 4 Finsbury Park / Tollington	Asima Shaikh / Jean Kaseki	St Mellitus Church	Installation of a knife/weapon disposal bin in the grounds of St Mellitus Church which will be in place for three years. Funding to contribute towards the cost of the bin for the first year.	February 2018 to January 2019	The local community	5,000+	1,800	10,000	£8,000 tbc Caritas, £200 tbc from parishioners, further fundraising tbc	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening / Andy Hull	Ambler Primary School	Funding to purchase 15 Raspberry Pi Kits (computers which can be built and coded by pupils of the school).	1 April to 15 December 2018	Children attending the school	360	1,575	1,575	Not applicable	
Mildmay	Jenny Kay	Cubitt Artists	A programme of eight participatory workshops with older people in Mildmay Extra Care which will result in an 'Everyone's a Story Teller' piece of work which will be displayed at the Summer Ball, a highlight of the Word Festival 2018. Funding to contribute towards artist fees for the workshops and accessible transport to the event.	14 March to 30 June 2018	Older people targeting those who have dementia	Up to 20 at The Mildmays, 250 attending the Summer Ball event	825	12,560	£4,000 LBI Word Festival 2018, £5,460 Arts Council England, £1,200 Islington Giving, £500 tbc from the Assembly Hall free hire scheme	The amount requested is £1,400.

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St George's	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Hilldrop Area Community Association	Funding to pay for the March salary of a freelance bookkeeper who will help with the 2017-18 accounts.	March 2018	Residents in the area the centre serves (St George's ward and the surrounding areas)	Not stated	500	500	Not applicable	
St Peter's	Gary Doolan / Martin Klute / Alice Perry	The Space Group London Ltd	Equipment and alterations for the Arc Centre in St Paul Street in order to increase the number of centre users. Funding for four large mats, flooring for two rooms, three mirrors (for dance classes) and publicity.	From 15 February 2018 onwards	Local residents and community groups	2,900 per year	5,000	5,000	Not applicable	
Tollington	Jean Kaseki / Flora Williamson	Islington Chinese Association	Chinese New Year of the Dog Celebration which will include performances, stalls, artwork displays and food. Funding to pay for souvenirs for speakers, artists and volunteers, hire of premises and publicity.	17 February 2018	Open to all	500	800	1,800	£1,000 Islington Chinese Association	

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2017-18:	£225,000
Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets:	£11,232
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£174,662
Balance remaining:	£61,570
New proposals for January VCS Committee:	£16,761
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2017-18:	£44,810

Budget allocations		
Progress comparison 2016 to 2017:		
	Apr - Nov 2016	Apr - Nov 2017
Total budget awarded:	£185,554	£174,662
% of annual budget awarded:	70%	74%

2017-18 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£2,138
Bunhill	£1,000
Caledonian	£752
Canonbury	£3,177
Clerkenwell	£3,914
Finsbury Park	£3,744
Highbury East	£3,073
Highbury West	£1,699
Hillrise	£1,179
Holloway	£277
Junction	£1,109
Mildmay	£1,745
St George's	£4,604
St Mary's	£7,187
St Peter's	£4,739
Tollington	£4,471

Notes:

Includes £388 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £274 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £303 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,313 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £199 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £440 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £83 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £654 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £3,098 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,930 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £117 from previous LIF allocations

£44,810



Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	13 th March 2018		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 2017/18 each ward has an allocation of £14,000 to spend on local schemes, with the exception of Bunhill and Clerkenwell who each have an allocation of £14,500. 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 declarations of interest made by councillors due to having a connection with organisations that funding is recommended for. These are detailed at paragraph 3.11.

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 was available to each ward; therefore the notional allocation for each councillor was £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.
- In 2017/18, the annual Local Initiatives Fund budget is therefore £225,000. This is £14,000 per ward apart from the Bunhill and Clerkenwell ward budgets which are each £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 sixth 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 Councillors must always declare their interest if they have a connection with an organisation that they are recommending funding for. This declaration should be made regardless of whether the proposed funding comes from within the recommending councillor's own ward or not.

Declarations of interest have been made for the following applications submitted to this Committee:

- Cllr Kat Fletcher is a school governor of Tufnell Park Primary School which has been allocated £355 LIF for the school summer fair.
- Cllr Mouna Hamitouche is a volunteer co-ordinator for Friends of Joseph Grimaldi Park which has been allocated £1,624 LIF for ten health and lifestyle seminars in Joseph Grimaldi Park.
- Cllr Olly Parker is a board member of the Factory Community Project and Children's Centre which has been allocated £1,000 LIF for hire of a coach for a trip to the countryside and food for celebrations for Eid, Diwali and Christmas.
- Cllr Alice Donovan is a trustee of the Peel Institute which has been allocated £914 LIF for a youth club focussing on the teaching of coding skills.

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaya Comer-Schwartz', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

2 March 2018

Kaya Comer-Schwartz
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Barnsbury	Jilani Chowdhury / Rowena Champion	Friends of Joseph Grimaldi Park	Ten seminars in Joseph Grimaldi Park in partnership with Greenspace which will promote a healthy lifestyle. Funding to pay for facilitator costs, refreshments and publicity.	11 March to 22 July 2018	Mainly disadvantaged families in Barnsbury ward	100 people per session	1,624.22	1,624.22	Not applicable	
Canonbury	Alex Diner / Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne	LBI Strategy and Change	Advertising for Canonbury ward partnership meetings from March 2018 to March 2019 in order to increase the number of people attending these meetings. Funding to pay for 80 large street posters.	March 2018 to March 2019	Local residents	Not stated	400	400	Not applicable	
Page 11 Canonbury	Alex Diner / Clare Jeapes / Nick Wayne	The Manna	Day centre which assists with tenancy sustainment and financial inclusion of residents struggling with addictions, poverty, disability or low self esteem and who do not engage well with other services. Funding to contribute towards the wages of their keyworker.	1 April to 31 December 2018	Local volunteers and clients struggling with addictions, poverty, disability or low self esteem	10 volunteers and 32 clients from Canonbury ward	2,000	21,000	£14,000 Cloudesley, £5,000 tbc from another funder	£1,050 LIF awarded to this organisation in October 2017 for running costs for a singing group.
Clerkenwell	James Court / Alice Donovan	Exmouth Market Centre (The Parishes of Our Most Holy Redeemer & Saint Mark)	Funding to contribute towards ten weeks of room hire for an early years music project which runs weekly sessions of interactive music making and singing for pre school children.	28 May to 14 September 2018	Pre school children and their parents and carers	300 per week	500	500	Not applicable	
Clerkenwell	James Court / Alice Donovan	The Peel Institute Company	Weekly youth club for young people aged 11 to 16 living in Clerkenwell. The project will focus on the learning of advanced computing coding skills. Funding to pay for publicity, a tutor, resources and teaching packs.	2 April to 16 July 2018	Young people aged 11 to 16 living in Clerkenwell	Up to 20 per night	914.48	7,000	£6,085 Peel Institute	

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Clerkenwell	James Court / Alice Donovan	St Marks Church, Clerkenwell	Funding to contribute towards the costs of a disabled access door system, lighting, signage and the associated works. The door system is the last piece of a construction process to build an access ramp running from the West front door to the South entrance.	June 2017 to April 2018	Church users (including users of a parent and toddler group, wheelchair users, older people, etc)	At least 80 per week	1,500	2,500	£1,000 St Marks Church (profits from shop sales and fundraising events)	
Clerkenwell	James Court / Alice Donovan	Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers	Funding to contribute towards the annual salary of the Befriending Project Co-ordinator who currently runs 78 one to one befriending relationships across central and south Islington	February to June 2018	Older people in central and south Islington (the majority being aged over 70)	78	1,000	8,941	£1,000 AHMM architects, £2,661 Waitrose, £500 Clerkenwell Charities, £2,621 LIF	£2,621 LIF awarded to this project in November 2017.
Finsbury Park	Asima Shaikh	Outlandish Co-operative Ltd	Weekly workshops on the basics of coding targeted at 21 to 30 people who are underrepresented in the tech sector. Funding to pay for space hire and refreshments for four sessions in January and/or February 2018.	8 January to 26 February 2018	Open to all (but aimed at women, BME communities, people from low income households and young people who have not been to university)	21 to 30	600	1,650	£525 LIF, £525 Outlandish	£525 LIF awarded to this project in January 2018.
Finsbury Park	Gary Heather / Michael O'Sullivan	LBI Housing and Adult Social Services (Finsbury Park Community Hub)	'Soul In The City' fun day on the Andover Estate run in conjunction with the community centre (Finsbury Park Community Hub), TRAs and local churches. Funding to contribute towards the hire of stage and equipment, publicity, food costs and bouncy castle hire.	22 or 23 June 2018	Aimed at residents of the Andover, Six Acres and Clifton / Haden estates and residents from One Housing	750 to attend though aimed at 2,000 households	2,450	5,000	£2,000 LBI Housing Community Development Team, £550 Tollington Parish and other stakeholders tbc	£1,500 LIF and £750 LIF awarded to this department in October 2017 and January 2018 for different projects.

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Finsbury Park	Gary Heather	Holloway Neighbourhood Group	Mayton Street Festival photo exhibition at the Old Fire Station to celebrate the 65th birthday of the festival. This event will also help to fundraise and recruit more volunteers for this year's festival on 7 July as well as kick start the planning for it. Funding to contribute towards the cost of the picture frames.	23 March 2018	Aimed at Mayton, Arthur Road, Roden, Pakeman and Hertslet Road	Not stated	250	1,000	£200 Nag's Head Market tbc, £450 other local businesses tbc, £100 community contributions tbc	£500 LIF and £1,116 LIF awarded to this organisation in May 2017 and January 2018 for different projects.
Page 13 Highbury East	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell	Highbury Roundhouse	A five week healthy eating and cooking project for young people at Aubert Court Community Centre. Funding to contribute towards a food hygiene training facilitator, staff costs, ingredients, premises hire, cooking utensils and management / supervision.	April to May 2018	Young people aged 13 to 19	20 young people and 30+ families	1,023	1,730	£707 Highbury Roundhouse	
Highbury East / Highbury West	Aysegul Erdogan / Osh Gantly / Caroline Russell / Richard Greening	Christ Church Highbury Memory Café	40 weekly chair-based exercise sessions for members of the local community who are suffering from memory problems and older people who are experiencing isolation or loneliness. Funding to pay for instructor fees, tables, tablecloths, publicity and additional music folders for community singing.	1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019	People suffering from mental health problems, dementia, isolation or loneliness	40 (20 per ward)	2,480	2,980	£500 through fundraising and donations tbc	
Highbury West	Theresa Debono / Richard Greening	Stephens Ink Community Association	Fifteen week jewellery making course. Funding to pay for tutor, materials, stationery and photocopying.	23 May to 29 August 2018	Women mainly from Highbury West	12 to 14	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	£1,000 LIF awarded to this organisation in May 2017.

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Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser	New Orleans Foodgrowing and Gardening Club	Replenishment of the food growing and gardening space and other green spaces on the estate, mainly carried out by older estate residents. Funding to pay for gardening materials, tools, transportation of materials and insurance.	29 April to 6 July 2018	Mainly older people on the estate that enjoy gardens and gardening	Approx 100 tenants and residents	500	500	Not applicable	
Page 14 Hillrise	Micheline Ngongo / David Poyser	Kurdish and Middle Eastern Women's Organisation (KMEWO)	Six sessions of Zumba classes at Caxton House for Kurdish, Middle-Eastern and North African women, most of whom are Muslim. The aim of the classes is to fight depression and isolation with energising music and dance. Funding will pay for the instructor's fees, room hire, volunteer expenses and a management fee.	15 May to 30 July 2018	Kurdish, Middle-Eastern and North African women from Hillrise and Finsbury Park wards	25	501.60	1,003.20	Not applicable	The total amount requested is £1,003.20. The amount requested from Finsbury Park ward is £501.60 for six classes at Finsbury Park Mosque.
Junction / St Georges	Janet Burgess / Kaya Comer-Schwartz / Tim Nicholls / Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	SLOW (Surviving the Loss of Your World)	A contribution to the annual running costs of this group which supports bereaved parents and siblings. The group runs 11 monthly evening bereavement support groups at the Peabody Community Room in Cathcart Hill and 39 weekly daytime bereavement support groups at St George and All Saints Church. Funding to contribute towards facilitation costs, business services and development, refreshments, premises hire, stationery, volunteer expenses and postage costs.	April 2018 to March 2019	Bereaved parents and siblings from Islington and beyond	Over 300 to date (a further 50 to 70 in 2018)	2,985	31,708.28	£833 LBI Community Chest, £12,239 other funding secured, £15,317 tbc from further fundraising, applications and subscriptions (including £2,917 LBI Community Chest)	

NEW PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMITTEE IN MARCH 2018

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Project Summary	Timescale	Areas / Residents to Benefit	Number of Residents to Benefit	Budget Proposal Amount (£)	Project Total (£)	Match Funding Details	Housing and Adult Social Services Comments
Mildmay	Joe Caluori / Jenny Kay / Olly Parker	Asian Elderly Luncheon and Social Club, The Factory Community Project and Children's Centre	Hire of a 32 seater coach for a trip to the countryside and food for cultural festival celebrations for Eid, Diwali and Christmas.	14 July (trip), November and December 2018 (festivals)	Older people	12 from Islington (32 in total)	1,000	1,000	Not applicable	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	St George and All Saints Church, Tufnell Park	A free children's summer holiday club which will run for a week in the school holidays culminating in a fun day. Funding to contribute towards barbecue food and drink, soft play equipment, a bouncy castle, tables and chairs hire and sports equipment.	23 to 29 July 2018	Holiday club for children and teens, fun day for all local residents	150 Islington residents	850	1,350	£500 St George and All Saints Church	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	St George's Avenue Street Party Association	St George's Avenue summer street party. Funding to pay for van hire for transport and furniture, insurance, local entertainment, children's play equipment and hay bales for children to sit on.	24 June 2018	All residents of St George's Avenue and the surrounding streets	500	650	650	Not applicable	
St Georges	Kat Fletcher / Satnam Gill / Nick Ward	Tufnell Park Primary School Parent Teachers Association	Annual school summer fair which this year has a 'Circus' theme. Funding to pay for straw bales, a hula hoop demonstration and workshop.	8 July 2017	School pupils, their families and the wider local community	800	355	3,000	£400 LIF, £840 estate agent sponsorship, further funding secured	£400 LIF awarded to this project in October 2017 for circus performers.

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St Marys	Nurullah Turan	Betknowmore UK	A street outreach and awareness event outside St Mary's Church and a community event in King Henry's Walk focussing on gambling's impact on community health and wellbeing. Funding to contribute towards design, artwork, printing, resources, catering, t-shirts for volunteers and staff and volunteer expenses.	May 2018	Open to all, but targetted at stakeholders and local residents	260 local residents (based on last year)	563.43	1,500	£300 Big Potential (for evaluation and reporting)	The amount requested is £1,200.
St Marys	Gary Poole	Union Chapel Project	Summer Fete in Compton Terrace Gardens and Union Chapel that will mark 100 years of women getting the vote also linking in with the Mayor of London's Music Month. Funding to pay for heritage activity leaders, performers, a technician and arts and crafts materials.	10 June 2018	Open to all but aimed at young people and families	400 local residents	900	3,500	£2,400 Union Chapel Project, £200 Union Chapel Church	
St Marys	Gary Poole	St Mary's Church, Upper Street	Week long festival as part of a 'Soul in the City' community cohesion initiative, featuring an opera performance, quiz night, classical concert, poetry evening and a fun day among other activities. Funding to pay for entertainment, the Family Fun Day and the Sunday programme.	30 May to 3 June 2018	Local residents	2,500	779.30	11,000	£3,500 St Mary's PCC, £2,000 Arimathea Trust tbc, £2,000 Morris Trust tbc	The amount requested is £3,500.
St Marys	Angela Picknell / Nurullah Turan	Islington Pensioners Forum	Weekly computer and smart phone classes for older people in the hall at Providence Court. Funding to contribute towards 20 weeks of the classes (facilitator costs, refreshments and publicity).	4 April to 15 August 2018	Older people across the borough	65 (10 to 12 per week)	694.44	1,200	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,200.

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St Marys	Gary Poole	Hope Church Islington (Parish of St Mary Magdalene & St David)	Three outdoor jazz concerts in St Mary Magdalene Gardens in the first three weeks of July on Friday evenings. Funding to contribute towards the costs of the musicians and publicity.	6 to 20 July 2018	Local residents	500 over the three evenings	1,000	2,000	£1,000 Hope Church Islington	
St Marys	Gary Poole / Nurullah Turan	Islington Sea Cadets	Meeting health and safety regulations (modern fire safety standards) to enable the building to reopen so it can be used by young people again.	June to August 2018	Young people	Details to follow	3,250	11,000	£3,000 Selco (donated materials), £1,500 Islington Sea Cadets	The total amount requested from Canonbury and St Mary's wards is £6,500 (£3,250 per ward).
St Peter's	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	Islington Boat Club	February half term holiday training activities which will include the opportunity for young people to gain nationally recognised qualifications. The five day programme includes canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking and a nutrition class. Funding to pay for staff costs, overheads, certificates, pool hire, transport, a nutritionist and volunteer costs.	12 to 16 February 2018	Young people aged 9 to 19	30	2,242	2,462	£220 Angel Canal Festival donation	
St Peter's	Alice Perry / Gary Doolan / Martin Klute	Angel Canal Festival	One day annual community festival celebrating the Regents Canal around the City Road Lock and Basin area. Funding to pay for the hire of a large visible attraction (e.g. climbing tower) to draw people into the area and hire of Waterside Adventure Playground for use of the outside play area and the toilets including the cost of two staff.	2 September 2018	Islington and London residents	6,000 to 7,000	1,500	24,200	£2,000 LBI Community Festivals Fund tbc, £4,000 LBI Community Chest tbc, £4,000 stalls income tbc, £12,700 other sponsors tbc	£500 LIF awarded to this organisation in October 2017 for the 2017 festival.

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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	Housing and Adult Social Services Comments
Tollington	Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Bags of Taste	Four weeks of a 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 Brickworks Community Centre for four sessions, food, printing, volunteer expenses and phone costs.	2 to 23 March 2018	Targetted at Tollington residents	15 from Tollington plus 10 to 15 from other parts of Islington	500	2,500	£2,000 Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund	
Tollington	Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Association / Brickworks Community Centre	Launch of the new Brickworks Community Centre combined with a Tollington Ward event. Funding to contribute towards staff costs, canapés, refreshments, catering equipment, a face painter, leaflets, a newspaper advert and other associated costs.	20 January 2018	Local residents	500 to 600	2,000	3,516.38	£1,500 LIF	£1,500 LIF awarded to the Tollington Ward event in November 2016.
Tollington	Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Friends of Grenville Gardens (FROGG)	Events leading up to and away from a Great Get Together event which will also celebrate the centenary of votes for women. There will be eight workshops leading up to the event focussing on gardening, arts and crafts and food planning and a further two workshops after the event. Funding to pay for the event (balloon artist, face painter, food and drink and costumes) and the workshops (craft artist, art materials, tables and gardening equipment).	April to September 2018 (Great Get Together event on 24 June)	Local residents	200	1,000	1,244	£480 in kind volunteers contribution	The amount requested is £1,244.

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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	Housing and Adult Social Services Comments
Tollington	Richard Watts / Flora Williamson	Hanley Crouch Community Association / Brickworks Community Centre	Funding to pay for the hire of the Brickworks Community Centre for monthly tranquil well-being workshops, each with a different health and well-being theme. The workshops aim to encourage higher self-esteem among older people.	March 2018 to March 2019	Mainly older and disabled people	20 from Islington	971.06	1,440	Not applicable	The amount requested is £1,440. £540 LIF and £729 LIF awarded to this project in May and October 2017.

Total LIF funding requested and balance remaining

Total Local Initiatives Fund budget allocation 2017-18:	£225,000
Total allocations to be made from previous LIF budgets:	£11,232
Amount allocated by VCS Committee to date:	£191,423
Balance remaining:	£44,810
New proposals for March VCS Committee:	£37,984
Total amount remaining to allocate in 2017-18:	£6,826

Budget allocations		
Progress comparison 2016 to 2018:		
	Apr 2016 - Jan 2017	Apr 2017 - Jan 2018
Total budget awarded:	£214,076	£191,423
% of annual budget awarded:	82%	81%

2017-18 Balance remaining by ward:	
Ward	Balance:
Barnsbury	£513
Bunhill	£1,000
Caledonian	£752
Canonbury	£777
Clerkenwell	£0
Finsbury Park	£444
Highbury East	£50
Highbury West	£219
Hillrise	£177
Holloway	£277
Junction	£229
Mildmay	£745
St George's	£644
St Mary's	£0
St Peter's	£997
Tollington	£0
	£6,826

Notes:

Includes £388 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £274 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,000 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £300 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £303 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £1,313 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £199 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £440 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £206 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £654 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £3,098 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £2,930 from previous LIF allocations

Includes £117 from previous LIF allocations

	2016/17	2017/18
Total projects funded:	171	131



Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

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VCS Committee	13 March 2018		All

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SUBJECT: Islington Council's Community Chest: Continuation of Council's commitment

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Small voluntary and community organisations play an important role in Islington, helping to build resilient communities and support 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 recommends that Islington Council continues to supporting Islington Council's Community Chest (ICCC) for three years to Wednesday 31 March 2022.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To agree the council contributes to ICCC for three years from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021.
- 2.2 To agree a commitment of £200,000 for the first year (2018-2019) and determine the council's contribution on an annual basis for the following two years of the agreement with Cripplegate Foundation
- 2.3 To agree for the Voluntary and Community Sector Development team to work with Cripplegate Foundation to establish a partnership framework and priorities for Islington Council Community Chest 2018 -2021 that will be agreed in new terms and conditions.

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 Islington Council is committed to working to working with the VCS. The council solely awards grant-funding to organisation that are a paying employees London Living Wage and has amended our procurement approach so that we only procure services from organisations that pay their staff at least the Living Wage.
- 3.3 ICCC is one of the borough's most popular grant funding programmes and 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:
- Advise and support people
 - 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.

Community chest programmes in Islington have been successfully managed by Cripplegate Foundation for many years. Established in 2011 and ending on 31 March 2018, 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 managing the programme).

- 3.4 Cripplegate Foundation commits up to £2,500 a year (inclusive of VAT) towards the costs of holding an annual celebration event to promote the achievements and impact of activity supported through ICCC. This helps to raise awareness of the council's role as main funder of ICCC. Cripplegate and the council will work together to plan these events and to secure in-kind contributions for venue and refreshment costs where possible.
- 3.5 A panel made up of representatives from Islington Council, Cripplegate Foundation and the local voluntary sector (nominated by Islington Community Network). Chaired by the council's Executive Member for Community Development, the panel meets three times a year to consider applications.
- 3.6 This panel considers issues of wider relevance to the local voluntary and community sector and reviews priorities annually. These priorities are set in partnership. For 2018/19 consultation will be undertaken with relevant council departments to ensure strategic alignment between the programme and the council's corporate priorities and the council's recently established outcome areas. In addition, the panel track application trends and identify any gaps in the programme that should be addressed.
- 3.7 In April 2017 VCS Committee decided to transfer full responsibility to ICCC Panel regarding confirming the awarding of grants to VCS Organisations, rather than been required to decide on recommendations made by the panel. This change has helped to streamline the decision making process and reduce delays in notifying VCS organisations of the outcome of their applications. The Council's interests are protected by having the Executive Member for Community Development as Chairperson of the ICCC Panel. The VCS Committee continues to receive reports to note decisions made by ICCC Panel in respect of awards through the programme. However, the Council has reserved the right to adjust this arrangement if deemed necessary.
- 3.8 The current management agreement is due to end on Saturday 31 March 2018. It is recommended that the VCS Committee considers continuing its commitment to ICCC and for Cripplegate Foundation to manage the administration of grants to VCS organisations.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

- 4.1.1 The Council is in a position to commit £200,000 for the first year of a new agreement. The Council will confirm the amount of funding available for the following two years on an annual basis in partnership with Cripplegate Foundation.
- 4.1.2 Cripplegate is a long-standing organisation with substantial funds available at its disposal. In the rare event that Cripplegate did have financial difficulties, we would need to clarify any financial liabilities we may have for the remaining projects. As the Council are providing a large share of the total funding (£200,000 out of £250,000), paid in three instalments after each funding round. The risks would be minimal.

4.2 Legal Implications

- 4.2.1 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).

4.3 Environmental Impact

- 4.3.1 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.

4.4 Resident Impact

- 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. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.
- 4.4.2 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.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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. Agreeing the continuation of the council's commitment and for Cripplegate Foundation to provide valuable programme management. Continuing this successful partnership that has a direct benefit for local VCS organisations and communities it is recommended that Cripplegate

Foundation continues to award on behalf of the council funding contributions until Thursday 31 March 2022.

Background papers: none

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Report of: **Executive Member for Community Development**

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Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	13 March 2018		All
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SUBJECT: **Community Festivals Fund 2018**

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. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To award grants from the £16,000 Community Festival Fund to eight applicants for the following community festivals:
 - All Change (on behalf of World2018 Festival) - **Word2018** - 1-30 June 2018
 - ArchWay With Words - **ArchWay With Words Opening Day Event** - Saturday 29 Sep 2018
 - Canal & River Trust (on behalf of Angel Canal Festival) - **Angel Canal Festival** - Sunday 2 Sep 2018
 - City YMCA (on behalf of Whitecross Street Party) - **Whitecross Street Party** – 14-15 July 2018
 - I Will Tell International Film Festival - **I Will Tell Film Festival - Islington Life Schools Competition** - 20 August – 09 September 2018
 - Islington Chinese Association – **Mid-Autumn Impressions** – 21-25 Sep 2018
 - Islington Play Association (on behalf of Cally Fest) - **The Cally Festival** - Sunday 17 June 2018
 - Poet in the City - **Poetry & Lyrics** - Friday 8 June – Saturday 9 June 2018

3. Background

- 3.1 The Community Festivals Fund budget for 2018/2019 is £16,000.
- 3.2 The 2018/2019 Community Festivals Fund scheme was promoted via Voluntary Action Islington 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 Friday 23 February 2018 at 12 noon.
- 3.3 The scheme received a total of 26 applications this year which is an increase on the previous year (17 applications were received in 2016; 14 applications were received in 2017). The total amount requested by organisations in this funding round was £81,690 (total request for 2017 was £44,508). Details of all applications received are attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.4 All applications were assessed by officers against the published eligibility and selection criteria. Full details of the 2018/19 criteria are listed at **Appendix B**.
- 3.5 Festivals have been recommended for support based on the evidence applicants provided:

Cultural Benefit: 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 cultural activities
- celebrate Islington's diversity
- improve, animate and interpret the physical environment
- promote community cohesion and a sense of place.

Equality: Festivals will promote community involvement and 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: Islington Council is committed to providing value for money in all its services. 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).

Well-managed: The festival organiser(s) will need to demonstrate that the event will be well managed; that appropriate consideration has been given to the impact and safety of their festival; and that organisers have the knowledge, skills and capacity to deliver the event independently and effectively.

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:

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

Applicants will need to detail which of these groups will participate in the event and how they will encourage them to be involved. All festivals must be open and accessible to the general public and provide benefit across Islington, not just to the organisation's own members.

Match Funding: Applicants are advised to seek funding from more than one source. This may include contributions from the lead organisation itself as well as charities and 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.

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

3.6 Officers have recommended supporting eight applicants to produce the following festivals:

Organisation	Name of Festival	Dates of Festival	Ward (event)	Award recommended 2018
All Change on behalf of Word2018 Festival	Word2018	1-30 June 2018	Borough-wide	£2,000
ArchWay With Words	ArchWay With Words	Saturday 29 Sep 2018	Archway	£2,500
C&RT on behalf of Angel Canal Festival Management Group	Angel Canal Festival	Sunday 2 Sep 2018	St Peter's	£2,500
City YMCA on behalf of Whitecross Street Party	Whitecross Street Party	14-15 July 2018	Bunhill	£1,500
I Will Tell	I Will Tell Film Festival - Islington Life Schools Competition	20 August – 09 September 2018	Borough Wide / St Mary's	£2,500
Islington Chinese Association	Mid-Autumn Impressions	21-25 Sep 2018	Tollington	£1,500
Islington Play Association on behalf of Cally Fest	The Cally Festival	Sunday 17 June 2018	Caledonian	£2,000
Poet in the City	Poetry & Lyrics	Friday 8th June – Saturday 9th June	Borough Wide / Caledonian	£1,500

- 3.7 Out of the remaining eighteen applications, six applications were potentially ineligible for the fund due to their narrow targeted audience; not offering sufficient additional external funding; or were fundraising events.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 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 2018/19. 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.

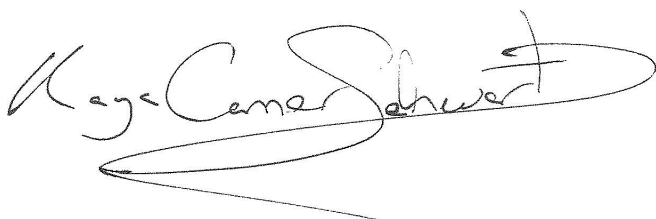
5 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 The Community Festivals Fund provides an opportunity for the Council to support eight 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 - 2018/2019 Community Festival Fund - All Applications Received
Appendix B - Festival Grants 2018/19– Funding Criteria and Guidance

Background papers: None

Final report clearance:

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Appendix A 2018/2019 Community Festival Fund - All Applications Received

Organisation	Name of Festival	Ward (event)	Description	Applied for	Festivals Fund Award 2018
All Change (on behalf of World2018 Festival)	Word2018	Borough-wide	Now in its 7th year, the Word festival is a partnership initiative between Islington Council's Library Services and arts organisations All Change and Free Word. It will see a programme of over 30 events for all members of the community, with a particular focus on older adults with dementia; young people with mental health difficulties; children; and their families.	£4,000.00	£2,000
ArchWay With Words	ArchWay With Words Opening Day Event	Archway	This 9 day long 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	£2,500
Canal & River Trust (on behalf of ACF)	Angel Canal Festival	St Peter's	The Angel Canal Festival is a one-day, free, community festival which started 32 years ago not only to celebrate the successful campaign to save the City Road Basin, but to promote the canal as an historic, local, community, environmental and leisure asset, close to the heart of the city.	£4,000.00	£2,500
City YMCA (on behalf of WXSP)	Whitecross Street Party	Bunhill	Whitecross Street Party has been running in Islington since 2010 and provides community arts outreach programme during which the commissioned artists engage with residents, businesses and schools to create content. Lasting a whole weekend, the Saturday will take the form of a community set up day to create rooms along the street. The Sunday will become the street party itself.	£4,000.00	£1,500
I Will Tell International Film Festival	I Will Tell Film Festival - Islington Life Schools Competition	St Mary's	The Islington Life Schools Film Competition will be held for the first time as part of the <i>I Will Tell Film Festival</i> in 2018 and will engage students from across the Borough. In line with this year's festival theme "The Secret Is Out", students will be asked to identify an unusual or little known aspect of Life in Islington and make a 5-7 minute short film about it. The competition will be open to teams of pupils from all Secondary Schools: Years 7-9, 10-11, 12-13 and Special Education Schools.	£4,000.00	£2,500

Organisation	Name of Festival	Ward (event)	Description	Applied for	Festivals Fund Award 2018
Islington Chinese Association	Mid-Autumn Impressions	Tollington	Celebration of the different aspects of Chinese culture through a 5-day festival in the autumn when members of the public, Islington-wide and beyond, will be welcomed to ICA's premises to try their hand at lino cutting. The timing of this art festival coincides with worldwide Chinese Mid-autumn celebrations, commonly known as the 'Moon Festival'.	£4,000.00	£1,500
Islington Play Association (On behalf of Cally Fest 2018)	The Cally Festival	Caledonian	The Cally Festival is now into its 8th year as an annual large-scale community event in "The Cally" – a distinctive place with a strong sense of community. It will feature 3 music stages, performance areas, children's activities, sports areas, arts and crafts and a street market.	£4,000.00	£2,000
Poet in the City	Poetry and Lyrics	Caledonian	2-day music and literature festival Poetry & Lyrics in collaboration with Kings Place to provide a public platform to champion the deep-rooted rapport between lyrics and verse. Funding will support 16-25 aged young producers to work in collaboration with the local community to produce two free events: a community engagement roundtable discussion; and a live event.	£1,765.00	£1,500
Access to Sports Project (The)	Winter Sports Festival 2018	Bunhill	The day would be aimed at young people aged 8-16 years to provide them with the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting activities which will include free taster sessions and then signpost them to ongoing weekly community sessions increasing their physical activity levels.	£2,165.40	£0
Angel Comedy Trust	Angel Comedy Festival	St Peter's	A three-day comedy festival running across two Islington venues, with a focus on showcasing and developing local comedic talent.	£3,950.00	£0
Awesome CIC	Islington Play Day	Barnsbury	Each of the 12 Adventure Playgrounds, (6 managed by Awesome CIC and 6 managed by the Islington Play Association) will run activities in the park these will include den building, face painting, tug-of-war, climbing, water play, drama and Arts; taking place on the national day for play, traditionally celebrated on the first Wednesday in August.	£4,000.00	£0
Baroque at the Edge Festival	Baroque at the Edge Festival 2019	Bunhill	3-day festival consisting of 7 high-quality events to present the music of the Baroque period through crossover programming and informal presentation, aiming to attract new audiences who would not normally attend a specialist festival of Baroque music.	£2,500.00	£0

Organisation	Name of Festival	Ward (event)	Description	Applied for	Festivals Fund Award 2018
Charterhouse (The)	Charterhouse Festival	Bunhill	The Charterhouse has opened to the public for the first time after 400 years and will be putting on a festival in the square and opening their doors free of charge to the whole of Islington. As well as free access to the house historic rooms, this will be a fun day including food and entertainment for all the family at the Charterhouse Square.	£4,000.00	£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.	£3,840.00	£0
Cubitt Artists	Summer Ball 2018: Welcome to the Future	St Mary's/Cross Borough	A series of creative workshops in partnership with Word Festival through which older people collaborate with artists to make new artistic work to be presented at a tea dance ball at Islington Assembly Hall.	£4,000.00	£0
Highbury Roundhouse	Community fun day – Celebrating diversity	Highbury East	Community fun day at Aubert Community Centre and park.	£2,000.00	£0
Hilldrop Area Community Association	Hilldrop Community Festival and Open Day	St Georges	Open day for Hilldrop Community Centre yet reaching the wider community by a borough wide photography competition: “My Islington”.	£1,500.00	£0
Islington Boat Club	Make a Splash at Islington Boat Club!	St Peter's	This festival is to promote awareness of Islington Boat Club's to the whole community by organising a series of community activities and water sports and outdoor activities that are accessible to everyone regardless of their ability, age, or disability.	£3,660.00	£0
Islington Refugee Forum	Social Action for Social Change through Social Leaders	Barnsbury	Series of workshops followed by a culmination event and exhibit during Refugee Week aimed to encourage greater understanding and overcome hostility towards refugees.	£3,690.00	£0
Kings Head Theatre	Queer Festival	St Mary's	The Queer Festival is a celebration of the most interesting and innovative LGBTQ+ theatre being created in modern Britain. Over a five and half week festival with two shows per night and matinee performances, the King’s Head theatre will be showcasing a wide diversity of different playwrights.	£3,800.00	£0

Organisation	Name of Festival	Ward (event)	Description	Applied for	Festivals Fund Award 2018
Little Angel Theatre	Little Angel Summer Party	St Mary's	Now in its 10th year, the summer party is a special one-day event for all family members. The event is preceded by several taster puppet making activities and workshops with at least four of the most disadvantaged groups in the Islington community.	£1,820.00	£0
Little Wing Events	Little Wing Film Festival	St Mary's	Social enterprise festival held in the Hen and Chickens Theatre showcasing new films exclusively from first-time makers.	£2,000.00	£0
Mayton Street Festival	Mayton Street Festival	Finsbury Park	This local street party is a special one-day celebration for residents of the Mayton Street. There would be a photographic exhibition celebrating 65 years of this street party.	£1,000.00	£0
Oxjam Islington	Oxjam Islington Festival	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	£0
Pro Touch SA CIC	Pro Touch SA International Festival	Caledonian	Annual football tournament focused in young people at Market Road with 24 professional football club's academies, community groups and teams from Europe such as Croatia and France. This event that lasts a weekend includes community fun activities such as stalls food and music entertainment.	£1,500.00	£0
Union Chapel	Organ Reframed 2018	St Mary's	<i>Organ Reframed</i> is a 3 day cross genre contemporary organ music festival at Islington's Union Chapel, featuring a significant programme of new and experimental music from emerging and established artists, installations & composition development workshops.	£4,000.00	£0

Total Request Community Festivals 2018/19

£81,690.40

£16,000

Community Festivals Fund 2018 – Funding Criteria and Guidance Notes

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

The Fund will open for applications on Friday 2nd February 2018. The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 23rd February 2018. Applications will be assessed competitively and recommendations made to Islington's Voluntary and Community Sector Committee:

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the following eligibility and selection criteria.

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, including fundraising for charities; 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 are not 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 will need to show that the proposed event meets all of the following funding criteria:

1. Cultural Benefit

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 cultural activities
- celebrate Islington's diversity
- improve, animate and interpret the physical environment
- promote community cohesion and a sense of place.

2. Equality

Festivals will promote community involvement and 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 organiser(s) will need to demonstrate that the event will be well managed; that appropriate consideration has been given to the impact and safety of their festival; and that organisers have the knowledge, skills and capacity to deliver the event independently and effectively

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:

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

Applicants will need to detail which of these groups will participate in the event and how they will encourage them to be involved. 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 the lead organisation itself as well as charities and 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 and expertise, and support the involvement of participants or beneficiaries.

C. Licensing and Public Protection

Applicants will need to comply with the following public protection requirements.

- **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, a 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, should your application be successful.

D. How to submit your application

Please email your completed application form to angeles.gordo@islington.gov.uk by noon on Friday 23 February 2018.

Applications can also be posted to:

Angeles Gordo
Arts Development Service
Children's Services
2nd Floor
222 Upper Street
London N1 1XR

Phone: 020 7527 5243



Report of: Executive Member for Community Development

Meeting of:	Date	Agenda item	Ward(s)
Voluntary and Community Sector Committee	13 March 2018		All

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SUBJECT: Islington Council's Community Chest: Round Two Grant Awards 2017/ 18

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 second tranche of funding for 2017/ 18.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the funding decisions made by Islington Council's Community Chest Panel in relation to the second round of ICCC grant funding for 2017/ 18, 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:
- Advise and support people
 - 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 Two Grant Awards 2017/ 18

- 4.1 The second round of ICCC 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 from the current round and £94 carried forward from the first round of 2017/18 makes a total of £71,428 available to allocate.
- 4.3 36 applications for funding were received for this round, five later withdrew following discussion and advice at a face-to-face meeting with a Cripplegate Grant Officer.
- 4.4 There were 31 applications submitted requesting funding totalling £141,970.00.
- 4.5 19 of these applications were recommended for funding to ICCCP. Eleven (31%) of these recommended projects were from first-time applicants.

4.6 The ICCCP met on Tuesday 7 November 2017 to consider applications and approved awards totalling £68,610.00 to 19 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 volunteered 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 Two 2017/ 18

Background papers: none

Final report clearance:

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APPENDIX A

Recommended Awards For Islington Council's Community Chest 2017/18

Round Two: November 2017

Organisation	Project / Activity	Grant Award (£)
Advise and Support		
Eritrean Community in the UK (ECUK)	Towards a mental health awareness and support project	5,000.00
Islington Turkish, Kurdish and Cypriot Women's Welfare Group	Towards debt and depression workshops and counselling support	5,000.00
Sarah Agnes Foundation	Towards an advice and information project	5,000.00
YES Outdoors	Towards an adventure based mentoring scheme	5,000.00
Improve People's Mental and / or Physical Health		
Stepping Stone4 (SS4)	Towards a Healthy Lifestyle project	2,000.00
Maison Verte-UK	Towards the costs of recruitment, training and support	2,175.00
Reduce Isolation and Increase People's Involvement in the Community		
Life Chances	Towards a Tackling Isolation Amongst Older Ethiopians project	1,902.00
St John's Way Patient Participation Group	Towards activities aimed at improving physical, mental health and social wellbeing	5,000.00
Friends of Pooles Park	Towards a community gardening project	3,903.00
St Luke's Community History Group	Towards the costs of the St Luke's Community History Group	2,500.00
Olden Garden Community Project	Towards costs of sessional gardeners	5,000.00
Educate People and Improve their Skills and Employability		
Creative Opportunities C.I.C.	Towards core costs	4,800.00
House of AMAU	Towards three prose and poetry workshops at Caxton House	700.00
Performing Production CIC	Towards a film making and project management course	3,120.00
F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players	Towards running costs	5,000.00
Hyde Village Community & Social Association	Towards costs of a children's drama club	5,000.00
Friends of Gillespie PTA	Towards a summer science fair	400.00
Jannaty Women's Social Society	Towards a women's sewing project	5,000.00
Improve the Environment and Make Communities Safer		
Wipers Youth CIC	Towards a community reparation project	2,110.00
	Total	68,610.00

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